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September 12, 1969

Mr. James L. Sullivan  
City Manager  
City Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

The City Council has requested my opinion on a proposed resolve asking the Election Commission to rescind the action of the Commission on September 4, 1969 not to place the rent control referendum on the ballot.

Under General Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 29, it is my duty to render legal opinions to any city department or commission. Furthermore, it is the duty of such department or commission to abide by my opinion. The Election Commission would not have discretion to expend taxpayer's money to print ballots where it is my opinion that the subject matter of the referendum is unconstitutional and illegal. The matter is now before the Court and will be resolved by the Court. Any further comment would be inappropriate.

Very truly yours,

*Philip M. Cronin*

Philip M. Cronin  
City Solicitor

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### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

John H. Corcoran  
Assistant City Manager

September 15, 1969

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith communication from Philip M. Cronin, City Solicitor, pursuant to City Council order of September 8, 1969, relative to a proposed resolve asking the Election Commission to rescind the action of the Commission on September 4, 1969 not to place the rent control referendum on the ballot.

Very truly yours,

James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

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