



City of Cambridge

13.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 1992

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

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WHEREAS: With the requirement of a balanced budget and elimination of the deficit this amendment could produce severe retrenchment in the future and induce an economic recession; and

WHEREAS: The proposed amendment does not treat revenue increases and program cuts comparably thus making it more difficult to raise taxes than to cut spending; and

WHEREAS: This City Council views the passage of this amendment as a threat to domestic programs and fears its inclusion in the Constitution of the United States would produce profound negative effects in the future; and

WHEREAS: That acknowledging the deficit should be substantially reduced, political leadership and courage in setting national priorities, and making tough choices should be utilized and of prime consideration; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to write to Congressman Joseph Kennedy, Senator Edward Kennedy and Senator John Kerry to vote against the proposed constitutional amendment requiring a balanced annual federal budget.

In City Council June 8, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, Temporary City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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CONSENT ORDER #13

S-47B

Duckay
Mayor Reeves re: Opposition to proposed
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annual federal budget.

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Order adopted