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PROPOSED ORDER

COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: At the November 4, 1980 state election the voters appear to have enacted the initiative law "limiting state and local taxation and expenditures," popularly known as "Proposition 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; and

WHEREAS: By its Order No. 8 of June 9, 1980 this City Council unanimously declared its opposition to the enactment of this law; and

WHEREAS: The voters of the City of Cambridge, in their wisdom, overwhelmingly voted against this initiative, 14,374 to 24,224; and

WHEREAS: The implementation of this law in the City of Cambridge would bring about the most severe fiscal crisis ever to confront this city, the slow destruction of its government, and substantial human suffering by its citizens, and therefore must not be allowed to occur; and

WHEREAS: Notwithstanding the disaster it portends, enactment of this law also presents an opportunity for true tax reform on the state or local level; therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council declares it to be the policy of the City of Cambridge to do all within its legal powers to avoid the potentially disastrous effects of Proposition 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ for the city, its citizens, and its employees; and be it further

ORDERED: That, in order to begin to carry out this policy, the City Manager and the Committee on Finance work together with interested citizens and organizations in the city and throughout the Commonwealth to consider legislation, both of statewide scope and as home rule petitions limited to Cambridge alone, which would accomplish one or more of the following:

1. permit a special election, before the submission of the budget for the next fiscal year, at which the city's voters could override Proposition 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ or limit its effects to residential property alone;
2. devise alternative methods of more progressive taxation, such as a payroll excise or a sales tax on certain goods or services not frequently used by low and moderate income people;
3. abolish or reduce the present property tax exemption for non-profit educational institutions.

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 10, 1980

COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

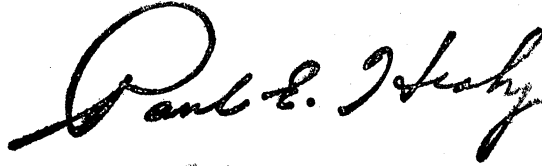
- WHEREAS: At the November 4, 1980 state election the voters appear to have enacted the initiative law "limiting state and local taxation and expenditures," popularly known as "Proposition 2½"; and
- WHEREAS: By its Order Number Eight of June 9, 1980 this City Council unanimously declared its opposition to the enactment of this law; and
- WHEREAS: The voters of the City of Cambridge, in their wisdom, overwhelmingly voted against this initiative, 14,374 to 24,224; and
- WHEREAS: The implementation of this law in the City of Cambridge would bring about the most severe fiscal crisis ever to confront this city, the slow destruction of its government, and substantial human suffering by its citizens, and therefore must not be allowed to occur; and
- WHEREAS: Notwithstanding the disaster it portends, enactment of this law also presents an opportunity for true tax reform on the state or local level; therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Council declares it to be the policy of the City of Cambridge to do all within its legal powers to avoid the potentially disastrous effects of Proposition 2½ for the city, its citizens, and its employees; and be it further
- ORDERED: That, in order to begin to carry out this policy, the City Manager and the Committee on Finance work together with interested citizens and organizations in the city and throughout the Commonwealth to consider legislation, both of statewide scope and as home rule petitions limited to Cambridge alone, which would accomplish one or more of the following:

1. permit a special election before the submission of the budget for the next fiscal year, at which the city's voters could override Proposition 2½ or limit its effects to residential property alone;
2. devise alternative methods of more progressive taxation, such as a payroll excise or a sales tax on certain goods or services not frequently used by low and moderate income people;
3. abolish or reduce the present property tax exemption for non-profit educational institutions.

In City Council November 10, 1980.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul E. Healy", written over the printed name and "ATTEST:-". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Order # 12

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C. D. Sullivan re: legislation which
would eliminate any substantial human
suffering for the citizens of Cambridge
in relation to Proposition 2½.

In City Council,

November 10, 1980

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