



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 2, 1989

VICE MAYOR WOLF

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WHEREAS: Cambridge, like other cities, has substantial problems with drug dealing and substance abuse, resulting in issues of crime, violence and child neglect; and

WHEREAS: National attention has been focused on the drug problem, but the solutions are still totally inadequate and inadequately and improperly funded; and

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(4) To the extent that the front lines are in the nation's cities, any federal role must make sure that assistance gets directly to the front lines instead of being eaten away between bureaucratic mazes; and

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- RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to assemble a permanent task force comprised of individuals mentioned previously to coordinate these educational and planning activities on drugs on an on-going basis.

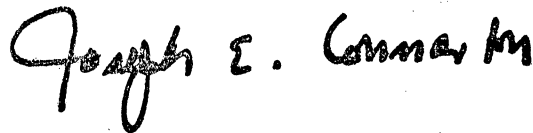
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Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



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