

HOMEOWNERS TO SAVE 2000 CAMBRIDGE HOMES

Honorable Mayor Sheila Russell
Honorable Councilors
City of Cambridge

17 March 1997

We are a group of homeowners who support protected status tenants in their struggles to remain in their homes and in our community. We too, the more enfranchised, will suffer in less wrenching, yet subtle ways. Our world will become more exclusive, the experiences of our children will narrow. We must work together to preserve our community. We take seriously the proclamation of the Federal Housing Act of 1949 which promised "*as soon as feasible...the goal of a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family, thus contributing to the development and redevelopment of communities and the advancement of the growth, wealth, and security of the nation*".

Why the default on our principles and our mandates? Until 1995, rent control, given it's pros and cons, was a safety net for the economically disadvantaged. Federal and state funding for affordable housing have been cut. Cambridge is experiencing a dramatic rise in residential market values. The question is now before the Council: how can we best protect housing for our low and moderate income residents?

We support these steps to redress this situation:

That City Council immediately approve the request to the Legislature for the \$20 million bond bill and the transfer tax and that the City work statewide to promote legislative approval. That the City implement both the previously approved role of Public Housing Tenant Advocate and the funding for legal assistance and representation to Cambridge tenants.

While we congratulate the Council for approving the expiring use rule last year, we still need statewide effort on their part to achieve approval by the Legislature.

That the City to continue, with dedication, to develop innovative programs and funding sources, public and private, to create new forms of community ownership of housing stock.

We are not anti-growth, but urge the City to promote housing for residents, not for investors.

We would like to see Cambridge become, not simply an example of cooperative living, but a catalyst for a new American spirit which places human interests before profit.

One strength of Cambridge has been in its cultural and economic diversity. We believe we have elected a Council who understands our city as this kind of community. We further believe our Council recognizes *the community is its constituency*, and will vote with one conscience for a revitalized community.

We are, for *Homeowners to Save 2000 Cambridge Homes*,

(see 3 attached sheets for Cambridge Homeowner signatories - 131 homeowners)

Cambridge Homeowners, signatories to Letter to Cambridge City Council 17 March 1997
sheet 1 of 3 listing Homeowners

Michael Altman
Barbara Ogur
194-6 Lexington Ave.

Ken Barney
Soden St.

Janet Burns
57 Frost St.

Nancy Carlsson-Paige
154 Auburn St.

Nia Lane Chester
60 Fenno St.

Margery Davies
Arthur Mac Ewan
35 William St.

Jana & Peter Dublin
24 Chilton St.

Jean Entine
259 Upland Rd.

Carol A. Farley
650 Huron Ave.

Mary Fontaine
35 William St.

Katherine French
160 Chestnut St.

Happy Green
33 Fenno St.

Kathy Hoffman
67 Pleasant St.

John Hubbell
Kathleen Reist
24 Locke St.

Jonathan King
Jackie Dee King
40 Essex St.

Rosalie & Paul Anders
154 Auburn St.

Margaret Barrett
169 Erie St.

Annie Butler
Philip Pitha
32 Andrew St.

Lisa Case
26 #5 McTernan Pl.

Thomas Chittick
31 Washburn Ave.

Linda Dittmar
31 Brewster St.

Louise Dunlap
24 #5 McTernan Pl.

Bud Evans
160 Chestnut St.

Gina Feuerlicht
Ed Prenowitz
71 Feuerlichter St.

Marilyn Frankenstein
75 Holworthy St.

Judith Glaubman
Laura Booth
10 Laurel St.

Lynn Hall
154 Auburn St.

Ken & Mary Holmes
35 Walden St.

Noel Jette
149 Prospect St.

Charles & Susan Knight
31 Gray Gardens East

Charles Ash
285 Harvard St.

Larry Blum
149 Prospect St.

Jim Campen
Phyllis Ewen
17 Kelley Rd.

Mary Caulfield
6 Crawford St.

Charlotte Cleveland
7 Russell St.

Norah Dooley
350 Washington St.

Isabel Eccles
46 Cottage St.

Tess & Louise Ewing
104 Auburn St.

David Fichter
Debra Wise
20 Worcester St.

Susan Freireich
59 Chestnut St.

James F. Goldberg
Trudy Bauer
6 Beech St.

John Hixson
41 Norris St.

Michelle Holmes
Cambridge

Michael Kanter
Elizabeth Stagl
34 Clay St.

Douglas Koch
Maureen Power
11 Holmes St.

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sheet 2 of 3 listing Homeowners

Sarah Land
26 #4 McTernan Pl.

Steve Landau
24 Tremont St.

Ilene Lerner
4 Ivy St.

Martin Levin
29 Gold Star Rd.

Victoria Lewis
10 Fifth St.

Eileen MacLennan
83 Pleasant St.

Gail & Michael Mazur
5 Walnut St.

Debra McManus
Dan Geer
180 Chestnut St.

Priscilla McMillan
12 Hilliard St.

Elizabeth Morrison
26 #3 McTernan Pl.

Judith Morse
24 #3 Mc Ternan Pl.

Judi Mortner
85 Pleasant St.

Bob & Janet Moses
73 School St.

Janet & Jeff Murray
115 Pearl St.

Nancy & Hubert Murray
204 Erie St.

Andrea Nash
Peter Berry
18 Worcester St.

Patricia Parker
19 Kenwood St.

Jeff Petrucelly
Pat Cantor
17 Kenwood St.

George Pillsbury
Mary Tiseo
40 EUSTIS ST

Anne Read
194 Erie St.

Beth Rimanoczy
20 Whitney St.

John & Kathy Roberts
321 Huron Ave.

Neil Rohr
106 Berkshire St.

Rhonda Roselli
17 Myrtle St.

Larry Rosenstock
Jean Kluver
108 Auburn St.

Ronald Schreiber
9 Reed St.

Anne Shumway
57 Fenno St.

Craig Slatin
Ruth Brownstein
15 Field St.

Judy Smith
149 Pleasant St.

Judy Somberg
Larry Rosenberg
48 Antrim St.

Margaret Studier
14 Allen St.

Barbara Taggart
2 Cottage St.

Linda Tate
160 Chestnut St.

Washington Taylor
7 R.C. Kelley St.

Donna Turley
101 Rogers St.

George Wald
Ruth Hubbard
21 Lakeview

Julia Wallace
141 Oxford St.

Sally Watermulder
160 Chestnut St.

Larry Weinstein
25 Sherman St.

Doug & Judy Weinstock
88 Larch Rd.

Cris Weller
160 Chestnut St.

Sylvia Weston
78 Bolton St.

Charles & Margaret White
18-20 Granville Rd.

Loren Wilson
Phyllis Kutt
10 Kelly Rd.

Steve Wineman
24 #1 McTernan Pl.

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Shelli & Henry Wortis
106 Berkshire St.

Alan Zaslavsky
149 Prospect St.

Herb Ziegler
2 Hancock Pl.

Carol Younman
David Grosser
362 Washington St.

Nancy Ryan
Benny Phillips
4 Ashburton Pl.

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Communication was received from
Homeowners to Save 2000 Cambridge
Homes, transmitting their support
of protected status tenants.

In City Council March 17, 1997

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