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# CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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**TO: DONNA P. LOPEZ  
INTERIM CITY CLERK**

**FROM: COUNCILLOR CRAIG KELLEY**

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Please place the attached item on the Communications and Reports from City Officials for  
The City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2013.  
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Mr. Manager:

In anticipation of our discussion about pending lawsuits on Monday, I would ask that you have the following information available. Having reviewed the rules for Executive Session, and remembering how poorly using Executive Session served both the City of Cambridge and Justice the last time around, I see no reason why the general questions I bring up cannot be discussed in public session of the Council, at least to the extent that these questions are answered publically even if there is no back and forth between the Council members and yourself as to what it all means.

Here are the specific questions that I, at this time, am looking to get answers to

1. What departments are getting sued
2. What are the specific claims
3. Do these cases indicate any sort of a trend which we should identify and address through things like staff training, education, oversight and so forth
4. What stages are the relevant claims in
5. What, if any, are the relevant amounts of damages being claimed
6. Who is representing Cambridge
7. Who is representing the plaintiffs (I assume we are always the defendant in these cases)
8. How many similar cases exist that have not yet reached the lawsuit stage (I assume, without knowing, that these cases start off in some sort of administrative setting and, if not settled there, move eventually to litigation)
9. What court(s) these various cases are in
10. What, if any, legal judgements have been entered for these cases.

Please feel free to contact me ahead of time with any questions or concerns.

Craig