

University Relations Committee

"Student Civic Engagement & Voting"

Monday, July 19th, 2010 3:00pm-5:00pm

Opening Remarks: Councillor Cheung

Student Voting

- Efforts to register new students
- Non-partisan efforts to "Get-Out-the Vote"

Student Civic Engagement

- Overview what is currently being done by universities to encourage student engagement/volunteerism in Cambridge

Community's Commitment

- Manager's Presentation of Welcome Packet study
- Election Commission Presentation

Public Comment

Brainstorm:

- What can the city do to help your efforts?
- How can the city and universities work together to encourage civic engagement?

Closing Comments: Councillor Cheung



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
June 14, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
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COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Every fall, thousands of new students move to Cambridge to attend our prestigious universities; and

WHEREAS: According to Princeton Review, over 80% of students attending MIT, Harvard or Lesley are from out of state, with 10% of these students hailing from other countries; and

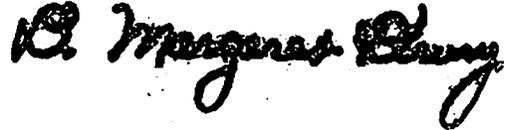
WHEREAS: Many of these students will undoubtedly feel overwhelmed and confused moving to a new city; and

WHEREAS: Fall Orientation is an ideal time for the City of Cambridge to introduce new students to the norms, culture, customs, and expectations of their adopted home; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the University Relations Committee in time for the scheduled July 19th hearing on "Student Civic Participation" on the feasibility of the city creating a "Welcoming Packet" for new students, distributed by the universities with information on public services, Cambridge history and culture, and a calendar of civic events.

In City Council June 14, 2010
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

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§ 51:42E. Voter registration affidavit forms for college, high school and vocational school students

All public and independent colleges, universities, high schools and vocational schools shall make available affidavit of voter registration forms at all locations where students may register for classes. Such locations shall be published along with the annual course listing for students or in some other schoolwide publication. Every such school shall publicize the availability of such voter registration affidavit forms within the school.

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§ 51:42D. Registration sessions in regional high schools, colleges or universities

The registrars or election commissioners may hold registration sessions in any regional high school, college or university, in any city or town in the commonwealth where there are persons entitled to be registered in their city or town who are regularly gathered there by reason of education or employment.

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§ 51:42C. Voter education, voluntary registration sessions; affidavits of registration

In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, voter education and voluntary registration sessions shall be held by the registrars, assistant registrars or election commissioners one day each year between the first day of April and the fifteenth day of May in each public, private and vocational high school in their cities and towns. Said sessions shall take place as part of an educational assembly for all seniors.

A registrar or assistant registrar at a session held pursuant to the provisions of this section may receive affidavits of registration from registrants who reside in any other city or town of the commonwealth. The registrars shall forthwith transmit any such completed affidavits of registration to the registrars of the city or town where the registrant claims to reside, and said registrars shall receive such affidavits as provided in sections forty-six to forty-seven B, inclusive.

This section shall take effect upon its acceptance by any city or town.

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