

VAIL COURT TENANTS ASSOCIATION

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P.O. Box 390225
Cambridge, MA 02139

March 17, 1995

Mayor Kenneth Reeves
Vice Mayor Sheila Russell
Cambridge City Councilors
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mayor Reeves, Vice Mayor Russell and City Councilors:

The tenant members of the Vail Court Tenants Association have recently sent a written request to our landlord inviting him to negotiate with us about proposed rent and parking increases, serious housing code violations existing in our buildings and securing long-term leases for tenancy. The owner is 6S Realty Trust, 3 Vail Ct. #1&2, Cambridge, MA 02139 (Mohammed Said Abu-Zahra).

In response, most of our members have received notices to quit as of the date of this letter. These include the two members who are the contact people for the tenant association and were identified this way in our letter requesting negotiations.

We wanted you to be aware of this situation. We would also ask your support for our efforts to secure negotiations with our landlord by drafting a letter to the owner. Encourage our landlord to recognize our association and attempt, in good faith, to enter into an agreement where all parties will benefit and none will face eviction.

Sincerely,



Julie Geanakakis
(on behalf of the Vail Court Tenants Association)

Vail Court Tenants Assoc.
P.O. Box 390225
Cambridge, MA 02139

March 16, 1995

Mohammed Sa'ad Abu-Zahra
Six S Realty Trust
3 Vail Court #1-2
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Abu-Zahra,

The members of the Vail Court Tenants Association have requested that you to negotiate the following terms with us:

- 1) rent and parking increases
- 2) long-term leases with stabilized rents
- 3) repairing code violations

Your response was to send most of us 14-day notices of eviction. We believe it's possible to negotiate these terms and hope that you will be cooperative.

We don't want to engage in a protracted legal and political battle over the terms of our tenancies. Cambridge politicians and city leaders support negotiated settlements between tenants and landlords.

Please respond favorably to our request to negotiate by calling 617-366-6666.

Sincerely,

*David S. Russell
(on behalf of the Vail Court
Tenants Association)*

cc: Sa'ad S. Abu-Zahra
Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves
Vice-Mayor Sheila Russell
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Consent Communication #3

Comm. received from Vail Court Tenants Association regarding rent and parking increases, long-term leases with stabilized rents and reaping code violations to be negotiated with their landlord.

In City Council March 27, 1995

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