

# City of Cambridge

November 23, 1971.

Mr. Francis P. Burns,  
Executive Secretary,  
Cambridge Election Commission,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed is a copy of an order adopted by the City Council at its meeting of November 22, 1971.

You will note that the order calls for an answer prior to Wednesday, November 24, 1971 at 5:00 P. M. In view of the limited time available I am forwarding you this order at this time in order that you may have more time to prepare a complete answer for the City Council.

In connection with the above order Mayor Vellucci requested the following information -

1. Is there a law relative to the distribution of surplus ballots?
2. If you have such a law will you furnish each Councillor with a copy of the law.

Fifteen copies requested.

Truly yours,

Paul E. Healy,  
City Clerk.

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Councillor Costes

In City Council,  
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WHEREAS:-

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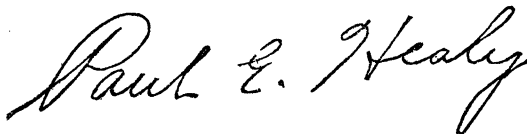
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In City Council November 22, 1971.  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.  
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A true copy,

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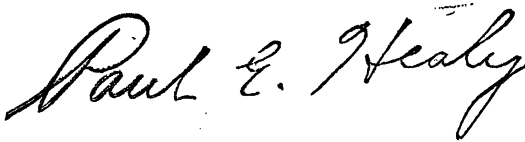
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[Signature]  
City Clerk

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Relative to rules used in counting ballots  
cast in November 2, 1971 election

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Mr. Coates