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RENT CONTROL BOARD

PETER D. STANTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 10, 1979

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA. 02139

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

As a result of discussions among the Rent Control Board and my discussions with your office, the Board has decided to close the Rent Control Office to the public each Monday until further notice.

The Board and I find this necessary due to a large back-log of 501 cases which has developed on the Board's dockets. We feel closing on Monday will help to reduce this back-log and make sure that due process rights of both landlords and tenants in Cambridge are not abused. All of these hearings have been assigned to Hearing Examiners and the majority of them have had a hearing before the assigned Hearing Examiner. However, reports of these hearings have not been written.

The Rent Control staff will be in the office and working on Mondays and will be able to use this day to reduce our case back-log as our work will not be interrupted by the public coming to the office to request information or advice. The staff will continue to offer advice and information over the telephone on Mondays.

I expect that Monday closing will be a temporary measure and will last no more than six (6) months. I will insure that sufficient public notice of the closing is given.

Very truly yours,

Peter D. Stanton



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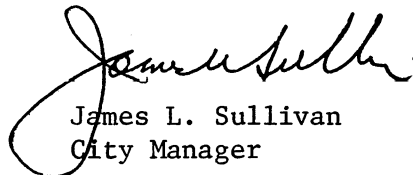
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

December 17, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed is a copy of a self-explanatory communication from Peter D. Stanton, Executive Director of the Rent Control Board, relative to the closing of the Rent Control Office to the public each Monday in order to reduce their backlog of cases. I have written to Mr. Stanton indicating that I concur with this decision.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

Agenda #3

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RE: closing of the Rent Control Office to
the public each Monday.

In City Council,

December 17, 1979

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