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March 4, 1993

Dierdre Rosenberg, Esq.
Office of the Attorney General
Division of Public Charities
1 Ashburton Place
Cambridge, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Rosenberg:

In accord with our telephone conversation, and the request of the Cambridge City Council, I am sending you a copy of a letter from Pamela Carruthers complaining about a solicitation by the Police Benevolent Association.

It is my understanding that your office will communicate with this organization regarding their violation of the law in failing to register with your office and with regard to their obligations regarding solicitation.

I would appreciate your informing me as to the results of this communication.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

D. Margaret Drury
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City Clerk

cc: Pamela Carruthers
Linda Stamper, Esq.,
City Solicitor's Office

10 Howland Street
Cambridge, 02138
January 6, 1993

Office of the City Manager
CAMBRIDGE CITY HALL
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy,

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While this may in fact be a worthy cause, I chose not to give for two primary reasons. For one, I assume that the City provides police officers with very good coverage in the event of such a misfortune. Secondly, and most important, I felt it was wrong for the police to call me for a contribution when many businesses are having a hard time. It is also intimidating to be asked for money by the police and I felt very uncomfortable in refusing. If I were the proprietor of a store front business, I would not have dared to say no.

I am told that this organization has no official connection with the Police Department or the City of Cambridge and also that their activities are legal. Nonetheless, please count this letter as a complaint. If you have any power to put an end to this police activity, I hope you will do so. If, on the other hand, there is a real need for this fund (which must have accumulated a vast amount of money by now), I would like to know.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


Pamela Carruthers

cc: Cambridge City Council

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Pamela Carruthers

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Comm. from Pamela Carruthers, 10 Howland Street, in opposition to the request for a contribution to the Police Benevolent Association.

In City Council,

January 25, 1993

Referred to the
City Manager & the
Attorney General
with a request that
this matter be
investigated on its
merits
copy sent to City Mgr
1/27/93 *lee*