



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To The Honorable, The City Council
Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Russell B. Higley, City Solicitor
From Joseph E. Connarton, Deputy City Clerk. *JEC*
Subject Enclosed communication from the State Ballot
Law Commission

Date August 12, 1983

Reference

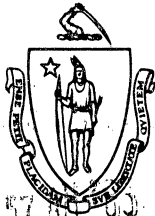
Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a communication received today by this office from Mr. William D. Gardiner, Secretary of the State Ballot Law Commission, transmitting a copy of said Commission's decision with regard to the case of Cunniff, et al. v. Stringer, et al., pursuant to G. L. c. 43, §38.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

JEC/mh

Enclosure

cc: Susan Arthur, Election Commission



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary of State
State House, Boston, MA 02133 (617) 727-2800

Michael Joseph Connolly, Secretary

State Ballot Law Commission

August 11, 1983

Cambridge City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, MA

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a copy of the State Ballot Law Commission's decision in the Cunniff, et al. v. Stringer, et al. case. Said decision is transmitted in compliance with the Commission's duty under G.L. c. 43, §38.

Sincerely,

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William D. Gardiner
Secretary
State Ballot Law Commission

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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STATE BALLOT LAW COMMISSION
Docket No. 83-1

Gertrude Cunniff, et al.,
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v.

Ursula Stringer, et al.,
Respondents

SECRETARY OF STATE
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ELECTIONS DIVISION

DECISION

For the reasons stated in the attached Statement of Reasons, the objection in this proceeding is dismissed.

The office of the Commission is:
Elections Division
Department of the State Secretary
One Ashburton Place
Room 1705
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 727-2828

STATE BALLOT LAW COMMISSION

Henry M. Morris
Edward J. Moore
John F. McLaughlin Jr.

dated: 8/11/83

Important notice: Judicial review of this decision may be sought by civil action under G.L. 30A, § 14 within five days after receipt of this notice.

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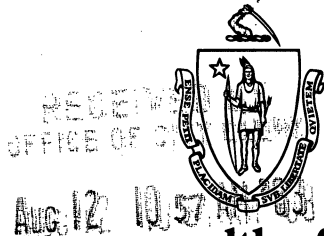
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Accordingly, the Motion To Dismiss is allowed.

Chairman Tisdale and Commissioner Mejan dissent.



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In City Council,

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