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To the Honorable, the City Council:

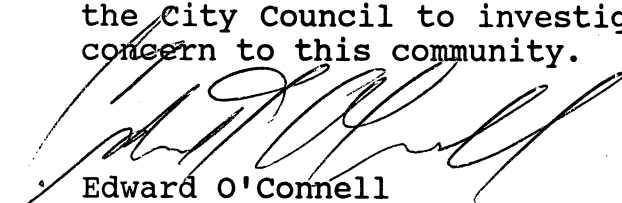
The East Cambridge Stabilization Committee voted at its 20 March meeting to request that the City of Cambridge investigate the FAR Group and Just-A-Start, Inc. for possible violations in building and City codes at Thorndike Place Condominiums (217-218 Thorndike Street/71 Fulkerson Street).

Specifically, the Stabilization Committee seeks to resolve the following questions concerning the five units of this complex which had been sold to Cambridge residents at below market price through Just-A-Start:

1. One unit is said to be rented out to a third party against contract agreement;
2. Hot water heaters installed in these units were purchased in December 1983, while the units were not occupied until 1987, thus losing four years on the warranty;
3. Hot air furnaces were purchased in 1985, while the units were not occupied until 1987;
4. Kitchen appliances were purchased and installed after warranties expired;
5. Heat was not installed in the bathrooms at the time of construction; subsequent promises by the developer to install heat have not been carried through;
6. Water leaks through walls and floors;
7. Cooking and bathroom fumes vent into the units from other units;
8. The trash compactor has been closed down, and the land for the compactor and dumpster has been sold;
9. Water floods the parking garage;
10. Is the plumbing in the parking garage up to code?; and

11. The developer has failed to fulfill his promise of contributing \$15,000 to the renovation of Kennedy Park/Ahern Field.

The East Cambridge Stabilization Committee respectfully requests the City Council to investigate these matters which are of great concern to this community.



Edward O'Connell
Chair

Anthony Iantosca
Member



cc: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Joseph Cellucci, Inspectional Services
Joel Alstein, FAR Group
Just-A-Start

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Comm. from Anthony Iantosca, Member of the
EastCambridge Stabilization Committee,
regarding possible violations in building
and city codes at Thorndike Place
Condominiums.

In City Council,

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