



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 2, 1995

VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MYERS
MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: Inhalant abuse among young people in Massachusetts has increased dramatically during the last two years, particularly among students in grades seven and eight; and

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Consent Order #14

Reeves, Sullivan, Toomey, Tuantofillan

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