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John Brenneman

Editor

Cambridge Chronicle

Dear Mr. Brenneman:

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At this point in time, due to ~~legal restraints~~, I would like to formally cite Daniel Wuenschel and John Keane, directors at the Cambridge Housing Authority, for the unprofessional and inefficient manner they exhibited with a matter that needed to be addressed in a professional and efficient manner approximately five years ago, to wit, a dangerous elevator condition that existed in my building (Manning Bldg., on Franklin St.). I earnestly feel that because of the manner they conducted themselves on various aspects of this condition, they are not qualified to head their current positions. In addition, I want to cite the

incumbent members of the city council, excluding councillor Gallucio, who was not a member of the council at the time I started advocating my position. It was inexcusable the manner they exhibited as public officials to my concerns of possible dangers to tenants in the event of a medical emergency or elevator breakdown. These people ask for input from their constituents and when it is forthcoming suddenly lose communication along the way. I have an elevators inspection report (March 29, 1995) that if certain repairs are not done by September 1995, both elevators will be condemned, necessitating the put up of the tenants at city expense.

Again, I have repeatedly asked in my letters to the Chronicle and politicians to show me where I was wrong about my accusations, allegations, etc., and I will drop everything like a hot potato. Because of my frustration I even sent a letter to Howie Carr of the Herald about 2 months to check me out on these concerns of mine (as he is a citizen of Cambridge), and again no response. It seems they all rather write about the sex lives of parakeets than something pertinent. I must say that monies have been appropriated (after 5 years) for the supposedly new elevators, to be installed starting in September. Why so long to

appropriate money and install elevators in a Disability Building which the Housing Authority admitted needed to be installed?

This is not a "letter to the editor" as such, but to the citizens, voters of the City of Cambridge as to how the present incumbent administration are handling grievous problems. Let's not forget the Globe expose of three months ago, pointing out dangerous elevator conditions that have been going on throughout the state!!

Since it has been over 90 degrees practically all summer I must also point out to the voters that there is a "loophole" in the present law regarding air conditioning requirements in Nursing Homes throughout the state. There is nothing mandated in the law about air conditioning requirements in Nursing Homes buildings built before 1960!! I have repeatedly pointed out these conditions to Rep. Alvin Thompson, Speaker of the House Flaherty and various councillors on the council in Cambridge with a given promise of results. None have materialized, even though I have asked the officials noted above to do themselves a favor and visit these Nursing Homes in the summer time, hoping their conscience gets the best of them and legislate what is required of them for the sake of people who ordinarily would defend and fight for

OR ANOTHER HAVE
themselves, ~~but for one reason~~ I have been banging away at the City

~~BEEN UNABLE TO DO SO,~~
Hall and the State House etc., because I had a dear friend of mine in

one of those Nursing Homes who died two weeks ago. Another person

told me not to stop my advocating for poor, defenseless people. They

need people like me to do that. For what! Write letters like this every 5

years!!

I ask the voters to read my "letter to the editor" carefully and
decide like I did that my only regret is that I can only vote once against
them (~~excepting of course councillor Gallucio~~). They knew exactly what

I have been attempting to do. . I AM & WILL BE &

HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE FOR ANY PARTICULARS,
EVIDENCE, COMMENTS & ETC ETC TO THE
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS & CITIZENS UNDER THE
APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS.

George Copitas

237 Franklin St.

Cambridge

Consent Communication #3

Communication was received from
George Copitas, 237 Franklin Street.
Chronicle transmitting complaint
on dangerous elevator condition
that exists in the Manning
Building on Franklin Street.

In City Council December 18, 1995

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