



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 20, 1993

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

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Cyr Wuehly Wolf
Consent Order #24

R-415

Mayor Reeves RE: Urging President
Clinton & Congress to fully address and
fund the education & related needs of
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September 20, 1993

*Tabled by
Councillor Wolf.*