



# City of Cambridge

22.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 1994

## MAYOR REEVES

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WHEREAS: This history of manufacturing in this building, with its prominent Charles River location in Cambridge, is rich and diverse; and

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WHEREAS: This week, as we mark the grand opening of the newly-renovated 640 Memorial Drive, we note that the restoration has paved the way for a more contemporary era of manufacturing in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: 170,000 SF of the building's total 185,000 SF, or 92% is now leased to four firms; and

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WHEREAS: Lifeline and Endogen are new to Cambridge and will bring with them 240 jobs while Cambridge-based-companies Millennium and Pathology Services anticipate favorable long-term growth; and

WHEREAS: Like their predecessors before them, these companies will surely thrive in this prominent Cambridge location; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing - now in the fields of medical technology and biotechnology - has returned to 640 Memorial Drive and to Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council congratulates MIT on its successful and beautiful renovation of the old Ford Assembly Plant at 640 Memorial Drive and be it further

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RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to provide suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to MIT and the tenants of 640 Memorial Drive.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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Sullivan, Gormey, Tiantafillon  
Walsh

Consent Order #22

Mayor Reeves re: Building at 640  
Memorial Drive.

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Order adopted.