



City of Cambridge

17.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 1981

COUNCILOR D. SULLIVAN

WHEREAS:

In a message to the Legislature dated May 12, the Governor proposed reducing the fiscal 1982 state budget by \$206 million, of which \$168 million would be cut from human services funding, supposedly to produce an increase in local aid; and

WHEREAS:

The results of these human service cutbacks, which are especially cruel in view of additional federal reductions, would include severe slashes in home care for older people, social services for children, day care for the working poor, and other harmful effects for the people of Cambridge and of the Commonwealth which this City Council finds to be insensitive and inhumane; and

WHEREAS:

Some lost services would have to be assumed by this city government, which is in no position to pay for them with or without increased local aid; and

WHEREAS:

The Governor's own party recently rejected this strategy "as a simplistic notion which would simply replace the local meat ax of Proposition 2 1/2 with a state ax," and called instead for comprehensive, statewide tax reform to raise the necessary revenues; therefore be it

RESOLVED:

That the Cambridge City Council declare its opposition to the Governor's heartless strategy, renew its call for at least \$300 million in increased local aid, and join in the demand that the funds be raised from progressive state taxes based on the ability to pay; and be it further

RESOLVED:

That the City Clerk transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the chairmen of both Committees on Ways and Means and of Taxation, and the Cambridge legislative delegation.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:

Paul E. Healy

Order # 17

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C. David Sullivan re: reduced human service
cutbacks by the Governor re: Prop 2½.

In City Council,

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Order adopted

6 members