



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 23, 1998

COUNCILLOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Clinton and Prospect Apartments at 258-270 Harvard Street, Cambridge are and have been the home for many long term tenants of diverse ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: The end of rent control, rapidly escalating rents, and an overheated real estate market have precipitated difficult times for tenants in Cambridge, resulting in an exodus that continues to threaten Cambridge's economic and ethnic diversity; and

WHEREAS: The residents of the Clinton and Prospect Apartments are facing a sudden 20% increase in their monthly rents which they, as tenants with low to moderate income, cannot afford; and

WHEREAS: Elaine Schuster, President of the Clinton and Prospect Apartments, Inc. has not responded to requests from the tenants for a meeting during which they can discuss their goals of security and long-term affordability; and

WHEREAS: The residents of the Clinton and Prospect Apartments are citizens of Cambridge, and therefore the City Council hereby expresses our collective concern that Elaine Schuster and her representatives at the Wingate Management Company consider the plight of the tenants as they make future plans for the building; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby requests that Elaine Schuster and her representatives at the Wingate Management Company work with the current tenants in a manner which is sympathetic to their prior tenancy and their continuing desires to remain in Cambridge with security and permanent affordability in housing; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City has established various funds to assist in maintaining the affordability of rental properties in Cambridge. Ms. Schuster is encouraged to contact the City of Cambridge Community Development Department to discuss various options which can assist owners and tenants alike in maintaining the affordability of these apartments. The person to contact in the Community Development Department is Roger Herzog, and he can be reached at 349-4600; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to key members of the Democratic Party in Massachusetts including Senators Kennedy and Kerry on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council November 23, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

COUNCILLOR REEVES

put a copy of this order in with
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Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Galluccio,
Councillor Triantafillou and entire membership
Owners of Clinton and Prospect Apartments
at 258-270 Harvard Street work with the
current tenants to maintain affordability.

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ORDER ADOPTED