

To: The Cambridge City Council

From: Tenants Against Condominium Conversion (residents of 1619 Mass. Ave.)

June 4, 1979

We are writing to you as long-term residents of Cambridge who now face eviction from our homes as our building is converted to condominiums. During the past week we have talked with tenants from three other Cambridge buildings which have just begun to be converted.

Given the accelerating rate of conversions, and given the acute shortage of rental units in Cambridge, we believe that new action must be taken to protect low- and middle-income residents and the elderly from being forced out of the city.

We therefore ask that you cease and desist from authorizing new building permits for the conversion of existing apartment houses to condominiums.

We propose this as an emergency action which would protect present tenants and provide time for a long-range solution to the problem to be developed.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: THE COMPTROLLER CHIEF COUNCIL

City of Cambridge

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Comm. from the Tenants Against Condominium Conversion requesting the City Council to place a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for the conversion of existing apartment houses to condominiums.

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