



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 19, 2000

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Many of our neighbors, long-term residents, elderly and disabled, low to moderate income working people of Cambridge, are still being threatened with displacement and the loss of their homes due to escalating rents and eviction, and many are being forced to leave our community because of the acute shortage of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: The City Council on February 1, 1999 passed Resolution 44 declaring a Housing Emergency in the acute shortage of affordable housing in the City of Cambridge, and implored landlords to be cognizant of the severe housing shortage, and to cease and desist eviction proceedings so that negotiations can take place in a reasonable manner; and

WHEREAS: The new City Council on January 24, 2000 passed Consent Order #0-3, urging all Cambridge landlords to be cognizant of the severe housing shortage, to show moderation and restraint in rent increases, to cease and desist eviction proceedings so that negotiations can take place in a reasonable manner, and to negotiate in good faith agreements and settlements that will allow Cambridge residents to remain in their homes; and

WHEREAS: Bill Marcotte, Cambridge resident for twenty-five years, who has been living in his home at 19 Agassiz Street for ten years, was asked to pay a \$300 rent increase which he cannot afford as a low-income working man; and

WHEREAS: A Court Summons of eviction has now been sent to Bill Marcotte by the owners of his building, Irma M. Fishman and Marilyn M. Seligman of Palm Realty Company, who are refusing to renew his Section 8 lease even though his rent has already more than doubled since the end of rent control; and

WHEREAS: Palm Realty Company is one of the largest owners of former rent control property in Cambridge, with over 68 units (and another 31 former rent control units in Brookline), with rents doubled and almost tripled in some units, and three-quarters of their tenants already having been displaced; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council urge the owners of 19 Agassiz Street, to show moderation and restraint, to cease and desist any threat of eviction towards Bill Marcotte, and to renew his Section 8 lease so that he can remain in his home; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Irma M. Fishman, 549 Boylston Street, #C-4, Brookline, MA 02146 and 340 South Ocean Boulevard, Palm Beach, Florida 33480; Marilyn M. Seligman, 3300 South Ocean Boulevard, Palm Beach, Florida 33480; Irving R. Fishman, Manager, and Beth Fishman, Assistant Manager, Palm Realty Company, P.O. Box 232, Lincoln, MA 01773; Kathi Hobbs, Leased Housing Staff, Cambridge Housing Authority, 675 Massachusetts Avenue., Cambridge, MA 02139, Todd Kaplan, CASLS, 432 Columbia Street, Suite 16, Cambridge, MA 02141; the Campaign to Save 2000 Cambridge Homes and the Cambridge Eviction Free Zone, 11 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER IN CONSULTATION WITH HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATE AGENCIES TO ARRANGE FOR MEDIATION.

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CONSENT ORDER SUBMISSION # 2

June 15, 2000

The Campaign to Save 2000 Cambridge Homes asks the City Council to pass the following Resolution on behalf of Bill Marcotte who lives at 19 Agassiz Street, to urge his landlord, the Fishman family of Palm Realty Co., to stop his eviction and renew his Section 8 lease.

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Submitted by Elizabeth Koundakjian
for the Campaign to Save 2000 Homes

Hello Margaret,

Marjorie Decker will be here before
3pm to sponsor these 2 consent orders.
Just thought I'd drop off a copy
for you.

Bill Marcotte

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAPITOL HOUSE, CHASE/CHUSETTS

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Councillor Decker

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ORDER ADOPTED

and refer to
City Manager