



# City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 25, 1996

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

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding compliance with the Responsible Employer Ordinance in the awarding of contracts for the Frisoli Youth Center.

In City Council March 25, 1996  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

# United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America

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MARK ERLICH  
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March 19, 1996

Gail Cohen  
City of Cambridge Purchasing Dept.  
City Hall, Room 303  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Cohen:

I am writing regarding the bids recently received for the construction of the Frisoli Youth Center in Cambridge. It is my understanding that the apparent low bidder, Charlesgate Construction Corporation of Rockland, does not comply with the Responsible Employer Ordinance that is now part of the Cambridge Employment Plan.

Fortunately, it appears that the second low bidder, W.T. Rich Co. of Newton, is in compliance with those standards. In addition, the difference in prices between the two firms is negligible -- just *three-quarters of one percent* of the total bid.

A similar situation exists with the Metal Windows file sub-bid. The apparent low bidder on this portion of the work, Chandler Architectural Product of West Springfield, is not in compliance whereas the second low bidder, A & A Window Products of Malden, is.

Given that Frisoli is the first major project to be bid out under the revised Plan, it is important to send a message to contractors bidding in Cambridge that the City is serious about compliance. I would urge you to inform Charlesgate and Chandler that their bids cannot be accepted given their current employment policies. This is an opportunity to affirm the value of city policies *without* incurring a financial burden to the city.

Sincerely,

Mark Erlich  
Business Manager

cc: Robert Healy  
Mayor Sheila Russell  
City Councillors



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Born, Davis, Diehay, Galluccio  
Consent Order #50 Sullivan, Torney  
Mayor Russell re: Compliance with  
the Responsible Employer Ordinance  
in the awarding of contracts for  
the Frisoli Youth Center. Triantafyllou

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Order adopted