

Councillor Graham.

#13 March '89

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY (TOWN/COUNTY) COUNCIL OF Cambridge
IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT,
H.R. 4727.

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has increased military spending by 64% between 1981 and 1989, from \$182 billion to \$299.5 billion, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has decreased spending for housing assistance by 63% between 1981 and 1989, from \$26 billion to only \$9.9 billion, and

WHEREAS, home-ownership is declining for the first time in over 40 years, especially among younger families, and rents are increasing beyond the ability of millions of residents to afford them, and

WHEREAS, homelessness is becoming an increasing problem in our City (Town, County), especially for families with children, and

WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge is less able to meet these needs due to federal cut-backs in General Revenue Sharing and Community Development Block Grant funding,

THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of Cambridge hereby call upon the U.S. Conference of Mayors, our Congressional Delegation, the Congress, and the President of the United States to take steps to significantly reduce the military budget, increase federal funding for affordable housing, and enact the National Comprehensive Affordable Housing Act, HR 4727, and be it further

RESOLVED, ~~that this Resolution shall be published in newspapers of general circulation in our city and shall be forwarded~~ ^{That the City Clerk be & hereby is requested to forward a suitably worded copy} to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, our Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States, and be it further

RESOLVED, the City (Town/County) of Cambridge shall conduct a study of the benefits to the City (Town/County) of Cambridge of transferring funds from the military budget to affordable housing. This study shall specify the number of housing units that would be provided by such a transfer of funds from the military budget to the provision of affordable housing.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 198_, at the City/Town/County of _____.

SUMMARY

HR4727

NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING LEGISLATION

Introduced into Congress June 2, 1988 by Rep. Ronald Dellums (D-Oakland, CA), HR4727 will:

- * Fund \$53 billion in affordable housing by **significant reductions in the military budget.**
- * Fund acquisition and construction of housing by **community development corporations and other non-profit groups.** Reduce interest costs and dependence on borrowing by using one-time capital grants, thereby greatly lowering costs in the long-run.
- * Encourage and fund the **transfer of ownership of privately owned housing to non-profit organizations** to ensure permanent affordability.
- * Call for **local housing plans** to meet local situations.
- * **Stop the demolition and sale of public housing.** Fund full operating subsidies and capital grants for **complete modernization and rehabilitation of all public housing.** Include funding for child-care centers in housing developments.
- * **Provide employment and job training opportunities, especially for women and minorities.**
- * **Prevent the displacement of low income tenants of Farmers Home Administration housing, HUD Section 221 (d)(3), Section 8, and in Section 236 housing.**
- * **Expand housing for the elderly (HUD Section 202) housing under the ownership of non-profit organizations.**
- * **Expand funding of elderly congregate housing.**
- * **Increase funding for the HUD homesteading program.**
- * **Include housing units for handicapped people.**

For more information, contact:
Jobs With Peace Campaign
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City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 6, 1989

- WHEREAS: The Federal Government has increased military spending by 64% between 1981 and 1989, from \$182 billion to \$299.5 billion; and
- WHEREAS: The Federal Government has decreased spending for housing assistance by 63% between 1981 and 1989, from \$26 billion to only \$9.9 billion; and
- WHEREAS: Home-ownership is declining for the first time in over 40 years, especially among younger families, and rents are increasing beyond the ability of millions of residents to afford them; and
- WHEREAS: Homelessness is becoming an increasing problem in our City, especially for families with children; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is less able to meet these needs due to federal cut-backs in General Revenue Sharing and Community Development Block Grant funding; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Mayor and City Council of Cambridge hereby call upon the U.S. Conference of Mayors, our Congressional Delegation, the Congress, and the President of the United States to take steps to significantly reduce the military budget, increase federal funding for affordable housing, and enact the National Comprehensive Affordable Housing Act, HR 4727; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, our Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That; the City of Cambridge shall conduct a study of the benefits to the City of Cambridge of transferring funds from the military budget to affordable housing. This study shall specify the number of housing units that would be provided by such a transfer of funds from the military budget to the provision of affordable housing.

In City Council March 6, 1989.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #13

S-144

C. Graham re: resolutions calling upon the U.S. Conference of Mayors, our Congressional Delegation, Congress & the President to take steps to reduce the military budget, increase federal funds for affordable housing & enact H.R. 4727, the National Comprehensive Affordable Housing Act & that the City conduct a study of benefits to the City of transferring funds from the military budget to affordable housing.

In City Council,

March 6, 1989

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order Adopted

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