



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To James L. Sullivan
Cambridge City Manager

Date Nov. 19, 1979

From Edward J. Samp, Jr.
Acting Executive Secretary of the

Reference

Subject Cambridge Election Commission

RE: November 6, 1979 Municipal Election, Report on

1. The twentieth Cambridge Municipal Election using the preferential form of ballot associated with Plan E, was held on Tuesday, November 6, 1979.

2. In contrast with the weather on Election Day in 1977 when driving rain fell during most of the polling hours, the weather this year was dry and temperate. 26,912 voters or 59.9% of the total registered, went to the polls. The percentage figure two years ago was 48.4%.

3. The counting of the ballots took place at Longfellow School again and required five full business days plus most of a sixth day for a small cleanup group.

4. The Election for City Council produced two changes among the nine incumbents, all of whom sought re-election. The two defeated Councillors were both first term members. Of the replacements, one is a newcomer to elected public office and the other is a former Councillor, who was defeated for re-election in 1977.

5. The School Committee election saw five of the six incumbents, all of whom sought re-election, returned to office.

6. Six non-binding referenda questions were also voted on, ranging in subject matter from the desirability of nuclear power to the candidacy of Senator Edward M. Kennedy for president. All passed easily. The closest vote came on the question of the city's not investing public moneys in financial institutions doing business with the national government in the Union of South Africa. On that question, the "yes" vote was 57.4% of the total of those taking a position.

7. The count went very smoothly, under the direction of Frank Burns. No losing candidate was close enough to give any hope of a change in the outcome through a recount.



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8. Election day itself went well enough except for the recurrence of a problem that occasionally crops up: the voting by one person on another's name.

Several instances of this were reported and we currently have the matter under investigation.

CAMBRIDGE ELECTION COMMISSION

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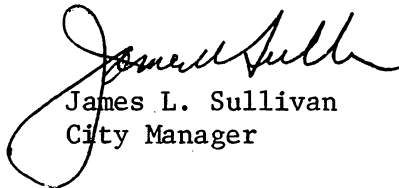
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

December 3, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your information is a report from the
Election Commission on the November 6, 1979 Municipal Election.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Enc.

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Report from the Election Commission on
the 11/6/79 Municipal Election.

In City Council,

December 3, 1979

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OFFICIAL RESULTS OF

Referendum Question

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Procedure re Cont. Res. Program