



City of Cambridge

26.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 22, 1996

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

WHEREAS: The goal of equality of opportunity in housing for all citizens is one that requires the cooperation, dedicated effort and assistance of public officials and agencies, private individuals, corporate institutions and community organizations; and

WHEREAS: Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 guarantees the rights of all persons to equal access to housing of their choice, and prohibits housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has adopted its own Fair Housing Ordinance both incorporating and expanding the substantive provision and protection of Title VIII and Chapter 151B of the Massachusetts General Laws; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Human Rights Commission is empowered to both enforce the city ordinance and has been granted substantial equivalency by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to act as an agent of the Federal government in the investigation and resolution of housing discrimination complaints within Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Fair Housing Committee is awarding its first "innovations in Fair Housing Award" to Just A Start, Corp. and Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. for their collaborative effort in the Hampshire Columbia Townhouse Project, to Chad Lewis for his work for Lead Safe Cambridge, and to Juanita Saunders for her affordable housing advocacy work; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Human Rights Commission has sponsored its Third Annual Poster and Essay Contest for Cambridge School students on the theme of "Fair Housing Builds Dreams," and more than 400 students have participated; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioners of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission have pledged to focus their attention on the crisis in affordable housing in Cambridge, escalated by the demise of rent control, and working with city government, tenant's organization, landlords, realtors and bankers, will strive to forge a new coalition which preserves Cambridge as a community that thrives because of its commitment to diversity and affordable housing; now therefore be it

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Consent Order #26 Sullivan, Toomey R-399

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Order adopted