

6 Porter Road Tenants' Association
6 Porter Road
Cambridge, MA. 02140
July 21, 1998

Marc Resnick, Perry Stolberg and Partners
183 Harvard Avenue
Allston, MA 02134

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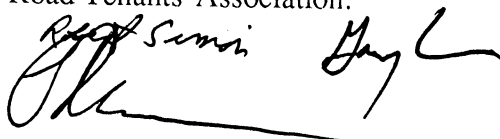
We members of the 6 Porter Road Tenants' Association are committed to a single set of goals: we want decent conditions, affordable rent and long term security in our homes. We believe that the best way to achieve these goals is to have a city non-profit affordable housing organization own this building and we are committed to these goals regardless of who is the owner of our building. Since you received a copy of our letter which we hand-delivered to all those attending the meeting you arranged with the Creighton, Regent, and Porter Neighborhood Association last Wednesday at Christopher's Restaurant (copy enclosed), these goals should already be familiar to you.

As we understand it, from what Marc Resnick told us at last Wednesday's meeting, you have already made a down payment and have an option to buy 6 Porter Road, and have not yet completed the purchase of the building. This is confusing to us due to the fact that Leonard Aronson, the current owner since March as trustee of the Porter-Norfolk Trust, as of last Friday has denied that you have made a down payment or that you have an option to buy 6 Porter Road. Assuming that what you have told us is nonetheless true, before you close on our building we urge you to include in your calculations the cost of maintaining affordable housing for all the families here who want to stay in their homes.

Most of us have lived in our homes, in this building and in this neighborhood, for many years. Three of us have lived here for 25, 30, and as long as 32 years. We send our children to school here, and we participate in neighborhood organizations here. Since last Thanksgiving we have had to live with the fear and anxiety of eviction and displacement from our homes as our building has been involved in a series of attempted flips and reflips by a series of potential new owners. We have publicly voiced our concerns and have received the support and encouragement of many community organizations as well as the support of the Cambridge City Council in the form of three resolutions passed unanimously on April 13 and May 4 (copies enclosed).

If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, we want a meeting between the owners of the building and the tenants at which we can introduce ourselves to you and discuss how to accomplish our goals of long-term affordability and security in our homes, as well as to discuss the many serious code violations in our building which we have had to live with for many years. Given the lack of accurate information that we tenants have had so far in the repeated attempted sale of our building, we will also include observers at the meeting, possibly a member of the Cambridge City Council.

Sincerely, for the 6 Porter Road Tenants' Association:



cc. City Councilor Ken Reeves
Mayor Frank Duhay
The Cambridge City Council
The Cambridge Eviction Free Zone
The Campaign to Save 2000 Homes
The Creighton, Regent, Porter Streets
Neighborhood Association

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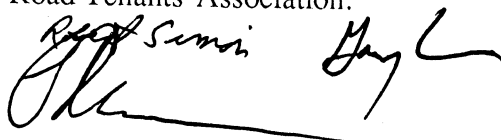
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Consent Communication #81

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A communication was received from the 6 Porter Road Tenants' Association, transmitting concern regarding the purchase of 6 Porter Road.

In City Council July 27, 1998

Referred to the City Manager