

Tenant Senate
6 Newtome Court
Cambridge, Massachusetts

The Honorable City Council
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As tenants representing 1,693 units of public housing in Cambridge, we are acutely aware of the plight of other lower income tenants throughout Cambridge. Rent Control is a workable and realistic solution, and is one major step in bringing into control a rampant housing crisis in this City.

The rate of evictions and pressure tactics on the part of owners and speculators has risen sharply over the last several months. The reason is obvious; speculators are afraid of Rent Control and are taking it out on tenants. The recent advertising "scare campaign" on WCAS radio is more of the same. There could be no better proof of the necessity for Rent Control.

During the past year, the City Council has expressed interest and support for the efforts towards self-improvement on the part of public housing tenants. The Tenant Senate is grateful for this support and intends to continue to work closely with the City Council in making public housing a decent and attractive place in which to live.

Because of your interest in public housing, we know you are equally aware of the needs of tenants caught in the housing squeeze at all levels.

The Tenant Senate advocates immediate passage of the Housing Convention's Rent Control Ordinance as one positive and significant step towards the protection of the interests of tenants throughout the City.

For the Tenant Senate,


Joseph Mansfield, Chairman

23 June, 1969

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