

348 Franklin Street
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September 11, 1990

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL:

I was very pleased by the comments I heard from members of the city council, particularly Councillor Myers, at the September 6, 1990, meeting of the Rent Control Subcommittee. As a result I dusted off the balance of my ideas for further protections of Cambridge tenants under rent control.

These ideas are presented in concept form rather than final form to meet a deadline announced by Vice-Mayor Myers at last night's City Council Meeting. I do not fully understand the deadline, but these ideas are presented now to avoid running afoul of it. It rather clearly does not appear to be a deadline for final form submissions.

1. Amend the Rent Control enabling legislation to allow Removal Permit Protection of all Rental Units completed prior to January 1, 1969, whether or not said units are otherwise exempt from Control of Rents.

2. Amend the state Condominium Conversion legislation to allow regulation by the City of Cambridge of the conversion of Rental Units the construction of which was completed on or after January 1, 1969. Through an amendment to the Rent Control enabling act, give original jurisdiction for enforcement of such regulations to the Cambridge Rent Control Board.

My prior letter was limited to matters which I consider of the greatest importance, and which would do extremely little harm to landlord property rights, as follows:

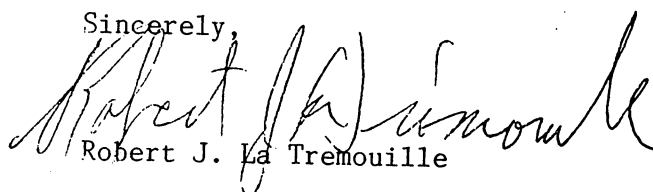
3. End the Transition Exemptions to the Removal Ordinance which were drafted to allow persons, in August 1979, buying condos for home ownership to move in. Untold people, including residents of my building have been evicted under this exemption, up to the present date. Eleven years is long enough for transition exemptions. (Offered in what could work as near final form.)

4. End Rent Control Board prejudice against Rooming Housing tenants in the General Adjustment. (Offered as a concept with initial language.)

These present ideas which I am offering are added because of the favorable impressions which I have received from the council.

NO TENANT SHOULD BE EVICTED FOR PURPOSES OF CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION.

Sincerely,


Robert J. La Tremouille

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Comm. from Robert J. LaTremouille, 348
Franklin Street, transmitting his ideas
to improve the Rent Control Regulations
within the City.

In City Council,

Sept. 17, 1990

*Referred to the
Rent Control Committee
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Committee 9/24/90*