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September 3, 1976

Mr. Arthur Libitz
City Auditor
Cambridge, Ma.

Dear Mr. Libitz,

Under Section 2/59 of the General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge, you are the elected Finance Officer of the Cambridge City Council, and under Section 100 of the City Charter I am empowered as Chairman of the Cambridge City Council. As such I am making the following request of you and I trust that you will give it your utmost attention.

In accordance with Chapter 59, Section 23 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, "free cash" may not be deducted from the amount required to be assessed for taxation without the formal approval of the City Council. The Council, in adopting the budget for FY 76-77, did at the same time adopt a free cash appropriation of \$ 2,000,000.00 to be used to offset the tax rate.

I therefore request that you approve no amount of free cash for property tax relief other than the adopted amount of \$ 2,000,000.00.

Should additional free cash be available beyond this amount, then I shall request that Councillor Duehay, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, call a special meeting of his committee to deliberate this matter. In keeping with the mandate of the Sunshine law, this meeting should be open to the public so that they might help us to decide how best to spend any additional free cash beyond the amount which was adopted for tax relief.

Should any problems or questions arise in this matter, please contact me immediately.

Very Truly Yours,

Alfred Vellucci
Alfred E. Vellucci
Mayor

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting comm. from Mayor Vellucci Re: request that no amount of free cash for property tax relief other than the adopted sum of \$2,000,000.

In City Council,

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