



City of Cambridge

44.

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 23, 1998

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

WHEREAS: The apartments at 47 Inman Street and 279-281 Harvard Street are and have been the home for many long term tenants of diverse ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: The end of rent control, rapidly escalating rents, and an overheated real estate market have precipitated difficult times for tenants in Cambridge, resulting in an exodus that continues to threaten Cambridge's economic and ethnic diversity; and

WHEREAS: The residents of these apartments are facing a sudden increase in their monthly rents which they, as tenants with low to moderate income, cannot afford; and

WHEREAS: Owner, Bruce Percelay, President, Mount Vernon Company, has not responded to requests from the tenants for a meeting during which they can discuss their goals of security and long-term affordability; and

WHEREAS: The residents of these apartments are citizens of Cambridge, and therefore the City Council hereby expresses our collective concern that Mr. Percelay, consider the plight of the tenants as they make future plans for the building; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby requests that Mr. Percelay, work with the current tenants in a manner which is sympathetic to their prior tenancy and their continuing desires to remain in Cambridge with security and permanent affordability in housing; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City has established various funds to assist in maintaining the affordability of rental properties in Cambridge. Mr. Percelay is encouraged to contact the City of Cambridge Community Development Department to discuss various options which can assist owners and tenants alike in maintaining the affordability of these apartments. The person to contact in the Community Development Department is Roger Herzog, and he can be reached at 349-4600.

In City Council November 23, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: ^{apartments at 47 Onman St and 279-281 Harvard} The ~~Clinton & Prospect Apartments at 258-270 Harvard Street~~, Cambridge, is and has been the home for many long term tenants of diverse ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: The end of rent control, rapidly escalating rents, and an overheated real estate market have precipitated difficult times for tenants in Cambridge, resulting in an exodus that continues to threaten Cambridge's economic and ethnic diversity; and

WHEREAS: The residents of the ^{se} ~~Clinton & Prospect Apartments~~ ^{apartments} are facing a sudden ~~20%~~ increase in their monthly rents which they, as tenants with low to moderate incomes, cannot afford; and

WHEREAS: ^{Pereelay} ~~Elaine Schuster, president of the Clinton and Prospect Apartments, Inc.,~~ ^{Bruce ~~Pereelay~~, Pres of Mt Vernon Co.} has not responded to requests from the tenants for a meeting during which they can discuss their goals of security and long-term affordability; and ^{Pereelay}

WHEREAS: The residents of the ^{se} ~~Clinton and Prospect Apartments~~ ^{apartments} are citizens of ~~Cambridge~~, and therefore the City Council hereby expresses our collective concern that ~~Elaine Schuster and her representatives at the Wingate Management Company~~ ^{Bruce ~~Pereelay~~, Pres, Mt Vernon Co.} consider the plight of the tenants as they make future plans for the building; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED: That the City has established various funds to assist in maintaining the affordability of rental properties in Cambridge. ~~Mrs. Schuster~~ ^{Mr. Bruce ~~Pereelay~~} is encouraged to contact the City of Cambridge Community Development Department to discuss various options which can assist owners and tenants alike in maintaining the affordability of the ~~Clinton & Prospect Apartments~~. ^{These Apts.} The person to contact in the Community Development Department is Roger Herzog, and he can be reached at 349-4600.

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As the 4th Inman St | 279-281 ~~Dear~~ Harvard St.
Tenant Association we request City Council
members on November 23, 1998 to pass a Resolution
on ~~behalf~~ encouraging Bruce Perceley, President
of the Mt. Vernon Co., to negotiate
increases in good faith with all of our
tenant association members.

Perceley
Bruce Perceley
President
Mt. Vernon Co.
276 Newbury St.
Boston, MA 02116

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CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS - CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1998

1. A communication was received from Modern Continental Enterprises, 2448-2450 Massachusetts Avenue and 2464R Massachusetts Avenue, transmitting written protest on the petition to rezone the classification from Industry A-1 to a new Special District 2, (Frankleton 2.)
2. A communication was received from Modern Continental Enterprises, 2500 Massachusetts Avenue, transmitting written protest on the petition to rezone the classification from Industry A-1 to a new Special District 2, (Frankleton 2.)
3. A communication was received from Paul J. Keplin and Rhonda Massie, transmitting written protest on the petition to downzone ComEnergy Site to "Open Space."
4. A communication was received from Marie D'Aoust on behalf of 23 tenants at 47 Inman Street and 279-281 Harvard Street, transmitting the notification of a newly formed tenant association, due to the astronomical rent increases.
5. A communication was received from Pat Sullivan, transmitting grateful appreciation to the City Council for the flowers sent on behalf of **Robert Sullivan**.
6. A communication was received from Paul P. Ozarowski, Vice President, Haley & Aldrich, transmitting a legal notice of an Initial Site Investigation and Tier II Classification Property at 47 Erie Street.

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Consent Order #44

Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Galluccio,
Councillor Triantafillou and entire membership
re: Owners of 47 Inman Street and 279-281
Harvard Street work with the current tenants
to maintain affordability.

In City Council November 23, 1998

ORDER ADOPTED