



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item # 28

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IN CITY COUNCIL

~~October 18, 1993~~

October 25, 1993

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS

WHEREAS: The arts are critical to the quality of life and livability of America's cities; and

WHEREAS: The National Endowment for the Arts' twenty-seven years of promoting cultural vitality throughout the nation has built a cultural infrastructure in this nation; and

WHEREAS: The National Endowment for the Arts is the only federal agency that provides federal funding for the arts programs, activities, and efforts in the cities of America; and

WHEREAS: This funding lends credibility and significance to artistic efforts and serves as a catalyst for other funding, e.g., \$140 million in NEA funds in FY91 having generated \$1.3 billion in non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS: Federal arts funding to cities and towns has helped stimulate the growth of 3,800 local arts agencies in America and \$600 million annually in local government funding to the arts; and

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WHEREAS: The National Endowment for the Arts has been placed in a precarious position because of difficult economic times and assorted attacks on federal support for the arts; and

WHEREAS: Diminishment of the NEA's budget and support would have a disastrous effect on the survival of arts institutions, arts organizations, artists, and cultural programming; and

WHEREAS: This difficult period for the arts comes at a time when the arts are more important than ever before, providing insight into diverse cultures and perspectives in American society and bringing greater understanding among all peoples; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this Cambridge City Council calls upon the President and Congress to, at a minimum, provide full funding for the NEA's budget request of \$174,593,000 and calls upon all Mayors to contact individual members of the House of Representatives and the Senate to urge support for this invaluable federal institution.

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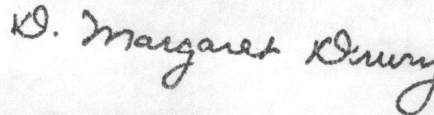
Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

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Consent Order #7

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Mayor Reeves re: Funding for the
National Endowment for the Arts.

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Walsh.

10/25/93 Order adopted

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