



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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OFFICE OF
THE CITY CLERK

November 1, 1983

Mr. Ben J. Friedman
333A Harvard St., No. 3A
Cambridge, MA 02139

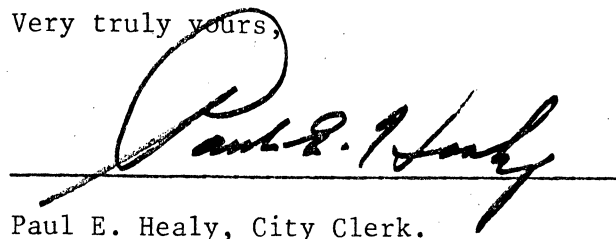
Dear Mr. Friedman:

Please be advised that the City Council is in receipt of your communication dated October 25, 1983, in which you requested a hearing before the Council with a view towards obtaining a written response as to "reasonable access" and related points concerned with the repair of health code violations at the premises numbered 333A Harvard Street.

Pursuant to your communication, the City Council at its meeting of October 31st has scheduled a public hearing to be held on Monday, November 14, 1983 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 795 Mass. Avenue, Cambridge. Your presence is hereby requested at this time.

Your very kind cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated, both by this office and the City Council.

Very truly yours,



Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 14, 1983

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have the appropriate municipal department head respond to the statements made by Mr. Ben Friedman of 333A Harvard Street, Cambridge, relative to various health and safety violations at this location.

In City Council November 14, 1983.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 14, 1983

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider the establishment of an "internal committee" of appropriate municipal departments, in order to ascertain if any administrative regulations/guidelines exist which would address similar situations regarding the problems brought to the attention of this City Council by Mr. Ben Friedman relative to "reasonable access" of public records, etc., dealing with cases pending before the Rent Control Board; said committee should include but not be limited to representatives of the Rent Control Board, Inspectional Services Department and the City Solicitor's Office.

In City Council November 14, 1983.

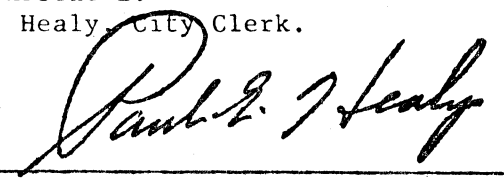
Failed of adoption by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 4; Nays 3; Absent 2.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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OCT 27 1983

333A Harvard Street, No. 3A
Cambridge, MA 02139
25 October 1983

Council Clerk
City Council Office
The City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

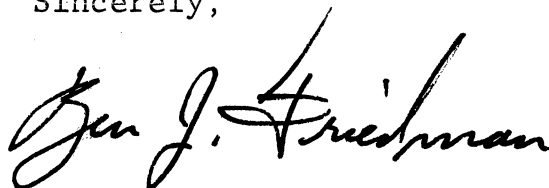
Dear Sir:

Mayor Vellucci has suggested that I write to you requesting to appear before the City Council. This is in regard to a letter which I wrote to Mr. Healy nearly one year ago (copy attached) and to which I have been unable to receive Mr. Healy's written reply. I am seeking to have the Council to direct Mr. Healy to prepare a detailed written response as to the City's policy regarding the items raised therein.

Your expediting a time for this hearing would be appreciated as this matter has already dragged on long enough.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Ben J. Friedman

333A Harvard Street, No. 3A
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
6 November 1982

Mr. Healy, City Manager
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

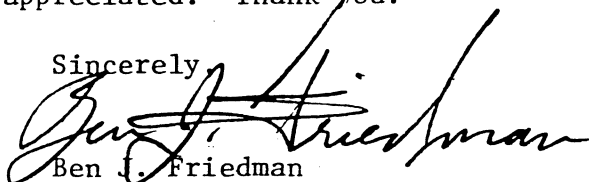
It is now over two weeks since we met along with Dr. Chalfen and Mr. Dougherty of the City's Department of Health and Hospital regarding a hearing conducted by that Department in connection with the above premises. At this latest meeting you had agreed to have the City's Solicitor review the definition of "reasonable access" as this relates to repairs for Health Code violations.

Specifically, the points to be addressed include:

- (1) written notice from the landlord to the tenant and the amount of advance notice required both in emergency and non-emergency cases;
- (2) definition of "emergency" and "non-emergency";
- (3) written notice to the tenant regarding the name and company (as well as address) of repairmen;
- (4) use of licensed workmen by the landlord for heating, plumbing, electrical and carpentry repairs;
- (5) work to be done in "a workman-like manner";
- (6) bonding of the landlord's workmen and required amounts;
- (7) maximum allowable lateness of landlord's repairmen before the landlord is deemed to have waived access;
- (8) minimum allowable notice from the landlord to the tenant regarding cancellation of an appointment for repairs;
- (9) responsibility of landlord's workmen for their own clean up;
- (10) landlord's acceptance of responsibility (in writing, signed and notarized) for the presence of his workmen in a tenant's apartment and possible damage to or theft of tenant's property.

Your early attention to this matter in the form of a written response from the City Solicitor would be appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Ben J. Friedman

copies: David Sullivan, City Councillor
Joel Johnson, City Rent Control Board

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Comm. from Ben J. Friedman, 333A Harvard St.
 requesting permission to address the City
 Council at a future date Re: request for
 a written response on the City's policy
 in connection with a matter outlined in
 detail in his attached communication.

*Hearing Held -
 11/24/83 AT 6:15 PM
 - See Hearing Notes -*

*(See order adopted in connection
 with this matter & order that failed
 of adoption within dated November 14,
 83)*

*Mr. Friedman notified of November 14
 hearing date 11/2/83 mh*

In City Council,

October 31, 1983

10/31/83

*Hearing set for
 Nov. 14, 1983
 AT 6 PM*