



City of Cambridge

29.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 5, 1992

COUNCILLOR WALSH
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

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ORDERED: That the City Manager request the Chairperson of the Assessing Department to meet personally as soon as possible with Mr. Kirylo and explain in detail how the amount of the assessment was arrived at, giving him all the backup information, including the exact formula used to assess the value of his particular residence and answering all other questions raised in his letter of September 28, 1992; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to this Council within one week to confirm that the requested meeting has been or is being scheduled.

In City Council October 5, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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(ATTACHMENT-3 page letter)

Sept 28, 1992

Dear Mr. Walsh

Never before have I felt a need to ask a politician for help. Today I ask for Your help.

I am a blue collar worker and My wife is a part time nurse. We both have attended Cambridge Public Schools and with the exception of a few short years after getting married We have lived Our entire lives in Cambridge.

We have three small children ~~Six~~^{Six}, Four and two.

Back in Dec of 1987 We were extremely happy to have purchased Our two family home at 89 Line street for one hundred Fifty three thousand ~~at~~ the height of the real estate boom.

Our house was in total disrepair with neither a working kitchen or bathroom on the second floor.

After finishing major renovation at a cost of 80 thousand dollars, we discovered Our house was reassessed at 246,200 in 1990. We did not complain but paid

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Our Fair Share.

Since then I have compared the following houses on Line Street from 1990 assessments to 1992.

	1990	1992
7 Line St.	233,200	175,300
11 Line St.	220,800	159,103
15-17 Line St.	222,100	190,700
19-21 Line St.	217,800	186,400
23-25 Line St.	223,200	187,200
27 Line St.	202,400	172,100

As You can see by these figures taken from "The Tab" these assessments have gone down considerably.

My home has been assessed from \$246,200 to \$279,800 an increase of \$33,600

Also, I understand Mr Myers has had extensive renovations done on His property and His assessment has been reduced from \$246,200 in 1990 to \$191,600 in 1992. Mr Cyrus 1990 - \$140,200, 1992 \$128,200

Mrs Wolfe in 1990 was assessed for \$424,400 in 1992 reduced to \$317,400;

That's a \$107,000 reduction since 1990!

This week I called City hall and voiced my objection to such a drastic increase in assessment. I told Frank Silva that I could not understand how my assessment has increased while real estate prices and assessments surrounding me were declining.

I was told by Mr. Silva that I could file for an abatement and that if I wished to live like a peasant then I would pay like a peasant. If I chose to live like a king then I would have to pay like a king.

Mr Walsh all I am asking for is a fair shake. I would appreciate any attention you could give this matter

Sincerely

Joe Kirylo

39 Line St

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William H. Walsh
City Councillor

BY HAND

September 30, 1992

MEMORANDUM:

TO: D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

FROM: David Noonan, for *David Noonan*
Councillor Walsh

ATTENTION: Mrs. Donna Lopez

RE: Council Order (CONSENT AGENDA) for
October 5, 1992

Councillor Walsh requests that the enclosed Council Order regarding the assessment of Mr. Kirylo's residence at 39 Line Street, Cambridge be included in the CONSENT AGENDA for the Council Session on October 5, 1992.

Your courtesy and cooperation in this regard are much appreciated.

(ENCLOSURE) (3-page letter attached to Order)

CC: Councillor Walsh



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CONSENT ORDER #29

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in assessments of residential properties.

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Order Adopted
San Jose