

Prop 110 Question
City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

*October 7,*198 *5*

*COUNCILOR David Sullivan Motion to place question on
 the Ballot*

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Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Ms. Sandra Graham	✓			
Mr. Alfred W. LaRosa	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓			
Mayor Duehay	✓			

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Susan Arthur, Executive Secretary
Election Commission

Date October 16, 1985

From Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

Reference

Subject placement of the pornography question on the
ballot

Please be advised that the City Council at its meeting of Monday, October 7, 1985 unanimously adopted the enclosed roll call on the motion of Councillor David Sullivan to place the pornography question on the November 5th, 1985 ballot. Also enclosed for your assistance, you will find a copy of a communication from Birge Albright, Legal Counsel to the Law Department dated September 18, 1985 transmitting a copy of the language for said ballot question.

Your very kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated, both by this office and the City Council.

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Enclosures

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To Robert W. Healy

Date, 9/18/85

From Birge Albright

Reference

Subject Ballot language/pornography

Attached please find, per your request, language for the ballot question on pornography.

BALLOT QUESTION - PORNOGRAPHY

Shall the City of Cambridge enact an Ordinance to amend Chapter 25 of the Cambridge Code (Human Rights) to provide that it shall be "sex discrimination through pornography" to engage in any of the following activities:

1. Coercing a person into pornography
2. Producing, selling, exhibiting or distributing pornography
3. Forcing pornography on a person
4. Assaulting a person in a way that is directly caused by pornography

Pornography is defined as the graphic sexually explicit subordination of women through pictures and/or words that also includes one or more of the following, among others: women are presented dehumanized as sexual objects, enjoying pain or humiliation or rape, tortured or maimed, penetrated by objects or animals, or in postures of sexual submission, servility or display.

The use of men, children or transsexuals in the place of women also constitutes pornography.

The Cambridge Human Rights Commission would investigate complaints under this Ordinance, and could file a criminal complaint against a violator. Those injured by "sex discrimination through pornography" could also recover civil damages, including punitive damages and attorneys' fees.

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