

RECONSIDERATIONS

1. Councillor Kelley notified the City Clerk of his intention to move reconsideration on the vote taken on Dec 12, 2011 to ordain as amended the re-filed petition to amend the zoning ordinance filed by Chestnut Hill Realty. The petition would allow creation by special permit of rental apartment units in basement units of existing multifamily residential buildings in Residence C Districts which meet the special permit criteria. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Nov 28, 2011. Planning Board hearing held 9/6/11. Petition expires Dec 13, 2011.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommending that in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority, the Cambridge City Council adopt the following Order for a Statement of Interest Form dated Jan 11, 2012 to be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the King Open building.

Dec 19, 2011

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby recommending that in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority, the Cambridge City Council adopt the following Order for a Statement of Interest Form dated Jan 11, 2012 to be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the King Open building.

The Superintendent will be forwarding his recommendation for authorization of this same Order to the School Committee at its meeting of Dec 20, 2011.

Very truly yours, Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Agenda Item No. 1A Dec 19, 2011

ORDERED: Having convened in an open meeting on Dec 19, 2011, the Cambridge City Council of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated Jan 11, 2012 for the King Open building located at 850 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: The King Open building was last renovated in 1986. Currently the building systems do not meet educational needs. In addition, the King Open will become part of an upper school under the Innovation Agenda and requires significant renovation in order to meet educational programs adequately. Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility and replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment

from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Cambridge to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-156, regarding outside legal expenses incurred by the City for the Monteiro case and related cases.

Dec 19, 2011

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-156, regarding outside legal expenses incurred by the City for the Monteiro case and related cases.

I recommend that the City Council move to Executive Session for further discussion on Item Number 3 of the City Solicitor's attached letter.

Very truly yours, Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Dec 19, 2011

Robert W. Healy, City Manager
City Hall, Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Awaiting Report No. 11-156 re: Report Back on Council Order No. 6, dated 10/24/2011

Dear Mr. Healy:

In response to the above referenced Council Order, please be advised of our responses as follows to the Council's specific requests:

1. The outside legal expenses incurred by the City for the Monteiro case and related cases and issues.

Total: \$2,633,194.67 to date. This total includes:

- (a) \$611,563.63 - for discovery and other pre-trial matters from 1999 to 2003 for all five of the original cases (Hampton, LaChance, Stamper, Wong and Monteiro), including summary judgment motions, fairly split among the five cases. The summary judgment motion resulted in judgment for the City in two of the five cases, and judgment for the City on the most substantive allegations of a third case.
 - (b) \$674,446.30 - Monteiro pre-trial and trial expenses related to the first jury trial (2005) and post-trial matters. The jury found in favor of the City by determining that there had been no discrimination against Ms. Monteiro prior to her filing of a complaint with the MCAD. The jury was hung on the allegations of retaliation after the filing of the MCAD complaint, which necessitated a second trial.
 - (c) \$858,776.21 - expenses related to the second Monteiro jury trial (2008) and post-trial matters. Following the conclusion of the second trial through the date of entry of the final judgment, which spanned almost two years, much of the time expended was overwhelmingly related to post-trial motions and other matters pertaining to the trial court action.
 - (d) \$488,409.53 - expenses for the appeal.
2. The cost of the appeal of the Monteiro case over the original judgment, to include interest and legal fees for both the defendant and the plaintiff.
 - (a) \$913,673.90 - interest on damages awards after the entry of final judgment.

(b) \$298,349.33 - plaintiff's attorneys fees and costs award for the appeal.

3. The amount of money related cases were settled for. This will be discussed with the City Council in Executive Session.

4. The overall amount of money paid to Ms. Monteiro. The City has paid Ms. Monteiro and her law firm a total of \$8,067,461.78, which includes all damage awards, interest, costs and legal fees. The amount that Ms. Monteiro received and the amount that her law firm received from that total is not known to the City.

Very truly yours, Donald A. Drisdell

ON THE TABLE

1. That the City Manager is requested to restore funding for School Department clerical positions until a proper and negotiated process can be achieved with the Cambridge School Department and Unions representing the employees, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. [Order Number Fourteen of Apr 26, 2010 Placed on Table. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. Remains on Table.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-32, regarding a report on issues with the development of the former St. John's property site. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010. Placed on Table June 7, 2010.]
3. An application was received from Tony LaVita, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 68 Middlesex Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Ten of June 7, 2010 Placed on Table.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
5. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a complete and comprehensive list of all concessions made to the City and broader Cambridge community by developers and the universities in exchange for zoning relief, special permits, or Council approval. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Order Number Eleven of Apr 25, 2011. Tabled on Motion of Councillor Cheung on May 2, 2011.]

7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-94, regarding a report on fireworks at Corcoran Park on July 4th. [City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Sept 12, 2011 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley.]
8. An application was received from Eric Griffith, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 9 Wyman Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Applications and Petitions Number Three of Oct 24, 2011. Placed on Table Oct 31, 2011 by Councillor Cheung on roll call vote 6-3-0.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Barbara A. Kenny, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 55 South Normandy Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Penelope Kleespies and the members of the Oral History Project Committee of the Longfellow Neighborhood Council and Community School, transmitting thanks for the beautiful resolution recognizing their effort.
2. A communication was received from Dolores Boogdanian, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Conservation and Recreation, informing the City that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through the DCR, is considering acquiring an additional section of the former railroad corridor located in Cambridge, an area containing approximately ten acres.
3. A communication was received from Sharon Hamer, 175 Richdale Avenue, regarding the Chestnut Hill basement apartments.
4. A communication was received from Dexter Eames, 6 Avon Place, regarding the Chestnut Hill basement apartments.
5. A communication was received from Julia Bishop, regarding the Chestnut Hill basement apartments.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Mary A. (Ferolito) Pizzuto. Mayor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Patrick P. Pizzuto. Mayor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Robert J. "Bob" Pizzuto. Mayor Maher
4. Resolution on the death of Ralph J. Canina, Sr. Mayor Maher
5. Resolution on the death of Alice Morris (Ployer) Egan. Mayor Maher, Councillor Decker, Councillor Toomey
6. Thanks to Rachel Offerdahl for her contributions to the Red Ribbon Commission on the Delights and Concerns of Central Square. Councillor Reeves
7. Thanks to Anna Muessig for her contributions to the Red Ribbon Commission on the Delights and Concerns of Central Square. Councillor Reeves

8. Thanks to Brent Ryan for his contributions to the Red Ribbon Commission on the Delights and Concerns of Central Square. Councillor Reeves
9. Thanks to Yeon Wha Hong for her contributions to the Red Ribbon Commission on the Delights and Concerns of Central Square. Councillor Reeves
10. Thanks to Lorena Bello Gomez for her contributions to the Red Ribbon Commission on the Delights and Concerns of Central Square. Councillor Reeves
11. Thanks to Pardis Saffari for her contributions to the Red Ribbon Commission on the Delights and Concerns of Central Square. Councillor Reeves
12. Thanks to Estella Johnson for her contributions to the Red Ribbon Commission on the Delights and Concerns of Central Square. Councillor Reeves
13. Thanks to Rhonda Holmes for her contributions to the Red Ribbon Commission on the Delights and Concerns of Central Square. Councillor Reeves
14. Thanks to Christopher Basler for his contributions to the Red Ribbon Commission on the Delights and Concerns of Central Square. Councillor Reeves
15. Resolution on the death of Virginia M. (Ferola) Long. Mayor Maher
16. Retirement of Thelma Thorn from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Maher
17. Resolution on the death of Richard G. Huber. Councillor Toomey
18. Happy Birthday to Ethel Ampey. Councillor Simmons
19. Congratulations to Deborah Bercovitch on receiving the Martha Coakley Child Protection Award. Councillor Simmons
20. Congratulations to Representative William N. Brownsberger on his recent primary win to fill the second Suffolk and Middlesex Senate seat. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Decker
21. Condolences to the family of Worcester Firefighter Jon Davies, Sr. Councillor Simmons
22. Speedy recovery wishes to Worcester Firefighter Brian Carroll. Councillor Simmons
23. Resolution on the death of Mary Louise (Cruise) Kennedy. Councillor Toomey
24. Declare Jan 12, 2012 to be a Day of Remembrance and Dedication to Haiti. Mayor Maher
25. Encourage Cambridge residents to participate in the 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Jan 16, 2012. Mayor Maher
26. Congratulations to Alvaro Amaral on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
27. Congratulations to Clare Garman on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
28. Congratulations to Jennifer Fries on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
29. Congratulations to Barbara Weaver on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
30. Congratulations to Conrad Hauk on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
31. Congratulations to Jodi Mace on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
32. Congratulations to Cambridge NanoTech on being selected as one of its Top 100 Women-Led Businesses by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
33. Congratulations to Dan Weathersby on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
34. Congratulations to Larry Rubin on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
35. Congratulations to Chandra Banks on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
36. Congratulations to Elizabeth Menges on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
37. Congratulations to Monica Murray on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
38. Congratulations to Cambridge Biomedical on being selected as one of its Top 100 women-led Businesses from the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
39. Congratulations to Shantu Salvi on being awarded a Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin "FOCRLS" Faculty Grant. Councillor Cheung
40. Thanks to City Councillor Sam Seidel for his distinguished service to the City of Cambridge. Mayor Maher

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to address the issues of pedestrian safety, traffic congestion and limited access to Huron Avenue from Aberdeen Avenue engendered by the change in the pattern of traffic lights at the corner of Huron Avenue and Aberdeen Avenue and report back to the City Council. Councillor Simmons and Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to assure that no residential units are afflicted by emissions caused by buses idling due to the shut down of the Red Line from Harvard Square to Alewife Station. Vice Mayor Davis
3. That the City Manager is requested to install or if necessary, update signage in all locations where biking is not permitted on sidewalks. Vice Mayor Davis
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff, MBTA staff, the City of Somerville and any other entities that may have responsibility for the section of Linear Park stretching from the MBTA's Alewife Station to its Davis Square Station to determine what flooding, drainage, sightline, maintenance and traffic flow issues exist, who is responsible for addressing them and how they will be fixed. Councillor Kelley

5. That the City Manager is requested to provide to the City Council in Excel format information about vehicular and bicycle enforcement to include the number, type, location, day and time of all citations and warnings given by the Cambridge Police Department for the calendar year 2011. Councillor Kelley
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Fire Department, Cambridge Police Department, and Inspectional Services to do a thorough investigation of the building at 411 Cambridge Street and take appropriate actions against any violations they may find, and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Toomey
7. That the Cambridge City Council encourages candidates and officeholders in all Massachusetts municipalities to oppose, in active and visible ways, attacks on voting rights. Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Council hereby endorses the goals of the Serve America Act and encourages other cities across the Commonwealth and across the nation to join this effort. Mayor Maher

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Environment Committee for a public meeting held on Nov 22, 2011 to discuss goal setting for the Cambridge Environment for the coming year.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a public meeting held on Dec 13, 2011 to discuss finalizing the economic development goals and to discuss the city and community involvement in BIO2012.
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Co-Chair of the Government Operations and Rules Committee for a public meeting held on Dec 12, 2011 to finalize a recommendation to the full City Council with regard to a policy for street corner and bench dedications.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Craig A. Kelley, transmitting a communication regarding the roundtable on CPS-related issues, regarding the Innovation Agenda.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Dec 19

- 4:00pm Special Meeting to conduct a roundtable discussion with the City Council and the School Committee to discuss various aspects of the Innovation Agenda, including capital needs. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 20

- 5:00pm The Claims Committee will conduct a public meeting to consider claims filed against the city. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Dec 28

- 4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on the petition filed by Julia Bishop, et al. and refiled by the City Council to amend Section 17.20 of the Zoning Ordinance - Regulations for Special District 2 located in North Cambridge along Linear Park. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 2

- 10:00am CITY COUNCIL INAUGURAL MEETING (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 9

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 23

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 30

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 6

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 13

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 27

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 5

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 12

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 19

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 26

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 2

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 9

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 30

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Dec 19, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the pattern of the traffic lights at the intersection of Huron Avenue and Aberdeen Avenue have been changed; and

WHEREAS: The new traffic light patterns have greatly increased the chances of someone getting hit by speeding cars on Huron Avenue, limited access to Huron Avenue from Aberdeen Avenue, and has resulted in traffic congestion, especially during rush hour; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to address the issues of pedestrian safety, traffic congestion and limited access to Huron Avenue from Aberdeen Avenue engendered by the change in the pattern

of traffic lights at the corner of Huron Avenue and Aberdeen Avenue and report back to the City Council.

O-2 Dec 19, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: For the foreseeable future, the Red Line has been shut down for repairs on weekends from Harvard Square to Alewife Station; and

WHEREAS: Buses have been substituted for the Red Line service; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to assure that no residential units are afflicted by emissions caused by buses idling.

O-3 Dec 19, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Hubway bike program will launch in Cambridge in the spring; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to install or if necessary, update signage in all locations where biking is *not* permitted on sidewalks; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the City Council of the timeline for the work.

O-4 Dec 19, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Sections of Linear Park from the Alewife MBTA Station to the Davis Square T Station have problematic drainage issues; and

WHEREAS: Where the path drains poorly, dangerous ice can form in colder weather, inconvenient puddles can form in warmer weather and a narrowing of the usable path can occur to the point where safe passage for pedestrians, runners and cyclist is very difficult; and

WHEREAS: The sections of Linear Park that have these problems may be under the various jurisdictions of the MBTA, Cambridge and Somerville; and

WHEREAS: All of these sections are used by Cambridge residents and visitors on a regular basis; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff, MBTA staff, the City of Somerville and any other entities that may have responsibility for the section of Linear Park stretching from the MBTA's Alewife Station to its Davis Square Station to determine what flooding, drainage, sightline, maintenance and traffic flow issues exist, who is responsible for addressing them and how they will be fixed and; be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the results of these conferences; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a plan, to include relevant funding in the upcoming budget if necessary, to address the issues along Linear Park for which Cambridge is responsible.

O-5 Dec 19, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide to the City Council in Excel format information about vehicular and bicycle enforcement to include the number, type, location, day and time of all citations and

warnings given by the Cambridge Police Department for the calendar year 2011.

O-6 Dec 19, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the property at 411 Cambridge Street owned and operated by CASCAP has had numerous emergency responses; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Fire Department has responded to two fires in the past month at this location; and

WHEREAS: Residents and abutters are concerned about the amount of activity at this location that requires emergency response and are in doubt of the proper management of this building; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Fire Department, Cambridge Police Department, and Inspectional Services to do a thorough investigation of the building and take appropriate actions against any violations they may find and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-7 Dec 19, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Voting is a fundamental right; and

WHEREAS: We are witnessing a concerted campaign to prevent millions of Americans from casting ballots; and

WHEREAS: Voter fraud is virtually non-existent; and

WHEREAS: A true democracy encourages maximum participation by its citizenry; and

WHEREAS: By now these should be undisputed rights; and

WHEREAS: Since 2010, bills making voting more difficult have been introduced in 38 state legislatures; and

WHEREAS: Seven states have enacted new photo ID rules for voters, with more states rushing to pass similar laws; and

WHEREAS: These rules unfairly target the poor, young people, and minorities: while 11% of the general population lack photo IDs, that figure jumps to 15% of eligible low-income voters, 18% of young voters, and 25% of African-American voters. Moreover, even if one has a photo ID, but falls into one of those categories, it's more likely to be disallowed under the new laws:

- In Texas, a concealed-weapon permit is deemed acceptable but a student ID is not.
- In Wisconsin, student IDs are valid only if they include a two-year expiration date, a current address, and other info - but no colleges or universities in the state issue IDs which look like that.
- To vote in South Carolina, one must produce a state-issued ID, which one can obtain free of charge - but to get one, you'll need a passport or a birth certificate, and those cost money (and a considerable investment of time) to obtain if one doesn't have one already; and

WHEREAS: These requirements ensure that, for people with fewer resources, assembling necessary documentation will be daunting - so much so that many will simply stay away from the polls. Which is precisely what the legislation intends; and

WHEREAS: Many of these laws strip voting rights from ex-felons, even non-violent offenders. Iowa and Florida have both taken this action, which in Florida alone means that

over 1 million people - predominantly African-American men - have been permanently disenfranchised; and
WHEREAS: Municipal officials are committed to fighting for, and taking action on behalf of the rights of our citizens to participate in electoral politics and share in fair representation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council encourages candidates and officeholders in all Massachusetts municipalities to oppose, in active and visible ways, these attacks on voting rights; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Deval Patrick, Senator Barry Finegold and Representative Michael Moran, Chairs of the Joint Committee on Election Laws, William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth (Elections Division), and the Massachusetts legislative delegation on behalf of the City Council.

O-8 Dec 19, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The United States of America has a proud tradition of service and volunteerism that tradition continues in cities like Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The bipartisan Edward M. Kennedy Service America Act, signed into law on Apr 21, 2009, builds on this tradition, encouraging all Americans to serve their communities in new ways; and

WHEREAS: Cities, home to many of the nation's persistent challenges, are positioned to bring new leadership, facilitation and innovation to the service movement; and

WHEREAS: The current need for community service and volunteerism is higher than ever due to the global financial and housing crisis; and

WHEREAS: Service enriches the lives of Americans of all ages and backgrounds and each new generation of young Americans must be engaged to tackle emerging challenges; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council hereby endorses the goals of the Serve America Act and encourages other cities across the Commonwealth and across the nation to join this effort.