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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL:

- RE: 1. Backstabbing of HUD Tenants by nine members of the city council
2. Destruction by eight to nine members of city council of hundreds of units of housing and dormitory rooms in the area bounded by JFK Street, Mount Auburn Street and Massachusetts Avenue and of Historical Buildings in that and adjoining areas
- 3 Falsification of zoning on behalf of the City Council in part of the Kerry Corner neighborhood, directly south of area 2.

Enclosed for the information of the council is a press release concerning item 1.

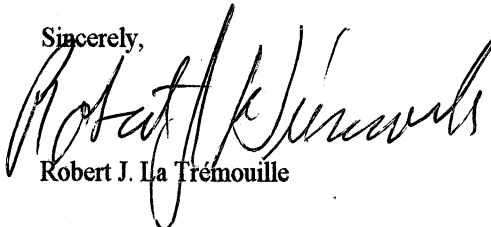
The extremely unethical behavior of the council with regard to HUD tenants is reminiscent of the extreme lack of ethics demonstrated by the council on item 2. Last year's action was the sneaking through of the new tourist area next to the Inn at Harvard. This year's action was the agreement with Harvard with regard to one of the following phases: replacement of open market residential tenants with individuals more amenable to rapid removal.

Naturally, I am not impressed with the smoke and mirrors motion charter righted concerning Prescott Street - Broadway - Ware Street - Harvard Street. Either a fake compromise concerning this area is part of the deal or this initiative is flatly intended to fool voters into seeing "good intentions".

I am also not impressed with the smoke and mirrors concerning an historical district.

Finally, last I heard the falsified zoning mentioned in item 3 had not been cleaned up yet

Sincerely,


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PRESS RELEASE

SUBJECT: "Cruel Hoax" - Description of Cambridge's HUD Housing Proposal by Guest on *Rocky Around the World*

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RELEASE

AUTHORIZED: Immediately

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

Long-time tenant activist Bob La Trémouille calls Cambridge's legislation to help HUD Housing tenants a "cruel hoax". He will discuss this contention when he appears on CCTV's *Rocky Around the World* talk show on Cambridge Cable Channel 55, Tuesday, July 23, 1996.

According to La Trémouille, the Cambridge City Council's legislative initiative was based on a proposal drafted by Attorney Susan Hegel of Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services. "Susan did an excellent job trying to get around the very tough 1990 federal legislation. The City Council modified her proposal to make it squarely illegal under that legislation. The federal government allow regulation of former HUD housing, but only if former HUD housing is regulated like other housing. Susan's proposal was based on a HUD opinion that said it was OK to regulate HUD housing if you regulated it like other subsidized housing. Regulating HUD housing like other subsidized housing is a push from the general language of the federal legislation, but it is a possible interpretation. The City Council modified the proposal so that it simply claims to be regulating five HUD buildings and nothing else. This is a flat out fraud on the HUD tenants and flagrantly illegal."

"The one good thing about this", according to La Trémouille, "is that the flunkies the city apparently used to bully HUD tenants into submission no longer have any meaningful claim to being pro-HUD tenant."

La Trémouille spent the last 12 years of Rent Control trying to get HUD tenants the same condo evictions protections possible for everybody else in Cambridge rental housing. He tried to do this by amendment of the state law regulating condominium conversion, a state law that specifically exempted Cambridge from its provisions.

"The people in the Cambridge Tenants Union who stooped to abuse of their offices to keep the HUD evictions going were tentacles of the same shadowy organization that controls CEOC and which also controlled Riverside Cambridgeport Community Housing. RCCC spent \$180,000 in its unsuccessful Court attempt to crush the RCCC tenant strike. People controlled by the radicals ran around in 1994 calling it 'anti-tenant' to defend HUD tenants. In spite of this, the radical string pullers claimed to be pro-tenant in general and pro-HUD tenants in particular.

"CEOC operatives and the apparent leader of the shadowy radical clique, William Cavellini, were highly visible maneuvering the HUD tenants while the City Council was stabbing the HUD tenants in the back. There is no longer any question that CEOC and its 'radical' controllers are anti-HUD tenant when it comes to protecting their rental housing as rental housing."

La Trémouille does his own weekly show on CCTV and has been active in any number of development and environmental issues in Cambridge. *Rocky Around the World* may be seen on CCTV, Channel 55, every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM.

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