



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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BOARD OF
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

February 18, 1982

To: Board of Election Commissioners
From: Commissioner Sturges *Sturges*
Re: Referendum Ballot Instructions

In addition to any other appropriate instructions that will be added to the ballot to be used in the upcoming special election recently called by the Cambridge City Council, I recommend that the language quoted below be placed upon the ballot. This language has been approved by the Secretary of State.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Questions 1 and 2 are separate questions. You may vote for or against each question independently. Question 1 requires a majority vote of those voting on it to pass. Question 2 requires a two-thirds vote of those voting on it to pass. If both questions pass, question 2 will prevail.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSENT VOTERS

1. Voter must go before a civil officer who is authorized to administer an oath and subscribe to the affidavit on the smaller envelope. Voters who are members of the Armed Forces may subscribe to the affidavit before a Commissioned Officer of the Armed Forces. If you are a student at a college or university, a registrar or assistant registrar of that school may act in place of a notary public by PERSONALLY signing the envelope and indicating full title.
2. Ballot must be voted in the presence of the officer and no one else and in such a manner as to prevent the officer from knowing how the ballot is marked. Ballot may be marked with ink or pencil.
3. Voter must fold ballot in the presence of the officer in such a way as to conceal the markings.
4. Voter must place the folded ballot in the smaller envelope.
5. Voter must then place the smaller envelope in the mail-back envelope which is addressed to the Cambridge Election Commission and must seal it.
6. Envelope must be mailed to the Cambridge Election Commission at once, voter paying the postage.

TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MARK
A CROSS (X) IN THE SQUARE AT THE RIGHT OF
YES OR NO:

1981 Referenda Questions

QUESTION #1

"SHALL THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BE
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CATED IN THE CITY AND OWNED BY
ANY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, SUCH
TAX TO BE BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT
OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF FAIR
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YES	
NO	

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QUESTION #2

"SHALL THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
CALL UPON OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS TO OPPOSE SENDING U.S.
TROOPS, MILITARY ADVISORS, ARMS,
OR MILITARY AID OF ANY KIND WHAT-
SOEVER TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF EL
SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND GUATE-
MALA?"

YES	
NO	

QUESTION #3

"SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL BE IN

Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting comm. from Commissioner Sturges, Board of Election Commissioners Re: draft of suggested language for the upcoming Special Election.

*copy sent to the City Managers 2/22/82
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In City Council,

February 22, 1982

2/22/82

*Referred to the
Board for discussion
with Election Commission
and Report to City Council
after Wednesday meeting*