



City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR WALSH

(Calendar Item No. 26)
29.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 23, 1989
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1/23/89 - CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR DAVID SULLIVAN
1/30/89 - NO ACTION TAKEN. PLACED ON FILE UNDER RULE NINETEEN. (SEE
SUBSTITUTE MOTION FILED THIS DATE, WHICH WAS TABLED ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR
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C. Walsh order re: that, consistent with M.G.L. Chapter 43 provisions, the City Council direct the Election Commission to include a non-binding referendum question on the November 7, 1989 ballot (content listed in this order) concerning a means test for new tenants only of rent-controlled apartments.

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1/23/89 - Charter Right by C.D. Sullivan
1/30/89 - No Action Taken Placed
on File Under Rule 19