



City of Cambridge

O-8.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 12, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Many of our neighbors, long-term residents, elderly and disabled, low to moderate income working people of Cambridge, are still being threatened with displacement and the loss of their homes due to escalating rents and eviction, and many are being forced to leave our community because of the acute shortage of affordable housing; and

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

WHEREAS: The City Council on January 24, 2000 passed Consent Order #O-3, urging all Cambridge landlords to be cognizant of the severe housing shortage, to show moderation and restraint in rent increases, to negotiate in a reasonable manner, in good faith agreements and settlements that will allow Cambridge residents to remain in their homes; and

WHEREAS: The members of the Ellery/Harvard Street Tenant Association are currently paying 50% of their income (or will be paying 50% under the proposed rent increase) toward rent; are facing rent increases of 40-60%; are long-term Cambridge residents - teachers, carpenters, social service and community workers - who participate in the Cambridge community; are tenants who wish to remain in their apartments and negotiate in good faith with the landlord for a more affordable increase; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council urges the landlords of 11-13 Ellery Street/331-331A Harvard Street, Dennis and Marie Dilley of Scituate, MA, to show moderation and restraint in the amount of rent increases asked of tenants; and to negotiate with representatives of the tenant association for affordable increases and standard leases; and be it further

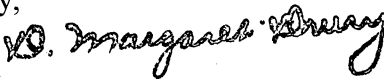
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the landlords, Dennis and Marie Dilley, 34 Treasure Island Road, Scituate, MA 02066; the building management, c/o Frank Pedro, Harvard Street Management, 126 Prospect Street, Suite 2, Cambridge, MA 02139, and the Cambridge Eviction Free Zone/Campaign to Save 2000 Homes, 11 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- 

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

rec 2/7 at 630t

Date: February 7, 2001

To: Mayor Galluccio and the Cambridge City Council
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

From: Dan Bouchard
Cambridge Eviction Free Zone/ Campaign to Save 2000 Homes

Re: I have submitted a Consent Communication for next Monday's (2/12) City Council meeting on behalf of the tenant association at 11-13 Ellery St./ 331-331A Harvard Street. This building is owned by Dennis and Marie Dilley of Scituate, MA. The tenants have received high rent increases recently which will force many of them to move from the city if the owner continues to negotiate a more affordable increase for the tenants.

Dear Henrietta,

Could you please sponsor the attached Consent Order submission on behalf of the tenant association at 11-13 Ellery St/331- 331A Harvard St.?

Please phone the City Clerk by 3 pm Thursday, 2/8, to sponsor it. The tenants will be present Monday night to speak to the consent order during public testimony.

Also, if you could leave a message on my voicemail (258-0588) to let me know that the sponsorship is in place, I would greatly appreciate it. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Dan Bouchard

for the EFZ/ Campaign to Save 2000 Homes

Councilman Davis

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Consent Order Submission

February 7, 2001

The Cambridge Eviction Free Zone/Campaign to Save 2000 Homes asks the Cambridge City Council to pass the following Resolution on behalf of the Ellery-Harvard Street Tenants Association (11-13 Ellery St./ 331-331A Harvard St.) to urge the property owners (Dennis and Marie Dilley of Scituate, MA) to negotiate an affordable rent increase with members of the tenant association.

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Order #8

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Councillors Davis and Decker

In City Council February 12, 2001

ORDER ADOPTED