



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

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Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.
Commissioner

Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA

January 3, 1991

re: Council Order #49, September 10, 1990

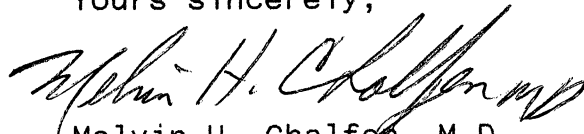
Dear Mr. Healy,

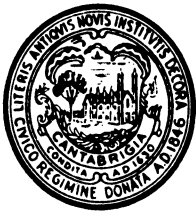
In response to the concern stated in this order about cancer incidence in certain areas of East Cambridge, detailed statistics were obtained from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Cancer Registry. These statistics focused on the zip code area 02141 which includes the area of concern.

Analysis of the Massachusetts Cancer Registry statistics from 1982 to 1989 regarding cancer incidence of the twelve major types of cancer within the Cambridge 02141 area revealed no elevated rates of cancer that are statistically significant within this area. 02141 zip code incidence data was compared to average incidence throughout the state for each type of cancer reported. Some cancers were found to be proportionally higher than would be expected and some proportionally lower than would be expected, but since these results were not found to be statistically significant (at the 0.05 probability level) these results could be due to chance alone.

These figures and analysis were reported and discussed at the November 1, 1990 neighborhood meeting, a public forum at the Kennedy Elementary School on Spring Street on invitation from the neighborhood groups Citizens Against Rising Rates and Toxics (CARRAT) and the National Toxics Campaign Fund.

Yours sincerely,


Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.
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January 7, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 40, relative to interviews conducted by the National Toxic Campaign Fund in East Cambridge, received from Dr. Melvin Chalfen, Commissioner, Department of Health and Hospitals for the City of Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Agenda # 49

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Awaiting Report Item Number 40 regarding
interviews conducted by the National
Toxic Campaign Fund in East Cambridge.

In City Council,

January 7, 1991

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