



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR CYR

APRIL 2, 1990

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- WHEREAS: Harvard University was so named because the Department of Environmental Protection has filed charges against Harvard University for violating environmental laws while renovating the Harvard Faculty Club; and
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Order # 37 S- 323

Councillors Myers, Cyr and Vice-Mayor
Reeves re: Harvard University named polluter
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*Referred to the Committee
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copy sent to the
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