



City of Cambridge

Consent Communication #14
IN CITY COUNCIL

March 28, 1994

STOPPING CRIME AND VIOLENCE IN OUR CITIES AND TOWNS

WHEREAS: America's communities and families are scarred by increasing numbers of violent crimes; and

WHEREAS: the level of violence associated with criminal acts is increasing; and

WHEREAS: no community or family is untouched by incidents of crime or fear of being victimized by crime; and

WHEREAS: reductions in crime and in the fear of crime will require enactment of meaningful national anti-crime legislation as well as work by local communities and state governments to develop and implement long-term solutions that deal with both the causes and effects of crime; and

WHEREAS: implementing long- and short-term solutions to stop crime and violence in our cities and towns is the National League of Cities' top priority in 1994; and

WHEREAS: the critical nature of the problem demands an end to Congressional gridlock; and

WHEREAS: achieving an early partnership to reduce crime will require immediate action by Congress. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that Cambridge urgently calls upon the Congress to enact anti-crime legislation immediately so that the resources and programs which such legislation will provide can be utilized on a timely basis to deal with this critical problem now; be it further

RESOLVED: that such anti-crime legislation should include:

- A balanced approach that includes both enforcement and prevention programs.

- Direct block grant anti-crime funds to cities and towns with maximum flexibility allowed in the use of those funds.
- Creation of a federal anti-crime trust fund financed by dedicated revenues derived from licensing fees levied on weapons, ammunition and weapons dealers, be it further

RESOLVED: that Cambridge rededicates itself to crime prevention and suppression and calls upon its citizens to assist in these efforts.

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Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

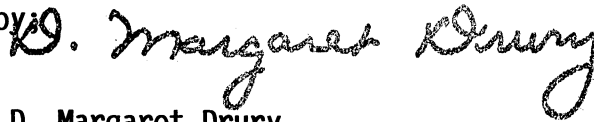
Yeas 8; Nays 0; Absent 1.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy:

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk





CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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Jonathan S. Myers
City Councillor

March 24, 1994

The Honorable, The City Council
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Colleagues:

The following measure was recommended at the National League of Cities Conference. I would suggest that we adopt it and submit it unanimously to our Congressmen and Senators.

Thank you very much. I will see you Monday night on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Myers

Dear Colleague,

The following measure was recommended at the National League of Cities Conference. I would suggest that we adopt it and submit it unanimously to our ^{Congressman} ~~Congressman~~ and Senators.

Thank you very much. Your
I will see you on Monday next
~~anticipated cooperation on this matter~~
~~is very much appreciated.~~

Truly
Yours

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

STOPPING CRIME AND VIOLENCE IN OUR CITIES AND TOWNS

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- WHEREAS, the level of violence associated with criminal acts is increasing; and
- WHEREAS, no community or family is untouched by incidents of crime or the fear of being victimized by crime; and
- WHEREAS, reductions in crime and in the fear of crime will require enactment of meaningful national anti-crime legislation as well as work by local communities and state governments to develop and implement long-term solutions that deal with both the causes and effects of crime; and
- WHEREAS, implementing short- and long-term solutions to stop crime and violence in our cities and towns is the National League of Cities' top priority in 1994; and
- WHEREAS, the critical nature of the problem demands an end to Congressional gridlock; and
- WHEREAS, achieving an early partnership to reduce crime will require immediate action by the Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that (insert your city/town name) urgently calls upon the Congress to enact anti-crime legislation immediately so that the resources and programs which such legislation will provide can be utilized on a timely basis to deal with this critical problem now.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such anti-crime legislation should include:

- A balanced approach that includes both enforcement and prevention programs.
- Direct block grant anti-crime funds to cities and towns with maximum flexibility allowed in the use of those funds.
- Creation of a federal anti-crime trust fund financed by dedicated revenues derived from licensing fees levied on weapons, ammunition and weapons dealers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (insert the name of your city and town) rededicates itself to crime prevention and suppression and calls upon its citizens to assist in these efforts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES



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A comm. was received from Councillor
Myers regarding crime and violence
in our cities and towns.

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Order adopted
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