



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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BOARD OF
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

March 6, 1980

James L. Sullivan, City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Pre-presidential primary March 4, 1980

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

The Cambridge Election Commission conducted the pre-presidential primary on Tuesday, March 4, 1980, as required by state law.

Votes were cast by 24,860 voters out of an electorate of 47,078, for a turnout rate of 52.8%. All 55 polling places in the city were open from 8 AM until 8 PM, and were staffed by 357 workers, supplemented by 167 ballot counters at night. The first precinct reported in at 10:30 PM and the last at 3:15 AM Wednesday morning.

While there were four contests on the ballot, the one that drew the most attention was the presidential preference. City-wide, the significant results of this contest were as follows:

Democratic

Carter	4,873
Brown	910
Kennedy	12,233

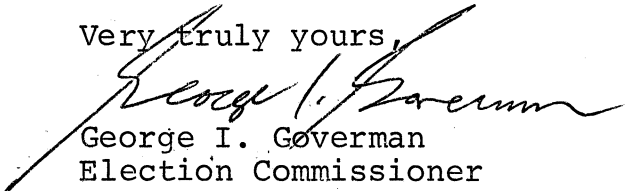
Republican

Anderson	3,697
Bush	1,037
Reagan	585

We regret to inform you that there were again reported instances (two known as of this writing) of votes cast fraudulently by people impersonating voters. The Commission intends to investigate this further.

The foregoing is accurate to the best of my knowledge as of this date; however, some figures both above and in the attached analysis are subject to minor revision or adjustment.

Very truly yours,


George I. Gorman
Election Commissioner

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CITY MANAGER

SELECTED STATISTICS FOR PRE-PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MARCH 4, 1980

I. Turnout

A. Total ballots cast		24,860
1. Democratic	19,105	
2. Republican	5,755	
B. Electorate		47,078
1. Voters on voting list	47,015	
2. Voters restored to list by certificate ("blue slips")	54	
3. Voters qualified under federal law	9	
C. Per cent		52.8

II. Ballots cast -- by location 24,860

A. Ballots cast at the polls	24,567
B. Absentee ballots cast	293
1. By mail	227
2. At Election Commission office	66

III. Absentee ballots applied for 433

A. Applications not honored (ineligible)	8
B. Absentee ballots sent	425
1. Absentee ballots returned	348
a) Ballots counted	293
b) Ballots rejected as defective	15
c) Ballots received too late	40
2. Ballots not returned	77

IV. Staffing

A. Number of workers		
1. Polling places		
a) Day	357	
b) Night	167	
2. Office		
a) Additional office	1	
b) Auditors	8	
B. Salaries and wages		
1. Polling places		
a) Day		
1) Wardens 55 x \$50 =	\$2,750	\$2,750
2) Clerks 55 x \$50 =		2,750
3) Inspectors 247 x \$40 =		9,880
b) Night - Ballot counters 167 x \$14		2,338

IV. Staffing (continued)

2. Office		
a) Additional office	1 x \$50 =	\$ 50
b) Auditors	8 x \$50 =	400
3. Training	83 X \$10 =	830

V. Time

A. Precincts

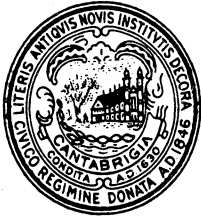
1. First to report - ward 2, precinct 4 - 10:30 PM
(N. B. Results did not check, had to be re-done)
2. Last to report - ward 6, precinct 5 - 3:15 AM

B. Auditing - substantially complete by 6 AM; however, Democratic ward committee contests in wards 10 and 11 not complete as of 5 PM, March 5.

Dated: March 6, 1980

Statistics compiled as of March 5, 1980, 5 PM

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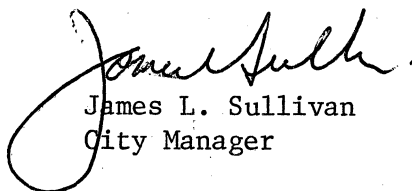
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

March 10, 1980

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your information is a report from the
Election Commission on the pre-Presidential primary held on
Tuesday, March 4, 1980.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

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Report from the Election Commission on the
pre-Presidential primary held on March 4,
1980.

In City Council,
March 10, 1980

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