

RECEIVED BY
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

SEP 9 10 06 AM '71
August 30, 1971
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Honorable Alfred Vellucci
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mayor:

As ordered in letter dated August 27th from the office of the City Clerk, the following answers are submitted:

QUESTION 1: Does the Election Commission have the authority to refuse to place a measure contained in an initiative-petition on the ballot if the required number of signatures on such a petition are turned in on time and duly certified, without first, obtaining authorization from the courts? If yes, in what situations?

ANSWER: By advice of City Solicitor.

QUESTION 2: Is there any reason why the attached Rent Control Initiative-Ordinance could not be lawfully enacted by the voters of Cambridge? If yes, specify why and in what situations.

ANSWER: I do not know of the law in this matter. I would have to seek advice of the City Solicitor.

Very truly yours,

CAMBRIDGE ELECTION COMMISSION

FRANCIS P. BURNS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

FPB/ed

Copy to Councillor Ackermann, Councillor Clinton, Councillor Montereiff

24 198

Communication from Francis P. Burns, Exec.
Secretary of the Cambridge Election Com-
mission, in response to questions relative
to the placing of initiative petitions on
the ballot

September 13, 1971

Placed on File