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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

RENT CONTROL BOARD

ROGER MERVIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 12, 1983

Paul Healey, City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, MA

Re: Ordinance 926, as amended (the "Removal Permit Ordinance")

Dear Sir:

I am responding to the June 28, 1983 letter to you from Ms. Sally Ackerman, a member of the Cambridge Rent Control Board. In my capacity as Chairman of the Board, I feel that it is imperative that the public record clearly reflect the fact that Ms. Ackerman was speaking solely for herself, and not for the Board. Section 1(e) of the Removal Permit Ordinance is quite clear in its delegation to the full Board of the authority to certify the Ordinance as no longer effective. Given the magnitude and impact of such a decision, the Board elected to commission a comprehensive and thoughtful analysis of relevant housing data by the Board's staff, in concert with the City's Community Development Department. The Board believes that if its ultimate decision is to be credible, the decision-making process must be credible, including ample opportunity for public review and comment. Thus, the Board, while not rejecting the data supplied by Ms. Ackerman, felt compelled to adopt a more formalized fact-finding process as a precondition to a final resolution of this matter.

We are well aware of the importance of resolving this issue expeditiously and are attempting to do so without sacrificing thoroughness and openness. However, until such time as the Board ultimately resolves this issue, Ordinance 926, as amended, remains in full force and effect and will be enforced by the Board where appropriate.

Yours truly,

Acheson Callaghan, Chairman
Cambridge Rent Control Board



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To The Honorable, The City Council

Date July 15, 1983

From Joseph E. Connarton, *JEC* Deputy City Clerk

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Subject enclosed letter from Acheson Callaghan

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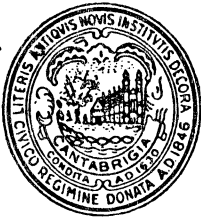
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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting a comm. from Acheson Callaghan, Chairman, Cambridge Rent Control Board in response to a letter from Sally Ackerman of said Board Re: Ordinance No. 926, as amended (the "Removal Permit Ordinance").

8/8/1983

*Referred to the
City Manager -*

*copy sent to the City Manager
8/10/83 mh*

In City Council,

August 8, 1983

*Copies of this communication sent
to the entire Council membership +
City Manager on July 15, 1983. mh*