

Friends of the Cambridge Homeless

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death near City Hall as a result of the housing policies of the administration of Cambridge, the real estate speculators and specially of MIT & Harvard which seem to have Cambridge for the taken or trying once more to take over the land & people of Cambridge, specially the last one (Harvard) and kick or freeze the poor out of Cambridge from promoting rich especulation to close the heat grates and terrorize the homeless with their private police.

B: Also to appropriate 4 million dollars per year starting this Fall for homeless services and relocation within the city, as being currently asked to the City Council by The Cambridge Homeless Association for:

L I. Buy Houses & Buildings to House or Rent to the Homeless.

II.-To help, (with food, cash, jobs, job placement and job training), counsel their current problems, advise them on their self-development & community self-defense, marriage, career, children, etc, and their material and spiritual development.

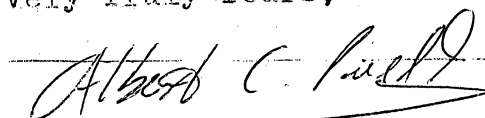
III.-To supervise them as needed (on their health, housing and other needs as well on the pursuit of happiness as originally offered by our Constitution and for which the people of Cambridge fought with General Washington since 1775 right here).

IV.-To rent from local Churches as many basements are needed to give temporary emergency shelter but through the whole of winter and the rest of the seasons (some Churches may rent 1 or more seasons, some just for the summer or fall, etc, etc) till enough low income housing has been built in Cambridge and therefore the homeless problem has been eradicated. Hire staff & pay fire and other insurances, etc, (to protect the Churches too in exchange for it). If the Unitarian Universalist Church of Harvard Square was allowed to rent to business -space & basement, business profit and non profit-like basement for sales and now Nameless Coffee House for entertainment why not them ask and rent from them some of their space for the homeless, evictees and fire victims of Cambridge?

Therefore, we ask an urgent session of the full City Council before it recess for the summer, to consider this urgent needs which The Friends of of The Cambridge Homeless has decided to advocate on behalf our city's homeless.

Lets end the suffering of human beings and animals alike, and vote for a strong human and animal protection ordinances and appropriations.

Very Truly Yours,



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Cambridge, June 11th 1987

The City of Cambridge,
The City Clerk,
Mr. Joseph E. Connarton

Communication to all
Cambridge City Councillors,
& The City Manager

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the homeless, The Friends of the City of Cambridge' Homeless, would like to ask a special hearing on the City of Cambridge Homeless and a final vote of The Cambridge City Council on the \$900,000 appropriation for the homeless asked by City Councillor William Walsh. We ask this hearing and final vote takes place before the summer recess.

Today is 6 weeks since a group of homeless on the early morning of May 1st marched from Harvard Square to City Hall to demand the City Council proceed to make ordinances for:

- 1.- To build housing for the working people and the low income people of Cambridge (both low income or unaffordable to own their own housing as well unable to keep up with the highest rents and the real estate especulation & corruption going on in Cambridge). BY TAXING RICH & YUPPIES WITH THIS SPECIFIC PURPOSE
- 2.- To come up with a linkage policy at least similar to Boston's and retro-active to Day 1 of Boston linkage, that is buildings developed in Cambridge since that day pay those linkage taxes and benefits. BY CARBON COPY THE CITY OF BOSTON' MAYOR FLYNN LINKAGE.
- 3.- To come up with a stronger rent control ordinance, lower rents and stronger tenant protection laws, beginning with an immediate ban (till the Cambridge Housing Crisis is Resolved or Dissappears but not by evicting the working and low income people of Cambridge as is going on right now).. on rent control & non rent control condereconversion, as well 2a 2 year freeze on rent control and non rent control rents. And to stop the Rent Control Board from declaring another rent increase since the last one of February 1st this year, freezing it for the next 2 years, as well give a notice of the next rent increase with another 2 years in advance. (Actually, common sense, normal, human and non-speculative economics, dictates that rents should be increasingly lowered every 2 or 4 years since there is lower mortgage or interest left to pay -the lion's shares).
- 4.- To take back MIT & others speculators in Cambridgeport lands by EMINENT DOMAIN and build working people and low income people own housing there, including a Community Development Housing Building Strategy of reparations to bring back the working & low income people of Cambridge evicted or forced to move out of Cambridge since 110-1960:
- 5.- To appropriate 1 Million Dollars for an Emergency Shelter as requested early last January at City Council by Councillor Walsh after several homeless were found frozen to

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Comm. from Albert C. Puell, Pres., Friends of the
Cambridge Homeless, requesting a special hearing
Re: homeless in Cambridge & urgent needs of same
as advocated by the Friends of the Cambridge
Homeless on their behalf.

In City Council,

June 15, 1987

Referred to the Mayors
Committee on the Homeless

copy sent to the Mayor's Committee on the
Homeless - Attn: Philip Mangano, Emergency
Services, Human Services Dept. 4/18/87mh