

Cambridge City Council
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Name

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Jude Stein STEIN
5 Watson St
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Merideth S. Lawrence
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Address

Bessie Quinn
10 Haskell St.
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Name Sylvia M Williams
Address 190 Brattle Street
Camb Mass 02138

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Six communications received requesting support for the ordinance amendment banning the LD50 and Draize test for cosmetics and household products in Cambridge.

In City Council,

January 28, 1991

*Referred to the
petition
Copies sent to C. Myers
2/1/91 (de)*