



# City of Cambridge

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**

October 19, 1998

COUNCILLOR REEVES  
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COUNCILLOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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Consent Order #73 56401

Councillor Reeves re: investigate the policy of "black" movies at Blockbuster Video Store in Central Square.

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*No action Taken*