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Paintings and Watercolors

by

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October 9, 1994

Mr. Robert Healy
City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

I wish to express my displeasure, as an artist and citizen of Cambridge, on the chain of command which permitted the offensive public display of lewdness in City Hall Annex.

WBZ-TV showed a clip which had a very young child among visitors to the display.

We are living in a particularly degenerate time. It is a shame that we are also living in an age of cowardice.

I understand that Councillor Walsh has taken this issue to our Human Rights Commission. The problem there is that the head of our Human Rights Commission is married to someone from Harvard University. Because of this conflict of interest, employees of Harvard University have been forced to go into Boston with their grievances. In this case, I was told that the head of Harvard's Fogg Art Museum was one of the jurors who chose the current spectacle.

Most people are unhappy with contemporary public art. When our cities are so dirty and infested with pests, perhaps most of any arts funds could go into clean-up programs and desperately need public restrooms.

Sincerely,

cc: Cambridge City Council ✓

Consent Comm. # 8

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Comm. from Vivian Kurkjian, 86 Buckingham St.,
expressing her displeasure with the chain of
command which permitted the offensive art
display in City Hall Annex.

In City Council,

October 17, 1994

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