

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 7, WITH RESPECT TO PETITION OF RONALD L. CHENEY AND THOMAS H. D. MAHONEY FOR LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE DISSOLUTION OF ALLIANCE OF CAMBRIDGE SETTLEMENT HOUSES, INC. AND THE REINCORPORATION AND RECONSTITUTION OF THE MARGARET FULLER HOUSE, INCORPORATED, CAMBRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE AND EAST END HOUSE, INC.

February 25, 1972.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The above-named petition was transmitted to me by the Clerk of the House of Representatives on January 18, 1972, with a request for a memorandum.

Alliance of Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc. was incorporated on June 20, 1963 under the provisions of chapter 180 of the General Laws.

Margaret Fuller House, Incorporated was incorporated on March 4, 1941 under the provisions of chapter 180 of the General Laws. Chapter 475 of the acts of 1967 authorized the merger of the corporation into Alliance of Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc.

Cambridge Neighborhood House was incorporated on June 30, 1920 under the provisions of chapter 125 of the Revised Laws. Chapter 475 of the acts of 1967 authorized the merger of the corporation into Alliance of Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc.

The East End Christian Union, of Cambridge, Massachusetts was incorporated on May 6, 1889 under the provisions of chapter 115 of the Public Statutes. On February 14, 1922 articles of amendment were filed in this office changing the name of the corporation to East End Union of Cambridge, Massachusetts. On May 6, 1965 articles of amendment were filed in this office changing the name of said corporation to East End House, Inc. Chapter 475 of the acts of 1967 authorized the merger of the corporation into Alliance of Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc.

Please note that according to the records in this office the true name of the corporation cited in the petition as Margaret Fuller House, Incorporated is: The Margaret Fuller House, Incorporated.

Please note that according to the records in this office the true name of the corporation cited in the petition as alliance of Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc. is: Alliance of Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc. the letter A in the word Alliance being capitalized.

It is respectfully suggested that East End House, Inc. file with the Office of the State Secretary the annual reports due the Commonwealth for the years 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, and 1971, with an accompanying fee of \$5 for each report, a total fee of \$25.

It is respectfully suggested that Cambridge Neighborhood House file with the Office of the State Secretary the annual reports due the Commonwealth for the years 1968, 1969, 1970, and 1971, with an accompanying fee of \$5 for each report, a total fee of \$20.

It is respectfully suggested that Alliance of Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc. file with the Office of the State Secretary the annual reports due the Commonwealth for the years 1970 and 1971, with an accompanying fee of \$5 for each report, a total fee of \$10.

It is respectfully suggested that The Margaret Fuller House, Incorporated file with the Office of the State Secretary the annual reports due the Commonwealth for the years 1968, 1969, 1970, and 1971, with an accompanying fee of \$5 for each report, a total fee of \$20.

Special legislation is required to effect the desired result of the enclosed petition.

Whether or not this should be allowed is a matter of policy within your exclusive jurisdiction, and this office expresses no opinion on the merits of the bill. No fee is required to be paid by corporations of this type under the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 7.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. X. DAVOREN
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

By Mr. Mahoney of Cambridge, petition of Ronald L. Cheney and Thomas H. D. Mahoney for legislation to authorize the dissolution of alliance of Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc. and the reincorporation and reconstitution of the Margaret Fuller House, Incorporated, Cambridge Neighborhood House and East End House, Inc. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DISSOLUTION OF ALLIANCE OF CAMBRIDGE SETTLEMENT HOUSES, INC. AND THE REINCORPORATION AND RECONSTITUTION OF THE MARGARET FULLER HOUSE, INCORPORATED, CAMBRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE AND EAST END HOUSE, INC.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 *Whereas* Chapter 475 of the Acts of 1967, approved July
2 26, 1967, authorized the merger of the Margaret Fuller House,
3 Incorporated, Cambridge Neighborhood House, East End House,
4 Inc., and Cambridge community Center, Inc. into Alliance of
5 Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc.

6 *Whereas* on July 24, 1969, the merger authorized by Chapter
7 475 of the Acts of 1967, was effectuated and accepted by the
8 Margaret Fuller House, Incorporated, Cambridge Neighborhood
9 House, East End House, Inc. and Alliance of Cambridge
10 Settlement Houses, Inc.

11 *Whereas* it is the intention and desire of Alliance of Cambridge
12 Settlement Houses, Inc. to dissolve and reconvey and retransfer
13 to each of the merged corporations all their respective property,
14 real, personal and mixed, and all their respective rights and
15 interests, legal and equitable.

16 *Whereas* it is the intention and desire of the five directors
17 named by each of the merged corporations to the Board of
18 Directors of Alliance of Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc., to
19 reincorporate and reconstitute each of the merged corporations
20 in order to accept the reconveyance and retransfer by Alliance of
21 Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc. of all their respective
22 property, real, personal and mixed, and all their respective rights
23 and interests, legal and equitable.

24 Be it enacted, etc. as follows:

25 *Section 1.* The Margaret Fuller House, Incorporated,
26 Cambridge Neighborhood House, and East End House, Inc., each
27 of which was a charitable corporation organized and existing
28 under the laws of the Commonwealth, and each of which was
29 merged into Alliance of Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc. on
30 July 24, 1969, by acceptance by each of them of Chapter 475 of
31 the Acts of 1967, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the
32 Houses, are and each of them hereby is authorized to reincorpo-
33 rate and reconstitute themselves by acceptance of this Act as
34 hereinafter provided within one year of its effective date.
35 Alliance of Cambridge Settlement Houses, Inc., a charitable
36 corporation organized and existing under the laws of the
37 Commonwealth hereinafter sometimes referred to as the
38 Alliance, hereby is authorized to reconvey and retransfer to each
39 of the reconstituted corporations all of their respective property,
40 real, personal and mixed, and all of the respective rights and
41 interests, legal and equitable now held by the Alliance and then
42 to dissolve its corporate existence by acceptance of this Act as
43 hereinafter provided within one year of its effective date. The
44 reconstituted corporations shall be subject to and liable for all
45 the duties, liabilities, obligations and restrictions provided by law
46 of the Alliance.

47 *Section 2.* The reincorporation of the Houses shall not
48 become effective unless and until (a) each of the respective
49 Houses shall have approved by-laws for its reincorporation, (b)
50 each of the respective Houses shall have elected a Board of
51 Directors initially comprised of the five individuals named by
52 each House and serving at the time of the approval of this Act as
53 Directors of the alliance, (c) each of the respective Houses shall
54 have elected under the aforesaid by-laws, and (d) each of the
55 respective Houses shall have accepted this Act, at a meeting duly

56 called for the purpose, by two-thirds of the members present and
57 voting at such meeting.

58 *Section 3.* The dissolution of the Alliance shall not become
59 effective unless and until (a) the Alliance shall have reconveyed
60 and retransferred to each of the Houses all of their respective
61 property, real, personal and mixed, and all of their respective
62 rights and interests, legal and equitable held by the Alliance at
63 the time of the approval of this Act, (b) the Alliance shall have
64 approved a resolution to dissolve and shall have accepted this Act
65 at a meeting duly called for the purposes by two-thirds of the
66 members present and voting at such meeting.

67 *Section 4.* The reincorporation of the reconstituted corpo-
68 rations and the dissolution of the Alliance shall be completed and
69 effective upon the filing with the secretary of the commonwealth
70 and the recording in the office of the register of deeds for
71 Middlesex county, within one year after the passage of this act,
72 of a certificate signed by the president of each of the
73 corporations to the effect that the conditions of Sections 2 and 3
74 have been satisfied.

75 *Section 5.* Whatever right or authority is granted or conferred
76 by this act is hereby declared to be limited to such authority or
77 right as the general court may constitutionally grant or confer,
78 without prejudice to any proceeding that may be instituted in
79 any court of competent jurisdiction to effect the purposes of this
80 act. If the application of any provision of this act to any
81 property or funds held by any of the corporations shall be held
82 invalid, the application of such provision to property and funds
83 other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be
84 affected thereby.

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