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Tuesday, November 15, 1994

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
City Hall
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Attn: Mr Robert Healy, City Manager
Re: Congratulations for Home Rule Petition Efforts

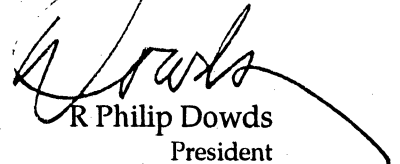
Dear Bob:

As you've noticed, we've often argued that the executive branch could and should do a better job of dealing with local controversies by bringing informed and meaningful options to the Council floor, thereby increasing the candor and competency of the Council's necessary political efforts.

In the instance of a possible home rule petition to redress the destructive impacts of Question 9, we commend you and Susan Schlesinger for the options you developed and brought forward to Council committees on Thursday 10 November. Overall, we think your five choices covered the full range of possibilities with considerable accuracy; in particular, we think your Option 2 was a good faith and potentially successful effort to extract significant compromise from complex and difficult circumstances.

We regret you were not given the opportunity to complete an organized presentation of your efforts. We hope that your work to date still has an opportunity to yield positive results, and we encourage you and your colleagues to address future controversies in the same constructive way. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or requests of your own in this matter.

Sincerely,
THE CAMBRIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION


R Philip Dowds
President

Enclosures:
None

cc:
Susan Schlesinger, via CDD
City Council, via the City Clerk

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Consent Communicaiton #5

A comm. was received from the Cambridge Civic Association congratulating Robert Healy for the Home Rule Petition efforts.

In City Council November 21, 1994