

MAYOR WOLF

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Whereas it has come to the
attention of this City Council
that the ^{Massachusetts} State Department of
Mental Health has ordered
that 750 mental health
positions, Statewide, be
eliminated and funds equaling
only 60 cents on the dollar
be returned for mental
health care, and
Whereas this level of ~~cuts~~ cuts
would impact 50 mental
health workers at
Cambridge Hospital representing

42 Full time Equivalent
positions), resulting in the
devastation of the alcoholic
out-patient unit, a ^{severe} reduction
of 10 positions in Cahell 4, the
in-patient psychiatric unit,
~~and~~ ^{cuts in} programs for linguistic
minorities, and other cuts that
will totally undermine the
critical services to
many very ill people.

and

Whereas ~~whereas~~ this
devestation will be felt
in other important mental
health programs in the Cambridge-
mental health area
Somerville, including ~~on~~ the
Cambridge Guidance Center, serving
400-500 Cambridge youngsters
every year of whom a large majority
~~would~~ ^{not} receive the services they are
any other way,
and

Whereas this City Council cannot
let such devastating cuts go

by without loud protests to our
State legislator,
it is ordered that

The City Manager and Mayor hereby
requested to schedule a meeting
with Charles Elaherty, Speaker
of the House, and other ^{regulators} ~~members~~
~~of the~~ ^{from} Cambridge ~~delegation~~ for
the City Council and ~~and~~ the
administration to make them
aware of the horrendous impact
of the cuts in mental health
to the citizens of Cambridge.



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 13, 1991

MAYOR WOLF

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that the State Massachusetts Department of Mental Health has ordered that 750 mental health positions, statewide, be eliminated and funds equalling only sixty cents on the dollar be returned for mental health care; and

WHEREAS: This level of cuts would impact fifty mental health workers at Cambridge Hospital, (representing forty two full time equivalent positions), resulting in the devastation of the alcoholic out-patient unit, a severe reduction of ten positions in Cahill 4, the in-patient psychiatric unit, cuts in programs for linguistic minorities, and other cuts that will totally undermine critical services to very ill people; and

WHEREAS: This devastation will be felt in other important mental health programs in the Cambridge-Somerville mental health area, including the Cambridge Guidance Center, serving 400-500 Cambridge youngsters every year of whom a large majority could not receive the services any other way; and

WHEREAS: This City Council cannot let such devastating cuts go by without loud protests to our State legislator; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager and Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a meeting with Charles Flaherty, Speaker of the House, and other legislators from Cambridge for the City Council and the administration to make them aware of the horrendous impact of the cuts in mental health to the citizens of Cambridge.

In City Council May 13, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

Order # 36

NON-CONSENT

F-211

Mayor Wolf re: cuts in mental health.

In City Council,

May 13, 1991

Order Adopted