



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 26, 1995

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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WHEREAS: Section 4 of Roberts Rules addressed "Unanimous Consent;" and

WHEREAS: At the June 19, 1995 meeting of the City Council, a City Councillor was denied the opportunity to change a vote after asking for Unanimous Consent, and Section 4 clearly states that the ruling that denied the Councillor's request was not correct, and the matter should have been put before the entire City Council; and

WHEREAS: Section 42 of Roberts Rules addresses the Rule Against the Chairs Participation in Debate; and

WHEREAS: The Presiding Officer of this body should not be participating in debate while in the Chair as in Section 42 quite clearly defines and this Council should actively enforce this rule to allow for fair debate for all members of the City Council; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council aggressively enforce Sections 4 and 42 of Roberts Rules of Order with the view in mind of protecting the rights of each member of the Cambridge City Council.

REFERRED TO THE RULES COMMITTEE

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Ordered: That the Cambridge City Council aggressively enforce ~~the~~ Rules of Order, with the view in mind of protecting the rights of each member of the Cambridge City Council Sections 4 and 42 of Roberts

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Consent Order #29

Councillor Toomey re: Enforcement of Sections
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