



City of Cambridge

56.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 30, 1996

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

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WHEREAS: Superintendent of Schools Mary Lou McGrath is an honored guest at the premiere and many Cambridge residents are sponsors of this event; and

WHEREAS: The Boston premiere is a benefit to support the film's ambitious distribution plan that will enable educators around the country order to have access to this crucial resource; and

WHEREAS: The city of Cambridge has long recognized the need to provide children with the best education possible, in a vibrant, safe, and challenging environment so that they develop the tools with which to live in a multi-cultural and diverse society; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is proud to be home to many lesbian and gay families whose children attend our public schools, to the Cambridge Lavender Alliance/Parents, Teachers, and Allies, an organization dedicated to providing a voice for lesbian and gay parents and their children, and to Project 10 East, a support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School; now therefore be it

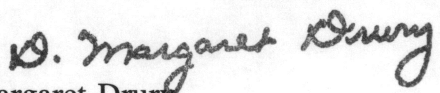
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Councilor Katherine Triantafillou

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Born, Davis, Dwyer, Galluccio
Consent Order #56
Reeves, Sullivan, R-979

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