



City of Cambridge

O-39.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 31, 2000

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

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 the 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: Many of our neighbors, long-term residents, elderly and disabled, low to moderate income working people of Cambridge and their families 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: Pamela Graham, who has been a tenant at 19 Wendell Street, for over 15 years and has lived in Cambridge for 20 years; has received continual rent increases since 1997, resulting in a total increase of over 63%; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Graham applied for and received a Section 8 in order to assist her to pay the ever-increasing rent increases; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Graham suffers from a severely debilitating, painful and enervating illness which drastically curtails her daily activities; climbing, the four flights of stairs to her apartment has become extremely painful and it exacerbates her illness; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Graham is a teacher on a limited budget and unable to work full-time due to her painful and chronic illness, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council urge Edward Zuker to accept Ms. Graham's fair and equitable offer of a three year arrangement whereby she would pay a \$100 increase rent increase this year, \$50.00 next year and another \$50.00 rent increase the third year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council urge Mr. Zuker to provide Ms. Graham with a first floor apartment in either building 19 or 21 Wendell Street as soon as one becomes available; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Edward Zuker and Stephen Gladstone on behalf of the entire City Council.

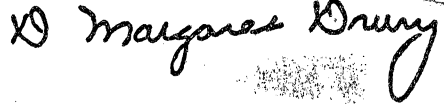
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Addresses:

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Stephen Gladstone, Manager
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Support for Pamela Graham in
threat of displacement at
19 Wendell Street
Councillor Reeves

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ORDER ADOPTED