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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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IN CITY COUNCIL
August 4, 1986

Councillor Saundra Graham
Councillor David Sullivan

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Forest City Rental Properties ^(MIT) ~~(MIT)~~ (FCRP) are currently circulating for necessary approvals a permit application to demolish the following properties:

67 Blanche Street/77 Blanche St.	(Lawrence Metal)
80 Green Street/ 19-27 Sidney Street	(DeLeo Auto Body)
87 Green Street	(Cambridge Furniture Bldg.)
328 Mass. Avenue	(Dunham Footware Outlet)
350 Mass. Avenue	(Budget Rent-A-Car)
358 Mass. Avenue	(Boston Volvo Showroom)
32 Sidney Street/ 51 Blanche Street	(Formerly Acme Electric)
34 Sidney Street	(Small Storage Bldg.)
63 Sidney Street/ 116 Franklin Street	(City yard/former Simplex Bldg); and

WHEREAS: The majority of these properties house active businesses which are important to Cambridgeport and Central Square, and in three cases demolition will create vacant parcels on Mass. Avenue; and

WHEREAS: MIT has had a policy of moving out businesses and industries to clear land for MIT expansion and/or development plans, which policy was documented for this council in March, 1980, May, 1984 and on other occasions; and

WHEREAS: FCRP/MIT made a commitment to use the as-yet-incomplete state Environmental Impact Review process to resolve severe deficiencies and problems within its various concept plans; and

WHEREAS: FCRP/MIT is months away from completion of the final Environmental Impact Report; and

WHEREAS: A policy of demolitions closes off options for certain kinds of development and is a tactic to create pressure for the very development desired by its proponents; and

WHEREAS: A Blue Ribbon Committee established in May, 1985 by this City Council is in the middle of its work and has not completed its work or issued a report; and

WHEREAS: No consensus has been reached on the nature, scope or course of development in the Cambridgeport Industrial District (CID); and therefore be it

ORDERED: That this City Council herewith^{by} expresses its opposition to MIT's policy of forcing out local businesses and of "active relocation" of such businesses, usually to new locations outside Cambridge, as such policy is contrary to this City Council's desire to attract diverse businesses and industries to Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the city manager be and hereby is requested:

- (1) to meet with MIT and FCRP with the aim of instituting a moratorium on demolitions and forced relocations of businesses and industries in the CID;
- (2) to determine what steps the City of Cambridge can take to preserve the operating businesses and industries in the CID, including
 - (a) discussions with the city solicitor on appropriate legal measures; and
 - (b) requesting the Community Development Department to draft immediately an amendment to the Cambridge Zoning ordinance as suggested in the May 21, 1984 letter from the city solicitor responding to this city council's order of May 14, 1984; and
 - (c) use of the city's eminent domain powers; and
- (3) to make contact with all businesses affected by these demolition requests to determine whether they intend to continue operating in Cambridge if forced out of their current locations and to inform them of the city's concern and support; and
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City of Cambridge

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy,

Joseph E. Connarton

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

Order # 15

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Councillors Saundra Graham & David Sullivan
re: City Council opposition to the policy of
MIT of forcing out local businesses and of
"active relocation" of such businesses.

In City Council,

August 4, 1986

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