



City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

1.
IN CITY COUNCIL
June 8, 1981

WHEREAS:

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WHEREAS:

In a letter published by the Cambridge Chronicle on May 21, Professor Oliver Oldman of Harvard Law School, an internationally-recognized expert on tax law, expressed his view that these special agreements should be given "close scrutiny;" and

WHEREAS:

By conferring special privileges on a few large property owners, these agreements deprive the city of much-needed revenues before the effective date of Proposition 2 1/2, and thereafter cause other city taxpayers and rentpayers to pay a disproportionately high share; therefore be it

ORDERED:

That the Cambridge City Council respectfully request the Massachusetts Commissioner of Revenue to review these special Cambridge tax agreements under Chapter 58, section 1A of the Massachusetts General Laws, to take whatever action is appropriate, and to inform this City Council accordingly; and be it further

ORDERED:

That the City Clerk transmit a certified copy of this order to the Commissioner of Revenue.

In City Council June 8, 1981.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Paul E. Healy



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Order # 1

F-226

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In City Council,

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- Order Adopted -

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