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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
c/o D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall
79 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Please allow me to ask for forgiveness from you on a matter. Your wisdom and inspiration will be helpful on this. Thank you in advance for your consideration and understanding.

In 1988, I travelled to St. John, New Brunswick to attend the World Chess Festival. Councillor Duehay (later Mayor Duehay) was kind enough at the time to sponsor a resolution designating me as a representative of the City which allowed me to participate in a "celebrity" simultaneous chess match with World Champion Gary Kasparov. More by inference, I believe, or perhaps by mistake, I was seen as a City Councillor (which I was not at the time), and participated and was introduced as such. I corrected the announcer afterwards, and said I was not a City Councillor, but here representing the great City of Cambridge in some way. The announcer said not to worry. Similarly Councillor Duehay was very kind when I related the story to him.

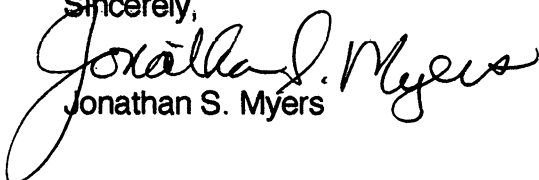
Still, I felt I could have taken a more pro-active stance ahead of time, and not been introduced as a City Councillor, even if that would have meant forfeiting my opportunity to play with World Champion Kasparov. Please allow me to apologize for this mistake at the time. In my heart I am sorry for it.

Life has shown me little else, but honesty is the best policy. Respectfully and humbly I would like to offer this contribution of \$250.00 to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Chess team, under the wonderful leadership of Marcia Duran, CRLS is a many time state Champion and national contender. So I ask for your forgiveness. I feel that I could have done more to set the record straight in this situation.

I have also become a subscriber to the perspective that lemons lead to lemonade. Accordingly, Former US Chess Champion Larry Christiansen moved to Cambridge in the last several years, with his wife Natasha. Larry has expressed a willingness to play a blindfold exhibition, truly remarkable, with our high school team. I would be happy to facilitate this. G-d has given me much through chess in Harvard Square; this is where I met my friend and co-parent Margaret, and we were blessed with the opportunity to bring two beautiful children (Cambridge residents) Sophie and Sam into this world.

Thank you very much again for your time and understanding.

Sincerely,


Jonathan S. Myers

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A communication was received from Jonathan S. Myers, relative to his representation of the City of Cambridge at a "celebrity" chess match with World Champion Gary Kasparov in St. John, New Brunswick.

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