

City of Cambridge

1.

Councilor Alfred Vellucci

In City Council
September 24, 1973

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS REQUESTING THE PURCHASE AND COMPLETION OF WILLOW STREET HOMES BY THE CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TIMELY ASSISTANCE TO RELOCATION EFFORTS UNDERWAY AND PROJECTED FOR ROOSEVELT TOWERS RESIDENTS AND TO DEMONSTRATE THE CONTINUED COMMITMENT OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO THE PROVISION OF QUALITY LOW INCOME HOUSING FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS:- In 1969 the U. S. Office of Housing and Urban Development, the Cambridge City Demonstration Agency, the Office of the City Manager and other local legislative bodies, in response to the demonstrated need for additional low income housing, approved plans for the construction of an experimental cluster of homes at the Kelley School site on Willow Street in response to the City Manager's "Homes For People" Report; and

WHEREAS:- Final approved plans reflected the expressed purpose of the Willow Street Homes as a demonstration of the possibility of utilizing experimental construction techniques as a mechanism to reduce unit costs, while at the same time attempting to provide certain "luxury" amenities not otherwise reflected in standard public housing specifications; and

WHEREAS:- The Cambridge Housing Authority Board as a participant in the cooperative City effort to respond to the need for this new low income housing reserved 15 leases to guarantee complete low income occupancy of Willow Street Homes, and recently reaffirmed its commitment to the project by re-allocating a new leasing arrangement reflective of increased governmental subsidy provisions; and

WHEREAS:- Due to a series of construction delays and changes in the specifications and plans which were mandated by local building codes and unbudgeted in the grant loan package, the project, unable to secure the necessary additional financing, was brought to a halt in 1971; and

WHEREAS:- The original need for low income housing, to which Willow Street Homes was a response, still exists and, in fact, has increased;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Cambridge requests the investigation of all appropriate avenues of solution on the Federal, State and local level which will allow for the purchase of Willow Street Homes by the Cambridge Housing Authority. This inquiry should be directed by the City Manager to at least the following: Thomas Atkins, Massachusetts Secretary of Community Development; M. Daniel Richardson, HUD Area Director; the Model Cities Board; the Model Cities Development Corporation; and the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Congressman Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. who recently expressed an interest in offering his assistance to the completion of Willow Street Homes, Senators Edward W. Brooke and Edward M. Kennedy, and other appropriate local State and Federal officials.



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Councillor Vellucci

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 24, 1973

ORDERED:-

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the "Just-A-Start Program" in an effort to enroll a score of apprentice painters and carpenters who work in this program so that their invaluable service could immediately be implemented in the overall rehabilitation and renovation program at Roosevelt Towers.

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

In City Council Apr-24 1928

		YEA	NAY	ABSENT	
	Mr. Clinton	✓			
	Mr. Danehy	✓			
	Mr. Duehay	✓			
	Mrs. Graham	✓			
	Mr. Moncreiff	✓			
	Mr. Owens	✓			
	Mr. Sullivan	✓			
	Mr. Vellucci	✓			
	Mayor Ackermann	✓			

City Council, Sept 24, 1973

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members**City of Cambridge**

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Paul E. Leahy
 In City Council, City Clerk
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Order #1

C. Alfred Vellucci

Resolution of the City Council of Cambridge
requesting the purchase and completion of
Willow St. Homes by the Cambridge Housing
Authority to provide timely assistance to
relocation efforts underway and projected
for Roosevelt Towers residents.

In City Council,

September 24, 1973

*Copies sent to Sen.
Kennedy, Brooke &
Congressman O'Neill, Jr.
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