



City of Cambridge

Agenda # 14
IN CITY COUNCIL
June 15, 1992

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In City Council June 15, 1992.

Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, Temporary City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

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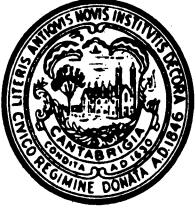
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June 12, 1992

To The Honorable, the City Council:

The House of Representatives has voted to reduce the 707 Rental Assistance Program from the current funding level of \$105 million to \$69.4 million. This change effects the program dramatically. Instead of tenants paying 30% of their income for rent, the new program would give tenants a \$300 voucher per month toward their total rents. For many tenants, this voucher amount, combined with 30% of their income, would be insufficient to pay the contract rent. Tenants would then face the choice of eviction or paying an inordinately large percentage of their income for rent.

The Senate's Ways and Means Committee has not yet submitted their version of the budget but they are expected to do so this week. There seems to be a greater level of support for the 707 Program in the Senate. The House and Senate then need to reconcile the different levels of funding for the Program.

In Cambridge, there are 363 tenants assisted by 707 certificates. A portion of these certificates assist housing for individuals who have special needs and are particularly vulnerable. Fifty 707 Rental certificates are committed to supporting SRO's at the YWCA. If the 707 Program is cut to the House budget level, the impact on Cambridge tenants could be devastating.

I recommend therefore the City Council adopt the attached order.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name "Robert W. Healy" and the title "City Manager" are printed in a serif font.
Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH:SS:nb

Consent Agenda # 14 S-501
Acceptance of an order regarding a vote
by the Housing of Representatives to
reduce the 707 Rental Assistance Program
from the current funding level of \$105 million
to \$69.4 million.

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Order adopted
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