



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 18, 1999

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- WHEREAS: The City Council has previously passed many resolutions of concern and support for the Clinton/Prospect tenants who were at risk of being displaced during the continuing Cambridge affordable housing crisis; and
- WHEREAS: The City Council on February 1, 1999 passed Resolution #44 declaring a housing emergency in the acute shortage of affordable housing in the City of Cambridge, and implored landlords to be cognizant of the severe housing shortage and to cease and desist eviction proceedings so that negotiations can take place in a reasonable manner; and
- RESOLVED: That the City Council urge the owner 258-270 Harvard Street, Mrs. Elaine Schuster, to show moderation, restraint and consideration for the family of Cheryl Munroe, to cease and desist any further eviction proceedings, and to extend to the Munroe family additional time past the October 31st deadline as they desperately are seeking to find other affordable housing in Cambridge; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Council urge the Cambridge Housing Authority to reconsider its decision to deny Cheryl Munroe an emergency Section 8, and to urge CHA and Just A Start to reconsider their decisions of denying public housing to the Munroe family, and further that all the City's non profits, and all the City's affordable housing program do everything possible as quickly as possible to help the Munroe family secure affordable housing so that they can remain in Cambridge; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mrs. Elaine Schuster, 132 Yarmouth Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167; Daniel Wuenschel, Cambridge Housing Authority, 675 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139; Just A Start Corp.; Homeowners' Rehab; Inc. and to the list of affordable rental housing developments in Cambridge on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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October 14 1999

To: Mayor Duehay and the Cambridge City Council
c/o City Clerk Margaret Drury
City Hall
795 Mass. Avenue
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

*sponsored by
Councillor Cathy Born*

Re: Consent Order submission on behalf of Cheryl Munroe and her family.
From the Campaign to Save 2000 Homes and the Cambridge Eviction Free Zone.

Dear Mayor Duehay and City Council Members,

We are writing on behalf of Cheryl Munroe, a Cambridge resident for 16 years, whose family is facing displacement the beginning of November. Cheryl and her four children (Jasmine and Joy who are teenagers, Jamaria, 3 years old, and Jaden, 5 weeks old) have lived at 260 Harvard Street since 1994. Cheryl works full time and her children attend Cambridge schools. In the Spring of 1998 their landlord, who kept rents low, passed away, and the building was inherited by Mrs. Elaine Schuster. In the fall of 1998 all fifty tenants were asked for very large rent increases. The tenants organized themselves into a tenants' association. Cheryl was the leading organizer in her building. Since then Cheryl has been taken to court by Wingate Management five times for non-payment and each time the motion was denied by a judge. In April of 1999 Cheryl signed an agreement with Wingate for a stay at current rent until the end of this month. Cheryl was denied public housing by CHA and Just A Start.

We ask the City Council to pass the following Resolution of concern and support:

WHEREAS: The City Council has previously passed resolutions of concern and support for the Clinton/Prospect tenants who were at risk of being displaced during this continuing Cambridge affordable housing crisis; and

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*Sincerely, Bill Marcotte
for the Campaign 2000 Homes
and the Eviction Free Zone*

*TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION
TO DENY CHERYL MUNROE
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SECTION 8, AND
TO URGE CHA*



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Councillor Born re: urge the Cambridge
Housing Authority to reconsider its
decisions regarding the Munroe family.

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