

[PROPOSED]
Cambridge Democratic City Committee
Resolution in Support of Massachusetts Senate Bill S.913
October 25, 2020

- WHEREAS: Litigants of civil procedures (including eviction proceedings) do not have a right to legal counsel under the 6th amendment; and
- WHEREAS: Landlords are far more likely to have representation than tenants in court; and
- WHEREAS: A recent report from MAPC found that an estimated 108,700 households statewide are having trouble paying their mortgage or rent, including 1,045 households within Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: The statewide moratorium on evictions expired on October 17, 2020; and
- WHEREAS: S.913 " An Act to Ensure Right to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings ", introduced by Senator DiDomenico, would provide legal counsel for tenants facing eviction; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge Democratic City Committee supports passage of S.913, An Act to Ensure Right to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That this Resolution be transmitted to the members of the Massachusetts legislature representing the city of Cambridge.