

Save Central Square

April 23, 1998

To the Honorable, the Cambridge City Council, and the Community Development Department

Re: Planned Eviction of Moody's Falafel Palace at 25 Central Square

The gentrification and spoliation of Central Square continues with the scheduled May 14 eviction of Moody's Falafel Palace.

The landlord, Central Properties Limited Partnership, has scheduled an eviction hearing for Moody's Falafel Palace, although according to court papers filed by the landlord, the Falafel Palace is completely current on its rent.

The owner, Mahmoud Kassar, has run his restaurant in Central Square for the past 8 years. Moody's Falafel Palace is an established, successful business which has become a fixture in Central Square. Mr. Kassar has worked hard for many years to build this business, and depends on it to earn a living. Mr. Kassar also has five employees, some with families, whose livelihoods also depend on the continued operation of the business.

The planned eviction by Central Properties is a crisis for the Kassar family, and part of the continued gentrification crisis for Central Square. Moving a small, established neighborhood business to a new location is often an alternative that is not financially feasible.

The landlord's planned eviction will be the death of another indigenous Cambridge business, and one more step toward a depersonalized plastic Central Square.

Save Central Square calls upon the Cambridge City Council, and the departments of the City of Cambridge, to take concrete steps to stop this eviction and protect this neighborhood business.

We encourage people of Central Square to register their concern with the landlord, Michael Simon, at 497-5993, numerical beeper 781-458-0375, and ask him to reconsider.

David Horvick David Horvick
Ralph Lopez Ralph Lopez

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THE TRIAL COURT
CAMBRIDGE DIVISION
SUMMARY PROCESS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

A True & Attested Copy

Robert L. Sherman
Constable 4-8-98

District Court

Department

Docket No.

Cambridge

Division

Entry Date April 20, 1998

Middlesex

, ss.

THIS IS A COURT NOTICE OF A PROCEEDING TO EVICT YOU - PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY

**IMPORTANTE: ESTE DOCUMENTO ES UNA NOTICIA DE UNA CORTE, RESPECTO A
PROCEDIENTES PARA DESALOJARLE**

TO: M. Kassar a/k/a Mahomoud Kassar a/k/a Mohammed Kassar d/b/a Moody's Falafel Palace

ADDRESS: 25 Central Square CITY: Cambridge ZIP: 02139

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Judge of the Court at the time and place listed below:

DAY: Thursday DATE: April 30, 1998 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

COURT LOCATION: 40 Thorndike Street, Cambridge, Ma. ROOM: 13-A to answer
the complaint of:

LANDLORD/OWNER: Central Properties Limited Partnership

STREET: 690 Beacon Street CITY: Boston ZIP: 02215

that you occupy the premises at 25 Central Square, Cambridge, MA,
being within the judicial district of this court, unlawfully and against the right of said Landlord/Owner
because of holding over after termination of the tenancy-at-will.

and further, that \$ -0- rent is owed according to the following account:

ACCOUNT ANNEXED

ARTHUR SHERMAN

First or Administrative Justice

Robert L. Sherman

Clerk-Magistrate

Robert L. Sherman
Signature of Plaintiff or Attorney

April 7, 1998

Date of Signature of Plaintiff or Attorney

For possession and for such other and further
damages the court may find.

860 Worcester Road, Suite 200, Framingham, MA
Address of Plaintiff's Attorney 01702

(508) 875-0003

Telephone Number of Plaintiff or Attorney

NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS: At the hearing on April 30, 1998, you (or your attorney) must
appear in person to present your defense. You (or your attorney) must also file a written answer to this
complaint. (Answer form 2 is available in the clerk's office.) You must file (deliver or mail) the answer
with the court clerk and serve (deliver or mail) a copy on the landlord (or landlord's attorney) at the
address shown above. The answer must be received by the court clerk and received by the landlord (or
the landlord's attorney) no later than Monday April 27, 1998 before the hearing date.

**IF YOU DO NOT FILE AND SERVE AN ANSWER, OR IF YOU DO NOT DEFEND AT THE TIME OF THE
HEARING, JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR POSSESSION AND THE RENT AS
REQUESTED IN THIS COMPLAINT.**

NOTIFICATION PARA LAS PERSONAS DE HABLA HISPANA: SI USTED NO PUEDE LEER INGLES
SUMMARY PROCESS FORM 1

Consent Communication #25

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A communication was received from David
Hoicka, et al., regarding the planned
eviction of Moody's Falafel Palace at
25 Central Square

In City Council April 27, 1998

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