

City of Cambridge

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In City Council

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✓				Ms. Kathleen L. Born
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✓				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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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Ethics Commission

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August 19, 1994

R. Philip Dowds, President
Cambridge Civic Association
649 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Dowds:

We have conducted a careful review of the allegations you made to this Commission in your letter dated July 28, 1994. At this time, we have determined that the matter does not require presentation to the Commission for official action. Our decision was based primarily on the fact that there is no evidence that either subject has participated as a city official in matters in which they or the bank have a financial interest. Moreover, the February 4, 1994 disclosure to the city council would seem to ameliorate any appearance problems.

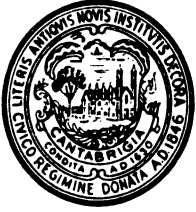
We appreciate your concern and we thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Very truly yours,

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Juan A. DeLeon
Special Investigator

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September 26, 1994

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am very pleased to be able to report to you that the State Ethics Commission has determined that there was absolutely no evidence of any wrongdoing by myself and the City Solicitor. By the attached letter dated August 19, the Commission's investigator informed the Cambridge Civic Association that no official action would be taken on the Complaint because there was no evidence to support it.

I was, however, disappointed to learn of this vindication of our reputations only by indirection. Although the letter was sent to the President of the CCA on August 19, I learned of it only by chance. That the President of the organization that raised these ethics charges and publicized them widely had in its possession for more than a month a letter from the Commission dismissing those charges and failed to make that letter public is very troubling.

None of us likes to see our reputations maligned, and, as you know, public officials are always vulnerable to attack. I have always taken great pride in my reputation as a committed and honest government official, for 29 years, 20 of them in Cambridge. City Solicitor Higley has earnestly and sincerely served the City of Cambridge for 23 years. We have devoted our energies and efforts to improving the lives of our citizenry. We and our families were very distressed and deeply wounded by the attacks on our reputations.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Consent Agenda # 13

8-405
Communication from the State Ethics
Commission which found no violations of
the Conflict of Interest Laws by the
City Manager or City Solicitor.

In City Council,

Sept. 26, 1994

*Placed on file
roll call vote
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