

September 19, 1988

Dear Councilor Thomas W. Dandery

I am a 72 year old who was born in Cambridge and have lived here all my life. I have always enjoyed living in Cambridge and, for that reason, bought a house here. My two children were born and raised here and I expected to live here for the rest of my life. However, I must admit that "my city" has changed much, and, certainly not for the better.

April 2, 1986 the rent control board sent me a letter, stating that my 3 family ^{house} owner occupied should be registered under rent control and as of today the situation has not been resolved. There was a hearing on April 21, 1988 to set the rents that I can charge, and now five months later I have not heard from them. This rent control system has done me a great injustice. I have no income, except for a small social security check, a diabetic husband, no rent from my tenant for the last year and a half (she claims that she's putting into an escrow account, on advice from the rent control board).

My real estate taxes and water bills must be paid, amounting to almost \$400.00 every month.

My daughter and family are the only other tenants, so, you can see that this is a great hardship for me.

How can I deal with this problem?

If you were in my place, what would you do, where would you go to find a way to make the rent control board listen to reason, and, not ruin the lives of individuals who want to live out their lives in the home that they struggled to buy, and, maintain, and, not end up on welfare - I ask you, is there a fair, reasonable answer to this problem?

Please try to understand and give me a fair solution to this mess.

Yours sincerely,
Helen Petrillo

MRS. PETER A. PETRILLO

139 MAGAZINE ST.

CAMBRIDGE, 02139

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September 26, 1944

Councillor Danahy

ORDERED: That the City Mgr. be and hereby is requested to confer with the Executive Director of the Rent Control Board with the view in mind of providing a swift decision in the Petrillo Case regarding 139 Magazine St.

(Attachment)?

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 26, 1988

COUNCILLOR DANEHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Executive Director of the Rent Control Board with the view in mind of providing a swift decision in the Petrillo Case regarding 139 Magazine Street.

(ATTACHMENT)

In City Council September 26, 1988.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

(COUNCILLOR WALSH RECORDED AS VOTING PRESENT IN THIS MATTER)

Order #32

F-426

C. Danehy order re: that the City Manager be requested to confer with the Exec. Dir. of the Rent Control Board with a view to providing a swift decision in the Petrillo Case of 139 Magazine St.

In City Council,

September 26, 1988

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C. Danehy
Order Adopted

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