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From: Jean Tanous [bliujean@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 2:14 PM
To: City Council
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Subject: seriously telling City Council MIT no providing housing for grad students

In respect to the City Council I am seriously concerned that MIT does not provide housing for the grad students and post docs because they will take up rental units that Cambridge families need and they will cause the rents to go up so that Cambridge residents cannot afford to live here any more.

I have raised my children at the River Howard Homes. We were fortunate to move in day one when they were first built (38 yrs). My daughter is near graduating with a Doctorates Degree (she is not in Cambridge but her early years in Cambridge schools empowered her to succeed her challenges. I am proud to say her older brother graduated from Clark University and two other siblings are heading for medical and criminal justice education. Affordable housing (CHA) made this possible.

When a family member moves out, one has to downsize to a smaller unit. I have been in need for a two bedroom. We as CHA residents are in need of homes now. It will be impossible to live in this community (which has been my home as long as the tree in my backyard grew three stories up). I am now older, with some health issues (that I refuse to get me down). Moving out will set me back. Life is a struggle now so please hear my concerns'.

Thank you

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