

The following organizations and businesses have endorsed the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Proposal that was submitted to the CPC on March 3, 2015

- First Parish, Waltham
- REACH
- The Community Day Center
- First Lutheran Church
- Downtown Waltham Partnership
- Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau
- Greater Waltham Arc
- Waltham Rotary Club
- The Waltham West Suburban Chamber of Commerce
- Centro Cristiano De Adoracion De Waltham, Asambleas de Dios
- Healthy Waltham
- Waltham Council on Aging
- Waltham Boys & Girls Club
- Waltham Fields Community Farm
- Park Lodge Hotel Group
- Waltham Ministerial Association
- Waltham Salvation Army
- Waltham Farmer's Market
- YMCA, Waltham

In addition, some individual testimony is included in this packet.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.



5-12-15

Daria Gere

WATCH CDC Executive Director



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WATCH CDC
24 Crescent Street, Suite 201
Waltham, MA
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May 5th, 2015

Dear Friends,

The Salvation Army, Waltham Corps would like to endorse your proposed Rental Voucher Program. We believe your effort to help people to get affordable housing touches one of the issues we face in the community and that a program like yours would be beneficial to the community.

Thank you for all you do, if you have any questions please feel free to call me at 781-894-0413 or at Rafael.viana@use.salvationarmy.org

Sincerely,



Lieutenants Rafael & Thais Viana

Commanding Officers/Administrators

"Changing Lives"



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Endorsement of Waltham's Proposed Rental Assistance Program May 2015

Waltham needs more affordable housing and the Waltham YMCA supports the proposed project to provide rental assistance to low-income households who live in Waltham. We also support the use of an emergency fund for one time support for low-income Waltham tenants facing a crisis that makes it difficult for them to make their monthly rent payment.

Name of Organization: Waltham YMCA

Contact Person: Katherine Tarlecky, Executive Director

Email: ktarlecky@ymcaboston.org

Statement of Support:

The YMCA sees many families who struggle to cover the costs of daily living. We support this measure in hopes it will improve living conditions while freeing up resources for families to be used to improve their health and well-being for the entire family.

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YMCA OF GREATER BOSTON
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PARK LODGE HOTEL GROUP

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April 7, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

The Park Lodge Hotel Group, a Waltham Ma company, with 100 employees, (50 currently living in Waltham), strongly supports WATCH'S proposed pilot program to provide rental vouchers to low-income households.

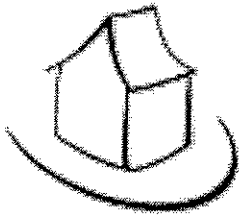
Many of our long time employees have chosen to live, work, raise their families, and enjoy the many benefits of living HERE, in this beautiful City, despite the high costs of housing rents.

While our 50 employees, as well as a majority of the other 250 employees, who live and work at Waltham's 8 other hotels, would qualify for this TBRA assistance, the need for this program is obvious.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Clement", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bob Clement
President/C.O.O.
Park Lodge Hotel Group



The Community Day Center of Waltham
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communitydaycenter.org

***Providing Day Shelter
& Support Services for
The Homeless and
Those in Need***

May 12, 2015

Community Preservation Committee
610 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02452

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to strongly support WATCH CDC's Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program. The proposal will cover first, last and security deposits and provides rental subsidies to landlords for low income households in Waltham.

The Community Day Center of Waltham provides critical services that address the root causes of homelessness to those in need in the Greater Waltham area. Last year we served over 675 different individuals. The majority of our guests are low income and many of them are from Waltham. A program like what WATCH is proposing will help our guests afford housing in Waltham.

I hope that you will give this proposal serious consideration. Safe, secure and affordable housing is not only a human right, but it will stabilize our community. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Lee-Tom,
Executive Director

Board Members

Miles Hutton, President
Angela Lordi, Vice-President
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BOSTON COLLEGE LEGAL SERVICES LAB

Paul R. Tremblay
(617) 552-0256

May 11, 2015

Community Preservation Act Committee
Diana Young, Chairperson
119 School St.
Waltham, Massachusetts 02451

RE: Letter of support for the Housing Division's proposal to fund tenant based vouchers with Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding

Dear Ms. Young:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Boston College Legal Services LAB (BCLAB) in support of the City of Waltham Housing Division's proposal for the funding of tenant based vouchers for the City of Waltham's neediest residents. We at BCLAB are incredibly excited about this innovative proposal and strongly urge its passage.

For decades BCLAB has represented low income Waltham residents who are in the process of being evicted or otherwise on the brink of homelessness. As you know, available funding from the state and federal government does not come close to meeting the need for affordable housing of many of Waltham's most vulnerable residents including the elderly, disabled and families. With rents rising dramatically in Waltham and the Greater Boston area more generally, and current waiting lists for public and subsidized housing years long, this program couldn't come at a better time. We are certain that this resource, if approved, will help us to better serve our clients and to prevent the homelessness of Waltham residents more generally.

Another advantage of this proposal, if funded, is that it will allow the City flexibility to respond to locally determined needs and priorities for the allocation of affordable housing resources. The outlines of the program appear well designed and we support the proposal's current recommendation that 90% of the funded vouchers go to the lowest income Waltham residents. We are also quite pleased that the target populations for this program include the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, the elderly, the disabled, and families and veterans as in our experience this reflects well the populations most in need in Waltham.

Community Preservation Act Committee
Diana Young, Chairperson
May 11, 2015
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Once again, this is an excellent use of Community Preservation Act funds and we enthusiastically support the funding of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Tremblay".

Paul Tremblay
Director
Boston College Legal Services LAB

Endorsement of Waltham's proposed Rental Voucher Program

 x Yes! Waltham needs more affordable housing and we support the proposed pilot project to provide rental vouchers to low-income households who live in Waltham.

Name of organization / business: Waltham Ministerial Alliance, represented by local leaders and clergy below

Contact person: Rev. Matt Carriker

Phone number: 774-270-2185

Email: carriker@brandeis.edu

The undersigned members of the Waltham Ministerial Association

The Rev. Matthew Carriker, Co-Chair, Waltham Ministerial Association
Protestant Chaplain at Brandeis University and Pastor, Agape Spiritual Community
Waltham

The Rev. Sara H. Irwin Co-Chair, Waltham Ministerial Association
Rector, Christ Church, Waltham

Andi Doane
Neighbors Who Care

The Revs Patricia Budd Kepler and Thomas F. Kepler
Pastors, First Presbyterian Church

Becky Sheble-Hall and Desiree Bernard
Chaplains on the Way

Marilyn Lee-Tom
Executive Director of the Community Day Center of Waltham, Inc.

The Rev. Thomas E. Maehl
Pastor, First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Name of organization / business:

Contact person:

Claire Korone

Phone number:

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Email:

claire@communityfarms.org



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or Genoveva organizer@watchcdc.org at WATCH
24 Crescent St., Suite 201, Waltham, MA 02453.

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Yes! Waltham needs more affordable housing and we support the proposed pilot project to provide rental vouchers to low-income households who live in Waltham.

Name of organization / business: *Rotary Club of Waltham*

Contact person: *Connie Braceland, Treasurer*

Phone number: *617-928-2338*

Email: *cbraceland@watertownsavings.com*

Connie Braceland

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Endorsement of Waltham's proposed Rental Voucher Program

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Name of organization / business: Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center

Contact person: Elizabeth Browne, Executive Director

Phone number: 617-208-1511

Email: ebrowne@jmschc.org

If the contact is for more detailed program implementation, please contact our Associate Director of Community Health Francisca Guevara at fguevara@jmschc.org

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Name of organization / business:

Thom Charles Rives Early Intervention

Contact person:

Lorraine Saville, Director

Phone number:

Email:

LSANIK @thomchild.org

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Name of organization / business:

Waltham Council on Aging

Contact person:

Marybeth Duffy

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Endorsement of Waltham's proposed Rental Voucher Program

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*This is a very important program
for our ~~rent~~ residents!*

Name of organization / business:

Waltham Boys + Girls Club

Contact person:

Erica Young

Phone number:

781-893-6620

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eyoungewalthambgc.org

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Endorsement of Waltham's proposed Rental Voucher Program

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Name of organization / business: HEALTHY WALTHAM

Contact person: REVA HASELKORN

Phone number: 781-891-4700 / 609.610.6988

Email: REVA@HEALTHY-WALTHAM.ORG

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May 12, 2015
Dee Kricker
24 Hillcrest Street
Waltham, MA 02451

Diana Young, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
City Hall
Waltham, MA

Dear Diana,

As I am unable to attend the public hearing Tuesday evening, May 12, 2015, I would like to submit this letter in support of the application by WATCH and the co-applicant Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership regarding the project: Tenant Based Rental Assistance.

As a Waltham homeowner for over three decades, I have witnessed the astounding rise in real estate prices in our city and the ongoing challenges faced by low income families who are not able to secure affordable housing to meet their needs. The requirement of the Community Preservation Act to allocate a portion of its funds to improve local affordable housing options provides an invaluable opportunity for our community to alleviate some of the problems faced by low income residents. The current application to provide rental assistance for:

- 400 very low income individuals and families
- 30 homeless
- 430 at risk of homeless

would be a huge benefit to the stability of 860 households over the next three years. As a result of this project, our local economy, schools community and neighborhood safety will be enhanced as it will promote more viable living situations upon which productive lives may be built. We all have a stake in promoting Waltham as a liveable city for all its residents. By assisting the neediest amongst us with this incentivized rental voucher program, we may all reap rewards for our community. The special role of the CPA makes this a wonderful project to begin to balance the increase in expensive new housing units being built in the city at this time.

I commend the committee for its interest in this project and I urge adoption of this application for the benefit of all the residents of Waltham.

Sincerely,

Dee Kricker

cc Bill Durkee, Program Manager, CPC

Testimony from individual residents

The voucher program is a win-win. The City benefits because they are currently not meeting the requirements of the CPA (10% minimum affordable housing), and it increases the City's percentage of affordable housing stock. Getting the City closer to avoiding a Chapter 40B (by having 10% affordable housing). The residents will benefit from having more affordable housing.

And it's the right thing to do.

John Maribato

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62 Hillcrest Street, Waltham, MA 02451

My rent is 1375. My Social Security check is 1292 after Medicare is deducted. My other income is 14 hours a week for \$9 per hour. I have nothing for extras that people with a better income take for granted. I hope the City of Waltham will stand up, take note and help out. The voucher program is a significant investment in making Waltham a better and happier place to live.

Devon Darrow

5 Barton St., Apt. 2, Waltham, MA 02453

I support it because there isn't enough affordable housing here + people have a long time to wait for an apartment

Lorraine Lavoie

190 Moody Street, Waltham MA 02453

I support the Rental Voucher Proposal because I have been a resident of Waltham for 48 years, and wish to support the younger generation to have low income affordable housing. I feel that rents in Waltham are now so high that our young people are being driven away from the community in which they grew up in.

Kathleen Lisa Milbert

10 Eddy Street, Waltham, Ma 02453

781-609-2403

I graduated from Waltham High School in 2010. Since my graduation day I worked in the hotel industry and Burger King. I am a mother of twin boys and they are my world. Unfortunately, I had to stop working to take care of my twins Oliver and Jordyn as they were born with a severe medical condition.

I need help! This voucher program will help me a lot until I can return to work. My rent at Garden Crest is of \$2000. Please help Oliver, Jordyn and me to afford our rent.

Edelmira Corado

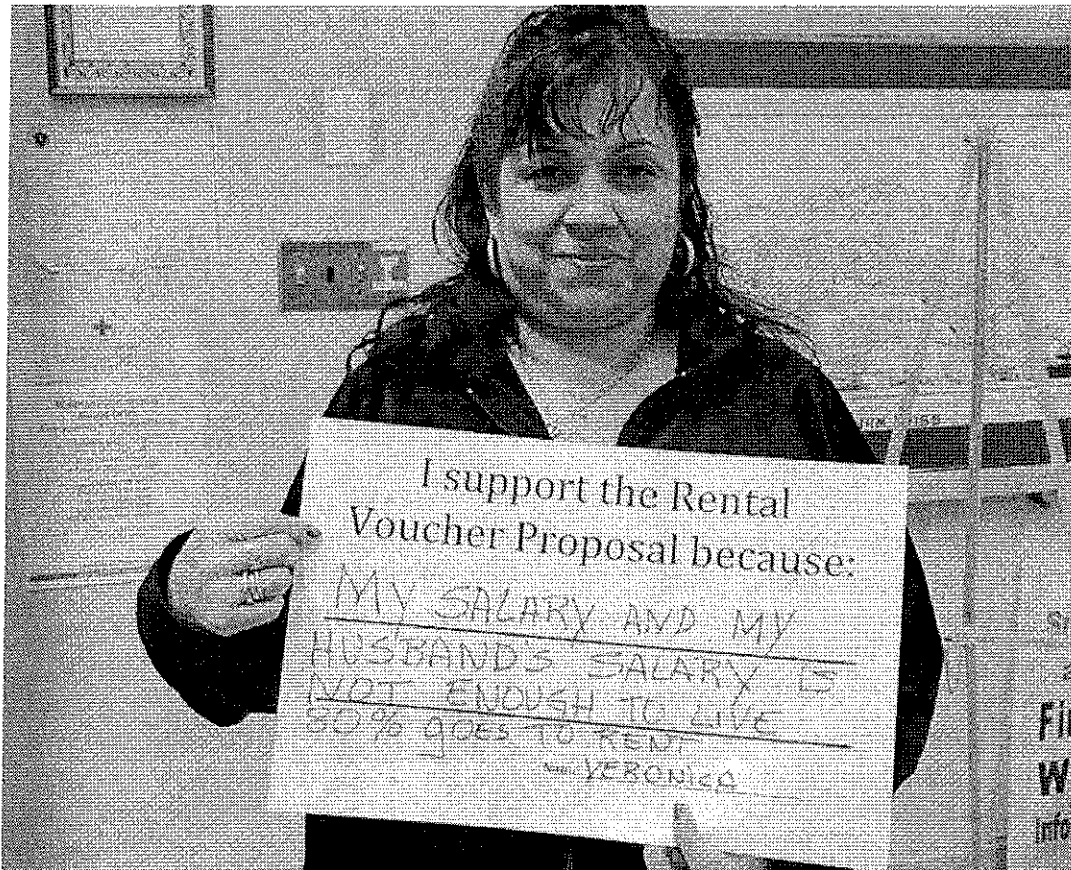
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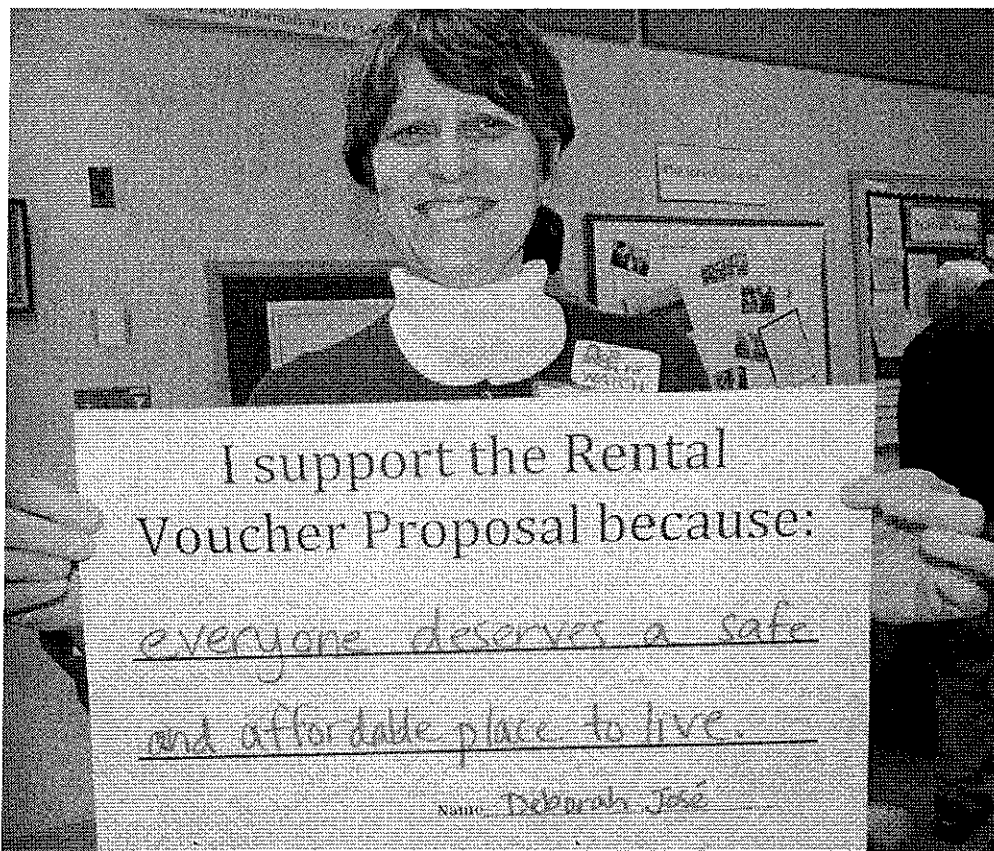
I grew up in Waltham and went to school here. I am a single mother of 2 and I work at a minimum wage job at Carter's in Watertown. When I left my kids' dad I did not make enough to pay the rent. I applied for public housing but was told the waitlist was 2 years. I went from friends and families houses and rented rooms until I eventually ended up in the state family shelter system. After being 3 years on the waiting list I am told I will soon have an apartment with public housing. With a rental assistance program I could have given my girls a more stable living situation and I hope this program is available for others in my situation in the future.

Ashley Aguilar, Home Suites Inn, Waltham

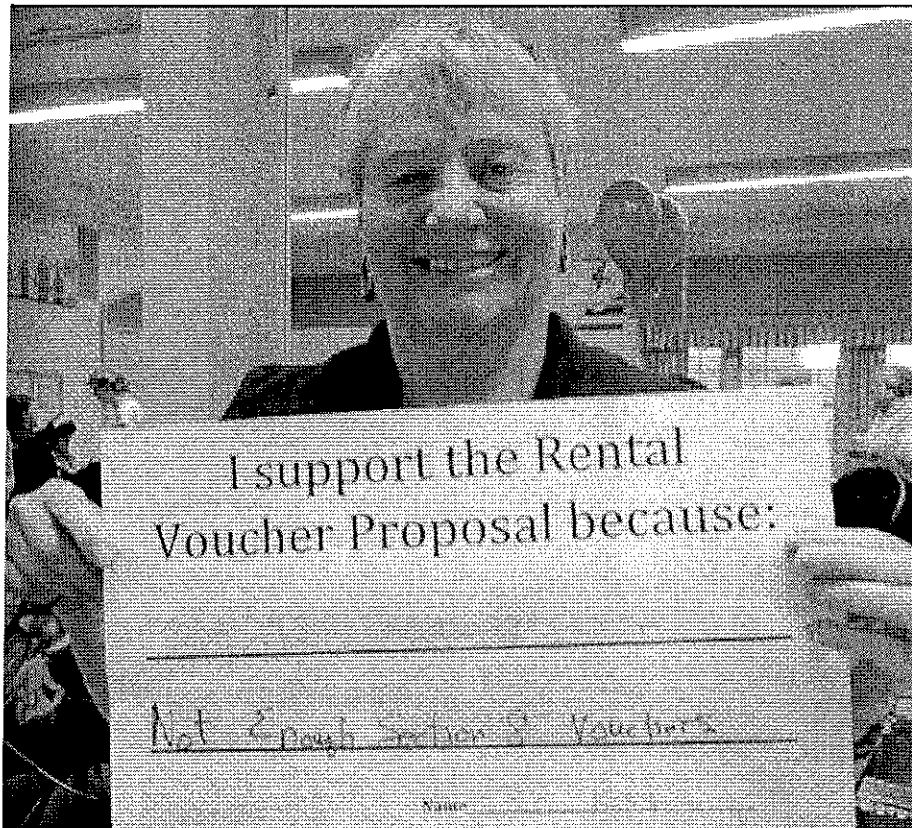




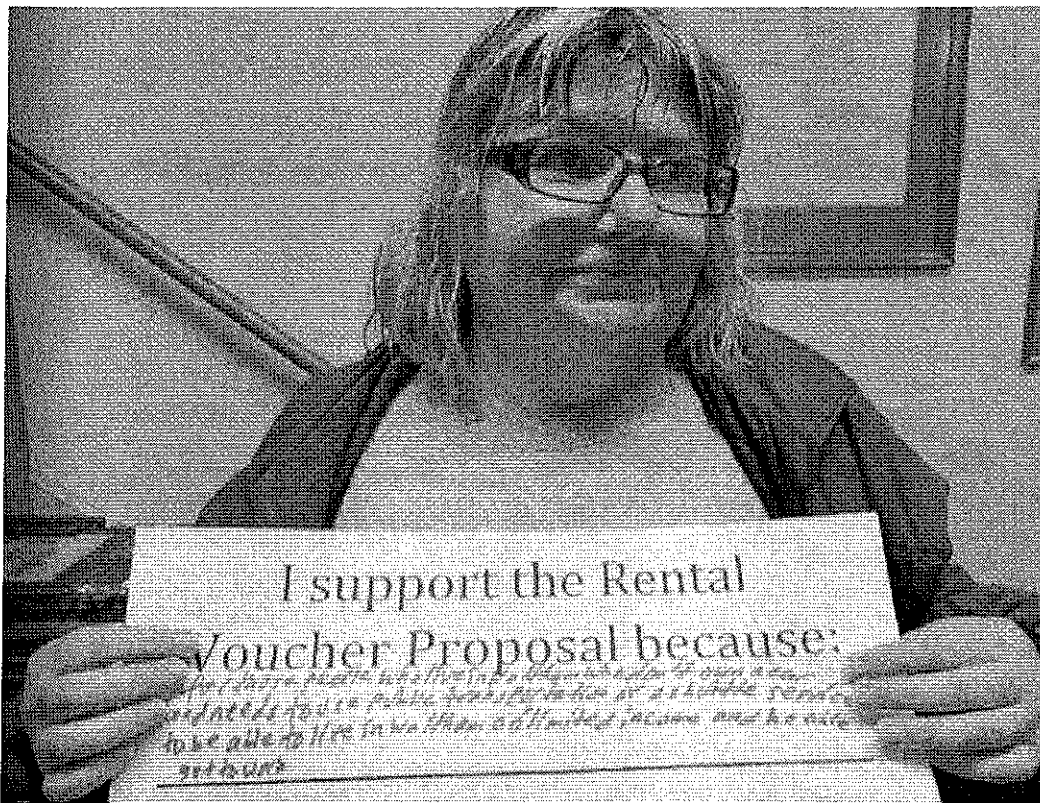
Veronica Hidalgo, Waltham, MA 781-547-1470



Deborah Jose, 83 Woodland Rd, Waltham, MA 02451

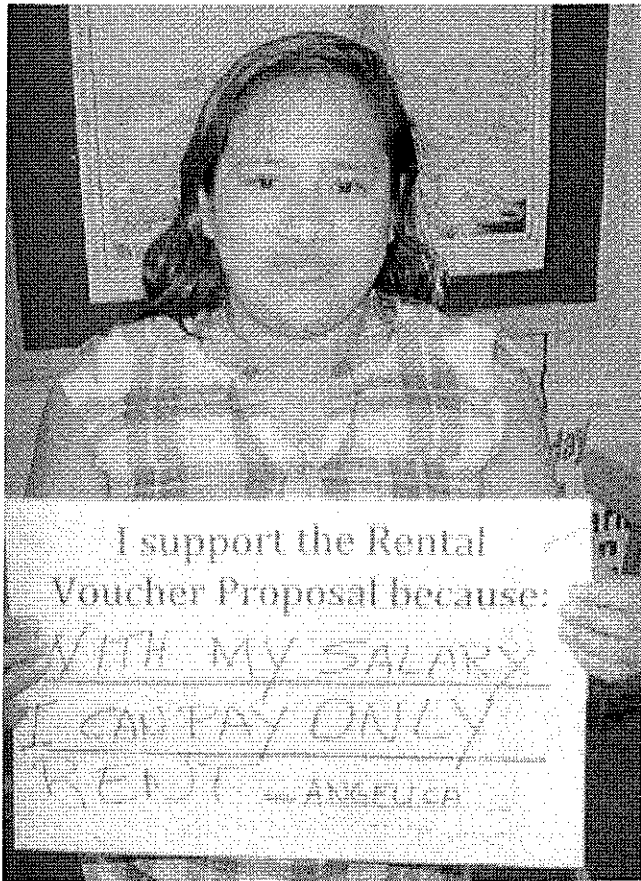


Ann Ross, 34 Crescent Street #407, Waltham, MA 02453

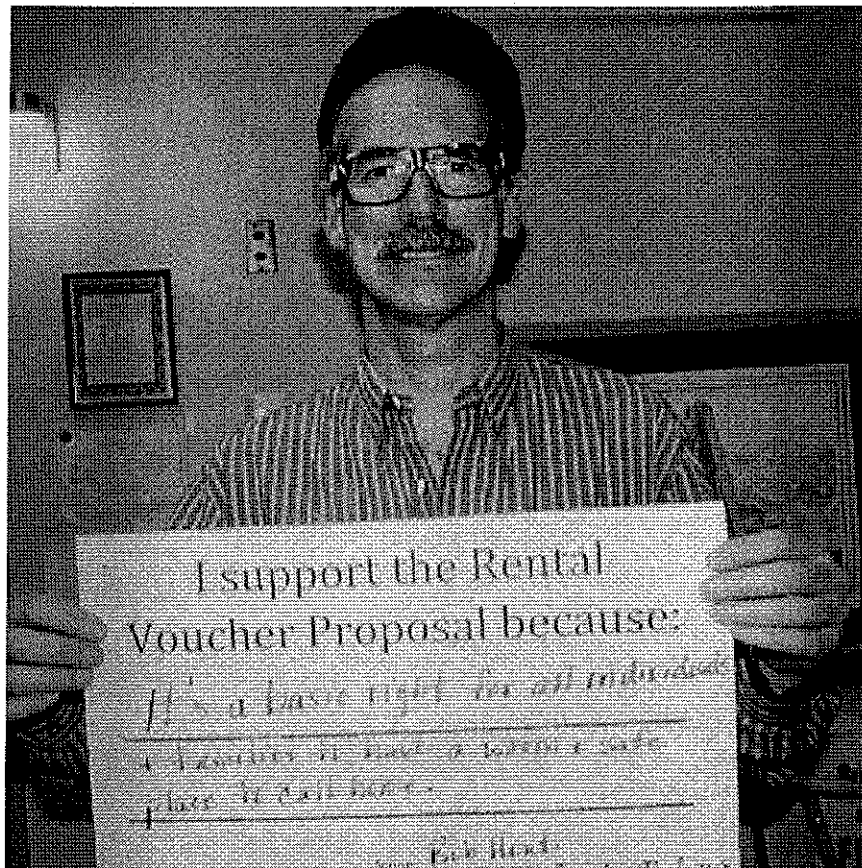


Susan Mitchell, 96 Maple Street, Apt. #6, Waltham MA 02453

For those people who live in Waltham who don't own a car and need to use public transportation or a shuttle service to be able to live in Waltham on limited income and get to work.

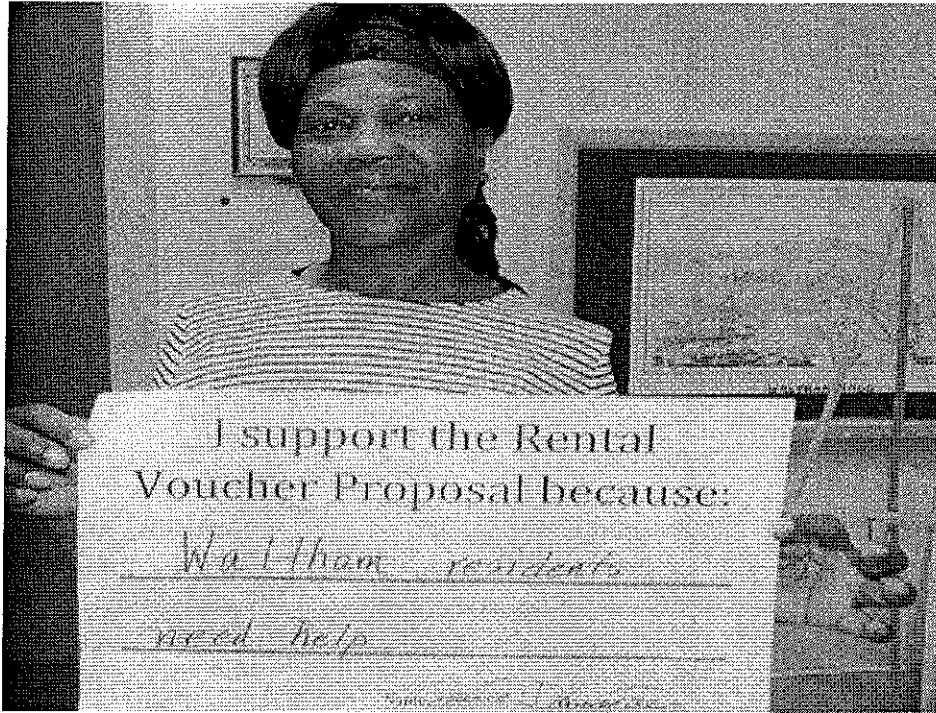


Angelica Martinez, 9 Dartmouth Street, Waltham MA 02453

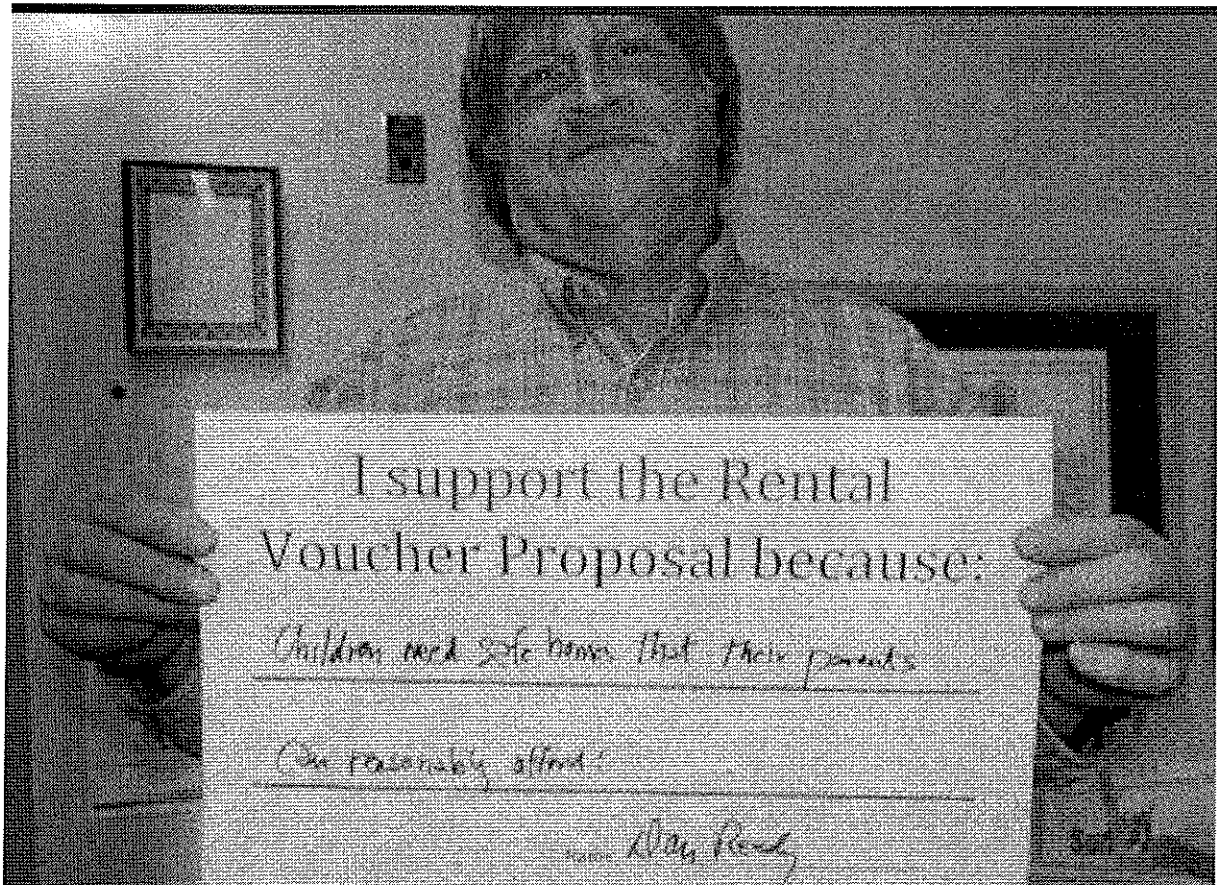


Bob Hout, 147 Princeton Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451

It's a basic right for individuals and families to have a warm and safe place to call home.

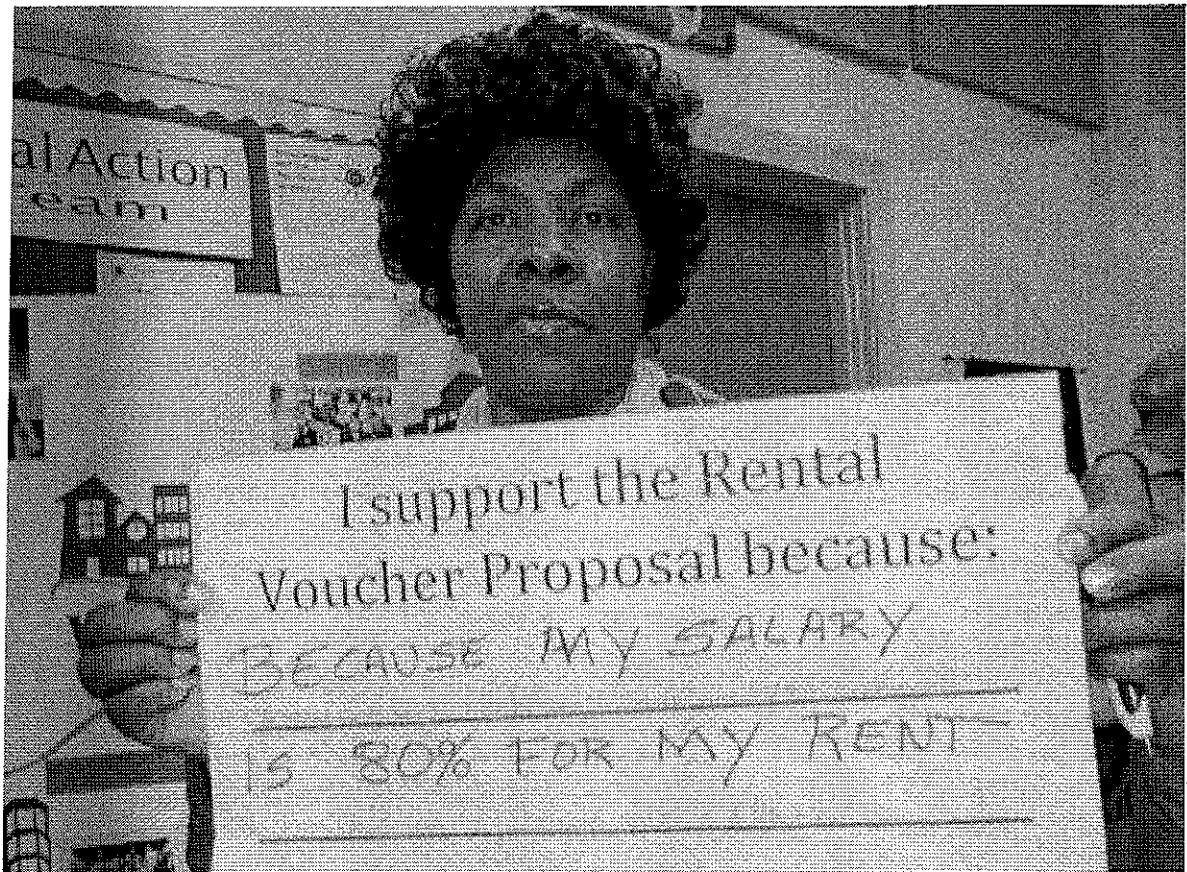


Marie Dominique, 253 Charles Street, Waltham, MA 02453

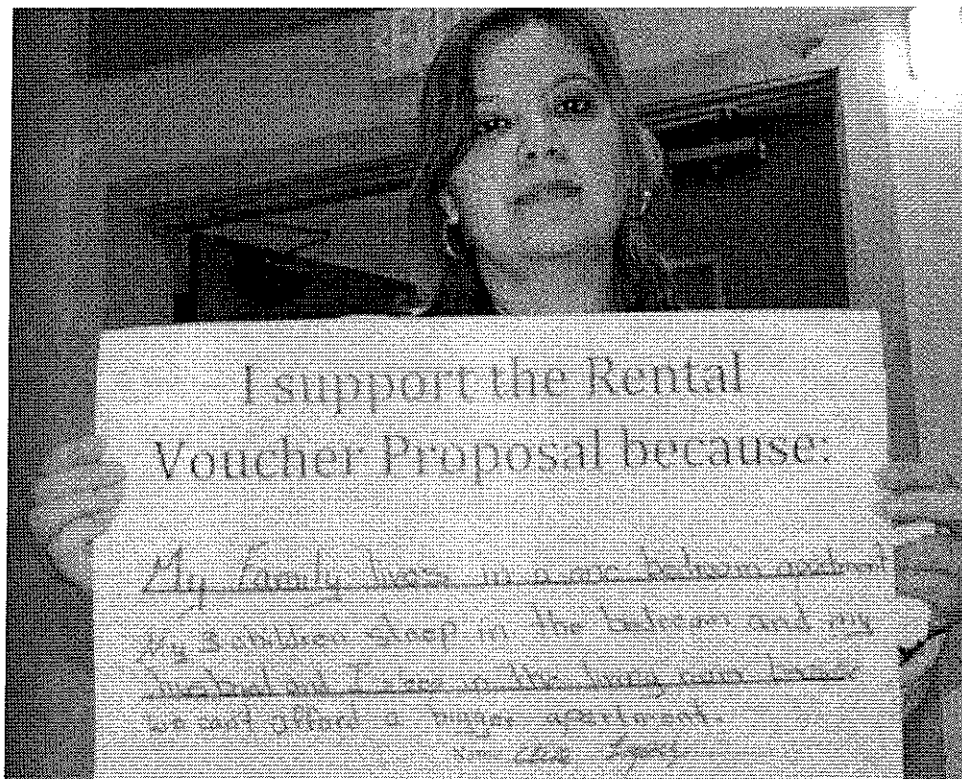


Dan Reedy, 86 Adams St. #3, Waltham MA 02453

Children need safe homes that their parents can reasonably afford.



Erose Charite, 18 Cedar Street #1, Waltham, MA 02453



Elisa Lopez, 27 Middle Street Apt. 2, Waltham, MA 02451

My family lives in a one bedroom apartment. My 3 children sleep in the bedroom and my husband and I sleep in the living room because we can't afford a bigger apartment.

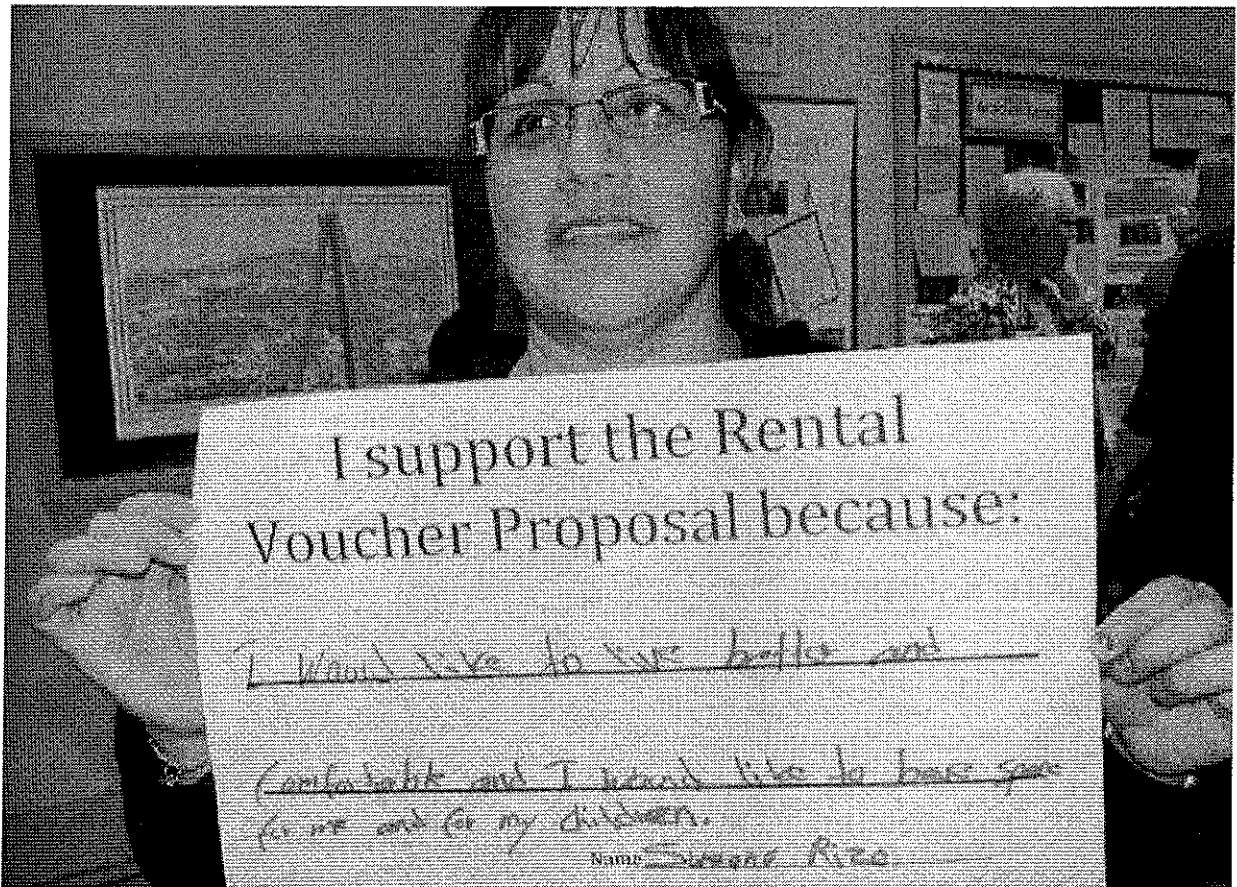


I support the Rental
Voucher Proposal because:

Everyone deserves the
dignity and security of
having a place to call home

Kaytie Dowcett

Kaytie Dowcett, Waltham, MA



I support the Rental
Voucher Proposal because:

I would like to have better and
comfortable and I would like to have space
for me and for my children.

Name: Suzanne Rizo

Suzanne Rizo, 25 Middle Street, Apt. B, Waltham, MA 02451

I like to have space for me and my children.