



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor William H. Walsh

October 17, 1988

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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C. Walsh order re: that the City Manager invite the Presidents of Mt. Auburn, Sancta Maria & Youville Hospitals to meet with the City Council's Committee on Elders & the Directors of both the Council on Aging & the Committee on Elders to explore the preliminary stages necessary to begin a new Partnership for Senior Priority (PSP).

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