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IN CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 1986

VICE MAYOR VELLUCCI

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- WHEREAS: In a sense we can view East Cambridge broadly as three (3) areas: (1) The Riverfront, where a complete urban design plan is in place and extensive detailed development controls are ready being enforced, (2) North Point, where the type of controls and design plan that we have at the Riverfront are being prepared for this district, and (3) the interior residential district that covers much of the area from Second Street to the Railroad Tracks; and
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ORDERED:

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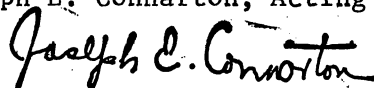
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

VM Vellucci order re: City Manager to direct the Asst. City Manager for Community Development to undertake a preliminary study of the area between Second St. (residential) & the railroad tracks, in consultation with area planning teams & property owners & to determine whether a development moratorium for a limited period of time in this area or part of same would be a useful planning tool & that the City Manager submit a progress report & recommendations in September.

In City Council,

August 4, 1986

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