



City of Cambridge

14.

IN CITY COUNCIL
February 7, 1994

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

- WHEREAS:** The reauthorization of the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act are major federal legislative and executive objectives for 1994; and
- WHEREAS:** Cambridge and other Massachusetts communities and their ratepayers - businesses, institutions, and homeowners alike - are in immediate need of the federal clean water funding that would be available under the reauthorized Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act; and
- WHEREAS:** The MWRA's grant of \$100 million for fiscal 1994 will not be released until authorizing language is enacted in the reauthorized Clean Water Act; and
- WHEREAS:** Future federal funding for the MWRA and other Massachusetts communities will be determined through that Act's reauthorization; and
- WHEREAS:** Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Clinton Administration has proposed that a loan program for drinking water projects be established and initially capitalized by the federal government; and
- WHEREAS:** This good news is tied into the reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act, making imperative the Act's reauthorization as quickly as possible, especially since the 1994 fiscal year budget has funds set aside for drinking water projects but no mechanism through which to distribute them; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Cambridge and its businesses and residents would directly benefit from the reauthorization of these two acts since Cambridge is planning a new \$45 million water treatment plant and because rapidly escalating water/sewer rates tied to the federal mandate to clean up Boston Harbor can be controlled only through federal financial assistance; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That Representative Joseph P. Kennedy, Senators Edward Kennedy and John Kerry, and the entire Massachusetts congressional delegation be urged to support H.R. 3392, reauthorization of the Safe Water Drinking Act, but at the level of \$6.6 billion proposed in the Senate version by Senator Max Baucus; and be it further

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RESOLVED: That the City Council bring this message personally to our delegation during the annual Congressional-City meeting of the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. in March.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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City Clerk

14 *Amending - now consent*

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Non-Consent Order #14 - *S-43*

Councillor Duchay re: The Clean
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Order Adopted

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