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Cambridge City Council
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Dear Members of City Council:

I am writing to complain about the inconsiderate lack of notice regarding the City Council Meeting and Hearing on buying up rental units which had been postponed to June 16th and has been now postponed again. After rushing to City Hall after work on Tuesday there was not even a notice of cancellation posted on the chambers' door and no posting of rescheduled time. The operation of the city seems to have no regard for the time and arrangements made by citizens to attend hearings of many kinds. Changes are made on whim with very last minute notice or shortened by hours announced at the meeting itself.

These issues about housing are crucial. In the midst of all this prosperity many of us are beginning to have to pay half our salary for rent, or more. Government of our city requires involvement and interest from all of us as much as possible. The issues of fairness and justice in these times of rapid growth are very important. I want to be informed and involved. In the spirit of democracy, so that we citizens can participate, please have the courtesy to properly inform the public of actual meeting times for City Council. Either this omission of notice is silly, inefficient, carelessness or it is a passively deliberate manipulation of attendance at these hearings. We respect your efforts to lead and govern. Please respect us, the voters and citizens.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline P. Kennedy

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Comm. from Jacqueline C. Kennedy, in opposition to a lack of notice with regard to the May 14, 1987 Committee on Rent Control hearing & its subsequent continuation.

In City Council,

June 29, 1987

Placed on F. L.