



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of residents of Cambridge gaining access to educational channels with specific emphasis on the educational channel entitled "Animal Planet" as outlined in the attached e-mail.

In City Council January 8, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

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From: Dina Johnson <Dina.Johnson@granitar.com >
To: ""KathyBorn@aol.com"" <KathyBorn@aol.com >,
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""msullivan@ci.cambridge.ma.us"" <msullivan@ci.cambridge.ma.us >,
""TimToomey@aol.com"" <TimToomey@aol.com >,
""citymanager@ci.cambridge.ma.us"" <citymanager@ci.cambridge.ma.us >
Subject: Cambridge Cable and Animal Planet
Date sent: Tue, 19 Dec 2000 17:37:03 -0500

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From: CAMBMAS1@aol.com
Date sent: Tue, 26 Dec 2000 14:02:49 EST
Subject: Fwd: Cambridge Cable and Animal Planet
To: MHorgan@ci.cambridge.ma.us

Hi Mary

Would you put this in hanson and as a council oder.

Thanks,

Michael

2000 DEC 26 P 3:49
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Date sent: Wed, 20 Dec 2000 10:46:53 EST
From: TimToomey@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: Cambridge Cable and Animal Planet
To: <dlopez@ci.cambridge.ma.us>

Good Morning Donna,

Would you kindly place the letter at the end of the attached e-mail on the agenda as a communication. If one of the others has already given this to you please disregard this e-mail.

Thank you very much,

Tim

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2000 DEC 21 A 8:10

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