



# City of Cambridge

O-11.  
Amended Order  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

October 18, 1999

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

**WHEREAS:** The City Council has previously passed many resolutions of concern and support for other Cambridge tenants who were at risk of being displaced by the threat of mass eviction in their buildings, and has repeatedly urged landlords to show moderation, restraint and consideration for the affordable housing needs of their tenants and for the affordable housing needs of our community during the continuing housing crisis; 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 City Council would like to have these five units at 62, 64 and 64½ Prospect Street remain permanently affordable for the residents of the City of Cambridge and for the existing tenants; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED: That the City Manager direct the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to ensure that the City's nonprofit housing agencies to work closely with the tenants of this building to assist them to stay in Cambridge and to assist the income eligible tenants to obtain affordable housing in Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Newport Coast Management Inc., REGI, Limited Partner, Suite 100, 28 State Street, Boston, MA 02109; Mr. John Sutherland, c/o Brickley, Sears and Sorret Public Accountants, 75 Federal Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02110; Beth Rubenstein, Community Development Department; Just A Start; CASCAP; Homeowners' Rehab; State Representative Alice Wolf and State Representative Jarrett Barrios on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



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October 14 1999

To: Mayor Duehay and the Cambridge City Council  
c/o City Clerk Margaret Drury  
City Hall  
795 Mass. Avenue  
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Re: Consent Order submission on behalf of the 62, 64 and 64 1/2 Prospect Street Tenants' Association. From the Campaign to Save 2000 Homes and the Cambridge Eviction Free Zone.

Dear Mayor Duehay and City Council Members,

We are writing on behalf of all five tenants, their families and roommates, living at 62, 64 and 64 1/2 Prospect Street. They are all being threatened with mass eviction by the new owner of their building, Newport Coast Management Inc., limited partner. All have received 30-day notices of termination effective October 1st, and some have begun receiving court summonses. They have formed a tenants' association to fight the evictions and stay in their homes. They are all low income working class people of Cambridge. They include long term residents of Cambridge who have lived in their homes for as long as 18 years. They include a tenant who is taking care of his elderly parents who also live in the building. They include several members of the well-known local musical group "Inca Sun." They are all important and valuable members of our community.

We ask the City Council to pass the following Resolution of concern and support:

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Sincerely, *Bill Marcotte*

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Councillors Triantafillou and Reeves  
re: urge the new owner of 62, 64 and 64½  
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**ORDER ADOPTED**

*As amended*