



City of Cambridge

59.

IN CITY COUNCIL
February 22, 1999

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The Small Property Owners Association (S.P.O.A.), a Cambridge based group which advocates on behalf of property owners statewide has begun to picket the United Way because of its financial support of Greater Boston Legal Services; and

WHEREAS: Greater Boston Legal Services and the United Way have come under S.P.O.A. attack because GBLS represents low income tenants who in asserting their legal rights can negatively impact the financial status of certain low income owner occupant homeowners; and

WHEREAS: It appears that GBLS is not funded to also represent homeowners who may be of low income; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council, knowing the difficulties that unnecessary polarization between landlords and tenants can create, offers the suggestion that S.P.O.A. and United Way might discuss how a new entity might be piloted with "needs based" client eligibility to serve the needs of low income landlords.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "ATTEST:-".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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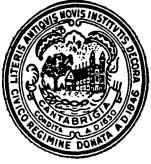
Whereas: Greater Boston Legal Services ^{and the United Way} ~~also~~ ^{have} come under S.P.O. A. attack because GBLS represents low income tenants who in asserting their legal rights can negatively impact the financial status of certain low income ~~the~~ owner occupied ^{part} home owners and

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is not funded to also represent
homeowners who may have ^{be} of
low ~~limited~~ income;

Resolved:

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Consent Order #59 ^{S-132} ~~8~~

Councillor Reeves re: S.P.O.A. and
United Way come to an understanding
regarding client eligibility.

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ORDER ADOPTED