



City of Cambridge

22.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 31, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
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COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that MIT students who lose ROTC scholarships because of their sexual orientation will receive an equivalent financial aid package from university funds; and

WHEREAS: This new policy is the latest step in MIT's continuing effort to bridge the gap between MIT's policies barring discrimination and the Pentagon's rules banning openly gay individuals from military service; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record commending MIT for its principled decision to use its resources to protect its students from the federal government's discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and to uphold the fundamental American value of equal treatment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to **MIT President Charles Vest** on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

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MIT to help gays who lose ROTC funding

Massachusetts Institute of Technology students who lose ROTC scholarships because of their sexual orientation will receive an equivalent financial aid package from university funds, MIT officials decided this week.

The new policy is the latest step in MIT's continuing effort to bridge the gap between MIT's policies barring discrimination and the Pentagon's rules banning openly gay individuals from military service. About 102 MIT students participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

"We want to ensure that a student doesn't have to leave MIT because the student has lost an ROTC scholarship," said Sarah Gallop, government relations assistant at MIT.

MIT will provide grants and loans to equal any ROTC aid that is withdrawn, Gallop said. The loans would be forgiven for students who later perform public service.

MIT is seeking other ways "to broaden access to ROTC within the scope of current law," Gallop said. But a faculty vote last spring urging MIT to allow all students to participate in ROTC activities has largely been stymied by a federal law passed in December.

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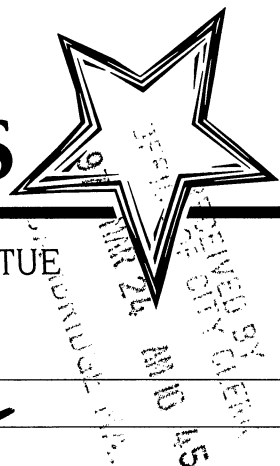
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Entire Membership
Consent Order #22

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