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DATE:

APRIL 27, 2016

TO:

THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

DONNA P. LOPEZ, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT:

CLOSURE OF AN OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT

Attached you will find a communication received by this office from Kevin Manganaro, Assistant Attorney General, Division of Open Government, regarding the Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Kim Courtney and Xavier Dietrich.

Please note that the Office of the Attorney General has not received any record of a complaint filed by Ms. Courtney and Mr. Dietrich and therefore considers this matter closed.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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April 21, 2016

Kim Courtney and Xavier Dietrich 955 Massachusetts Avenue, Unit 259 Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Kim Courtney and Xavier Dietrich:

We understand that on January 5, 2016, you filed a complaint with the Cambridge City Council (the "City Council") and the Cambridge City Clerk (the "City Clerk"), alleging a violation of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. The City Council and City Clerk is required to notify our office of the complaint and any remedial action taken to address the complaint. G.L. c. 30A, § 23(b); 940 CMR 29.05(5). Our office received notification and a response from the City Council and City Clerk on January 27, 2016.

Under the Open Meeting Law, a complaint is ripe for review by our office when the complainant files a copy of the initial complaint with the Division of Open Government, provided that at least 30 days have passed since that complaint was filed with the public body. G.L. c. 30A, § 23(b); 940 CMR 29.05(6). We sent you a letter on February 4, 2016 stating that if we did not receive the original complaint from you by Tuesday, April 5, 2016, we would presume the action taken by the City Council and City Clerk was sufficient and would close this file. Our office currently has no record of a complaint filed by you in this matter. Therefore, we now consider this matter closed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or believe anything stated in this letter to be inaccurate.

Sincerely,

Kevin Manganaro

Assistant Attorney General

Division of Open Government

cc: Donna P. Lopez, Cambridge City Clerk Cambridge City Council