



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
March 1, 1999

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: The overheated real estate market of our city has created an atmosphere of speculations in which brokers have been known to engage in questionable negotiating practices, such as was seen in the sale of 929 Massachusetts Avenue; and

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WHEREAS: The evictions are continuing against the last two remaining standing tenants at 8 Bigelow Street, and the Guardian has refused to negotiate with the tenants and to respond in any way to many communications; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council request the City Manager to investigate the possibility and feasibility of acquiring the property at 8 Bigelow Street by Eminent Domain or taking any other possible action for the purpose of maintaining the building as permanent affordable housing.

In City Council March 1, 1999.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk

CAMPAIGN TO SAVE 2000 CAMBRIDGE HOMES

Campaña para Salvar 2000 Hogares

Kanpay pou Sove 2000 Kay

11 Inman St. Cambridge MA 02139 (617) 868-2900 (ask for EFZ)

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

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Re: Late Order Submission.

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RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council ^{request} order the City Manager to investigate the possibility and feasibility of acquiring the property at 8 Bigelow Street by Eminent Domain for the purpose of maintaining the building as permanent affordable housing.

Sincerely, *Bill Marcotte*

Bill Marcotte
Lead Housing Organizer
Cambridge Eviction Free Zone

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Consent Order #36

Councillor Triantafillou re: possibility
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ORDER ADOPTED