



# City of Cambridge

11.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
February 1, 1999

VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
MAYOR DUEHAY  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR REEVES

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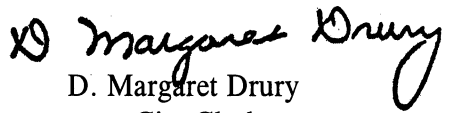
WHEREAS: A lower voting age would break the cycle of increased apathy among young people by giving them reason to educate themselves and each other on the issues; and

WHEREAS: Giving young people power and accountability would improve the City as a whole; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of giving Cambridge residents aged sixteen and seventeen the right to vote in City Council elections, School Committee elections, and city referenda; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to determine the appropriate legal mechanisms to accomplish this and to draft the necessary home rule petition and/or other legal mechanism for the Council's action.

In City Council February 1, 1999.  
Failed of adoption by a yea and nay vote:  
Yeas 4; Nays 4; Absent 1.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.  
A true copy;

ATTEST:-   
D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council 2/1, 1999

*Order  
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YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
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✓				Ms. Henrietta Davis
✓				V. Mayor Anthony Galluccio
✓				Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves
	✓			Ms. Sheila T. Russell
	✓			Mr. Michael A. Sullivan
	✓			Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
	✓			Ms. Katherine Triantafillou
✓				Mayor Francis H. Duehay

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*#11 Susp in purp of reconsider*

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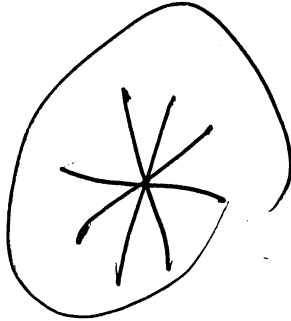
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# CAMBRIDGE Democratic CITY COMMITTEE

FRANK PEDRO, CHAIR  
LAURIE TAYMOR-BERRY, VICE CHAIR  
EVAN RAUCH, SECRETARY  
KATHERINE CHAMPION MURPHY, TREASURER  
LEROY CRAGWELL, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER



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FR need week



January 10, 1999

Mayor Francis Duehay  
Cambridge City Hall  
795 Massachusetts Ave.  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mayor Duehay:

At its December meeting, the Cambridge Democratic City Committee voted overwhelmingly to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, Young adults are already planning youth centers, holding educational forums, designing multicultural curricula, and actively constructing a future more healthy and equitable than the present; *and*  
Whereas, A lower voting age would break the cycle of increased apathy among young people by giving them reason to educate themselves and each other on the issues; *and*  
Whereas, Giving young people power and accountability would improve the city as a whole; *and therefore be it*  
Therefore, *Resolved* that the Cambridge Democratic City Committee urges the Cambridge City Council to write a Home Rule Petition which, if enacted by the General Court, would give Cambridge residents aged sixteen and seventeen the right to vote in City Council elections, School Committee elections, and city referenda.

*support of*

The resolution was introduced by Gerald Bergman, on behalf of the Cambridge Ward 3 Democratic Committee. Mr. Bergman and others argued that local high school students actually have more interest in local affairs than college students who arrive here from other areas and generally can vote in Cambridge elections almost immediately. Others argued that teenagers are often very active in campaigns and then, strangely and discouragingly, are not permitted to vote. Moreover, Cambridge residents in this age range are often far more dependent on city services, both inside and outside of the schools, than are older residents.

Respectfully,

*Evan Rauch*

Evan Rauch  
Secretary

cc: Vice Mayor Anthony Galluccio  
Councilor Kathleen Born  
Councilor Henrietta Davis  
Councilor Kenneth Reeves

Councilor Sheila Russell  
Councilor Michael Sullivan  
Councilor Timothy Toomey  
Councilor Katherine Triantifillou

*and be it further Resolved: That the City be requested to confer with the Law Department to determine the appropriate legal mechanisms to accomplish this action*

*and to draft the necessary home rule petition and the legal mechanisms to accomplish this action for the Council's action*

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*(+ ask Frank)*



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Consent Order #11

*PCM*

Vice Mayor Galluccio and Mayor Duehay  
re: draft a home rule petition giving  
Cambridge residents aged sixteen and  
seventeen the right to vote in City  
Council and School Committee elections.

In City Council February 1, 1999

*Failed of  
Adoption.*

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