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## **Housing Unit Prevents Homelessness**

Angelo DiDonato has worked and lived in Cambridge for 47 years. When his monthly rent tripled, he was referred to CLSACC's housing attorney John Froio for help.

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time I needed to find my new apartment.”

Angelo continued to pay his original monthly rent and Attorney Froio successfully delayed the eviction for four months while assisting Angelo in applying for emergency public housing. With John's help, Angelo's application was approved and he was able to move into his new apartment within months, not years (the average wait for Cambridge public housing is between seven and eight years). In public housing Angelo's rent cannot exceed 30% of his income.

John also negotiated with Angelo's landlord to waive rent for three months while the eviction was pending, giving him some cushion to cover his moving expenses. "He did everything he could to help me," says Angelo, "everything worked out perfect."