



City of Cambridge

Agenda Item No. 7

IN CITY COUNCIL
May 20, 1996

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WHEREAS: It was further ordered that this resolution be implemented effective for the November, 1996, Presidential Election; and

WHEREAS: Several Council members further expressed an interest in the possibility of implementing a computerized system for the September, 1996, Primary Election; and

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WHEREAS: The date of May 20, 1996, falls one hundred and twenty days prior to the State Primary scheduled for September 17, 1996; Now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council approve the selection of the Accuvote ES-2000 for the September, 1996, State Primary Election, according to the procurement requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B.

In City Council May 20, 1996

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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D. MARGARET DRURY
CITY CLERK

May 23, 1996

Honorable William Galvin
Secretary of State
1 Ashburton Place
Boston, MA.

Dear Secretary Galvin:

Enclosed is a certified copy of the order adopted on May 20, 1995 by the Cambridge City Council approving the selection of the Accuvote ES-2000 for the September, 1996, State Primary Election, according to the procurement requirements of M.G.L. Ch. 30B.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury", is written over the typed name.

D. Margaret Drury
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cc: Teresa Neighbor, Executive Director
Cambridge Election Commission



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TERESA S. NEIGHBOR
Executive Director

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From: The Board of Election Commissioners *TSN*
Date: May 15, 1996
Subject: Council Order to Adopt Accuvote ES-2000 for All Elections
in the City of Cambridge

The Board of Election Commissioners voted, at its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 1996, to submit the attached Order to the Cambridge City Council.

This Order provides for the Council to approve the selection of the Accuvote ES-2000 precinct-based optical scanning system for all Cambridge elections.

According to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54; Section 34, the vote must be taken one hundred and twenty days prior to the election for which the system will be implemented. To meet the deadline for the September 17, 1996, State Primary Election, the Council must approve this order by May 20, 1996.

Attachment



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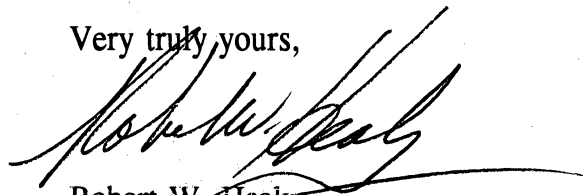
May 20, 1996

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached for City Council acceptance an order required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54; Section 34, to approve the selection of the Accuvote ES-2000 precinct-based optical scanning system for all Cambridge elections.

Passage of the order is strongly recommended.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
attachment

Consent Agenda #7

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Relative to a request for City Council acceptance of an order to approve the selection of the Accuvote ES-2000 precinct-based optical scanning system for all Cambridge elections.

In City Council May 20, 1996

Order Adopted