



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
LAW DEPARTMENT

November 29, 2010

The Honorable Board of Aldermen
City Hall
Somerville, MA

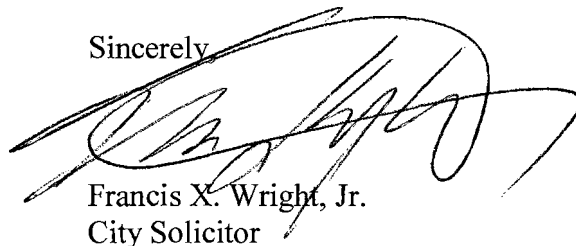
Re: Board Order #190195

Dear Honorable Board Members:

You have asked whether a petition signed by 16 residents relative to concerns about the Somerville Avenue reconstruction project require the Board to hold a public hearing. In my opinion, Section 8 of the Charter only requires a public hearing upon request in writing of fifty qualified voters. While not prevented from holding a public hearing, a petition by sixteen registered voters does not require the Board of Aldermen to do so.

Please let me know if there are any additional questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Francis X. Wright, Jr.
City Solicitor