



City of Cambridge

6.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 29, 1996

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: **The "Early Resolution on Local Aid"** provides for early decision by the State Legislature on the amounts of Local Aid communities will receive for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS: The Early Resolution includes the following minimum amounts of Local Aid that are in House One, the Governor's recommended budget for fiscal 1997:

- \$41.6 million in new unrestricted lottery aid for a total of \$484.2 million;
- \$207 million in new, direct education aide to meet the Commonwealth's commitment to fund the education reform bill; and
- \$476.3 million in the Additional Assistance line item; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record supporting the **"Early Resolution on Local Aid"**, which would increase local aid, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit this resolution to the Cambridge legislative delegation with the request that they support the **"Early Resolution on Local Aid"**.

In City Council January 29, 1996
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

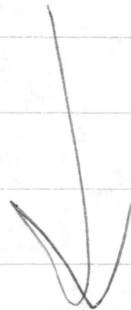
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~~Resolved: That the City Council~~



Councillor Sullivan

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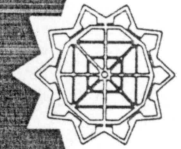
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that the City Clerk be and hereby is
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Cambridge legislative delegation
~~STATE Representatives and Senator~~ with the request

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MMA Action



Governor Calls for \$248.6 Million Hike in Local Aid: Please Call Your Legislators Now and Ask Them to Co-Sponsor an Early Resolution on Local Aid

Councillor Sullivan
1-29-96

Governor Weld has filed his fiscal 1997 budget recommendations with the House of Representatives. The Governor's budget, House One, contains a \$248 million increase in local aid. Please call your Representative and Senator today and ask them to co-sponsor "The Early Resolution on Local Aid." The Early Resolution, which will be available for your legislators' signature in the offices of the House and Senate Clerk, includes the following *minimum* amounts of Local Aid that are in House One:

- \$41.6 million in new unrestricted lottery aid, for a total of \$484.2 million; this amount meets the Legislature's 1994 pledge to phase out the diversion of lottery funds over a five-year period and to return all growth in the lottery to cities and towns;
- \$207 million in new, direct education aid to meet the commonwealth's commitment to fund the education reform bill, including minimum aid at \$75 per student; and
- \$476.3 million in the Additional Assistance line item.

When speaking with your Legislators please stress:

1. The critical importance to your community of getting meaningful Cherry Sheets by March 1; this can only happen if both the House and Senate adopt *identical* resolutions on local aid in early February; failure to adopt the Early Resolution on Local Aid will mean that your community will be forced to play a budgetary game of blind man's bluff by submitting your budget to town meeting or the city council without knowing the minimum level of state aid that your community can count on; and
2. The Local Aid Resolution is essential in order for you to know how much Chapter 70 school aid you will receive, so that you can budget these funds to meet the requirements of the school reform law. Delay in clarifying local and state school spending levels will cause serious budget problems.

In addition to the local aid numbers, House One contains over 2,000 pages of changes to the general laws and is accompanied by the long-awaited details of the Governor's reorganization plan. The MMA will be conducting a thorough review of the rest of the budget, including such key items as the recommendations for regional school transportation, School Building Assistance, PILOT, and Chapter 90 road money. We will send you an analysis of the budget next week.

Please call your Representatives and Senators today. March 1st Cherry Sheets are only possible if an Early Resolution on Local Aid is passed in February.

Massachusetts Municipal Association, Sixty Temple Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02111; (617) 426-7272



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Born, Davis, Duhan, Galluccio, Reeves
Consent Order #6
Russell + Triantafyllou

Councillor Sullivan re: Urge
Cambridge legislative delegation
to support the "Early Resolution
on Local Aid".

R-106

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Order Adopted