



City of Cambridge

Consent Communication #15

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 16, 1997

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the Police Commissioner to report back to the City Council on the Police Department policy for assigning police personnel to attend Community meetings.

In City Council June 16, 1997

Failed of Adoption by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 3; Nays 6; Absent 0.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

City of Cambridge

Communications No.
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MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council 6-16, 1997

Ag. Ordered: That the City Manager confer with the Police
~~Office~~ Commissioner to report back to the City Council on the
Police Department policy for assigning police personnel to attend
community meetings

YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
	✓			V.M. Kathleen L. Born
	✓			Ms. Henrietta Davis
✓				Mr. Francis H. Duehay
✓				Mr. Anthony Galluccio
	✓			Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves
	✓			Mr. Michael A. Sullivan
	✓			Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
✓				Ms Katherine Triantafillou
	✓			Mayor Sheila T. Russell

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RECEIVED BY
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

Cambridge, Thursday, June 12, 1997

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:
CAMBRIDGE MA.

The undersigned respectfully pray

whereas: The citizens of our city are entitled to conduct lawful, public meetings and civic activities free from unwarranted and unwanted police surveillance and without fear of unwarranted police surveillance and interference

whereas: Police spying on or "monitoring" of lawful, public meetings has a chilling effect on our citizenry's exercise of our constitutionally protected rights to freedom of speech, freedom of association and freedom of assembly

whereas: At just such a lawful, public "community meeting" ^{at the First Baptist Church in Central Sq. on Wednesday, June 11} to discuss the impending demolition of buildings in Central Square, a Cambridge Police Detective appeared and "attended" for the purpose, evidently, of "monitoring" this meeting - indicating he had been "assigned" to do so

whereas: This police ^{surveillance} ~~activity~~ has an intimidating effect on the free exercise of worthy community rights and activities

therefore, be it resolved that: This City Council orders an investigation of this and any related activities on the part of the Camb. Police Dept - including a full explanation from the Police Commissioner - and instructs the Department to cover

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In City Council,

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Referred to the Committee on

Attest:

City Clerk.

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Cease and desist from any further
unwarranted intrusion into lawful citizen
activities.

James M. Williamson
17 Perry Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

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Communication was received from
James M. Willisamson, 17 Perry Street,
transmitting his concern of Cambridge
Police presence at a public meeting.

In City Council June 16, 1997

Referred to
City Manager

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