



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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Thomas W. Danehy
City Councillor

Mayor
1978-1979

February 15, 1989

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Manager:

At the Cambridge City Council meeting of February 6, 1989, on a motion by Councillor Francis H. Duehay, the attached Council Order was referred to the Committee on Claims.

As Chairman of the Committee on Claims, I am somewhat reticent to schedule a hearing on this matter, since I question whether or not direct Council intervention on litigation settlements might be construed as a violation of the City Charter.

Therefore, I am requesting your assistance in obtaining a legal opinion from outside counsel regarding my concern.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas W. Danehy
City Councillor.

(ATTACHMENT)

cc: The Honorable, The City Council



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 6, 1989

COUNCILLOR WALSH

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Committee on Claims 2/10/89 wh