



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

LAW DEPARTMENT

Donald A. Drisdell
Deputy City Solicitor

DAD

TO: The Honorable Kenneth E. Reeves

DATE: October 13, 1995

RE: ***Communication #15 for the Meeting of October 16, 1995 From Charles Christenson***

I am attaching a copy of a letter from Mr. Charles Christenson dated October 12, 1995 in which he gives notice of his wish to speak to the City Council regarding statements made about him:

...by a certain "Stacy Doe" in the Purchasing Office on the third floor & Mary Ellen Carvello in the Manager's Office. I also wish to discuss the conduct of one Arthur Goldberg in the City Solicitor's Office.

Please be advised that in 1992, despite efforts by many people in City Hall, including the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager to avoid the necessity of going to court, this office filed a complaint in the Middlesex Superior Court seeking a restraining order prohibiting Mr. Christenson from entering City Hall and several other city-owned buildings. This was done in response to Mr. Christenson appearing on a regular basis at various city-owned buildings and interrupting, harassing, and threatening several Cambridge employees. Mr. Christenson's behavior included yelling, using vulgar language, shaking his fist threateningly at clerical staff, barging into meetings without permission, once pushing aside a secretary in the city Manager's office to gain access to the Manager, and once spitting in the face of an employee of the Cambridge Elder Center. On a number of occasions it has been necessary to call the police to have Mr. Christenson removed from various city offices.

After hearings Judge Neel issued a restraining order enjoining Mr. Christenson from several city buildings entirely, and from City Hall except for attending public meetings. This restraining order has remained in effect with periodic reviews since 1992.

On a number of occasions since 1992 Mr. Christenson has violated the terms of the

original restraining order. As the attached affidavit from Mary Ellen Carvello shows, Mr. Christenson resumed his disruptive telephone calls and visits to City Hall, in violation of the restraining order.

On June 30, 1995, Mr. Christenson, who had frequently made disruptive calls to "Stacy Doe" in the Purchasing Department, made an obscene call to her remarking on his sexual desires. Mr. Christenson had also been following and accosting Stacey on the street in Central Square. See, Affidavit of Stacy Doe, attached. Mr. Christenson confirmed his obscene phone call to Stacey in several letters, one of which is attached.

Last month, Attorney Arthur Goldberg of this office filed a Complaint for Contempt in the Superior Court and appeared for a hearing along with Mary Ellen Carvello and "Stacey Doe" who submitted affidavits. After a hearing before Judge Neel, during which Mr. Christenson was represented by counsel, the restraining order was extended by agreement for six months and expanded in scope to prohibit Mr. Christenson from having any contact with Cambridge city employees during business hours "...except either through his intermediary, Atty. Andrew Lashenske, or by letter directed only to City dept. heads" [sic]. See, copy of Notice of Docket Entry, dated September 21, 1995, attached.

I believe that Mr. Christenson is seeking to address the issues of this litigation during the City Council meeting and feel that it would be highly inappropriate for him to be allowed to do so. These matters are pending before a Superior Court judge and the proper forum for Mr. Christenson to address these issues is before the Court where he is represented by counsel. It would be particularly inappropriate to allow Mr. Christenson to criticize during a televised meeting the City employees who have suffered his harassment and have been forced through the discomfort of court proceedings simply in order to be allowed to perform their work for the City without the abusive treatment that Mr. Christenson has directed at them.

Mr. Christenson's "communication" does not reference any matter requiring action by the City Counsel, and Rule 37(6) prohibits remarks relating to "personalities". I think that the combination of these two principles are sufficient to support a determination by the Chair that Mr. Christenson may not in any manner reference city employees or question their affidavits or statements nor the performance of their jobs as city employees.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

LAW DEPARTMENT

Donald A. Drisdell
Deputy City Solicitor

DAD

TO: The Honorable Kenneth E. Reeves

DATE: October 13, 1995

RE: *Communication #15 for the Meeting of October 16, 1995 From Charles Christenson*

I am attaching a copy of a letter from Mr. Charles Christenson dated October 12, 1995 in which he gives notice of his wish to speak to the City Council regarding statements made about him:

...by a certain "Stacy Doe" in the Purchasing Office on the third floor & Mary Ellen Carvello in the Manager's Office. I also wish to discuss the conduct of one Arthur Goldberg in the City Solicitor's Office.

Please be advised that in 1992, despite efforts by many people in City Hall, including the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager to avoid the necessity of going to court, this office filed a complaint in the Middlesex Superior Court seeking a restraining order prohibiting Mr. Christenson from entering City Hall and several other city-owned buildings. This was done in response to Mr. Christenson appearing on a regular basis at various city-owned buildings and interrupting, harassing, and threatening several Cambridge employees. Mr. Christenson's behavior included yelling, using vulgar language, shaking his fist threateningly at clerical staff, barging into meetings without permission, once pushing aside a secretary in the city Manager's office to gain access to the Manager, and once spitting in the face of an employee of the Cambridge Elder Center. On a number of occasions it has been necessary to call the police to have Mr. Christenson removed from various city offices.

After hearings Judge Neel issued a restraining order enjoining Mr. Christenson from several city buildings entirely, and from City Hall except for attending public meetings. This restraining order has remained in effect with periodic reviews since 1992.

On a number of occasions since 1992 Mr. Christenson has violated the terms of the

original restraining order. As the attached affidavit from Mary Ellen Carvello shows, Mr. Christenson resumed his disruptive telephone calls and visits to City Hall, in violation of the restraining order.

On June 30, 1995, Mr. Christenson, who had frequently made disruptive calls to "Stacy Doe" in the Purchasing Department, made an obscene call to her remarking on his sexual desires. Mr. Christenson had also been following and accosting Stacey on the street in Central Square. See, Affidavit of Stacy Doe, attached. Mr. Christenson confirmed his obscene phone call to Stacey in several letters, one of which is attached.

Last month, Attorney Arthur Goldberg of this office filed a Complaint for Contempt in the Superior Court and appeared for a hearing along with Mary Ellen Carvello and "Stacey Doe" who submitted affidavits. After a hearing before Judge Neel, during which Mr. Christenson was represented by counsel, the restraining order was extended by agreement for six months and expanded in scope to prohibit Mr. Christenson from having any contact with Cambridge city employees during business hours "...except either through his intermediary, Atty. Andrew Lashenske, or by letter directed only to City dept. heads" [sic]. See, copy of Notice of Docket Entry, dated September 21, 1995, attached.

I believe that Mr. Christenson is seeking to address the issues of this litigation during the City Council meeting and feel that it would be highly inappropriate for him to be allowed to do so. These matters are pending before a Superior Court judge and the proper forum for Mr. Christenson to address these issues is before the Court where he is represented by counsel. It would be particularly inappropriate to allow Mr. Christenson to criticize during a televised meeting the City employees who have suffered his harassment and have been forced through the discomfort of court proceedings simply in order to be allowed to perform their work for the City without the abusive treatment that Mr. Christenson has directed at them.

Mr. Christenson's "communication" does not reference any matter requiring action by the City Counsel, and Rule 37(6) prohibits remarks relating to "personalities". I think that the combination of these two principles are sufficient to support a determination by the Chair that Mr. Christenson may not in any manner reference city employees or question their affidavits or statements nor the performance of their jobs as city employees.



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

(617) 349-4260

D. MARGARET DRURY
CITY CLERK

FAX (617) 349-4307

JOHN E. FLYNN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MARGARET^{MD} DRURY, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION #15

DATE: October 13, 1995

Attached is a copy of Communication Number 15 for the meeting of October 16, 1995. The communication has been placed on the list and summarized, but a full copy has not been included in the communications section because the letter mentions particular employees by names, and the City Council may wish to require that any discussion proceed without mention of particular personalities pursuant to Rule 37(6)..

12 October 1995

8³⁴
am

15.

Dear Margaret;

With this letter I wish to give you proper notice that I wish to speak to the City Council regards certain statements made about me by a certain "Stacy Doe" in the Purchasing Office on the third floor & Mary Ellen Carvello in the Managers Office. I also wish to discuss the conduct of one Arthur Goldberg in the City Solicitor's Office.

Delivered in hand a letter to "Stacy Doe" & this letter to Margaret Drury
cc/cc
Charles Christenson

RECEIVED BY
TOLSON CITY CLERK
1935 OCT 12 AM 10:11
CAMBRIDGE MA.

12 October 1995
8³⁴
am

Dear Margaret;

With this letter I wish to give you proper notice that I wish to speak to the City Council regarding certain statements made about me by a certain "Stacy Doe" in the Purchasing Office on the third floor & Mary Ellen Carvello in the Managers Office. I also wish to discuss the conduct of one Arthur Goldberg in the City Solicitor's Office.

Delivered in hand a letter to
"Stacy Doe" & this letter to Margaret Drury
cc/cc
Charles Christenson
~~Charles Christenson~~

Consent/Communication #15

S/316

Communication was received from
Charles Christenson requesting
permission to speak to the City
Council regarding alleged statements
made about him.

In City Council October 16, 1995

Placed on file.