



City of Cambridge

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~~Calendar Item # 23~~~~Calendar Item # 1~~
IN CITY COUNCIL~~November 22, 1993~~~~December 13, 1993~~

December 20, 1993

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has recently completed another proportional representation election count and;

WHEREAS: The process for counting ballots is a long and often arduous process for Election Officials, candidates for Office as well as citizens of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Computerizing the Cambridge Proportional Representation election system may offer significant improvements including, but not limited to:

Increasing the speed of the count,
Increasing voter participation,
Reducing the cost to conduct the count; and

WHEREAS: The Center for Voting and Democracy, based in Worcester, MA has done extensive research into options for computerizing proportional representation election systems has offered to share its information as it might relate to improving the system used in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Election Commission, by a vote of the Board of Election Commissioners, has expressed an interest in learning more about potential electronic improvements for the Cambridge municipal election system and would welcome whatever assistance might be available from the Center for Voting and Democracy to that end; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record to support an inquiry into options that may lead to improvements in the conduct of the count of ballots under the proportional representation election system used in Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council request the City Manager to confer with the Election Commission and the City Solicitor in order to determine what information and resources will be needed to facilitate this inquiry and to utilize all options available to support such an effort.

In City Council December 13, 1993.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 8; Nays 0; Absent 1.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

**RECONSIDERATION FILED BY COUNCILLOR TOOMEY ON THIS
MATTER.**

12-20-93 NO ACTION TAKEN ON RECONSIDERATION.

**ACTION TAKEN ON DECEMBER 13, 1993 ADOPTING THE ORDER
STANDS.**



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CHARTER RIGHT WAS EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR WALSH

dated Nov 17 90
C-Russell

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Consent Order #6

Councillor Russell re: Computerizing
the Proportional Representation
election system.

*Charter Right was
exercised by*

*Councillor Walsh
12/13/93 Order adopted
8-0-1*

*Reconsideration filed by
Councillor Goomey.*

In City Council,

November 22, 1993

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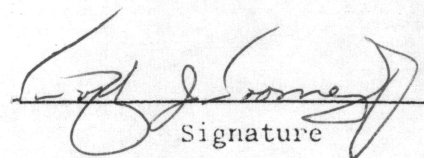
Toomey

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CAMBRIDGE MA.

Date

Councillor Toomey has notified the City Clerk of his intention to move reconsideration of the vote taken on December 13, 1993 adopting an order submitted by Councillor Russell regarding computerizing the Proportional Representation election process.


Signature

1. R-604
Reconsideration filed by Councillor
Toomey on an order submitted by
Councillor Russell adopted on
December 13, 1993 regarding
computerizing the Proportional
Representation election process.

In City Council,

December 20, 1993

*No action taken
on reconsideration*

*Action taken on
12/13/93 adopting the
Voller-stander*