

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Marie D'Aoust

on behalf of the 47 Inman Street/279-281 Harvard Tenant Association
47 Inman Street, #11
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RE: Communique - Public Forum - November 23, 1998

Dear Mayor Duehay and City Council Members:

This letter is to inform you that 23 tenants at the 47 Inman Street and 279-281 Harvard Street building complex have formed themselves into a Tenant Association, due to the astronomical rent increases we have recently received.

To give you a brief history of our building (which is comprised of low to moderate income tenants): our former landlord, Joseph DiNunzio of Dana Realty, informed us that he sold the building last May to Bruce A. Percelay, President of Mount Vernon Company at 276 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116 and Paul Camaratta, also of Mount Vernon Co. According to him, Mr. Percelay is a well known Boston millionaire, real estate developer and philanthropist.

On October 28, 1998, all the tenants received a "Termination of Tenancy" effective December 31, 1998. A new rental agreement would come into effect, as of February 1, 1999, increasing some of the tenants' rents to 50% others to as high as 125%! These rent increases do not include any renovations in our homes. Despite numerous letters from our tenant association, requesting that Mr. Percelay meet with us and discuss these extraordinary rent increases, we have not, as of this date received a response.

Our tenant association members will be present on Monday, November 23, 1998, at the Public Forum, to address this critical situation, we are now confronted with. Needless to say, we do not see ourselves moving in the dead of winter and in the midst of the holidays, trying to find an affordable place to live.

Finally, we are requesting that Mayor Duehay and the City Council members file a Resolution on our behalf, encouraging Mr. Bruce Percelay to reconsider these extremely high rent increases and negotiate with his tenants in good faith.

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A communication was received from Marie D'Aoust on behalf of 23 tenants at 47 Inman Street and 279-281 Harvard Street, transmitting the notification of a newly formed tenant association, due to the astronomical rent increases.

In City Council November 23, 1998

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