



City of Cambridge

40.

IN CITY COUNCIL
September 14, 1992

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR WOLF
VICE MAYOR CYR
MAYOR REEVES

- WHEREAS: More than 20% of Massachusetts residents have no health insurance at all, or are seriously underinsured; and
- WHEREAS: The United States has the highest per capita health care costs in the world, and Massachusetts the highest per capita health care costs in the United States - \$3031 per person in 1990; and
- WHEREAS: Per capita health spending in Massachusetts increased by 136% between 1980 and 1990, and has been projected to rise by at least another 130% by the year 2000; and
- WHEREAS: Employee health insurance costs, \$25 million this year, are the fastest rising item in the Cambridge City Budget; and
- WHEREAS: Had a single payer health care system been implemented in Massachusetts last year, the City of Cambridge would have saved \$13 million in health insurance premiums and workmen's compensation costs; and
- WHEREAS: A group of Cambridge residents have come together as the Campaign for Affordable Health Care to put a public policy initiative on the November ballot in all three legislative districts in Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: This initiative reads as follows:

PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVE TO GUARANTEE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

"Shall the representative from this district be instructed to vote, each time such a bill is presented, for legislation setting up a single payer health care system in Massachusetts? Such a system shall provide the same comprehensive health coverage to all residents, with consumer choice of health care provider; increase efficiency by eliminating the overhead and profits associated with private health insurance; fund health care by payroll taxes and income taxes based on ability to pay; and limit the increase in total cost of health care in Massachusetts to the rate of growth of the economy;" now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of the Public Policy Initiative to Guarantee Affordable Health Care.

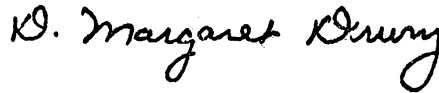
In City Council September 14, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

40 Amending - consent

~~PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION~~

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vmcay, Quisenberry, Jones, Wolf, Ambrose
CONSENT ORDER #40
5-635
Councilor Duehay re: Public Policy
initiative to guarantee affordable health
care.

In City Council,

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Order Adopted