



City of Cambridge

25.

IN CITY COUNCIL
March 14, 1977

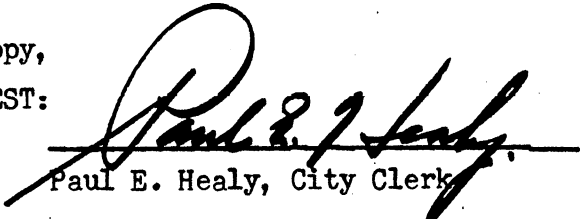
MAYOR VELLUCCI

- WHEREAS:** A group of concerned citizens met in the Watergate Hotel, Washington, D.C. on Monday, March 7, 1977, to announce the launching of the Coalition for Responsible Genetic Research, and
- WHEREAS:** The coalition includes sponsors from all over the United States, the Netherlands, Switzerland, England, Canada, Italy, France, New Zealand, Australia and other countries who call for open public inquiry and a moratorium on gene transplant research and funding, pending policy formulation with broad public participation, and
- WHEREAS:** The continuation of this research without public understanding and approval, without a full comprehension of potential dangers by most of the involved scientists, poses a worldwide danger which is intensified by the fact that industrial investment in the development recombinant genetic technology has already begun, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That this City Council go on record as endorsing the efforts of Coalition for Responsible Genetic Research in bringing about a halt to Gene Transplant Research until the public of Cambridge fully understands and approves the research.

In City Council March 14, 1977
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 members.
Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:


Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

Reconsideration has been filed by Councillor Russell.



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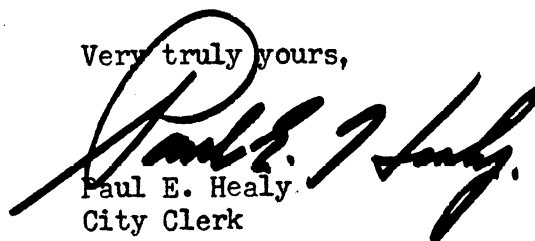
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To The Honorable, The City Council:

The enclosed order was adopted by the City Council on a voice vote at its meeting of March 14, 1977. Prior to the announcement of the vote, Councillor Duehay requested the Clerk to record him in opposition and he was so recorded. After Mayor Vellucci announced the vote, Councillor Clem and Councillor Russell, who were present in the Council Chamber, approached the rostrum and requested the record to show that they were also opposed, which gave rise to the present confusion regarding the passage of the order.

The Mayor, as Presiding Officer, announced that the order carried immediately after Councillor Duehay had indicated his opposition. Since only seven Councillors were present in the Chamber, the logical conclusion under proper procedure is that the order carried by six votes and the Councillors who wish to perfect their opposition must exercise the proper parliamentary motions.

Very truly yours,


Paul E. Healy
City Clerk

PEH/cs

Enc.

Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk re:
City Council Order #25 of 2/14/77 re: the
efforts of Coalition for Responsible Genetic
Research.

In City Council,
March 21, 1977

Placed on file