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Councillor Cyr  
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- Whereas: "Date Rape" and "Acquaintance Rape" are acts of rape, a serious criminal act with deep and lasting impacts on the individual and on the community of women, who are most often affected. And
- Whereas: Such criminal behavior cannot ever be ignored, or assumed to be limited to the university's campus or the university community, or left to the student disciplinary vehicles to respond. And
- Whereas: The City of Cambridge has developed the Cambridge Area Rape Alliance, a coalition of the Police Department Sexual Assault Unit, the Cambridge Hospital, the District Attorney's office and the Rape Crisis Center which is coordinated by the Commission on the Status of Women to provide comprehensive prevention and support services throughout the city. Therefore be it
- Resolved: That this council urges the administrations of Harvard University and Radcliffe College to review their policies and procedures regarding sexual assault and rape to emphasize the violent and criminal nature of these acts. And be it further
- Resolved: That this council call on the City Manager to encourage the continuing advocacy on these issues by the city's Women's Commission with University officials and that the Women's Commission be requested to report back to the council on the progress toward revised policies and programs to prevent and challenge rape and sexual assault on campus as well as in the larger community.

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MAYOR WOLF

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

*Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton  
City Clerk

Councillor Cyr and Mayor Wolf re: "Date Rape" and "Acquaintance Rape."

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ORDER ADOPTED