



# City of Cambridge

23.

## IN CITY COUNCIL

June 14, 1999

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: The amount of open space in the entire eastern section of the City represents slightly more than 1/3 the area of Danehy Park located in North and West Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: A recent study by the School Committee has shown that children who live east of Harvard Square are considerably less likely to participate in school athletics due to the inequity of open space in Eastern Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take all necessary action to issue bonds in the amount of \$35,000,000 for the expressed purpose of acquiring and construction active recreational open space in eastern part of the City including the East Cambridge, Wellington-Harrington and Area IV Neighborhoods; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a Committee of residents from East Cambridge, Wellington-Harrington and Area IV to work in conjunction with the Administration on such issues as sight acquisition, location and design; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report that status of said bond issuance to the City Council at the mid summer meeting.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of six members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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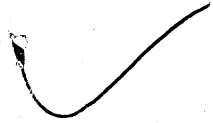
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Consent Order # 23 CMZ60

Councillor Toomey re: take all necessary action to issue bonds for the purpose of acquiring and constructing active recreational open space in the eastern part of the City including East Cambridge, Wellington-Harrington and Area IV neighborhoods.

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**ORDER ADOPTED**