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To Whom It May Concern:

Please see the attached Open Meeting Law Complaint and the Response from the City of Cambridge regarding the actions taken by Constantine Alexander, Chair of the Cambridge Zoning Board of Appeal, on November 5, 2015, in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

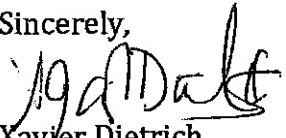
The response from the City of Cambridge and Chair Alexander is unacceptable, and I ask the District Attorney's Office to pursue this matter seriously and proceed with a hearing. There has been no reprimand of Chair Alexander's actions, he has not resigned from his position, the City has not removed him from his position, and there has been no apology to myself or the public for this gross violation of the law, which may even rise to the level of criminal behavior.

Chair Alexander's use of the term "mistaken" appears to be an effort to avoid stating the fact that he actually lied to the public in an open meeting for the sole purpose of intimidating the public and giving the perception that he had the backing of the City Solicitor and the Police Department in threatening to have a member of the public arrested for simply video recording a public meeting – a Constitutional right, and one granted additionally through the Open Meeting Law. Chair Alexander's behavior, which also included removing a recording device from the room through aggressive and intimidating language and actions, should be given the greatest possible scrutiny and penalties available to the Attorney General's Office.

It should also be noted that I recorded other zoning meetings in the past where Chair Alexander was present, prior to November 5, 2015, with no issues from the Chair. In addition, the particular meeting at issue involved a matter where the Zoning Board of Appeal proceeded to grant a variance to a restaurant establishment (operating outside of the zoning law and many other laws for around 20 years), where there were no legal grounds to grant such variance, in violation of the Board's ethical and other legal obligations. It appears that this was the reason for the Chair's sudden change of position and desire not to have the meeting recorded, which may be quite relevant to this Open Meeting Law Complaint.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and feel free to contact me at [xavier.dietrich@gmail.com](mailto:xavier.dietrich@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Nancy Glowa  
(w/o Attach.)