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To the Honorable, the Cambridge City Council

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**Ballot Referendum to Move the Nuclear Reactor
from Cambridge**

I am writing to notify the Cambridge City Council that Ralph Lopez and I have now collected enough signatures to place our Hoicka/Lopez Ballot Referendum to Move the Nuclear Reactor Out of Cambridge on the Ballot, and the text has been approved by the Attorney General's office.

Most Cambridge people I have talked with were unaware that there is a Nuclear Reactor in Cambridge.

MIT, of course, claims its nuclear reactor is perfectly safe, and is used for experimentation. One MIT student told me the reactor was used for making bombs. MIT has not in the past disclosed the details of classified or confidential research, and is expected, as a matter of course, to publicly deny the facility is used for bomb-making purposes.

The public policy question, regardless of MIT's claim of perfect nuclear safety, is whether a nuclear reactor properly belongs in a residential neighborhood – or should be moved “to a safer and less densely populated area”. Whether we want a reactor in Cambridge is an issue which deserves to be publicly debated and decided by Cambridge voters – not by technocrats or bureaucrats who live elsewhere.

Text of Ballot Question:

“Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation

requiring that the Nuclear Reactor presently operating in Cambridge on Albany Street near Mass. Ave. and MIT, be removed forthwith out of Cambridge to a safer and less densely populated area.”

We put the nuclear reactor on the ballot using neutral language so the public policy of having a nuclear reactor in our back yard may be publicly reviewed. In fact, it is called a “public policy question” on the ballot so the “public policy” behind having a nuclear reactor in a residential neighborhood can be publicly and democratically decided.

The Hoicka/Lopez Move the Nuke Petition appears to be the only ballot initiative on Nuclear Reactors in Massachusetts this year. David Hoicka and

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Re: Move the Nuclear Reactor from Cambridge Ballot Question
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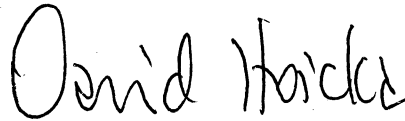
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Ralph Lopez sponsored the *Move the Nuke* ballot referendum to set legislative priorities straight, and to protect the interest of Cambridge residents.

Through this Ballot Initiative, more than 10,000 Cambridge residents can directly vote to show the State House that moving the Nuclear Reactor out of Cambridge is critical to health and well-being. If a survey of 200 or 300 people is statistically significant, a vote showing the opinion of 10,000 Cambridge Voters, should carry great weight throughout the state and have national influence.

David Hoicka and Ralph Lopez believe the Cambridge voters should have a say in the siting of Nuclear Reactors in Cambridge, and encourage everyone to vote YES on the *Move the Nuke Referendum*.

Warmest regards,



David Hoicka,
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A communication was received from David Hoicka, 10 Lopez Street, transmitting a letter regarding the Ballot Referendum to move the Nuclear Reactor from Cambridge.

In City Council July 27, 1998

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