

March 19, 1985
5500 Holmes Run Parkway #1401
Alexandria, Virginia 22304

The Honorable Leonard Russell, Mayor
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mayor Russell:

The purpose of this letter is to commend two employees of the City of Cambridge, who by their actions have illustrated clearly that the system of local government does work, and works fairly.

Mr. Joseph E. Connarton and Mrs. Barbara M. Ellis are to be commended for their dedication and hard work in resolving a most difficult matter. Briefly, the matter involved my mother's application for Survivorship Benefits with the City when my father, John D. O'Connor, passed away in June, 1983. Due to a number of complex issues, Mr. Connarton and Mrs. Ellis provided guidance to my mother resulting in a decision of the Contributory Retirement Appeal Board of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to adopt a settlement agreement that the Cambridge Retirement Board and my mother agreed upon. Both Mr. Connarton and Mrs. Ellis provided valuable assistance to all parties involved and certainly can take a significant degree of the credit for ensuring a fair and equitable resolution of such a sensitive matter. Their compassion, dedication and untiring efforts should be recognized and their professional conduct rewarded.

On behalf of my mother, Lillian O'Connor, my brothers and sisters, and above all, on behalf of my dearly beloved father, John O'Connor, I express our gratitude to and recognition of two outstanding City officials, Mr. John Connarton and Mrs. Barbara Ellis.

Sincerely


David E. O'Connor

cc: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Joseph E. Connarton
Deputy City Clerk

Barbara M. Ellis
Executive Assistant



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Comm. from David E. O'Connor on behalf of
his family commending Joseph E. Connarton
& Mrs. Barbara Ellis of the Retirement
Board.

In City Council,

April 1, 1985

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