

OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT
OF GEORGE F. WELCH JR. A/K/A JACK,
U.S. VETERAN AND REGISTERED
VOTER/CITIZEN OF CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

VS.

DAVID MAHER, CEREMONIAL
MAYOR OF CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS
AND CHAIR OF THE CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS
NINE MEMBER CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
AND
CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS CITY COUNCILLORS
SEIDEL AND TOOMEY, CO-CHAIRS OF THE CAMBRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS AND RULES
AND
DAVID MAHER, EX OFFICIO
COMMITTEE MEMBER

Date: September 29, 2011
To: D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, Cambridge, Massachusetts
From: George F. Welch Jr. a/k/a Jack, The Open Meeting Law Complainant
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(617) 686-9049, Email JWelchBoss@aol.com
Filing This Open Meeting Law Complaint as an Individual

*Please place on the Oct. 3, 2011
September 26, 2011
City Council agenda
this Complaint
Attached Feb 14, 2011
City Council
Order*

Public Body that is subject of this Complaint:

The nine (9) members of the City Council of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts as described in the Cambridge Plan E Charter, Sections 95, 96, 97, 98 and 100

Specific person(s) that I allege committed the violation(s)

Beginning on February 14, 2011 and continuously to the present David Maher, Mayor of the Cambridge City Council has violated my rights as a citizen of Cambridge under the Open Meeting Law and Section 98 of the Cambridge Plan E Charter to be heard at the meeting of the Cambridge City to go over the changes of the Open Meeting Law described in the attached copy of the February 14, 2011 Order of the City Council by failing actually give pubic notice of said hearing and failing to hold said hearing. **(READ ATTACHED COPY OF CITY COUNCIL'S FEBRUARY 14, 2011 OPEN MEEING LAW ORDER)**

Beginning on February 14, 2011 and continuously to the present Cambridge City Councilors Siedel and Toomey, Co-Chairs of the Cambridge City Council's Committee on Government Operations and Rules have violated my rights as a citizen of Cambridge under the Open Meeting Law and Section 98 of the Cambridge Plan E Charter to be heard at the meeting of the Cambridge City to go over the changes of the Open Meeting Law described in the attached copy of the February 14, 2011 Order of the City Council by failing actually give pubic notice of said hearing and failing to hold said hearing **(READ ATTACHED COPY OF CITY COUNCIL'S FEBRUARY 14, 2011 OPEN MEEING LAW ORDER)**

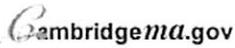
What Actions Do I Want The Nine Members Of The Cambridge City Council To Take In Response To My Complaint

I want the Nine members if the Cambridge City Council to comply with its February 14, 2011 Open Meeting Law Order by adding to the agenda of the Monday October 3, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting a review the changes in the Open Meeting Law and to order stricken from the City Council Rules all rules not in compliance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law or Section 98 of the Cambridge City Charter re Citizens rights to be heard.

I understand that this complaint will be considered a public record and will be available member of the public upon request. I also understand that when I submit this complaint the Attorney General's Office cannot give me legal advice and cannot act as my personal lawyer

I certify that the information contained in this complaint is true to the best of my knowledge.

George J Webb Jr
aka
Jack



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WHEREAS: A major tenet of our democratic tradition is the notion that the deliberations of a representative body such as the City Council should be open and transparent; and

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WHEREAS: The Open Meeting Law relies on the principle that the democratic process depends on the public having knowledge about the considerations underlying governmental action; and

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WHEREAS: Changes have recently been made to the Open Meeting Law and the City Council has been presented with a document outlining those changes; and

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WHEREAS: Adherence to the Open Meeting Law will promote transparency and encourage the participation of Cambridge residents in the decision-making process of their government; now therefore be it

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ORDERED: That the Mayor, the Clerk and or City Council's committee on Government Operations and Rules plan a meeting of the City Council to go over the new changes; and be it further

ORDERED: That the proposed meeting be held no later than the month of April 2011.

In City Council February 14, 2011
Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-
D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk