



October 19, 1989

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

This is in response to Council Order #54 dated September 11, 1989 which requests that the Cambridge Housing Authority review the Section 8 lease arrangements at Inman Square Apartments, 1221 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA.

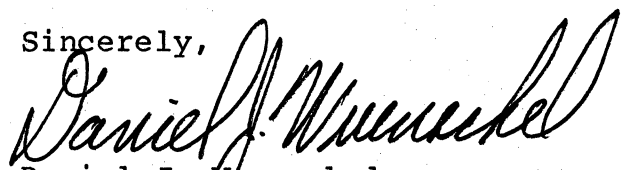
Inman Square Apartments is a privately owned development consisting of 116 units. The rents for these units are authorized and approved by the Mass. Housing Finance Agency. Currently the CHA subsidizes 39 households at Inman Square. Twenty-nine households are on the Federal Section 8 program, the remaining 10 are on the State Chapter 707 program. Under the regulations of the programs a tenant pays 30% of his or her monthly gross adjusted income (Section 8) as the share of rent on the apartment, and the CHA pays the remainder.

In April of this year a 20% (approximately) rent increase was approved for all units at Inman Square Apartments by the MHFA. In the case of those 39 households subsidized by the CHA, the full amount of this increase was paid for by the CHA. Undoubtedly those residents not subsidized by the CHA or some other source would have had to pay for the increase, but the CHA's Section 8 and 707 tenants are paying only the same amount, which is 30% and 25% of their monthly gross adjusted income respectively.

Once a year the CHA calls residents in to review their annual income to see if any changes in their share of rent are warranted. It is possible during such annual recertification that a tenant's share of rent will increase because the overall income has gone up. However, the CHA is unaware of any subsidized residents at Inman Square Apartments who are paying more than 30% of their monthly income in rent.

If I may be of any further assistance do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


Daniel J. Wuenschel
Executive Director



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October 23, 1989

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 46, regarding Section 8 lease agreements at the premises numbered 1221 Cambridge Street, I submit the attached report from Daniel Wuenschel, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over the typed name.

Robert W. Healy

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Response to Awaiting Report Item Number 46,
regarding Section 8 lease arrangement at
the premises numbered 1221 Cambridge St.

In City Council,

October 23, 1989

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