



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR BORN
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: More and more complaints are being received about street lights that are out; and

WHEREAS: Street lights play a vital role in public safety; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit to the appropriate electric providers and to the appropriate state departments the dissatisfaction of this city with the response to calls for service on street lights, as per the attached letters.

In City Council January 8, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven 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

**REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ON THE MOTION
OF COUNCILLOR DAVIS**

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Whereas street lights ~~are~~ ^{play} a vital role ~~part of~~ in public safety; now therefore

Ordered that the CM transmit to the appropriate electric providers and to the ~~Dept of Telecommunications~~ appropriate state departments the ~~disbursement~~ of this city with the response for calls for service on street lights

(See attached letters)

Subj: street light
Date: Thursday, December 28, 2000 2:47:43 PM
From: [REDACTED]@com
To: henridavis@aol.com

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Hi, Henrietta,

I live at 47 Cottage St in Cambridgeport, and I love the neighborhood. However, I've had a problem getting a street light fixed in front of our house. My husband and I have contacted the city and Com Electric (now NStar) since August, and this light has still not been fixed. Most recently, I've called 12/1/00 and today, 12/28/00 to be told that they cannot guarantee when this will be fixed and that it goes into some queue to be prioritized. I think a broken street light is pretty important and should not be put off for months.

In addition to being a nuisance, this is a real public safety issue. There are many pedestrians on our street, especially with River Street 2 houses away from us, and it is extremely dark on the street. It is so dark that I do not feel comfortable walking from my car to my house past 4 pm, when it gets dark. I haven't had much luck with getting this resolved, and I was wondering if you could help me out. I've been calling the NStar office that deals with Cambridge at 800-642-7070.

Thanks so much,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Subj: street lights not working
Date: Monday, January 1, 2001 12:26:30 PM
From: [REDACTED]
To: HenriDavis

Thank you for this handy card of useful numbers, unfortunately it doesn't seem to work. Over the past 2 weeks I have left 2 recorded messages with the city electrical dept. and have not received a call back nor have the lights been repaired. one light is near my house on Washington St. near Columbia the other 2 lights are at the corner of bishop Allen and Norfolk St. having lived here for 22 years i think i can honestly say that functioning street lights are important to neighborhood safety. If you could respond to this and pass this request along with a voice that gets listened to my neighbors and I would appreciate it. I'd also like to take this opportunity to express my extreme displeasure with the city council decision to expand the library at its present location. I see this as a blatant statement of classism and racism on the part of our wealthier citizens in the whiter and wealthier sections of the city who would drive to townships but not want to spend time in the stacks or reading rooms of a library located in the square, just another version of "Forest City at M.I.T." aka Central Square. Thanks for any help you can provide.
R. [REDACTED] 556 Washington St. Central Square



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Complaints about broken street lights.

Councillor Davis

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ORDER ADOPTED

Referred to
Public Safety Committee

Copy sent to
Councillor Sullivan