



In City Council,

October 25, 1948

WHEREAS :-

The operating deficit of the Metropolitan Transit Authority for the first three-quarters of this year has been announced to be \$6,599,874.99, and

WHEREAS :-

The deficit announced is a certain forerunner of a total deficit of at least \$9,000,000, and

WHEREAS :-

This deficit is a record-breaking figure, surpassing by far the greatest deficit ever incurred in the history of this street railroad under public or private control, and

WHEREAS :-

Under the law this deficit, if certified by the Governor, must be borne by the fourteen cities and towns in the area served by the road, and

WHEREAS :-

The deficit, if so certified by the Governor, would inevitably cause an increase of at least \$3.00 in the Cambridge tax rate, and

WHEREAS :-

This tax levy would burden unfairly and unreasonably every home-owner and resident of this City of Cambridge, and

WHEREAS :-

The announcement of this record-breaking deficit has followed shortly the revelation from a responsible source that the trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority are planning to increase fares to fifteen cents, and

WHEREAS :-

The said trustees have made no definite statement as to their intention to increase fares, and

WHEREAS :-

Such an increase in fares would be an intolerable burden on every citizen of Cambridge, and

WHEREAS :-

The record-breaking deficit and threatened increase in fares have followed within seventeen months promises by those responsible for the Metropolitan Transit Authority that the enactment of their scheme would permanently end the assessment of deficits and bring sound and responsible management to the road, and

WHEREAS :-

The record-breaking deficit and threatened increase in fares have occurred without improved service and under conditions that are strongly indicative of gross and inept mismanagement and malfeasance, and

WHEREAS :-

The chief accounting officer of this Commonwealth is denied the right to audit the books and records of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, and the public which must bear the burden of mismanagement cannot know with certainty who are the culpable parties, and

WHEREAS :-

The Governor of the Commonwealth, whose administration is responsible for the disastrous results of the Metropolitan Transit Authority scheme, has ample authority under the law to withhold the imposition of these burdens on the cities and towns affected, therefore be it

RESOLVED :-

That the Governor be advised that it is the sense and opinion of this Honorable City Council that the imposition of the record-breaking deficit and a fifteen cent fare on the helpless citizens of fourteen cities and towns be prevented and refused by him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED :-

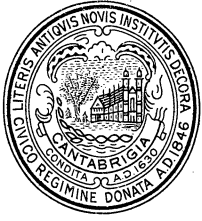
That the Governor be advised that it is the sense and opinion of this Honorable City Council that he immediately and without delay cause a full, complete, and public investigation to be made in order to redress all breaches of fiduciary duty in management of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, and to install immediately sound and responsible management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED :-

That the copy of these Resolutions be sent to His Excellency, Robert F. Bradford, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Introduced by Mayor Michael J. Neville

*In City Council Oct. 25, 1948  
Adopted by a yeas & nays vote  
yeas 7; nays 1; absent 1  
Present W. Bunde City Clerk*



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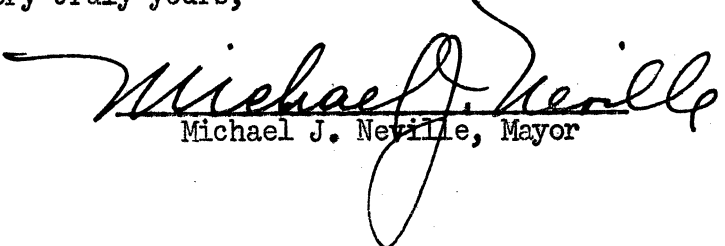
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To the Honorable, the City Council

I submit herewith a resolution relative to the forth coming deficit of the Metropolitan Transit Authority which is self explanatory.

This is a matter of extreme importance affecting our city of Cambridge and I respectfully call upon you for immediate passage of the same.

Very truly yours,

  
Michael J. Neville, Mayor

COMMUNICATION

from the Mayor, transmitting  
~~one from a resolution relative~~  
to the forthcoming deficit of the  
Nat. Transit Authority.

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