



City of Cambridge

8.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 1980

COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

WHEREAS:

The working men and women of this City, including its public employees, are entitled to a decent living wage as a basic human right; and

WHEREAS:

The present regressive tax structure of the Commonwealth, particularly excessive reliance on the antiquated property tax as the primary source of municipal revenue, makes it increasingly difficult to meet this need, in an era of rampant inflation, without unfairly burdening the city's taxpayers, especially those of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS:

A statewide initiative petition will probably soon be completed to place on the November state election ballot the proposed law known as "Proposition 2 1/2", which would eventually reduce Cambridge tax revenue by more than 50 percent, force massive layoffs of City employees performing essential jobs, and require termination or reduction of crucial services including police, firefighting, public works, libraries, and public education programs; therefore be it

ORDERED:

That the City Council declare the official opposition of this City to Proposition 2 1/2, urge the citizens of Cambridge and of Massachusetts to vote against it in November, and authorize the City Manager to take all steps within the law which he considers effective to organize opposition to this reckless measure; and be it further

ORDERED:

That the City Council, recognize that the underlying pressure for unworkable schemes like Proposition 2 1/2 arises from an essentially unfair, regressive, and obsolete state tax structure, call upon the General Court to enact a comprehensive progressive reform of state taxation laws, including increased reliance on an eventually-graduated income tax and on taxing special interests who increasingly evade taxation, so as to shift the tax burden from the shoulders of working men and women and onto those with greater ability to pay; and be it further

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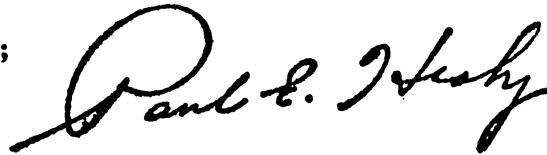
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

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A true copy;

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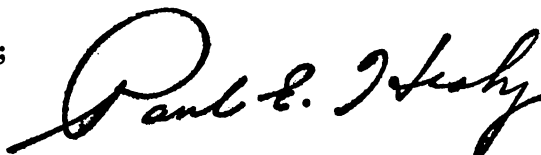
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MASSACHUSETTS

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Read by City Clerk at 8 PM

COUNCILOR DAVID SULLIVAN

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Kevin P. Crane				
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy				
Ms. Sandra Graham				
Mr. Leonard J. Russell				
Mr. David E. Sullivan				
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan				
Mr. Alfred Vellucci				
Mr. David A. Wylie				
Mayor Francis H. Duehay				

Order as amended adopted by unanimous vote on June 9, 1980

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C. D. Sullivan re: opposition to Proposi-
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PM

In City Council,

June 9, 1980

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Adopted As Amended

By E. Vellocci

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