



# City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
February 8, 1999

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

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the possibility of taking by eminent domain the property known as 929 House and report back to the City Council within two weeks.

In City Council February 8, 1999.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Roll call  
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## CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Counselors, Legislators and other interested parties,

I am here today to testify on behalf of tenants at 929 House, an expiring use building. I've been a Massachusetts voter for 35 years. I request that after careful examination of all the factors in this issue, I ask that you consider the recommendations of my fellow presenters, our Expiring Use Tenants Committee.

### AN OVERVIEW


Each year, Massachusetts has over 20,000 new brain injuries from motor vehicle accidents alone. (20,000 each year!) Additional thousands of brain injuries occur from other causes, such as falls, sports, and drownings. There are currently over 2500 persons with traumatic brain injury on this state's waitlist for basic services.)

Many families lose their resources and independence, leaving no alternative but dependence on state and local government supports in the community. A key component to increase independence and cost containment is access to affordable housing for the person with a disability. That is why I speak tonight. Affordable housing saves our municipalities more expensive placements, and collateral city services for persons with brain injuries. This is an issue of sound fiscal decisions.

When other systems failed, such as the worker's compensation program, and private rehab from my limited settlement, I discovered the value of well-placed public dollars to support the independence of persons with disabilities. I now work as a volunteer to strengthen my own cognitive recovery, and serve on state and national advisory councils, along with many other dedicated folks who keep an eagle eye on how our tax dollars are being spent.

I have included a copy of my brief personal story, to inform, to thank, and to inspire you. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to call me anytime.

Sincerely,



Jean Turner,  
929 House  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
(617) 499-9996

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In City Council 2/8, 1999

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YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
✓				Ms. Kathleen L. Born
✓				Ms. Henrietta Davis
✓				V. Mayor Anthony Galluccio
✓				Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves
✓				Ms. Sheila T. Russell
✓				Mr. Michael A. Sullivan
✓				Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
✓				Ms. Katherine Triantafillou
✓				Mayor Francis H. Duehay

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Consent Order #40

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Councillor Triantafillou, Mayor Duehay,  
Councillors Toomey, Russell, Reeves,  
Sullivan, Born and Davis re: report on  
taking by eminent domain the property  
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**ORDER ADOPTED**

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