

June 14, 2000

TO: Mayor Galluccio and Cambridge City Council

% City Clerk Margaret Drury
City Hall
795 Mass. Avenue
Cambridge MA 02139

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RE: Consent Order Submission on behalf of tenants at 124 Oxford Street

Dear Mayor Galluccio and Members of the City Council:

After an explosion and fire at 124 Oxford Street on September 29, 1999, we were displaced from our longterm homes for five months. At the end of extensive renovations (instead of timely repairs), the landlord sent us eviction notices despite promises that we could continue to live in our apartments at the same rent for the next two years.

As long-term tenants of 124 Oxford Street (32, 25, and 6 years of tenancy), we consider our apartments on Oxford Street our real homes and their loss would be devastating to us. We are currently fighting eviction proceedings and we ask for your continued support. The landlord has persisted in eviction actions preventing meaningful negotiations.

We urge the City Council to unanimously pass the following Resolution of concern and support for the tenants of 124 Oxford street.

Sincerely,
David Haimowitz
Jo Anne Preston
Marytha Paffrath

WHEREAS: The City Council has previous passed a resolution of concern and support for the tenants at 124 Oxford Street.

WHEREAS: The City Council on Jan. 24, 2000 passed a resolution urging all Cambridge landlords to be cognizant of the severe housing shortage, and 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 now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council urge the landlord of 124 Oxford Street, Anastasios Christophilos of Belmont to cease and desist any further eviction proceedings so that negotiations can take place in a reasonable manner and in good faith; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the city clerk be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Anastasios Christophilos, 15 Arthur Road, Belmont 02178 (tel. 617-489-1292) on behalf of the entire City Council.

Consent Communication #4

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A communication was received
from David Haimowitz, Jo Anne
Preston and Marytha Paffrath,
submitting a resolution on behalf
of the tenants of 124 Oxford Street.

In City Council June 19, 2000

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