

Drury, Margaret

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Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2009 6:59 PM
To: City Council; Drury, Margaret
Cc: Jane Sanford Stabile; Rhoda Unger
Subject: 303 THIRD CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL ORDER

The following is the text of a statement I plan to make at the June 22, 2009 meeting of the Cambridge City Council:

Burton Unger
3 Newport Road #4
Cambridge, MA 02140
617 354-5082

My name is Burton Unger. My wife Rhoda and I have lived at 3 Newport Road, near Porter Square, for 14 years. We love the neighborhood and have been active in community and cultural activities. But our knees have gotten 14 years older during this time (I'm 70 years old this week) and staircases are now a major problem.

We thought we had found a way to stay in Cambridge in a comfortable building and join a community of like-minded people at 303 Third Street in the up-and-coming Kendall Square area. We put down a substantial deposit, signed a purchase-and-sale agreement and started to prepare for the move.

And we waited for the closing notice.

And waited.

Now we have learned that the developer, a huge Chicago-based corporation, does not want to honor its contract. The building is done and the developers have decided they can make more money by renting the units. This huge developer, who knows nothing about Cambridge, has opted for high rents and high turn-over over the stability of owners who are committed to Cambridge and have already contributed a great deal to its educational, intellectual, and civic life.

This poses a problem not only for the Unger family but for the City of Cambridge. Over 20 units would have been designated as "affordable," providing home ownership opportunities to families of modest means, helping even more to stabilize the area..

I urge the Council to do everything in its power to preserve 303 Third Street as an attractive condominium building.

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At a meeting of the Jacksonville City Council held on June 15, 1988, the following information was received regarding the Jacksonville City Council's decision to award a contract to the Jacksonville City Council for the purchase of a new computer system. The Jacksonville City Council has decided to award a contract to the Jacksonville City Council for the purchase of a new computer system. The Jacksonville City Council has decided to award a contract to the Jacksonville City Council for the purchase of a new computer system. The Jacksonville City Council has decided to award a contract to the Jacksonville City Council for the purchase of a new computer system.

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