



# City of Cambridge

30.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 7, 1996

VICE MAYOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
MAYOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: On December 31, 1996, 266 elderly (aged 64 and over) and 155 disabled tenants, all low income, will lose their "protected tenant status"; and

WHEREAS: All of these elderly and disabled tenants qualified for protected tenant status because their incomes fell below 80% of HUD median income as required by Chapter 282 of the Acts of 1994, passed by the state legislature in response to the passage of Question 9, a statewide referendum which prohibited rent control; and

WHEREAS: Many of these tenants, most of whom live on fixed income from social security or pensions, will lose their homes should their landlords decide to raise their rents significantly or terminate their leases; and

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WHEREAS: Opponents and supporters of rent control alike agreed that these were the people who would most need assistance with the end of rent control; and

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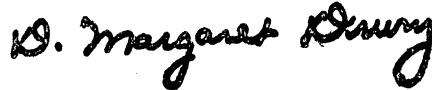
ORDERED: That the City Council convey its wish that representatives of landlord groups including SPOA and the Greater Boston Real Board participate in this effort by meeting with elected and appointed officials of the City of Cambridge to present their plans for assisting the elderly and disabled low income tenants who will lose their protected status on December 31, 1996.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk



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Consent Order #30

CM-447

*Entire Membership*

Vice Mayor Born re: Report detailing ways  
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its assistance to elderly and disabled  
low income tenants as members in the  
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**ORDER ADOPTED**