



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 24, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: The Campaign to Save 2000 Cambridge Homes and the Cambridge Eviction Free Zone continues to advocate on behalf of poor and working class at risk tenants who are right now living with the daily stress and pressure of the fear of losing their homes; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge over the past five years suffered a massive destabilization in housing which has already resulted in the greatest displacement of residents in the history of our City; and
- WHEREAS: Many of our neighbors, long-term residents, elderly and disabled, low to moderate income working people of Cambridge and their families, are still being threatened with displacement and the loss of their homes due to escalating rents and eviction, and many are being forced to leave our community because of the acute shortage of affordable housing; and
- WHEREAS: The City Council over the past four years has passed many resolutions of concern and support for Cambridge residents struggling with the housing crisis; and
- WHEREAS: The City Council on February 1, 1999 passed Resolution 44 declaring a Housing Emergency in the acute shortage of affordable housing in the City of Cambridge, and implored landlords to be cognizant of the severe housing shortage and to cease and desist eviction proceedings so that negotiations can take place in a reasonable manner; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the new City Council as we enter the new year continues to urge all Cambridge landlords to be cognizant of the severe housing shortage, to show moderation and restraint in rent increases, to cease and desist eviction proceedings so that negotiations can take place in a reasonable manner, and to negotiate in good faith agreements and settlements that will allow Cambridge residents to remain in their homes; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Council will continue to seek new and creative solutions to help Cambridge residents deal with the impact of the housing crisis.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

January 20, 2000

To: The Cambridge City Council
c/o City Clerk Margaret Drury
City Hall
795 Mass. Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Consent Order submission asking for a New Year's Resolution of concern and support for our neighbors who are still being threatened with displacement and the loss of their homes during the continuing housing emergency.
From the Campaign to Save 2000 Cambridge Homes and the Cambridge Eviction Free Zone.

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Sponsored by:

Dear City Councilors,

We ask you all to sponsor and to pass the following New Year's Resolution of concern and support for Cambridge residents who are still being threatened with the loss of their homes during the continuing housing emergency.

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~~RESOLVED: that the City Council requests that the City Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to all Cambridge residential property owners who own more than one unit.~~

Sincerely, *Bill Marcotte*

for the Campaign to Save 2000 Homes
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Order #3

Urge all Cambridge landlords to be cognizant of the severe housing shortage and that the City Council will continue to seek new and creative solutions to help Cambridge residents deal with the impact of the housing crisis.
Councillors Davis and Born

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ORDER ADOPTED