



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To James L. Sullivan
City Manager

Date March 25, 1977

From Richard J. McNamara
Purchasing Agent

Reference

Subject

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

At the Ordinance sub-committee meeting on Monday, March 21, 1977, Councillor Clem requested me to submit in writing my reasons for opposition to Mr. Lehan's proposed changes in the ordinance as they effect my department.

My reasons are as follows:

1. The City Manager is the appointing authority for the City and I serve at his pleasure. Therefore, I wish to be able to defend my position directly with the City Manager and not through a second party.
2. There are nine (9) State Statutes covering public bidding which I, as Purchasing Agent, am personally answerable to in court.
3. It is contrary to the checks and balances of government for one individual to be the department head for Purchasing; the department head for Treasury; the department head for Auditing and the department head for Assessors.

I respectfully request that both you and the City Council give serious consideration to my position in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard J. McNamara", followed by a horizontal line.

Richard J. McNamara
Purchasing Agent

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LAWS GOVERNING PURCHASING

Chapter 41	Section 103
Chapter 30	Section 39M
Chapter 40	Sections 4A, 4B
Chapter 127	Sections 53-58, 60, 67A
Chapter 149	Sections 44A-44L
Chapter 269	Acts of 1968
Chapter 44	Section 31C
Chapter 43	Section 28
Chapter 7	Section 22A

