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June 27, 1989

Mr. Harold Thompson
Deputy Regional Administrator
Region I
Department of Housing and Urban Development
10 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02222

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Pursuant to the request of the Cambridge City Council, I am forwarding to you the enclosed resolution submitted by Councillor David Sullivan and unanimously adopted by all members present at a meeting of the Council held on June 19, 1989.

This resolution was adopted at the conclusion of a public hearing held on the above date, at which testimony was given and rebutted relative to large-scale evictions at the property located at 362-364 Rindge Avenue, Cambridge.

It is the sense of the City Council that you take the appropriate steps to establish an oversight committee to review the actions of the management company responsible for this development, in view of the fact federal money has been expended for the construction of this housing development.

Thank you for your cooperation relative to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk.

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Enclosure: City Council Original & Amended Order #21
of 6/19/89



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COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

(Amended Order No. 21)

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MAY 22, 1989

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Cambridge Tenants Union
1151 Massachusetts Avenue
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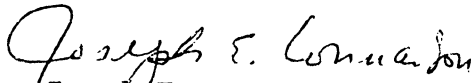
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- WHEREAS:** Schochet Associates and Federal Management have endorsed the principle of a Management Oversight Committee through their agreement of October 27, 1986 with the City and the Area 4 Neighborhood Coalition to establish such a committee for the project then proposed at 595 Massachusetts Avenue; and
- WHEREAS:** The residents of Rindge Towers have serious concerns about safe emergency procedures for the handicapped living in the development; now therefore be it
- ORDERED:**
- 1) that the Cambridge City Council invite the owners and management of Rindge Towers to meet with tenant representatives, representatives of a tenant organization selected by the tenants, representatives of a legal aid organization selected by the tenants, a representative of the city government and a member of the Cambridge Fair Housing Board for the purpose of establishing a permanent Tenant-Management Oversight Committee;
 - 2) that this Committee shall include but not necessarily be limited to members of the groups named above as well as the owners and management of Rindge Towers and meet regularly at least once each month and at what ever special time are agreed to by its members;
 - 3) that this Committee shall concern itself with questions of the management of Rindge Towers, especially with regard to evictions and tenant/management issues and conflicts, and with the purpose of attempting to resolve all such questions before court action is taken by any group or individual represented on the Committee;
 - 4) that all complaints and notices by any group or individual represented on the Committee to any other such group or individual also be sent to all members of the Committee before any legal action is taken;
 - 5) that notice of the existence, composition and duties of the Committee become a part of any existing or new lease and that such notices be renewed each year; and be it further

- ORDERED:
- 1) That the city's representative to the formation of this Committee report back to the Cambridge City Council within three months of this order with a progress report;
 - 2) that its efforts to establish such a Committee within three months fail because of lack of good faith on the part of the owners and management of Rindge Towers, then the City Council shall request the City Manager to pursue the investigation of the owner's eviction and management procedures by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council request the City Manager to direct the appropriate city agencies to establish safe and effective emergency procedures for handicapped residents of Rindge Towers; and be it further

ORDERED: That a copy of this order be sent to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

5/22/89 - REFERRED TO HEARING ON 6/19/89 AT 7:00 P.M.

Order #21

F-283

C.D. Sullivan order re: that the City Council invite the owners & management of Rindge Towers to meet with tenant representatives, & representatives of both a tenant and a legal aid organization selected by the tenants, a representative of City government & a member of the Cambridge Fair Housing Board to establish a permanent Tenant-Management Oversight Committee.

In City Council,

5-22-89

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Referred to Hearing
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Hearing Held. Order Adopted
Letter sent to Harold Thompson,
Deputy Regional Administrator,
Region I, HUD, trans with a copy
of this order 6/27/89. wh
(copy within)