



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 21, 1996

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL

WHEREAS: Spina BiFida is the most common birth defect affecting one out of every 1,000 births; and

WHEREAS: Fundraisers are held to assist infants, children and adults born with Spina BiFida to live with the least amount of obstacles; and

WHEREAS: On Friday, November 22, 1996 from 8:00 to midnight a Las Vegas Night will be held at the Somerville City Club, Innerbelt Road, Somerville; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting this effort and urge all the citizens to be cognizant of and join in the Ninth Annual Spina BiFida fundraiser; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Spina Bifida Fundraiser
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Dear Friend,

It is that time of year again! Time for **The Ninth Annual Spina Bifida Fundraiser**. Our Las Vegas Night will be held on Friday, November 22, 1996 from 8:00pm to 12:00midnight at the Somerville City Club, Innerbelt Road, Somerville, MA. It is our hope to raise money so that through education, training and research we will be able to assist infants, children and adults born with Spina Bifida to live a life with the least amount of obstacles as possible.

We want to do more and with your help know we can. Spina Bifida occurs in 1 out of every 1,000 births and is the most common birth defect. One serious condition for people with Spina Bifida is to develop contractures (shortening of the muscles) and abnormalities of posture. This is due to the paralysis of muscles in the legs. A child with Spina Bifida needs to have both orthopedic and physical therapies beginning at an early age, oftentimes at birth. Another is hydrocephalus, a condition where fluid accumulates in the head and puts pressure on the brain. A shunt is inserted into the brain tissue to drain the excess cerebrospinal fluid and keep it away from the brain.

As you know, my granddaughter Ariana was born with Spina Bifida. Due to the severity of her Spina Bifida she has no bladder or bowel control and is unable to walk making her wheelchair bound. She has undergone 13 operations (2 which were emergencies) and 16 hospital stays. Something as simple as a urinary tract infection or headache can and has hospitalized her for days, weeks. **We cannot and should not let babies be born with this devastating and crippling defect any longer!**

Spina Bifida, hydrocephalus, and related birth defects are constantly under investigation. Researchers have been studying the effects of drugs and chemicals on central nervous system development. They are studying how viruses, drugs, vitamins and other agents may influence the way the nervous system develops and grows during the earliest states of fetal development. Maybe there is light at the end of the tunnel.

My family and I appreciate your continued financial support. We hope to see you on November 22nd. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pete

Peter G. Piro
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Consent Order #17 Reeves, Russell

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