



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 1998

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

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ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward the attached article be forwarded to Chief Public Health Officer Harold Cox and the Superintendent of the School Department to review whether Norplant is currently provided at the Teen Health Center, and if it is still provided, the advisability of continuing its provision.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

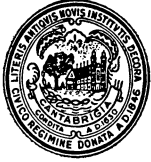
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk



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REFERRED TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 2/2/98 ON
MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN.

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KR ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The lawsuit alleges Wyeth-Ayerst and American Home Products "purposefully downplayed and understated the health hazards, side effects and risks associated with the Norplant system." The women complain of headaches, weight gain, ovarian cysts, and depression.

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Consent Order #7

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Councillor Reeves re: Advisability of
continuing the provision of Norplant
at the Teen Health Center.

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All items carried forward to be a part
of City Council Meeting of 2/2/98 on
motion of Councillor Sullivan

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ORDER ADOPTED