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Cambridge City Council Urges Lawmakers to Uphold Will of the Voters on Greyhound Protection Act

Councillors Unanimously Vote to Oppose Proposal to Continue Dog Racing

Cambridge, MA – In a unanimous vote on Tuesday night, the Cambridge City Council urged state lawmakers to oppose a proposal by Senator Marc Pacheco to extend dog racing by two additional years. [The resolution](#) was sponsored by City Councillor and State Representative Tim Toomey.

“Last November the voters from Cambridge and across the state voted by a substantial margin to ban greyhound racing in the Commonwealth,” said Councillor Toomey. “Any legislative effort to overturn Question 3 would not only undermine the will of Massachusetts voters, but would also distract from the meaningful work that still needs to be done to ensure a smooth and responsible transition for track workers and their families.”

Last November, citizens overwhelmingly voted to phase out dog racing by 2010. The Greyhound Protection Act was approved in 12 of 14 counties, and in nearly 290 cities and towns from one end of the state to the other.

“Dog racing is cruel and inhumane, and will thankfully end on January 1,” said GREY2K USA executive director Carey Theil. “Despite the desperate efforts being made by a group of out-of-state greyhound breeders, there is absolutely no chance that Question 3 will be delayed or repealed.”

At local racetracks, greyhounds endure lives of terrible confinement and many suffer serious injuries. Since 2002, nearly 900 greyhounds have been injured while racing in our state, including dogs that suffered broken legs, paralysis and death from cardiac arrest.

GREY2K USA is a national, non-profit greyhound protection organization with more than 25,000 supporters in all fifty states. For more information, contact Carey Theil at 617-666-3526.

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