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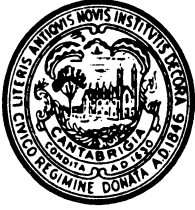
TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
FROM: Teresa Neighbor, Election Commission
DATE: September 18, 1992
SUBJECT: Census Data Collection from Condominium Units

The Election Commission is in receipt of Council Order 81. regarding the collection of census information from condominium buildings.

Considerable thought has been given to the problem in light of the serious inconvenience and concern to voters who were dropped from the registered lists. A plan has been formulated to identify the condominium officers well in advance of the commencement of the 1993 census. We believe that timely efforts to contact them and to implement follow-up measures through direct communication will be effective in preventing a recurrence of the 1992 difficulties.

In 1991 and 1992, largely as a result of receiving computerized lists of multi-units and condominium buildings from the Assessor's office, the Commission has added almost 200 addresses to its list of multi-units covered by M.G.L. Chapter 51, Section 10A. These additions have greatly increased the Commission's workload in this area, and researching contacts through the Water Department's billing sources has proved effective for the most part. This method of collecting data, in spite of the problems we encountered with twelve of the buildings - a number of whom have been delinquent each year, has proved far less costly and much more accurate than individualized mailings to residents in apartment and condominium buildings.

We continue to try to fulfill the City's statutory obligation to conduct an annual census with as much accuracy and integrity as possible, and trust that each year's effort will continue to yield improved results.



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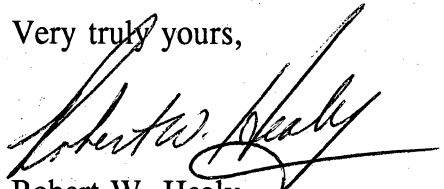
RICHARD G. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

September 21, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 49, regarding alternative ways of recording registered voters of condominiums, please find attached a response from Teresa Neighbor, Election Commission, relative to this issue.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #18

S-738

Awaiting Report Item No. 49 regarding
alternative ways of recording registered
voters of condominiums.

In City Council,

September 21, 1992

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