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February 27, 1997
ATTENTION CITY CLERK

BY MAIL AND TELECOPY

City Councilors:

On numerous occasions, for several years, I have requested enforcement of laws which individuals in this Commonwealth have drafted, discussed, written, voted on, and finally passed as statutes through its legislative functions. These laws have tax payer dollars allocated to government officials to enforce these codes and regulations. The judicial branch then enforces these violations.

Normally, the above description of events is the procedure. However, at 56-58 Wendell street this is not the present situation. A rooming house which is literally disintegrating as pieces of the house blow off into the neighborhood has been repeatedly ignored. The building is an eyesore to your constituents. Everybody in the neighborhood is disgusted with this building. The most serious situation involves the egresses to the building. Presently, a Pakistani emigrant lives in the hallway which serves four different functions. Because she received 1/2 of the house through a divorce settlement, she has not only been allowed to live in this hallway, she has been able to do it under the auspices of the very government agencies discharged with the performance of the duties to cease and desist from these very activities. Although CIS over a decade ago requested a second egress, nothing has been done in over ten years. The Department of Public Safety, including Kathleen O'Toole's office, repeatedly refuses to address the situation, or allow the recording of phone conversations regarding this issue. The City of Cambridge Building Inspectors, Sam Azzum, also allows her to live in this area. The City of Cambridge Fire Marshall tries to use assert a technicality that she is "just passing through" this common area which is the only means she has of going from her kitchen to the living room she sleeps and entertains in. Additionally serious, the daycare has a room with this same area for the children and parents to pass through, therefore requiring a child safety gate to be in place to protect the children. Yet it is illegal to block an egress. Especially pernicious in this nefarious scheme is that she not only endangers the public health and safety of a building full of tenants, and day care children who would be trampled in any fire, she has also been able to violate the United States Constitution, with the cooperation of the Cambridge Police Department, to arrest a tenant in a common area, even if the tenant is not even trying to use what is supposed to be the exit, but to just turn up the only heating thermostat for the entire three story 19 apartment building (also a right under M.G.L.'s). Anyone who petitions for a redress of grievances through the aforementioned processes is arrested and subsequently evicted.

This illegal activity is only one of numerous others which are willfully and wantonly ignored by government officials. I personally have been subject to repeated retaliatory action in the past for trying to make your constituents safe in an enjoyable neighborhood. I know they would be delighted if you would help solve this problem. I have numerous solutions which I will answer for you, along with any other questions you may have regarding this matter at your Monday, March 3, 1997 city council meeting. I understand from Kathy Born that your receipt of this information today will ensure this item appears in your packet for your Monday March 3, 1997 meeting.

As I have experienced retaliation in the past for trying to help your constituents, I trust that bringing this matter to your attention for help, will make the problem not only a part of a written public record, it will engage your minds in the solution to the situation, and thwart the continuance of such retaliatory conduct which has previously been unknown to you.

An order to compel a written response from the above parties is suggested.

Sincerely,


Miss Michelle Renee Dupree
cc: Paul Toomey, Channel 4 News
Darcie Fisher Channel 56 News

* He alleges no knowledge of the
fire hazard
situation of a rooming house
in his jurisdiction while using
this phrase.

Consent Communication #10 H-29

Communication was received from Michelle Renee Dupree, transmitting her concern regarding the premises numbered 56-58 Wendell Street; said building on the premises is an eyesore and deteriorating.

In City Council March 3, 1997

Referred to
the City Manager
for report.

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