

Mr. Robert W. Healy, City Manager
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

September 4, 2003

Re: The Cambridge Police Review and Advisory Board

Dear Mr. Healy,

On behalf of and in the interest of the CPRAB, I telephoned you several times during the month of August 2003, and left several messages. To date I still have not received a return phone call from you or your office.

I am now writing to discuss the fact that, and the reason why the Executive Director/Secretary of the CPRAB, has been placed on paid "Administrative Leave". The lack of response to my telephone inquiries leaves me to ponder the motive and reasons for the lack of interest and refusal by your office to address the pertinent issues of this Board. Since the spring of 2002 I have attempted to meet or speak with you regarding matters of the Board after you have met with other Board members, who have since resigned. The reason for this oversight has eluded me.

At the Cambridge City Council meeting on August 4, 2003, you indicated that you would fill the four vacant PRAB positions by September of this year, and that the positions have been vacant because of a lack of interest from the community. Since May of 2003, I myself have received 3 resumes expressing interest and would be especially interested in receiving copies of all letters of interest from community members who have applied for position vacancies this year. There needs to be a clear process of how the Board's work can continue with out an Executive Director/Secretary of the CPRAB. By not having such a person, the Board continues to dysfunction.

Since last spring under the guise of an investigation of an internal complaint made by two Board members against the Executive Director/Secretary, the Board has been rendered inoperable, and there has not been any correspondence from your office regarding any findings of this investigation.

You have stated on several occasions that you are fully committed to the Board and it's work, therefore I am confounded by the lack of action regarding this Board. This has lead me to bring the matter to the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and the City Council, in the hopes that together a plan can be formulated that puts the Board in the position of being operational, planning it's training for new members and resuming it's important work in September.

Sincerely,

Leslie R. English

Leslie R. English

Leslie R. English

Phone #: (617) 283-4832 E-mail: robinseye@juno.com

CC: Mayor, Vice Mayor, Cambridge City Councilors; President NAACP Cambridge Chapter; President Riverside Neighborhood Association; Harvard Law School, Charles Ogletree, Jr.

2003 SEP -8 A 9:31
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Drury, Margaret

From: robinsey@juno.com
Sent: Saturday, September 06, 2003 7:00 PM
To: Council@CI.Cambridge.MA.US; Drury, Margaret
Subject: City Council Agenda Item: Camb Police Review and Advisory Board



CPRAB.doc

Dear Ms. Drury, Honorable Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis,
City Councilors M. Decker, A. Galluccio, D. Maher, B. Murphy, K. Reeves, E.D. Simmons, and T. Toomey, Jr.,

Attached you will find a copy of a letter I have sent to the City Manager regarding the Camb Police Review and Advisory Board. I would like to place the letter on the next available City Council agenda for discussion. Please let me know what the next steps are regarding the procedure to further discuss the issues as outlined in the letter.

Thank you,
Leslie R. English
CPRAB Member

2003 SEP - 8 A 9:33
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

4289

Communication #1

A communication was received from
Leslie R. English, regarding the
Cambridge Police Review and
Advisory Board.

In City Council September 15, 2003

PLACED ON FILE