

THUS FAR NO ONE ,BUT MYSELF HAS COME FORWARD, PUBLICLY TO IDENTIFY THE FOUNDRY BUILDING AS A RESOURCE, THAT CAN BE DIRECTED TOWARDS ADDRESSING AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR CITY'S HOMELESS SECTOR. NO ONE BUT MYSELF HAS COME FORWARD TO IDENTIFY THAT THE PROPOSED OR INTENDED FOUNDRY BUILDING WORK, OR INPUTS OF THE COMPONENT PARTS, INTO THE DESIRED OUTPUTS, CAN BE SUCESSFULLY TRANSFORMED INTO HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS. THE FOUNDRY BUILDING IS A STRUCTURE AND LAND, THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT, REHABILITATION, OR REDISIGNING. BEFORE THE CAMBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IS ALLOWED AND GIVEN, THE OFFICIAL GO AHEAD TO IMPLIMENT FOUNDRY BUILDING RELATED PLANS, I BRING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT THE CAMBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, HAS NEVER MADE ITS INTENTION PUBLICALLY KNOWN, ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LOCAL HOMELESS SECTOR, AND TO BE HONEST, I COULD BE WRONG, I DON'T KNOW IF THEY EVER WILL. AS A MATTER OF FACT THE CAMBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DOES NOT MENTION OUR LOCAL HOMELESS SECTOR, IN ANY OF ITS DOCUMENTATIONS, REALATING TO ITS PLANS FOR THE FOUNDRY BUILDING, OR IN ANY OTHER OF ITS CONTEXTS, WITH THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS. THIS CONTINOUS OVERSIGHTING IS UNACCEPTABLE.

THE SENIOR POLICY GROUP ON HOMELESSNESS GAVE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN A REPORT ENTITLED "THE TEN YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNES." I SUPPORT ALL OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT ONE STANDS OUT, THAT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO HOUSING THE HOMELESS. IT STATES THAT " A SITE SHOULD BE ACQUIRED, AND A LARGE SCALE SRO FACILITY SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED ON IT." UNFORTUNATELY, AS OF TODAY, THE SENIOR POLICY GROUP ON HOMELESSNESS RECOMMENDATION WERE NEVER ACTED UPON AND ADOPTED, BY THE CAMBRIDGE CITY MANGER'S OFFICE AND THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL. SEED OR LEVERAGE FUNDS FOR THE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS, WITH A SPECIFIC PURPOSE TO CREATE HOMELESS HOUSING, IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SENIOR POLICY GROUP ON HOMELESSNES, AS STATED IN THE " TEN YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS," AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS WERE NEVER FORTH COMING.

THE UPCOMING CONSOLIDATED PLAN REQUIRES A LOCAL HOUSING MARKET ANALYSIS, AND IT REQUIRES A DESCRIPTION OF KEY FACTORS OF OUR LOCAL HOUSING MARKET, THAT RELATES TO THE HOMELESS SECTOR, SUCH AS LOCAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES, FOR THE LOCAL HOMELESS POPULATION, WITH CATAGORIES FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, PERMANENT HOUSING, AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AN ESTIMATION OF THE NUMBER OF VACANT OR ABANDON BUILDINGS, WITH THE EXTENT THAT THEY CAN BE REHABILITATED FOR HOMELESS HOUSING. THE STRATEGIC PLAN PART OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN MUST THEN EXPLAIN HOW THE REASONING RELATES TO THE ANALYSIS OF THE LOCAL HOUSING MARKET. HOMELESSNESS AS A PRIORITY MUST BE SHOWN AND OTHER RELATING STRATEGIES TOO, FOR REDUCING LOCAL HOMELESSNES, AND FINALLY A PUBLIC HEARING TO GATHER IDEAS ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

AT THIS VERY MOMENT THE FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, RESULTS, AND REPORTS OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY GROUPS, HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZE, AND SENT BACK TO THE CITY MANAGERS OFFICE, CITY COUNCIL, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE FOR REVIEW. SOME OF THESE ENTITIES THAT HAVE NOT FINALIZED THEIR WORK, ARE THE "HOUSING COMMITTEE," THE "HUMAN SERVICE AND VETERANS COMMITTEE," THE SENIOR POLICY GROUP ON HOMELESSNES," THE "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT," THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON INCOME SECURITY," AND OTHERS. NO FORM OF DOCUMENTARY CONCESSION SHOULD BE GRANTED TO THE CAMBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, FOR ENABLING IT TO COMMENCE WITH THE IMPLIMANTATIONING OF ITS PLANS AND DESIGNS, FOR THE FOUNDRY BUILDING, UNTIL ALL THE WORK AND PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE REALTED COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY GROUPS ARE FINALIZED.

ANY FORTH COMING AGREEMENTS WITH THE CAMBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, OR ANY OTHER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES, SHOULD BE DELAYED, UNTIL ALL OF THE RELATED TRUTHS AND FACTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. THE FUTURE OF THE FOUNDRY BUILDING PROGRAM TARGETING, SHOULD BE BASED ON THE LOCAL POPULATION WITH GREATEST OF NEEDS, AS IDENTIFIED IN THE JURISDICTIONARY "CONSOLIDATED PLAN," THE "TEN YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS," AND OF COURSE "ALTERNATIVEE HUMAN SERVICE HOMELSS ADVOCATES," SUCH AS MYSELF AND OTHERS IN CAMBRIDGE, MA, ETC.

IT'S A SHAME IF THIS TYPE OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING IN THE FUTURE, DOES NOT ADEQUATELY INCLUDE THE HIGH PRIORITY ISSUES OF OUR LOCAL HOMELESS SECTOR, THAT REVOLVES AROUND THE NEED FOR HOMELESS SHELTER AND HOUSING, WHILE THE RESOURCES ARE ACTUALLY AVAILABLE AND IN EXISTANCE TO ADDRESS AND ACCOMMODATE, THE NEEDS OF OUR LOCAL CHRONIC ADULT HOMELESS POPULATION. ASSIGNING THE LOCAL HOMELESSNESS SECTOR THE LEVEL OF PRIORITY THAT IT DESERVES, WHEN IT COMES TO MUNICIPAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES, SHOULD NEVER BE DISMISSED, FORM OUR LOCAL CIVIC EQUATIONS. NATIOANLNY, THE ERRADICATION OF HOMELSSNESS IS A HIGH PRIORITY, LOCALLY IT MUST ALSO REAMIN AND BE MAINTAIN AS A HIGH PRIORITY. THE FOUNDRY BUILDING IS NOT TO SMALL TO BE CONVERTED INTO A MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER OF HOUSINGF FOR THOSE IN NEED TO BE FOUND IN OUR LOCAL HOMELSS SECTOR.