



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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OFFICE OF
THE CITY CLERK

May 25, 1984

Mr. Stephen Krasner
279 Pearl Street
Cambridge, MA

Dear Mr. Krasner:

Please be advised that the City Council is in receipt of your recent communication requesting a public hearing before the Council with regard to the Inspectional Services Department. Pursuant to your request, the City Council has scheduled a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 11, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Cambridge. Your presence or that of your appropriate designee(s) is hereby requested at this time.

Your very kind cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the City Council.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

PEH/mh

cc: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Joseph Cellucci, Inspectional Services Commissioner



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INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Joseph Cellucci, Commissioner
Inspectional Services Department

Date May 25, 1984

From Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

Reference

Subject Public hearing scheduled by the City Council
for June 11th, 1984 at 8:00 p.m.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a communication as received by the City Council at its meeting of Monday, May 21st, 1984 from Stephen Krasner of the Cambridge Tenants Organizing Committee of City Life, requesting a public hearing before the Council relative to problems that he states some tenants are having with the Inspectional Services Department.

Pursuant to this communication the City Council has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, June 11th, 1984 to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Your presence or that of your appropriate designee is invited at this time. I am also enclosing, for informational purposes, a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Krasner notifying him of the scheduling of this hearing.

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Enclosures

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Cambridge Tenants Organizing Committee
City Life
209 Elm Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

The Honorable Members
Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Councillors:

We request a hearing before the full City Council in order to inform you of a range of problems that tenants in Cambridge have been having with the Inspectional Services Department and to work to solutions to these problems.

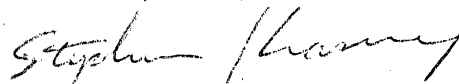
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What we found was that many tenants get good service from Inspectional Services. However, we found that many others do not. Some tenants had a hard time getting any inspections at all. Some were given wrong information or advice by inspectors. Some were unable to get the inspector to cite obvious Code Violations. Even with Violations cited, some got no enforcement help to get the repairs done. Some found Violations cited and then signed off as repaired when they repair had not in fact been done. Some women tenants were harrassed with sexist remarks or touched by inspectors.

On the whole, alot of tenants were given a hard time by the Inspectors and/or the Department.

Because Inspectional Services is one of the tenant's first lines of defense in maintaining safe and sound apartments, and because Inspectional Services is one of the city's first lines of defense in preserving quality housing for our residents, we would like to come before you and have tenants tell you about the kinds of problems that we're having and offer some suggestions as to how to improve the situation.

Sincerely,



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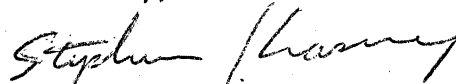
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Comm. from Stephen Krasner, Cambridge Tenants
Organizing Committee of City Life, requesting
a hearing before the Council Re: various
problems tenants have been having with the
Inseptional Services Dept.

*Petitioner notified by letter 5/25/84
of hearing.*

*Building Commission sent notification
of hearing with copy of Mr. Krasner's
communication, the notification letter
sent to Mr. Krasner with copy to the
City Manager 5/25/84*

In City Council,

May 21, 1984

5/31/84

*Hearing set for
JPN on June 11 84*

6/11/84

Hearing Held