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To the Editor,

Last spring the City Council named six qualified Cambridge residents to a Housing Research Team. The group was asked to evaluate rent control as part of a total housing policy. The CCA has followed their work closely. We have supported rent control, but we believe that it is important, after seven years, to determine the impact of the present rent control program on the city's population and housing supply.

After hearing recommendations from groups and individuals representing all points of view, the Research Team has submitted to the Council a proposal for an in-depth study. They have recommended the use of a consulting firm to increase objectivity, and because of the special skills required.

It is important to proceed without delay to get this study underway and completed. We urge the new Council to give it the highest priority. We urge the City Manager to recommend adequate funding and ensure that City departments cooperate fully with the research effort. The Council should impose a six-month deadline on the study so that the city will have the information needed for critical housing policy decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Peter Lange'.

Peter Lange
President

Comm. from Peter Lange, President, Cambridge
Civic Association, re: proposal submitted
by the Housing Research Team re: rent
control.

In City Council,
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