



City of Cambridge

20.

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 4, 1996

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: About 1200-1300 "protected status" tenants in formerly rent controlled buildings lose that protection at the end of 1996; and

WHEREAS: Of 275 protected status tenants losing protection last year, some are still in their apartments and are now facing imminent loss of housing; and

WHEREAS: Over 500 tenants with Section 8 or Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) subsidies may face termination of contracts because market rents are above Section 8 maximum payment levels; and

WHEREAS: All these tenants are means-tested, low and moderate income people; and

WHEREAS: The loss of these households would be a significant loss to the City; and

WHEREAS: Larger real estate owners are making significantly increased income as a result of the end of rent control; and

WHEREAS: Various community meetings, organizations and petitions have issued a call to larger owners to negotiate agreements similar to that between Harvard and the City; and

WHEREAS: The City Council order establishing the Harvard agreement noted that Harvard would advocate for this agreement to other landlords; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council goes on record asking larger owners of real estate to negotiate deals similar to that with Harvard, including items such as:

- Continuation of protected status for tenants who have it until they move or become over-income.
- Renewal of Section 8/MRVP Contracts if there are no lease violations.
- Modest rent increases for non-protected tenants.
- Sale of some units to the City at prices similar to those before the end of rent control to help establish permanent affordable housing; and be it further

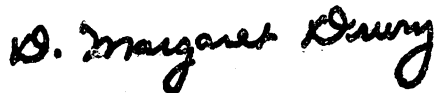
RESOLVED: That the City Manager be requested and authorized to contact the City's larger property owners and seek to negotiate such arrangements and to report back to the City Council by Monday, December 2.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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② KATHY BORN

① KATHERINE TRIANTAFILLOU

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If you have suggestions or problems, you can reach me at the office 868-2900.
Paul Steve

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Davis, Calluccio, Reeves, Russell
Consent Order #20 Sullivan, Toomey

Councillor Triantfillou, Vice Mayor
Born and Councillor Duehay re:
Requesting larger property owners to
negotiate deals, similar to Harvard
University, to protect tenants who are
losing their protective status on
December 31, 1996.

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ORDER ADOPTED