



City of Cambridge

9.
IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Walsh

March 12, 1990

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WHEREAS: While the Harvard University Community Report claims "...to provide a detailed picture of Harvard's positive economic, social and educational impact on its host communities " , Professor Rosovsky, in the course of his text, short-circuited that objective and took a cheap and unjustified shot at the host community of Cambridge. In projecting his view that one of the reasons that professors at good universities have a much more positive attitude is that " most of our colleges and universities are physically attractive ", Rosovsky writes:

" ...the physical setting in which we labor matters enormously. Of this I am aware every morning as I cross the ever-changing urban squalor of Harvard Square and enter the Yard. It is an oasis; it pleases the eye and the mind in all seasons ...";

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this Council, aware that all is not perfect and equally aware that we and the City government of Cambridge are working with diligence and determination to provide the residents of Cambridge with a worthy quality of life, go on record as expressing disappointment and disgust at the choice of ill-chosen words by Professor Rosovsky in his attempt to make his point; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and is requested to prepare duly engrossed copies of this Resolution and transmit same to Professor Rosovsky and President Derek Bok at Harvard University.



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- WHEREAS: That the saga of poor service to Cambridge residents by the U.S. Postal Service continues and is a source of financial injury due to late charge penalties and potential credit damage is evident in a report from a resident of North Cambridge who, on February 12, 1990, mailed 12 checks in Porter Square. As of February 26, 1990, after speaking with each of the addressed recipients, it was found that only one (1) check had arrived at its designated location. Twelve days would seem to be more than a sufficient period of time for mail to travel one and one half miles which was the distance involved in this case. Now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager advise the Postmaster in Cambridge once again, and the Director of the Boston Division at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Boston, MA., that this is unacceptable, uncalled for and a disservice to residents of Cambridge who have a right to be served, served well and served now; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council in one week to confirm that this has been carried out.



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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Joseph E. Connarton



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City Clerk

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Councillor Walsh resolutions on
Professor Rosovsky.

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Order adapted