

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to the State House.

In City Council May 13, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 13, 2002

COUNCILLOR MURPHY
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and Cambridge social service organizations face dramatic cuts in state funds in areas including home care services for seniors; funding for public libraries, homeless assistance and domestic violence prevention; and

WHEREAS: The City Council agree that to meet the expectations of our community and truly meet our obligations to the citizens who live here, adequate state funding must be made available to allow delivery of these services; and

WHEREAS: The revenue measures approved by the House of Representatives, while a significant beginning, do not adequately meet those funding obligations; and

WHEREAS: Even with the tax increases passed by the House, the state is expected to face a budget shortfall of \$1.5 billion; and

WHEREAS: The City Council believes that the state must look to additional sources of revenue such as keeping the 2002 income tax rate at the same 5.6% rate as 2001, increasing the sales tax by \$.01, and doubling the excise tax on cigars and smokeless tobacco to avoid cuts that will hurt working families, seniors, the homeless and schools; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging the Senate to close the funding gap by approving these revenue-raising proposals, therefore properly funding services vital to our city; and be it further

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ORDER #5

Calling on the State to close the
funding gap by approving revenue
raising proposals, therefore properly
funding services vital to our city.

Councillor Murphy

In City Council May 13, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.