

Mayor Walter Sullivan

To: The Cambridge City Council
From: Alicia Georgantos, 2 Crawford St.
Date: May 11, 1986
Re: The Selling of Crawford St., 1-2-3-4-5-6.
(1981)

Let's bring balance back to Cambridge and its Tenants.

The recent utterings of W. Walsh were and are predictable to those of us whose paths he's crossed. He means, I truly believe, to end Rent Control and advance the Real Estate Industry and its takers from out-of-state, already bloated to capacity.

The firm of Fenarow and Walsh assisted in the condominiumization of an entire street. I have witnessed 75 apartments with tenants converted into 75 condos. Crawford St. was sold to the well-to-do. There are now only 16 to 18 tenants left - a number of them are elderly. Many tenants had to move away - some even died during this first year (1981-1982). The words "stress", "harrassment", and "intimidation" come to mind as I recall the years 1981-1986 at Crawford Street and the various attempts to have me evicted (as well as other tenants).

There are very few professionals on Crawford Street who are tenants - I am one. I have had to seek night employment (Community Ling. Center - Cambridge) in addition to my day work (Cardinal Cushing Ctr. - Boston) in order to meet increasingly high rental expenses.

My salary is low - my pride in my work to the community is great - my disgust and distrust of those who would subvert rent control is enormous.

The City Council should protect and support all of its citizens, and have the vision and the courage to help make life decent, affordable, and serene for us all.

Alicia Georgantas

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Comm. from Alicia Georgantas, 2 Crawford St.
Re: Rent Control, condominium conversion &
the selling of the premises numbered 1-6 Crawford St. in 1981.

In City Council,

May 12, 1986