



ALFRED E. VELLUCCI
MAYOR

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

December 17, 1976

Dear Fellow Employee:

After Monday's City Council meeting, I feel there are a number of misconceptions that must be clarified. To begin with, I am an exmployee of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Corporations and Taxation; and as such, I am a member of a union, the Alliance, an affiliate of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. My career as an elected official in the city of Cambridge extends some 25 years with service on both the School Committee and City Council. During this time, I have never, never, ever voted against any of your demands for better working conditions, increases in salary or fringe benefits. I have yet to do so and will take every step possible to avoid doing so in the future.

I believe history will reveal that I have been the leader for better living wages, blue cross benefits, special fringe benefits, etc., for all city employees. These are just a few of the many items I have fought for on behalf of labor, including my desire to see you join a union.

However, I must inform you that my vote in Council on Monday reclassifying employees was an action I did with a clear conscience --- I could not, as a member of labor, CAST A VOTE AGAINST A FELLOW EMPLOYEE.

I sincerely hope these comments will help you better understand Monday night's actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alfred E. Vellucci".

ALFRED E. VELLUCCI
Mayor

Comm. from the City Clerk transmitting one
from Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci re: to the
vote of the city council meeting of Dec. 13
1976 relative to reclassifying employees.

In City Council,
December 20, 1976

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