



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
February 22, 1999

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

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will receive \$97 million this year, followed by \$280 million annually for twenty-four years as a result of the tobacco lawsuit; and

WHEREAS: The distribution of these funds will be determined through the legislative process; and

WHEREAS: There is strong support across various constituencies and elected officials for earmarking the tobacco settlement dollars for an expansion of public health programs, with a particular emphasis on using the money to address the unmet health care needs of the uninsured, the underinsured, and the underserved residents of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Tobacco settlement dollars should be directed to efforts that improve the health and well being of residents and communities across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Given the effectiveness of community-based health programs and initiatives in improving health status and reducing disparities in health outcomes, the distribution of the tobacco settlement funds should offer specific support for local activities; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has filed legislation to create a "Health Block Grant" which will distribute 40% of tobacco settlement dollars directly to cities and towns through a formula which takes into account health status indicators and which will allow cities and towns, particularly those with a disproportionate burden of illness, to develop innovative programming to improve health outcomes; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Municipal Association has unanimously endorsed the passage of this legislation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby endorses the passage of this legislation creating health block grants for cities and towns; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby respectfully requests its legislative delegation to endorse this legislation and to work vigorously for its passage; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of the 1999 Cambridge Public Health Assessment compiled by the Cambridge Health Alliance, volumes one and two, be sent forthwith to members of the Cambridge legislative delegation.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Duehay

Whereas the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will receive \$97 million this year, followed by \$280 million annually for 24 years as a result of the tobacco lawsuit and whereas the distribution of these funds will be determined through the legislative process;

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Consent Order #3

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Mayor Duehay re: support the passage of
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for cities and towns.

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ORDER ADOPTED