



City of Cambridge

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Calendar Item Number 22

IN CITY COUNCIL

~~September 11, 1989~~

September 18, 1989

COUNCILLOR WALSH

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WHEREAS: Subsequent to the action of the Attorney General, Massachusetts Municipal Association must obtain nearly 100,000 signatures to place the question on the ballot; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council goes on record as supporting the initiative petition and, in a manner consistent with a court decision which prohibits municipalities from spending public funds on ballot questions, pledges its support in gathering the signatures required to place the question on the ballot; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this support is contingent on recognizing that:

1. this will require the State's raising additional revenue;
2. that it is not the intent of the Cambridge City Council to reduce the State's funding for human services that benefits many Cambridge residents;
3. that distribution of additional funds should take into account the needs within cities; and
4. that the dialogue about funding of local communities that will arise around this ballot question is important; and it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a duly engrossed copy of this resolution and transmit same to Ms. Sheila Cheimets, Executive Director, Massachusetts Municipal Association, 60 Temple Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

NO ACTION TAKEN - PLACED ON FILE PURSUANT TO RULE 19 OF THE CITY COUNCIL RULES.



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CHARTER RIGHTED BY COUNCILLOR WALTER SULIVAN

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Resolved that this support is contingent on recognizing that (1) this will require the State raising additional revenue; (2) that it is not the intent of the Cambridge City Council to reduce the State's funding for human services that benefits many Cambridge residents; (3) that distribution of additional funds should take into account the needs within cities; but (4) that the dialogue about funding of local communities that will arise around this ballot question is very important.



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~~CHAPTER RIGHT BY COUNCILLOR WALTER SULLIVAN~~

see Amendment

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Order # 22 *8-619*

Councillor Walsh re: City Council to support
initiative petition proposed by Massachusetts
Municipal Association.

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*Charter Right exercised
by Councillor Walter
Sullivan*

9/18/89 No Action taken

*Placed on file
pursuant to Rule 19
of City Council Rules.*