



City of Cambridge

59.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 1998

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

- WHEREAS: As Cambridge rents continue to rise dramatically more low income families with long histories in Cambridge are finding they simply cannot afford to stay in their homes; and
- WHEREAS: The Section 8 Certificate and Section 8 Voucher programs, which provide rental assistance to landlords who rent to income-qualified tenants, can help low income Cambridge families stay in Cambridge; and
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- WHEREAS: Landlords who accept tenants with Section 8 certificates and vouchers collect good rents while making an enormous contribution to preservation of the diverse and caring community that makes Cambridge unique; now therefore be it
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- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to all Cambridge rental property owners on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 18, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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