



8. The aforesaid departmental heads were not members of the respondent council.

9. At least one such department head was not an enrolled member of the democratic party.

10. The respondent council is a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.

11. The January 17, 1978 gathering in question therefore is found to constitute a meeting of a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(b), G.S.

12. It is further found that the complainants were denied their right to attend the January 17, 1978 meeting of the respondent council, as required by §1-21, G.S.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the complaint:

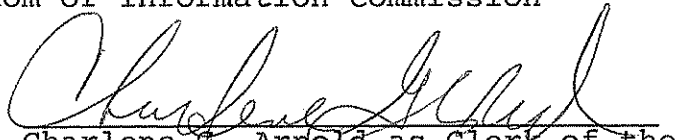
1. Henceforth, all meetings of the respondent council shall be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by any federal law or state statute.



Commissioner Donald W. Friedman

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission  
on April 26, 1978.



Charlene G. Arnold as Clerk of the  
Freedom of Information Commission