



# City of Cambridge

37.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 7, 1991

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
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WHEREAS: Attorney Pollack was asked by Councillor Toomey about the position of the Conservation Law Foundation concerning the proposed Scheme Z of the Central Artery Project; and

WHEREAS: Attorney Pollack responded to Councillor Toomey's question as follows:

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"THE CONSERVATION LAW FOUNDATION HAS BEEN WORKING HARD FOR YEARS NOW TO EVALUATE THE CENTRAL ARTERY PROJECT AS A WHOLE AND THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL PARTS OF THE PROJECT. FIGURE OUT WHAT MAKES SENSE AND WHAT DOESN'T. WHAT NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED AND WHAT DOESN'T. UNTIL THERE'S A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, FINAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY, FINAL DECISION BY FEDERAL HIGHWAY, WE CAN'T MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THE LEGALITY OR ILLEGALITY OF THE SCHEME. THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS IN THE CENTRAL ARTERY PROJECT, INCLUDING SCHEME Z, WHICH DON'T SEEM TO MAKE A LOT OF SENSE, BUT IT'S A SEPARATE QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY VIOLATE A LAW AND WE JUST DON'T KNOW THAT UNTIL WE'VE SEEN THE FINAL DOCUMENTS"; AND

- WHEREAS: On December 19, 1990, only a month after Attorney Pollack's comments, the Conservation Law Foundation entered into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts not only sacrificing the residents of East Cambridge to its own organizational goals by accepting Scheme Z, but contradicting its position on the proposed parking freeze, since Scheme Z will bring more cars onto the streets of East Cambridge; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That this City Council go on record condemning the agreement between the Conservation Law Foundation and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts concerning Scheme Z; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the Conservation Law Foundation be informed that it has seriously damaged its credibility with this City Council and that any future appearance by any of its representatives before the City Council or any other City organization will be suspect; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Conservation Law Foundation on behalf of the entire City Council.

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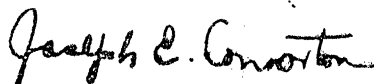
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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