



# City of Cambridge

19.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 19, 1997

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

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Department of Human Services Department to assess the facility needs in conjunction with the Early Childhood Advisory Committee, Cambridge/Somerville Childcare Alliance and the Cambridge Headstart for child care establishments in the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council request that the School Committee coordinate with the Department of Human Services and Kids Council when adopting the new long-term facilities plan to create a long term plan for locating child care facilities in conjunction with the School Committee Policy adopted on this matter.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

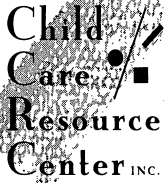
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

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**Testimony in support of Order No. 19**

*May 19, 1997*

The Child Care Resource Center, Inc. would like to offer written comment in support of Councillor Davis' request to launch a coordinated and comprehensive assessment of child care facility needs in the City.

Many child care programs are located in older buildings or share space in various public buildings including schools and churches. The existing child care funding streams simply do not pay for capital improvements. Therefore, child care programs have a limited capacity to identify or remedy facilities problems. An accumulation of facilities-related problems now face the City's child care programs including: deferred maintenance, facility deficiencies, lack of handicap access, lack of long-term lease, and more.

A inclusive and comprehensive needs assessment process that is coordinated among the key players, especially the School Department, Human Service Department, Head Start, and the private child care providers is much needed.

State and National trends indicate that the child care industry can no longer ignore facilities-related problems and remain vital in the future. The quality of space in early childhood directly affects the program quality and program stability of a critical community resource.

*Respectfully submitted by: Julie Kirrane, Public Services Manager, Child Care Resource Center, Inc., 130 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139.*



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That the CM ~~reg~~ order  
the Dept of Human  
Services to assess the  
facility needs for  
child care establishments  
in the city

Further in the City Council  
request that the S Committee  
coordinate with the  
Dept of Human Services <sup>plus</sup>  
~~to~~ to create a <sup>com</sup>  
long term plan for  
voluntary child care  
facilities in conjunction  
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Consent Order #19 *Entire  
memb* *CM-285*

Councillor Davis re: Assess the  
facility needs for child care  
establishments in the City.

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**ORDER ADOPTED**