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JOHNE E. FLYNN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

February 1, 1994

Ms. Darleen Bonislowski
Election Commissioner
23 Regent Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

Dear Ms. Bonislowski:

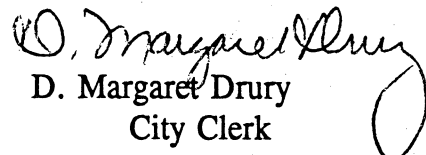
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11 King Street
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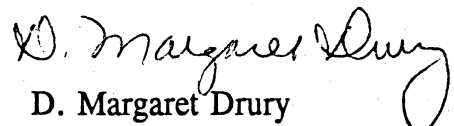
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33 Agassiz Street
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Mrs. Artis Spears
Election Commissioner
124 Western Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

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ELECTION COMMISSION -**

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Consent Order 7/21

Hearing
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*Order Adopted
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*Hearing scheduled for
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*2/1/94 Election Commissioners
Spec. Dir. Election &
City mgr. notified @*

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