



City of Cambridge

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Calendar Item #3

IN CITY COUNCIL

~~May 20, 1996~~
June 3, 1996

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services (CASLS) has provided high quality legal assistance to tenants in Cambridge for thirty years; and

WHEREAS: Preserving and creating affordable housing frequently requires legal advice and representation on issues such as receiverships, "expiring use", access to housing subsidies and eviction defense; and

WHEREAS: Tenant displacement and evictions have substantially increased since the phase out of rent control and harmful developments in federal and state law that have left tenants in public and subsidized housing extremely vulnerable; and

WHEREAS: Tenants who are unrepresented and uninformed as to their legal rights are at far greater risk of being unnecessarily evicted than are informed and represented tenants; and

WHEREAS: CASLS has lost one-third of its staff due to severe funding reductions and may need to close its Cambridge office; and

WHEREAS: Promoting affordable housing is advanced by having a stable, secure tenant population; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed to promoting affordable housing; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to recommend the allocation of \$50,000 to Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services for the purpose of providing legal advice and representation on housing matters to Cambridge residents who are indigent, elderly, or disabled.

In City Council June 3, 1996

Adopted by the affirmative vote of six members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

City of Cambridge

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In City Council

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, 1996

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Charter Right #3

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
V.M. Kathleen L. Born	✓			
Ms. Henrietta Davis	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Mr. Anthony Galluccio		✓		
Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves	✓			
Mr. Michael A. Sullivan		✓		
Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.		✓		
Ms. Katherine Triantafillou	✓			
Mayor Sheila T. Russell	✓			

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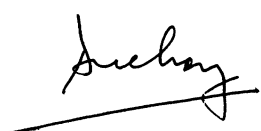
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CHARTER RIGHT WAS EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN.



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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**CITY COUNCIL**

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Bern, Davis, Reeves, Triantafyllou
Consent Order #26

Councillor Duehay re: The allocation of
\$50,000 to Cambridge and Somerville
Legal Services for the purpose of providing
legal advice and representation on
housing matters to Cambridge residents
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Charter right was
exercised by Councillor
Sullivan.

6/3/96

Order adopted
6-3-0.