

City of Cambridge

Councillor Coates

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In City Council,
April 26, 1971.

WHEREAS:-

Governor Francis W. Sargent on March 10, 1971 submitted the name of Harry J. Elam of 81 Walnut Park, Roxbury, Massachusetts to the Executive Council for approval as an Associate Justice of the Boston Municipal Court to replace the late Elias F. Shamon, and

WHEREAS:-

The Executive Council confirmed the appointment of Harry J. Elam and on April 2, 1971 he was formally inducted into office in ceremonies conducted by Governor Francis W. Sargent in the Gardner Auditorium with one thousand friends and residents of Roxbury in attendance, and

WHEREAS:-

Judge Harry J. Elam resided in Cambridge prior to his service in the United States Army Signal Corps in 1942, and attended Virginia State College and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston University in 1948 and his LL.B. from Boston University Law School in 1951 prior to his admission to the Massachusetts Bar in the year 1952, and

WHEREAS:-

Judge Harry J. Elam has an outstanding record of civic involvement having been a Past President of the Urban League of Greater Boston from 1967 to 1969, a Past President of the Roxbury Multi-Service Center, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Y.M.C.A. and the New England Hospital, a former legal counsel and director of the Boston Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. and served as the Roxbury Community Chairman of the United Fund drive in 1966 and as trustee and attorney for the St. Mark Congregational Church of Boston, and

WHEREAS:-

The new Justice brings a wealth of legal experience and background to the bench having served as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General in 1965 and as Legal Counsel for the Boston Model Neighborhood Board in 1966 and as Executive Secretary to the Governor's Council during the years 1961 and 1962, therefore be it

RESOLVED:-

That the City Council go on record congratulating Judge Harry J. Elam on his ascension to the bench as he follows in the footsteps of another distinguished Cantabrigian, a member of the black race, the late Superior Court Justice Edward O. Gourdin, and be it further

RESOLVED:-

That the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to send a copy of these resolutions to the newly appointed Justice and a second copy to Governor Francis W. Sargent congratulating him on the excellent choice he has made for the administration of justice in the Boston Municipal Court.

City Council April 28, 1971

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 7 members

Paul E. Healey
City Clerk

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RESOLUTIONS

On appointment of Harry J. Elam as an
Associate Justice of the Boston Municipal Court

April 26, 1971

Mr. Coates

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