

CONSENT COMMUNICATION FOR 6/5/00 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA (corrected)

TO: Cambridge City Council
c/o City Clerk, 795 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02139
via fax 349-4269

RE: Apparent illegality of proposed pay increases for elected officials

Councillors:

I stongly urge you to refrain from taking further action on the pending pay raises for Cambridge elected officials until you determine whether such activity is legal.

In particular, I am concerned that your ongoing participation in the process may violate the City Council's Rules, the Cambridge Ethics Ordinance, and the State Ethics Act.

The City Manager's proposal also seems to violate state municipal financing statutes.

If possible, I will attend next Monday's City Council meeting and share more detailed information with you. Feel free to contact me before then.

Thank you for your careful consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Michael Brandon
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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 13, 1999

MAYOR DUEHAY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council recognizes the importance of a quality public education system for their cities and our nation; and

WHEREAS: The economic vitality of Cambridge is linked to the performance of its schools and well-trained and well-educated workers contribute to the economic development potential of our city; and

WHEREAS: Education can no longer be thought of as solely what occurs in the classroom but rather what happens before, during, and after school, and on weekends; and

WHEREAS: City involvement in education partnerships can produce significant improvements in local public schools; and

WHEREAS: It has been nationally recognized that innovative ideas developed at the local level are transforming education; and

WHEREAS: Congress and the President must put aside their partisan differences and develop education policies that are truly beneficial to our nation's children; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council believes that the federal government must be a full and legitimate partner in the process of creating the best education system in the world; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council believes that the entire community – teachers, parents, students, business leaders, community-based groups and faith-based groups, individuals and institutions, and local, state and federal officials must be held accountable for the success of public education; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council believes that federal policies must contribute to making all schools the safe haven they were meant to be, with a safe, healthy and productive environment free from drugs, violence and guns and other weapons; and be it further

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Michael Brandon, relative to proposed
pay increases for elected officials.

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In City Council June 5, 2000

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