

Cambridge, June 18 1992

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully ^{states} ~~proves~~

That in accordance with section 9B of chapter 43 of the General laws "Meetings of city council" which provides in pertinent part that

"all meetings of the city council shall be open to the press and to the public, and the rules of the city council shall provide that citizens and employees of the city shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any such meeting in regard to any matter considered thereat"

I, Jack, a Cambridge voter, expect to be heard in accordance with Rule 23 of the Cambridge City Council's Rules on the following serious matters.

1. The involvement of the Cambridge City Council, by Robert Healy, city manager and City Council employee, in aiding and abetting Continental Cablevision's V.P. in charge of the Cambridge operation, in acts defined as a pattern and practice of Racketeering Activity as defined under the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act, by his refusal to promptly proceeding with the formal process for obtaining compliance by Continental Cablevision with the City's Cabletelevision license in the matter of the Cable Guide and other violations of the City's license as set out in my administrative Complaint, a copy of which is attached. ~~See~~ and incorporated herein by reference. See and read the attached Complaint
2. The involvement of the members of the Cambridge City Council by Robert Healy, city manager and City Council employee, in aiding and abetting the Cambridge Community Television, its board of directors, executive director and employees, in acts defined as a pattern and practice of Racketeering Activity as defined under the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act, by his refusal to promptly proceed with the formal process, as is his duty, for obtaining Compliance with the City's Cable Television license by Cambridge Community Television, its Board of Directors, its alleged officers, its executive director and employees.

~~The~~ The above is based upon the statements contained in the city manager's June 5, 1992 letter to Continental's general manager, a copy of which is also attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Further, in accordance with Chapter 43 s. 107 empowering the city council to make to make inquiry, I expect you my elected representatives to inquire of the the city manager on June 22, 1992 at the city council meeting as to his reasons for his refusal to meet his obligations to enforce the city's Cable Television license.

George J. Welch Jr. a.k.a. Jack
826 Massachusetts Ave R 437
Cambridge MA 02139 661-9622-437

PETITION

of

for

No.

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In City Council,

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Referred to the Committee on

Attest:

City Clerk.

2. repeated violation of its obligation to employ Cambridge residents in accordance with Section 13 of the Cambridge Cable License. Verification-- Steve Marks, May 9, 1991

3. repeated violation of its obligation to provide Cambridge Public Schools with a free video production and master control facility to be located at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and equipment to permit access to six channels on the Institutional Network in accordance with section 11.7 and 11.8.a of Cambridge Cable License. Verification--Public knowledge

4. repeated violation of its obligation to provide Cambridge Police Department with video equipment. Verification--former Chief of Police

Action to be taken by Mass. Cable Commission:

A. Serve copy of Complaint upon Attorney General, Scott Harshbarger, Cambridge resident, for enforcement of violations; penalties provision of Mass. Community Antenna Television Systems section 18 of G.L. c. 166A

B. Serve copy of Complaint and notice of public hearing in the City of Cambridge 21 days after notice upon Continental Cablevision President, Michael Ritter, The Pilot House, Lewis Wharf, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 and William Schleyer, Ex. VP., 180 Greenleaf Ave., Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801.

C. Serve copy of Complaint and notice of public hearing upon Cambridge City Council Members and Cambridge City Manager as required under State Administrative Procedure Act G.L. c. 30A.

D. Serve copy of Complaint and notice of public hearing upon Cambridge Commissioner of Police, Superintendent of Public Schools and each member of board of directors of Cambridge Community Television.

June 26, 1991

Jack a/k/a G. S. W. Jr.
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Jack a.k.a. G. S. W. Jr. Complainant.
Former Operations Manager and Problem
Solver for the National Broadcasting
Company, Executive Producer of the
Venue Project Videos, Business user
of the Cambridge Cable Television
System and Problem Solver for Cambridge
Community Television

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MASSACHUSETTS CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION

100 CAMBRIDGE STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02202
(617) 727-6925

COMPLAINANT: Jack a/k/a G.F.W. Jr., Exec. Prod.
Venus Project Videos and Problem Solver
3 Woodrow Wilson Ct. #24
Cambridge MA. 02139

Home phone 617) 354-1037
Business phone Same
Date Received
Date Resolved

Community: Cambridge Massachusetts
Cable Operator: Continental Cablevision
Contact: Michael Ritter, President, Boston
Massachusetts (61) 742-9500; William Schleyer,
Ex. V.P., Portsmouth New Hampshire (603) 436-7161

REFERRAL: Cambridge resident
Scott Harshbarger, Attorney
General,

TYPE OF COMPLAINT: Complaint for public hearing for Revocation of license
under G.L. c. 166A:11 & c. 166A:19 for unlawful operation and public hearing
under G.L. c. 166A:15 & c. 166A:19 for unlawful rates

Was complaint discussed with Cable Operator? (no) CEO & Attorney refused

DESCRIBE COMPLAINT: Amended August 14, 1990 Complaint Revealing the City of
Cambridge Massachusetts-Cambridge Public Access Corp. Continental Cablevision
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This Complaint amends my August 14, 1990 Complaint against:

(part #3) the officers, board of directors and
executive director of Cambridge Community Television and,

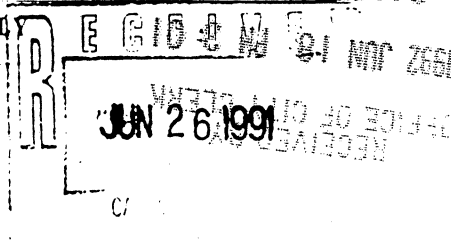
(part #1) against Continental Cablevision

to include the demand that the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Cable
Television Commission conduct a public hearing in the City of Cambridge
Massachusetts, as required under G.L. c. 166A sections 2A, 11, 15 and 19 to
consider revocation of Continental Cablevision's license to operate the
Cambridge Cable Television System for:

1. (a) unlawfully doing business in the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts
between February 25, 1988 and the present and
- (b) unlawfully charging Cambridge, Massachusetts residents and
businesses money for cable services and
- (c) unlawfully charging money for public access to the Cambridge Cable
Television System, between February 25, 1988 and the present,

in violation of the requirements of the Cambridge Final Cable Television License
that there exist, between February 25, 1988 and the present, a Contract between
Continental Cablevision and a federally tax exempt not-for-profit corporation,
Cambridge Public Access Corporation (CPAC), organized by the City to facilitate
open, free, non-discriminatory access to the Cable Television System and to
protect the public interest in the development of public services and
programming and other services as provided in the Final Cable Television License
and Contract. Verification-Cambridge City Manager, Dec. 12, 1990 (see p.2)

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ACTION TAKEN (Be Specific):



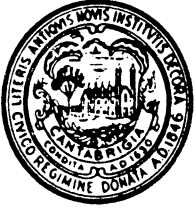
Name: _____

Date: _____

Complaint Resolved:

() Yes () No

If No, why:



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

TEL 349-4300
FAX 349-4307

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

June 5, 1992

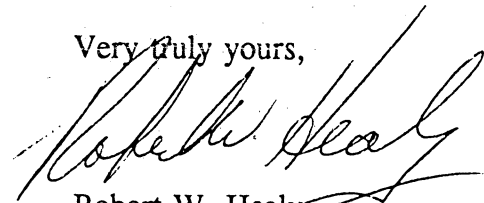
Philip S. Ripa
General Manager
Continental Cablevision
88 Sherman Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

Dear Mr. Ripa:

I am enclosing a copy of an opinion rendered by City Solicitor at the request of the City Council regarding Continentals decision to cease providing the Cable Television Guide.

I have asked the Law Department to advise me on the formal process contained in the Cable License to enforce its provisions including the provision of the Cable Guide. Based on the comments of members of the City Council and on the terms of the Cable License I believe I must proceed with the formal process. If Continental can identify some way to resolve this matter prior to the full formal process I will be pleased to discuss the matter with you.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Comm. from George F. Welch, Jr., 820
Mass. Ave., requesting permission to
address the City Council regarding the
Cable Guide and to proceed with Formal
Process by the City.

In City Council,

June 22, 1992

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