



City of Cambridge

32.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 19, 1998

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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Consent Order #32 54, CM

**Councillor Sullivan re: develop a plan
to help seniors living on fixed incomes
cope with the increase in property
assessments.**

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