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March 29, 1988

To the City/Town Clerks in the MWRA Service Area:

Please place the enclosed communication from Medford City Councillor Robert M. Penta on the agenda of your next scheduled Council meeting.

Councillor Penta would appreciate being informed of the date on which the matter will be discussed by your local legislative body.

If you so desire, he will make every effort to be present at your meeting. In addition, should you require further information, please contact him.

Very truly yours,

Mary M. Granfield

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Acting City Clerk

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AN OPEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATION FROM THE MEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

Respectfully, it is the request of the Medford City Council via City Councillor Robert M. Penta's resolve (88-256) that your office be forwarded with a copy of this Medford City Council resolution and roll call vote that was unanimously passed at its meeting of March 22, 1988.

The Medford City Council has publicly stated that if need be it will accept its' accountability for and its' (fair share) proportionate financial contribution to help pay for the rehabilitation of Boston Harbor.

Likewise, Medford feels it should not be penalized, without accountability and voting participation, to pay for the many years of gubernatorial and legislative inaction and omission for failing to address this Boston Harbor problem.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Granfield
Acting City Clerk

ENCLOSURE:

CC Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth
State Secretary of Administration and Finance
Office of the State Auditor
Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives
President of the Massachusetts State Senate
Executive Director of the Mass Water and Resource Authority
Board of Directors of the Mass Water and Resource Authority
Advisory Board of the Mass Water and Resource Authority

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AN OPEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILLOR BOB PENTA
TO ALL LOCAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS WITHIN THE
MASS WATER RESOURCE AUTHORITY

The enclosure is explicit and distinct in its approach to restructure the MWRA authority and operation.

Your support by way of an official vote from local legislative body in behalf of this petition and your citizen ratepayers will publicly demonstrate to the at-present Massachusetts General Court that the MWRA authority in operation is truly taxation without representation.

Anticipating that with your legislative body's endorsement coupled with the orderly support of our member cities and towns and with our timely appearances before the appropriate legislative committee (when called) to review this petition should ignite, if not beforehand, a new change for a revised re-direction of the operating and accounting procedures of the MWRA.

I would be most receptive to meet or speak to your legislative body, if you wished. However, since timeliness is of the essence to ensure a cohesive bond of actions among our city and town membership, it would be most appropriate and appreciated that your local action of support be as expeditious as possible and subsequently forwarded to our Medford City Clerk.

Subsequent to your local action of approval, you will have furnished for your legislative signatures the appropriate legislative bill filing document wherein your affixed signatures will be included as co-sponsors of support of this bill filing.

It has said on numerous occasions that there is a time to let things happen and a time to make things happen.
I BELIEVE THE TIME HAS COME TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!

Where we wind up tomorrow, depends on where
we start up today,
Therefore, words, when spoken well, give
visions of hope,
But actions, with words, makes a vision
have reality.

Respectfully written



City of Medford

MASSACHUSETTS

CITY COUNCILLOR

ROBERT M. PENTA

ZERO SUMMIT ROAD

MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 02155

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WATER RESOURCE AUTHORITY

Being candid and honest is just as healthy as making one smile or laugh...so says medical, patient, practice and procedures.

Therefore, without mixing fancy sentences and philosophical ideas, the purpose of this communication is as follows.

Please be advised of our Medford City Council Resolution (88-256) that was unanimously passed at its meeting of March 22, 1988 regarding the Mass Water Resource Authority (MWRA). I believe the resolution is self-explanatory.

Because we, as member cities and towns of the MWRA, are forced to pay without cost accountability or having credit allowances for water saving initiatives inclusive of no voting participation for this rehabilitation of Boston Harbor; then we, as member cities and towns, should together ban our forces and demand our Legislature to correct the great wrong they created when enacting the Water Resource Authority's autonomous authority.

Likewise, I believe we should address the Governor and our Great and General Court not only expressing our displeasures regarding their blundering enactment of the autonomous operation of the MWRA, but also their true lack of sensitivity and legislative perception expecting a minimal amount of cities and towns to pay for the rehabilitation of Boston Harbor. Boston Harbor is a world used port for which all three hundred fifty one cities and towns in our Commonwealth likewise have the ability to use.



City of Medford
MASSACHUSETTS

In the City Council, MARCH 22, 1988

Offered By Councillor PENTA

Be it resolved,

THAT THE CITY OF MEDFORD INITIATE A HOME RULE PETITION REQUESTING A FILING FOR A MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE UPON ALL MWRA CITIES AND TOWNS AND ALL OTHER MASSACHUSETTS CITIES AND TOWNS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INITIATING SUCH STATEWIDE LEGISLATION THAT WILL ABOLISH THE ATONOMOUS AUTHORITY OF THE MWRA AND RECREATE A NEW MWRA AUTHORITY BY WAY OF A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF CITY AND TOWN EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVES, FEDERAL AND STATE COMMISSION MEMBERS THAT WILL ENACT ALL AUTHORITY OF MWRA BY WAY OF AN AUTHORITY VOTE. SUCH NEW AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS SOLE PURPOSE WILL BE TO INITIATE AND CREATE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND COST EFFECTIVE WAY TO REHABILITATE THE BOSTON HARBOR. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MWRA SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO VOTE OR ENGAGE IN ISSUING ANY CONTRACTS, HIRING OF ANY PERSONNEL, OR ISSUING ANY WATER OR SEWER RATE CHARGES WITHOUT AN APPROVED VOTE OF THE NEW MWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SUCH AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP CONSISTING OF THE AFOREMENTIONED MEMBERS SHALL MEET MONTHLY AND WITHOUT COMPENSATION

IT SHALL ALSO BE RESOLVED, THAT THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS NEWLY RECOMMISSIONED AUTHORITY SHALL BE TO REEVALUATE THE AT-PRESENT RATE STRUCTURE AND FURTHER PREPARE AN ENACTMENT VIA THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE FOR AN EQUITABLE RATE STRUCTURE WHEREIN AN AT-MINIMUM 50% TAKE OVER OF SUCH HARBOR COST REVITILIZATION IS BORNE VIA A LEGISLATIVE OR FEDERALLY ENACTED ENTITLEMENT OR BONDING PROGRAM OTHER THAN BY THE AT-PRESENT MWRA CITY AND TOWN MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS NEW RATE STRUCTURE AS IT WILL EFFECT ALL MASSACHUSETTS CITIES AND TOWNS SHALL BE EFFECTUATED BY 12/31/88 WITH A RETROACTIVE RATE CHARGE COMMENCING 7/1/88.

IT SHALL BE FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT PROPORTIONATE RATE REDUCTIONS SHALL BE CREDITED AND DELETED FROM ANY CITY AND TOWN WATER AND SEWER CHARGE THAT HAS SUCCESSFULLY INITIATED AND COMPLETED WATER SAVING TECHNIQUES AND TRUE WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTABILITY.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS RESOLVE, IF A CATALYST IT BE, ENLIGHTEN OUR MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT THAT THEIR OUTRAGEOUS LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT OF THE MWRA HAS AROUSED CITIZEN TAXPAYERS, NEWSPAPER PERSONNEL, POLITICAL PEOPLE AND ANY COMMON SENSE PERSON TO REALIZE THAT SUCH LEGISLATION WAS SO RECKLESS TO GRANT THIS TOTALLY UNCONTROLLED AUTHORITY (MWRA),

THEY CAN NOW, IN CONCLUSION OF THEIR RECKLESS ACT, AMEND AND CORRECT THEIR EARLY MISTAKE BY SUPPORTING THE AFOREMENTIONED AS OUTLINED.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ALL THOSE CITIES AND TOWNS THAT ARE COMPRISED OF THE MWRA WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT BE APPRISED OF THE VOTE TAKEN BY THE MEDFORD CITY COUNCIL, AND BE SO FURNISHED WITH THE ROLL CALL VOTE SO TAKEN, AND BE REQUESTED TO SUPPORT SUCH ACTION TAKEN BY THE MEDFORD CITY COUNCIL.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THOSE MWRA CITIES AND TOWNS BE REQUESTED TO SUPPORT SUCH ENCLOSED RESOLUTION BY WAY OF AN OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL, TOWN MEETING, OR BOARD OF SELECTMEN OFFICIAL VOTE, AND BE SO REFERRED BACK TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE IN MEDFORD, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ADDITIONALLY, SUCH AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTION AND RECORDED ROLL CALL VOTE BE ~~FORWARDED TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH, SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE, THE AUDITOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MWRA, AND THE MWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FOR THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF SHOWING DISPLEASURE AS IT RELATES TO THE ON GOING UNCONTROLLED, AUTHORITY ACTION OF THE PRESENT MWRA.~~

IN CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 22nd, 1988

PASSED

A true copy,

attest:

Mary M. Granfield

Mary M. Granfield
Acting City Clerk

MEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL

PAPER NO. 88-256 March 22 19 88

SUBJECT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FILING FOR A MASSACHUSETTS
LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE UPON ALL
CITIES AND TOWNS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INITIATING SUCH
STATEWIDE LEGISLATION THAT WILL ABOLISH THE AUTONOMOUS
AUTHORITY OF THE MWRA.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
COUNCILLOR DOHERTY	✓		
VICE PRESIDENT GIGLIO	✓		
COUNCILLOR HARTE	✓		
COUNCILLOR MAIOCCO	✓		
COUNCILLOR PENTA	✓		
COUNCILLOR POMPEO	✓		
PRESIDENT MALONEY	✓		
A TRUE COPY, ATTEST: <i>Mary M. Granfield</i> MARY M. GRANFIELD ACTING CITY CLERK	7		

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Comm. from Mary M. Granfield, Acting City Clerk,
Medford, transmitting a comm. from Robert M.
Penta, City Councillor & a copy of a resolution
adopted by the Medford City Council to initiate
a Home Rule petition for State wide legislation
to abolish the MWRA & create a new MWRA.

In City Council,

April 4, 1988

4-4-88

Referred to the
City Manager for
Report.

copy sent to the City Manager 4/6/88