



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 15, 1998

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

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WHEREAS: A year ago the Common was being used as an overnight camping site, with resultant drug and alcohol consumption, trash and debris; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police bicycle patrol has played an enormous role in returning this priceless park to the safe and clean uses for which it is intended; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record requesting the City Manager to forward the attached letter to the Police Commissioner along with its thanks and appreciation to the Police Officers, and particularly the bicycle-mounted police officers who have played such an important role in making the Cambridge Common a safe and enjoyable public space.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk

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Councillor
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6/15/98

Eric P. Raciti
50 Follen St. #102
Cambridge, MA 02138

June 1, 1998

Councillor Michael Sullivan
28 Putnam Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

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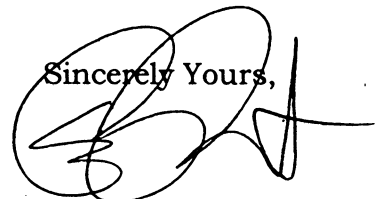
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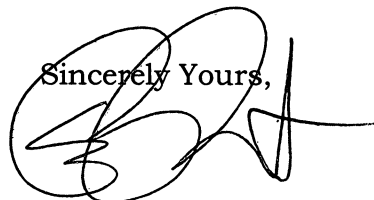
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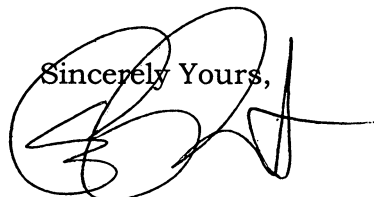
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Consent Order #11 783 R

Councillor Sullivan re: send
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ORDER ADOPTED