



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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David E. Sullivan
City Councillor

March 20, 1984

Dear Paul:

On March 12, the City Council unanimously adopted the enclosed resolution, declaring that the city will pursue a policy of inclusionary zoning, or "linkage," to require major new commercial and residential developments to provide housing units for low- and moderate-income people. The Council also authorized me, as Chairman of its Committee on Ordinances, to assemble an informal working group to draft an appropriate zoning petition for presentation to the City Council.

I would therefore be very pleased if you came or sent a representative to the first meeting of the working group, on Wednesday, March 28, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Ackermann Room on the second floor of City Hall. I envision devoting our first meeting to introductions, background, ground rules, and an initial discussion of our direction. The meeting is open to the public, so please feel free to invite anyone else who is interested in this important subject. If you are interested but unable to come, and would like to continue on our mailing list, please call Susan Cruickshank, Assistant to the City Council, at 498-9094.

I do want to emphasize that the working group will not be debating whether inclusionary zoning is a good idea. That is the policy decision made by the full City Council. Our task is to draft the best possible proposal for the Council to consider, a proposal I hope can obtain as wide a consensus as possible.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this effort. Please feel free to call me at 492-0159. I look forward to seeing you on the 28th.

Sincerely,

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Cambridge Rent Control Coalition

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March 19, 1984

The Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

To the Honorable; the City Council:

In last fall's election, Cambridge voters approved by almost 3-2 a non-binding referendum on housing policies designed to stop displacement of people with low and moderate incomes. In part, this referendum called upon the city to adopt a program of "inclusionary zoning" by requiring "any new commercial and residential development to provide housing units for low- and moderate-income people."

In conjunction with last fall's vote, the principle of "linkage" established in Boston and other cities and the right of people of all income levels to live in our community underscore the need for prompt action on this question. As sponsor of the Anti-Displacement Housing Referendum, the Cambridge Rent Control Coalition supports the initiative taken by the Cambridge City Council on March 12th to make inclusionary zoning city policy and to begin work on an amendment to the zoning ordinance.

At present Cambridge needs strong inclusionary zoning to offset the extra squeeze on our tight housing market generated by the many massive office and commercial development projects now planned or underway. The use of zoning to accomplish these goals has recently been reaffirmed in a landmark decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

The Cambridge Rent Control Coalition looks forward to participating in the deliberations of the working group and pledges to work diligently and constructively for strong and effective inclusionary zoning.

Respectfully submitted,

(for) Cambridge Rent Control Coalition
(William S. Noble)



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COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

IN CITY COUNCIL
March 12, 1984

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In City Council March 12, 1984.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 members.

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A true copy;

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C.D. Sullivan re: resolutions that the City Council go on record declaring it to be the policy of the City to pursue a policy of inclusionary zoning or "linkage" to require new commercial & residential developments to provide housing units for low and moderate income people.

In City Council,

March 12, 1984

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