



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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OFFICE OF
THE CITY CLERK

September 12, 1985

Mr. Paul Sonnabend
General Manager
Royal Sonesta Hotel
5 Cambridge Parkway
Cambridge, MA 02141

Dear Mr. Sonnabend:

Pursuant to the request of the City Council, I am forwarding the enclosed order as submitted by Councillor Alfred Vellucci relative to a former employee of the hotel. Please note that the City Council has scheduled a public hearing on this matter for Monday, September 23, 1985. This hearing will take place during the regular meeting of the City Council which begins at 5:00 p. m. and is held on the Second Floor of City Hall in the City Council Chamber.

You and/or your designated representative are requested to attend this meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton
Deputy City Clerk

JEC/dl
Enc. (1)



City of Cambridge

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COUNCILOR ALFRED E. VELLUCCI

IN CITY COUNCIL
September 9, 1985

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- WHEREAS Freedom of speech is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and
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In City Council September 9, 1985.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Paul E. Healy
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COUNCILLOR WALTER SULLIVAN RECORDED IN THE NEGATIVE IN THIS MATTER.



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Order # 7

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Councillor Vellucci resolutions on Carmen
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Adopted

OK
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CVT - Recorded - Negative

Letter sent to Paul Sonnabend
Gen. Mgr., Royal Sonesta,
requesting his presence on
Sept. 23, 1985 hearing.
(copy within)