

February 4, 1987

Dear City Council,

As a person active in the Cambridge community, I am writing to express my concern at the imminent eviction of cultural and service groups at 595 - 605 Mass. Ave. and 8 - 12 Essex St., Central Sq by Mr. J. Shockett. This developer is receiving federal funding for his project, and is therefore required to relocate the present tenants.

These varied groups make a significant contribution to our community, and to the entire metropolitan Boston area, by providing a wide range of cultural and educational activities. Cambridge has always been known for the strength of its international and artistic communities. The present redevelopment of Central Square threatens their existence.

We urge your support of these groups in the following ways:

- (1) Ensuring that the Community Development Department find comparable space and location for a period of at least eight years.
- (2) Having either the city or the developer cover the costs associated with moving.
- (3) Ensuring that the groups are not evicted before alternative space is found, as outlined in point (1).

We urge the Cambridge City Council to make the above stipulations part of any agreement with the developer before the release of any Urban Development Action Grant money or other funds and permits.

Among the groups affected by this eviction are:

American Jiann Shyong Kung Fu Center, Batucada Belles, Cambridge Center for Responsible Research, Centro Presente, Coalition for Basic Human Needs, Coalition to End Animal Suffering and Exploitation, Free Theatre Collective, Folk Arts Center, North Atlantic Ballet, Sanchin Women's School of Karate and Self-Defense, SANE, Street Magazine, Sygn Magazine.

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PETITION

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Mary Rogers	268 River St. Camb. Mass 02139	661-8939
Al Sain	42 Derby St. Somerville 02145	625-8241
Stephen Reichard	45 Hawthorne St. Somerville, MA 02144	625-1026
A C Solomon	89 ALLSTON ST #2 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139	
Jane Polley	44 Commonwealth Ave Boston	497-5377
Ed Bok	1669 Comm. Ave. #18, Brighton	783-1795
Jusie Sluyter	30 Walnut St Somerville, MA	623-7863
Susan Wetherall	9 Centre St. Cambridge, MA	492-7246
Lawrence DeMountain	Holworthy 7, Harvard C. Cambridge MA 02138	498-3569
Alan West	24 Peabody Terrace #801; Cambridge, MA 02138	661-6534
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Mina Luban	25 Clinton St., Camb., MA. 02139	876 6746

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Petition from Roberto Trippini, 9 Woodbridge Street, et al, expressing concern at the imminent eviction of cultural and service groups at 595-605 Mass. Ave. and 8-12 Essex Street by the Shockett development company.

In City Council,

March 30, 1987

Placed on file