



City of Cambridge

CALENDAR ITEM # 3

~~21.~~

IN CITY COUNCIL

~~May 23, 1994~~

JUNE 6, 1994

VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: Municipal employees and appointed members of city boards and commissions are subject to Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 268A, the State Conflict of Interest Law, which prohibits behavior that would create a conflict of interest and/or the appearance of a conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has adopted ordinances requiring full financial disclosure and a code of conduct for City Officials, including members of boards and commissions, whether elected or appointed; and

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WHEREAS: The officers of neighborhood boards and organizations such as the North Cambridge Stabilization Committee and the Community Schools make funding decisions and review requests for curb cuts, etc.; and

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**REFERRED TO THE CITY SOLICITOR FOR AN OPINION ON
MOTION OF VICE MAYOR RUSSELL.**

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Charter Right #3

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council 6/6 1994

YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
				Ms. Kathleen L. Born
	✓			Mr. Francis H. Duehay
	✓			Mr. Jonathan S. Myers
✓				Mrs. Sheila T. Russell
✓				Mr. Michael A. Sullivan
✓				Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
	✓			Ms. Katherine Triantafillou
✓				Mr. William H. Walsh
✓				Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves

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Sullivan, Walsh Cal #3

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Consent Order #21

Vice Mayor Russell re: Conflict
of interest among employees.

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Charter right exercised
by Councillor Born
6/6/94 Referred to the City
Solicitor for an
opinion on motion
of Vice Mayor Russell
5-4-0.