



City of Cambridge

R-1.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 30, 2000

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
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WHEREAS: Lauren bore the burdens of the chairmanship quietly and, drawing on her training as a lawyer, she worked with tireless precision and care to apply an ordinance that baffles even the most diligent students of Cambridge development; and

WHEREAS: In this volunteer position, Lauren was visibly responsible for the smooth running of bimonthly public hearings around which swirl some of our City's most pressing and volatile debates. But the post also demanded as much as twenty hours of behind the scenes service in the week before any meeting – drafting and redrafting decisions, monitoring statutory limitations, notifying petitioners of incomplete applications, and cajoling city agencies into rendering swift opinions. None of her fellow board members ever heard a complaint – except when her young daughters had to sit through hearing after hearing on a night when no sitter was available, the mild protest coming then not from Lauren but from little voices on the floor; and

WHEREAS: Always, always, Lauren made sure she carried out her duty to the citizens of Cambridge. One September evening this year, as extended arguments over property lines and bay windows pushed the agenda of "continued" cases to 9:30 p.m., Lauren presided calmly, without rushing anyone – although her husband was in the hospital and her middle-school daughters were waiting at home; and

WHEREAS: Under Lauren's careful, patient, balanced leadership, BZA hearings in recent years have modeled pure democracy in action. Everyone is given a chance to speak, often without time limit. Matters are deliberated and decisions are rendered right at the hearing – sometimes very late at night and not uncommonly after 1:00 in the morning. The interests of Cambridge as a whole community have been tirelessly attended to; and

WHEREAS: Through the work of this exceptionally conscientious and selfless individual, the BZA's already impressive standard of professionalism has been taken to new heights; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to Lauren Curry for her service to the citizens of Cambridge as a member and chair of the Board of Zoning Appeal; and

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Lauren Curry on behalf of the entire City Council.

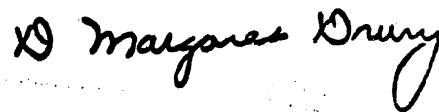
In City Council October 30, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Lauren Curry

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u/A *model* ~~Those of you who have attended BZA hearings in recent years know you have seen pure democracy in action. Under Lauren's careful, patient, balanced leadership, everyone is given a chance to speak, often without time limit. Matters are deliberated on and decisions rendered right at the hearing – sometimes very late at night and not uncommonly after 1:00 in the morning. No, not everyone comes away with the result they wished for, but the interests of Cambridge as a whole community have been tirelessly attended to; *and*~~

u/A Through the work of this exceptionally conscientious and selfless individual, the BZA's already impressive standard of professionalism has been taken to new heights; All of us who remain on the board will struggle to maintain the standards Lauren set for us. *now therefore be it*

From the bottom of our hearts, Lauren, thank you. May you enjoy the novelty of choosing how to spend your Thursday evenings. And we look forward to seeing the next outlet you choose for your extraordinary energy and talent.

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☒ Herewith

☐ Under Separate Cover

To:

KEN REEVES.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Project:

LAUREN CURRY RETIREMENT

Project Number:

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Re:

☐ Disk

☐ Cd

☐ Brochure

☐ Photographs

☐ Prints

☐ Publication

☐ Samples

☐ Shop Drawings

☐ Specifications

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Via:

☐ Courier

☐ Federal Express

☐ Overnight

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Date:

29 OCT 2000

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1	PARAGRAPH		/					/	/				

Remarks:

KEN, I GOT A MESSAGE FRIDAY

"THAT YOU NEEDED A PARAGRAPH ON
 LAUREN CURRY. HERE'S MUCH MORE
 THAN YOU NEED TO KNOW. CALL IF YOU
 HAVE QUESTIONS, OR IF
 I CAN BE OF HELP.
 MANY THANKS!

From:

TOM SIENIEWICZ

Copies to:

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Resolution #1

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Appreciation to Lauren Curry as
she ends her eight years of service
as chair of the BZA.

Councillor Reeves and entire membership

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