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From: Bill McAvinney [bmcavin@mit.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 7:48 PM
To: Crane, Paula
Subject: Re: Policy Order 20

Dear City Councilors & Neighbors,

I'm sick and tired of losing my neighbors to rising rents.

On my street only 4 families remain from 10 years ago.

The three buildings on my street that used to cater to low income families are all too expensive for them and are now occupied by young professionals.

Poverty rates in Area 4 dropped from roughly 24% to 18% between 2000 and 2010 (i.e. we lost 1/4 of that population).

We need to do something now!

My preference is bringing back rent control, but that's not likely. So we need to do something else which is build affordable housing.

Getting 100% affordable units in lot 5 & 6 is a good first step.

I live in the only owner occupied residence that abuts lot 6, or lot 5 for that matter.

My garden faces lot 6 and it's likely it will be put in shade by this housing, but I'd rather lose my beloved plants than more of my neighbors.

Therefore I support looking at building affordable housing on lots 5 & 6.

Thank You,
Bill McAvinney