

Late ~~RPS~~ Order (Policy Resolution)

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~~WA~~

~~W/A~~ ~~Does~~ The City Council ~~go on record~~ is deeply disappointed
~~expressing its disappointment with the~~
court order that prohibits Cambridge from
paying domestic partner health benefits from
public funds; ~~and~~

R: ~~That the City Council~~ ~~expresses its~~
~~concern for the domestic partners now~~
~~facing health care crises as a result of this court~~
~~order; now ~~and~~~~

they lose
their health
insurance

~~W/A~~ The City Council is concerned for the
Cambridge domestic partners now facing
health care crises as a result of this court
order; ~~and~~

~~W/A~~ The Massachusetts courts have made
abundantly clear their position that the
State Legislature is the government body
that can restore domestic partner benefits and
correct the state statute that creates this
inequitable restriction on health benefits; ~~and~~
~~therefore and~~

W/A Restriction of health care benefits is ~~a matter~~ of
to our citizens is urgent; and therefore be it

makes the
necessary
5th meeting
change
attend

R: That the CC go on record urging the
Cambridge Delegation to the State Legislature
and House Speaker Thomas Fenneron to
take do ^{everything} all possible ^{see that the Legislature} to take up this matter
in January, 2001 and to ^{restoration of} ~~restore~~ domestic
partnership health benefits; and be it
further

G: SEC to House Speaker Fenneron and
the entire Cambridge delegation to the
Massachusetts General Court

Late Order

1:45

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all

~~CM~~ B requested

CC go on next

R: - Expressing our disappointment w/ the cut order
that doesn't allow payment of domestic
partner health benefits from public funds

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urgency

Urgent Matter that must be addressed by the
Legislature

hope they take it up in January

R SEC to Finance, Cnt deleg to
Cnt Senate

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 6, 2000

COUNCILLOR DECKER
 COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 MAYOR GALLUCCIO
 VICE MAYOR MAHER
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: That the City Council is deeply disappointed with the court order that prohibits Cambridge from paying domestic partner health benefits from public health funds; and

WHEREAS: The City Council is concerned for the Cambridge domestic partners now facing health care crises as they lose their health insurance as a result of this court order; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts courts have made abundantly clear their position that the State Legislature is the government body that can restore domestic partner benefits and correct the state statute that creates this inequitable restriction on health benefits; and

WHEREAS: Restoration of health care benefits to our citizens is urgent; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the Cambridge delegation to the State Legislature and House Speaker Thomas Finneran to do everything possible to see that the Legislature takes up this matter in January, 2001 and makes the necessary statutory change to allow restoration of domestic partnership health benefits; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to House Speaker Finneran and the entire delegation to the Massachusetts General Court on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council November 6, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
 City Clerk

CM 3810

Order #36

Court order that prohibits
Cambridge from paying domestic
partner health benefits from public
health funds.

**Councillor Decerk and entire
membership**

November 6, 2000

ORDER ADOPTED