



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 13, 1993

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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WHEREAS: The closing of the Semitic Museum will be a serious blow to that spirit of ecumenism and will be another in a continuing series of affronts to the people of Cambridge by Harvard University as the City continues its efforts to foster understanding among all its peoples; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council strongly supports the continuing operation of the Semitic Museum and urges President Neil Rudenstine to reverse Harvard University's decision to close the center of ecumenism and academic service.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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City Clerk

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Consent Order #33

R-599

Councillor Toomey re: Support
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Order Adopted

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