



City of Cambridge

O-11.
Amended Order
IN CITY COUNCIL

June 5, 2000

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MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
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Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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City Clerk



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Fax

To: Speaker Thomas Finneran From: Margaret Dury, City Clerk's Office

Fax: 727-2008 Date: June 6, 2000

Phone: _____ Pages: 2

Re: _____ Fax: (617) 349-4269

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COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION
COALITION

To: Community Preservation Coalition - Advisors and Organizations
From: Marcia Molay *Molay*
Re: Organizing for C-Day - Community Day - June 6, '00

On May 10 I faxed you information on "Call the Committee Week" and mentioned that we were having a brief meeting on Tuesday, May 16 and that you were welcome if you were able to make it. Several folks did come and we were able to discuss logistics for the day/week. We have a format for this blitz that we would like to carry out with your cooperation.

1. **Goal:** To have at least 1,000 people from all our organizations call the offices of the Speaker and the Senate President on Tuesday, June 6. (2,000 calls would be even better!) If your people cannot do it that day, or can't get a line through, please ask them to continue calling all through that week.
2. **Delegation:** We would like as many of the leaders of our participating organizations as possible to join together and meet on Tuesday, June 6 with the Senate President and the Speaker. We hope this visit will be between 10 and 11 am on Tuesday, June 6. More details later on this.

To reach the first goal, please send some sort of ALERT to everyone you can reach through mail, e-mail, fax, phone, or even carrier pigeon if you have a way with birds. It is important that during the week before June 6 (May 31 or June 1 or 2) you ask your activists to make these calls - or remind them again if you asked earlier - so they are ready for concerted action on Tuesday, June 6. The phone numbers are: Senate President Birmingham - 617-722-1500; Speaker Finneran - 617-722-2500.

Please send your callers a suggested message so they will feel more comfortable calling. There will not be time for details so the following general statement would be fine - and consistent.

"My name is () of () and I am calling to urge Senate President Birmingham /Speaker Finneran to pass a compromise version of the Community Preservation Act as soon as possible. Less than two months remain in the legislative session. Our community needs this bill to preserve our natural and cultural heritage and ensure both long-time residents and newcomers an affordable place to live.

The legislature granted this same opportunity to Cape Cod residents over two years ago. Our community and the rest of the state deserve the same consideration. We need a compromise bill that is fair, equitable, and effective so that all cities and towns, regardless of economic status or location, will adopt and implement the Act. Thank you for your help."

(Optional phrase) We hope to point with pride to the thousands of acres of open space that were protected, to the thousands of attractive and affordable residences that were renovated, purchased or built, and to the many historic landmark buildings or landscapes that were preserved.

Of course, callers can be encouraged to call their own legislators also, but only after they make those two calls. The leadership is really the key to passage, so they need to hear from at least 1,000 (maybe even 2,000?) of the half million people represented by our participating organizations. We can do this, and must, if we want a Community Preservation Act passed this year. Please make it happen!

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COALITION

Working for the Community Preservation Act

To: Community Preservation Coalition Organizations and Advisors
From: Marcia Molay *MM*

This was the lead editorial in The Boston Globe on Saturday, March 18. We alerted the editorial board to the need to move the issue along and were rewarded with this excellent editorial. We appreciate this strong support... and need more.

If you can reach any press people who might be willing to write editorials, columns, news items, or get your letter to the editor printed, please contact them. That can provide the education and outreach that this effort needs.

Thank you —

THE BOSTON GLOBE • SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2000

The Boston Globe

A push for preservation

Large majorities of state legislators support the Community Preservation Act, an innovative bill that would stimulate cities and towns to protect open space and historic locations and to build affordable housing. Yet the bill is mired in a conference committee, with no sign of movement.

Rarely has so much consensus been so hobbled by such relatively minor differences.

It's not that the disagreements between the branches are all trivial. The major one — whether local communities should have the option of financing their preservation projects with a surcharge on the deeds excise tax — is significant. But there are several ways to get past this difficulty.

One is to allow the deeds excise option on a pilot basis, either for a limited period of time or in a limited number of communities. Some poor communities that need this act the most could not be expected to use the alternative funding mechanism, a voluntary increase in property taxes. Another compromise might be a state fund, possibly using some of the

windfall in deeds excise revenues generated by the hot real estate market.

The members of the conference committee have taken a vow of silence to discourage individuals from trying to bring outside pressure into their deliberations. We see little benefit to secrecy. The issues are clear enough, and a healthy mix of public opinions and suggestions for compromise might prove fruitful. As it is, months have passed, and the sitting hen has produced no egg.

What should not be lost here is the larger goal — one that, for once, is accurately described by the bill's title. In a time of tremendous pressure for development in urban, suburban, and rural communities, there is great benefit to be derived from legislation that channels that development so that cities and towns can grow without losing their identities.

The problem is real. So is the solution. It is time for the conference committee to show enough imagination to get over a modest hurdle and approve the Community Preservation Act.

Marcia Molay, Director

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Participating Organizations

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