

April 1, 2010

Madame Clerk:

Please submit the following as a communication to my fellow Councillors

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

City Council

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# CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.  
City Councillor

Dear Colleagues

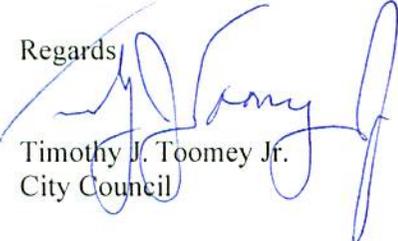
During the previous City Council meeting my colleagues suggested that a 5:00 p.m. hearing of the Government Operation Committee was scheduled to prevent public participation in the discussion. To imply that a hearing held at this time would be less transparent than any other meeting held by the council is preposterous.

Upon reviewing the record of the past 4 years, I found that a substantial number of hearings have in fact been scheduled at and very close to the 5:00 time proposed, as well as during regular working hours.

There is no reason why this meeting should have raised concerns. The council would better concern ourselves with taking steps to expedite the work these committees can undertake, and to advance a process that has already been delayed by the mayoral election.

For the record the Government Operations and Rules Committee did hold the hearing at 5:30 p.m.

Regards

  
Timothy J. Toomey Jr.  
City Council

## City Council Committee Hearings 2008-2009

5:30 Apr 16, 2008 - Traffic & Transportation: Kelley,  
5:30 May 21, 2008 - Claims: Toomey  
1:00 Apr 30, 2008 - Veterans: Kelley,  
1:00 May 15, 2008 - Human Services: Reeves,  
5:30 June 30, 2008 - Traffic & Transportation: Kelley  
1:00 July 1, 2008 - Human Services: Reeves,  
1:00 July 28, 2008 - Human Services: Reeves,  
5:30 Sept 10, 2008 - Traffic & Transportation: Kelley  
1:30 Sept 10, 2008 - Veterans: Kelley  
5:30 Oct 7, 2008 - Traffic & Transportation: Kelley  
1:12 Oct 28, 2008 - Human Services: Reeves,  
1:00 Nov 3, 2008 - Human Services: Reeves,  
1:05 Dec 9, 2008 - Human Services: Reeves,  
6:00 Jan 21, 2009 - Public Safety: Toomey,  
5:30 Feb 4, 2009 - Traffic & Transportation: Kelley,  
2:00 Mar 10, 2009 - Human Services: Reeves,  
5:30 Feb 10, 2009 - Traffic & Transportation: Kelley,  
1:00 Apr 1, 2009 - Human Services: Reeves,  
5:30 June 23, 2009 - Claims: Toomey,  
3:00 July 16, 2009 - Human Services: Reeves,  
2:00 June 24, 2009 - Human Services: Reeves,  
3:00 Aug 13, 2009 - Human Services: Reeves,  
1:30 Sept 17, 2009 - Human Services: Reeves  
5:00 July 23, 2009 - Economic Development: Reeves,  
6:30 Sept 30, 2009 - Human Services: Reeves,  
5:30 Oct 13, 2009 - Traffic & Transportation: Kelley  
5:30 Sept 29, 2009 - Traffic & Transportation: Kelley  
6:00 Nov 30, 2009 - Public Safety: Toomey,  
6:30 Oct 20, 2009 - Traffic & Transportation: Kelley  
5:00 Dec 15, 2009 - Claims: Toomey,  
6:00 Apr 16, 2009 - Human Services: Reeves,  
6:00 Apr 29, 2009 - Human Services: Reeves,

## City Council 2006-2007

5:30 Feb 22, 2006 - Gov't Operations & Rules: Sullivan, Toomey,  
8:30 Mar 8, 2006 - Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning: Simmons,  
11:00 Mar 8, 2006 - Civic Unity: Simmons  
8:30 Mar 22, 2006 - Civic Unity: Simmons  
8:30 Mar 22, 2006 - Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning: Simmons,  
5:30 Mar 30, 2006 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley,  
8:30 Apr 19, 2006 - Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning: Simmons,  
8:00 Apr 19, 2006 - Civic Unity: Simmons,  
11:30 Apr 6, 2006 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley,  
8:30 May 17, 2006 - Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning: Simmons  
4:00 June 5, 2006 - Public Safety: Sullivan, Toomey,  
6:45 June 13, 2006 - Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning Committee and Cable TV, Telecommunications, and Public Utilities Committee: Simmons, Davis  
5:30 June 6, 2006 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley,  
5:30 May 30, 2006 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley  
4:00 June 6, 2006 - Gov't Operations & Rules: Sullivan, Toomey  
5:30 June 27, 2006 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley,  
11:00 June 7, 2006 - Civic Unity: Simmons,  
12:00 July 19, 2006 - Civic Unity: Simmons  
5:30 July 27, 2006 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley  
5:30 July 11, 2006 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley,  
5:30 July 18, 2006 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley,  
11:00 Oct 3, 2006 - Public Safety: Sullivan, Toomey,  
6:15 Oct 12, 2006 - Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning Committee and Cable TV, Telecommunications, and Public Utilities Committee: Simmons,  
5:30 Nov 30, 2006 - Claims: Toomey,  
3:00 Dec 4, 2006 - Gov't Operations & Rules: Sullivan, Toomey,  
5:30 Dec 6, 2006 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley  
5:30 Dec 12, 2006 - Public Safety: Sullivan, Toomey,  
5:30 Dec 12, 2006 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley,  
5:30 Jan 31, 2007 - Civic Unity: Simmons,  
5:15 Mar 7, 2007 - Public Safety: Sullivan, Toomey,  
11:00 Mar 8, 2007 - Public Safety and Transportation Committees: Sullivan, Toomey, Kelley,  
5:30 Mar 1, 2007 - Civic Unity: Simmons,  
5:15 May 21, 2007 - Gov't Operations & Rules: Sullivan, Toomey,  
5:30 May 15, 2007 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley,  
6:00 June 5, 2007 - Neighborhood and Long-term Planning: Simmons,  
5:30 May 10, 2007 - Transportation, Traffic, and Parking: Kelley  
5:30 May 17, 2007 - Civic Unity: Simmons  
4:00 June 28, 2007 - Claims: Toomey,  
5:00 June 28, 2007 - Public Safety: Sullivan, Toomey,  
5:00 July 9, 2007 - Gov. Operations & Rules: Sullivan, Toomey,  
10:15 Sept 26, 2007 - Neighborhood and Long-term Planning: Simmons,  
10:00 Oct 31, 2007 - Neighborhood and Long-term Planning: Simmons,  
3:00 Dec 4, 2007 - Claims: Toomey