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NO ACTION TAKEN.



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 19, 1998

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There is presently an opportunity to assess the operational management of the Community Development Department and its organizational format; and

WHEREAS: The Economic Development component of this department has made a number of strides over the past few years; and

WHEREAS: It is the desire of this City Council to ensure that this City is attracting, recruiting and promoting responsible economic development in this City (especially in light of the predicted recession); and

WHEREAS: Such economic development is needed to attract potential employers for our residents; to provide needed services in this City; and support and expend this city's tax base either to pay for existing or expanded City services and/or reduce the tax burden felt by our residents (especially the elderly and families on fixed incomes --- who potentially will be taxed out of this City); and

WHEREAS: An Economic Development Department should act as a facilitator for attracting responsible and appropriate development into our community and guide existing and new businesses and neighborhoods as proposals proceed through the governmental regulatory processes; and

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Consent Order #33 542CM

Councillor Sullivan re: draft an ordinance
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