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M A S S A C H U S E T T S

In City Council

July 28 1969

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Approved by L. P. Jones
Signed -

THE CAMBRIDGE HOUSING CONVENTION ASKS:

1. The Housing Committee of the City Council vote to reject the proposed Rent Stabilization Board.
2. The Housing Committee of the City Council vote that a City Council meeting be called in 72 hours and that the Convention's Rent Control Bill be reconsidered at that time.
3. That the Housing Committee of the City Council make a commitment to consider and act on the 29 Points presented to them by the Cambridge Housing Convention as first steps in acting to solve the housing crisis in Cambridge.

④ emergency exists in Cambridge goes on record
saying this Committee an emergency does exist housing shortage,
Goldberg refused to Council for action

July 22, 1969

Cambridge Housing Convention
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Louis Agneta, Chairman

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July 28, 1969

On October 7, 1968 the Cambridge City Council voted unanimously the formation of the City Manager's Committee developing legislative approaches to the housing crisis. I have met weekly with this committee, having been elected to serve on it by the Housing Convention Coordinating Committee and having subsequently been elected to chair it, and I have also worked with the Housing Convention, the Housing Convention's Rent Control Committee, the City Manager's Task Force, the CEOC Housing Task Force, the CAC's Housing Committee, the Planning Board, and dozens of housing committees of the institutions, agencies, and private organizations of this city.

In all this activity the City Manager's Committee had a unique role and a unique hope - a hope that motivated hundreds of citizens to devote thousands of hours toward a solution of the problem. Through the efforts of this Committee a variety of legislative approaches have been suggested by the Committee itself, by the Planning Board, and by the Cambridge Housing Convention. These ranged from an exposure of the facts through a full disclosure ordinance, to a control of tenancy through the apartment stuffing ordinance, to a control of rents. Lengthy public hearings on the pros and cons of each of these approaches have been conducted.

The uniqueness of the City Manager's Committee was in part the fact that it was formed by the Council itself with a unanimously endorsed resolution of urgent concern. There was hope therefore that legislative study would be followed by legislative action. Now nearly ten months later after more than sufficient meetings and studies and committees and reports this City Council has failed to initiate any legislation towards the solution of the housing problem. It is true that more study can be given to legislative approaches. The failure of this City Council, however, to take any positive step in any of the areas suggested - either by acceptance of any of the three ordinances or ammended versions thereof or by following up the alternative suggestions raised in the public hearings - makes the continuance of the City Manager's Committee a cruel hoax to the people and a false front to the failure of this city to meet its responsibility.

Therefore while I will continue to work with the Housing Convention and other individuals, committees, and task forces towards solutions to the problems of housing for the elderly and the poor, I must at this time offer my resignation from chairmanship and membership of the City Manager's Committee on legislative approaches to the housing crisis.

Richard J Butler

City of Cambridge

Councillor Vellucci

In City Council,

July 28, 1969.

ORDERED:-

That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is requested to set a date for a hearing before the Special Committee of the City Council on Rent Control at which time the entire City Council will meet with the officers of the Cambridge Housing Convention to determine what kind of rent control ordinance can be drafted which would be acceptable to all concerned with this problem, and be it further

ORDERED:-

That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is requested to invite Carl Barron, the representative of the Cambridge Property Owners' Association and other property owners to attend this meeting, to work with this Committee and to further prove their good faith relative to the problems of rent control in the City of Cambridge.

City Council July 28, 1969
as amended
Adopted by the affirmative vote
of 9 members
Paul E. Leahy
City Clerk

ORDER

Mayor requested to set a date for a
hearing before the Special Committee of
the City Council on Rent Control

July 28, 1969

Mr. Vellucci

City of Cambridge

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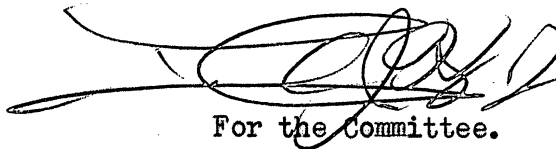
Special Committee on Rent Control

to which

Reports,

Recommending communication and four matters

Be referred to the City Council for action.

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For the Committee.

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Special
Committee on *Rent Control*
Recommending that four matters
be referred to the Council for action

July 28, 1969

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