

# The Cambridge Community Chorus

P.O. Box 390278

Cambridge, MA 02139

James Maloney, Finance Director  
City of Cambridge  
Cambridge City Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02139

November 24, 2000

Dear Mr. Maloney,

On behalf of the Cambridge Community Chorus, I am asking for support from the City of Cambridge again this year. As we look forward to our 11th annual performance of the Handel's *Messiah* on December 10, our performers and audiences continue to be representative of the diversity of ages, races, cultures, and economic backgrounds that makes Cambridge a rich and rewarding place to live.

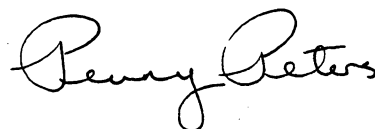
The Cambridge Community Chorus is very active in the Cambridge community. In addition to the annual performance of the *Messiah*, the Chorus presents a fall and spring concert, sings each year at a celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and at the Cambridge Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony, and is continuing the tradition of performing *Messiah* selections for patients at Youville Hospital.

An important aspect of our organization is the continuing collaboration with the Music Department of the Cambridge Public Schools. The CRLS Vocal Ensemble joins us for our fall and spring concerts—a wonderful opportunity for both groups. Several years ago the Chorus Board realized that while there are many opportunities for high school athletes and actors to gain recognition, there are few such opportunities for singers. Therefore we initiated a Choral Scholars Program at CRLS which is in its third year. Four students (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) are chosen by audition and the winners each receive \$100 and special vocal training at master classes which are attended by all the choral students. All of the funding for these activities is provided by the Cambridge Community Chorus.

A major goal of the Chorus is to insure that all people in the city have access to high-quality music regardless of their economic status. Therefore, we do not require membership dues, nor do we require an admission fee at our concerts. Except for the 1998 Coleridge-Taylor concert, only voluntary donations are requested at performances. To maintain this accessibility, we must cover our costs through donations from individuals and businesses and through grants. Virtually all of the work of the Chorus is performed by volunteers, and while we do compensate our Music Director, William Thomas, he has been extraordinarily generous, and has provided services and resources far beyond that for which he is paid.

The Chorus is grateful for the financial support the City of Cambridge has provided in the past, and we ask that this year you consider a contribution of \$5,000. Our annual budget is about \$35,000. We hope that you agree that the City of Cambridge is enriched by the musical offerings of the Cambridge Community Chorus and the diversity of people it brings together! Thank you very much for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Penny Peters, President  
491-4887 (home)  
351-3736 (work)

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all.

~~Resolutions/asking~~

Amendment to Council order  
~~Order~~ re Comm Chorus

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Transmit the following letter  
re the Comm Chorus to City  
Manager ~~with~~ urging him  
to continue the city's support  
of that organization

That the attached letter from Penny Peters, President of the  
Cambridge Community Chorus be referred to the  
City Manager <sup>along with</sup> ~~transmitting~~ the City Council's support  
of this organization & urging the City's continued  
support; and be referred

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urged to continue  
its support of this wonderful community  
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# City of Cambridge

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**

December 4, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
VICE MAYOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the attached letter from Penny Peters, President of the Cambridge Community Chorus be referred to the City Manager; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is urged to continue its support of this wonderful community institution, which is dear to the city and the City Council.

In City Council December 4, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

CM 401

**Order #21**

Continued support of the  
Cambridge community Chorus.

**Councillor Davis and entire  
membership**

**In City Council December 4, 2000**

**ORDER ADOPTED**