



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 20, 1996

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



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City Clerk

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Sign / Introduce?

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Yes

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F. Firestone

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Hannah Firestone

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Reeves
Consent Order #4

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Councillors Triantatillou and entire
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Order adopted