

Lopez, Donna

From: Tom Stohlman [tstohlman@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2013 12:54 PM
To: City Council; Lopez, Donna
Subject: Policy Order #1-Stohlman OML Complaint

To the City Council and City Clerk,

I am (yet again) unable to make tonight's meeting because of a regular tutoring appointment with a CRLS senior. I would like to comment on tonight's Policy Order #1, wherein you will be going into Executive Session to discuss the Open Meeting Law.

From my letter to the Massachusetts Attorney General:

"If the Attorney General's Office agrees with my complaint, I am open to remedies other than a re-vote or fines for the violation (and then, many violations in the past). I do not believe a re-vote will change the results of the original order and as a Cambridge taxpayer, I have no interest in my money being used for anything but a symbolic fine.

I would still ask that the Cambridge City Council acknowledge their procedure is a violation. I would also ask that they consult with your office on how to improve their procedure and change it to avoid the violation in the future."

I am following the standard, recommended Open Meeting Law (OML) complaint process. We disagree and I'm going to the AG to get clarification.

The "threatened litigation" in the proposed order sounds so, well, threatening. And since my name is attached to the phrase, I just want to make it clear:

I am not suing the City of Cambridge, I'm just trying to make the public process more transparent and open. And that is not a threat to anyone.

Best,

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