



City of Cambridge

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MAYOR VELLUCCI

IN CITY COUNCIL
October 30, 1989

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In City Council October 30, 1989.

Adopted by affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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John E. Flynn Deputy

Order # 3 8-726

Mayor Vellucci re: safety of Manuel Cartagena in
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*Order adapted
by 9 members*