



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 19, 2000

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
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 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

WHEREAS: The new City Council on January 24, 2000 passed Consent Order #0-3, urging all Cambridge landlords to be cognizant of the severe housing shortage, to show moderation and restraint in rent increases, to cease and desist eviction proceedings so that negotiations can take place in a reasonable manner, and to negotiate in good faith agreements and settlements that will allow Cambridge residents to remain in their homes; and

WHEREAS: Sonia Andujar, a low-income working mother, and her son, Joaquin, who have lived in their home at 7 Craigie Circle for six years, and whose rent has already increased 147% since the end of rent control, have been sent a notice of termination and have been told by the owners of their building, the Rothman family of First Cambridge Realty Corp., that they will not renew her MBHP Section 8 lease; and

WHEREAS: First Cambridge Realty Corp., formerly known as Stu-Lin, is the second largest owner of former rent control property in Cambridge, with over 750 units, the vast majority of which are now renting at market rate levels; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council urge the owners of 7 Craigie Circle, the Rothman family of First Cambridge Realty Corp., to show moderation and restraint, to cease and desist any threat of eviction towards the Andujar family, and to accept this family's MBHP Section 8 so that they may remain in their home; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mr. Lewis Robert, First Cambridge Realty Corp., 907 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139; the Campaign to Save 2000 Cambridge Homes and the Cambridge Eviction Free Zone, 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:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury", written over the printed name and title.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER IN CONSULTATION WITH HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATE AGENCIES TO ARRANGE FOR MEDIATION.

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CONSENT ORDER SUBMISSION # 1

June 15, 2000

The Campaign to Save 2000 Cambridge Homes asks the City Council to pass the following Resolution on behalf of Sonia Andujar and her son who live at 7 Craige Circle, to urge their landlord, the Rothman family of First Cambridge Realty Corp., to stop their eviction and to renew their MBHP Section 8 lease.

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Submitted by Bill Marcotte
for the Campaign to Save 2000 Homes



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Councillor Decker

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ORDER ADOPTED

*and refer to
City Manager*