



# City of Cambridge

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Original Order  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

November 6, 2000

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COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

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In City Council November 6, 2000.  
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Yeas.5; Nays 3; Absent 1  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND

## AN ACT

### AN ACT TO ENABLE CERTAIN NON-CITIZEN RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

#### SECTION 1.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section one of chapter fifty-one of the general laws, or any other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, non-citizens eighteen years or older and who reside in the city of Cambridge may, upon application, have their names entered on a list of voters, established by the Election Commission, for the city of Cambridge and may hereafter vote in any election for school committee members and school committee questions. Such non-citizen members shall remain eligible to vote in school committee elections for so long as they remain domiciled in Cambridge.

Section 2. The Election Commission of Cambridge is authorized to formulate regulations, guidelines and a registration form to implement the purpose of this act. The voter registration

form shall include a declaration to be signed under the pains and penalties of perjury by the non-citizen voter that: 1) s/he is residing in Cambridge; 2) his or her presence is known to the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the U.S. Department of Justice; and 3) s/he intends in good faith to become a U.S. citizen and intends to begin that process, if eligible.

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
in General Court assembled.

The undersigned, citizens of Cambridge, respectfully  
petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve, and/or for legislation. **relative to enabling  
certain non-citizen residents of Cambridge to vote in School  
Committee elections.**

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Petitioners are requested to sign names and addresses legibly.

*Richard A. Sullivan*

5 Grand Avenue, Cambridge

108 INMAN ST., CAMBRIDGE

120 Chestnut St, Cambridge

3 Walnut Ave Cambridge

35 Magazine St. Cambridge

*J. S. [unclear]*  
*[unclear]*  
Katherine [unclear]  
Maysie Lecker

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**Councillor Braude**

**In City Council November 6, 2000**

**ORDER ADOPTED**

*As Amended*