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The Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear City Councillors:

We are writing to you about a matter we consider to be urgent and in need of immediate attention. It concerns the License Commission's new policy of asking for and reviewing green (alien registration) cards of taxi drivers and owners.

First of all, we believe the policy is discriminatory and has serious racial implications. No law, federal, state or city mandates asking for a green card in such an instance. Furthermore this policy violates the City's Sanctuary Resolution and the Governor's Executive Order 257.

We oppose this policy and hope that you will review it as soon as possible. We urge you to see to it that this policy is suspended immediately and that a new method be developed to obtain information on previous criminal records.

Thank you for checking into this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank Sharry
Frank Sharry
Co-Director

Sr. Rose Marie Cummins
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Co-Director

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Comm. from Frank Sharry & Sr. Rose Cummins,
Co-Directors, Centro Presente Re: the
License Commission's policy of asking for &
reviewing green cards (alien registration)
cards of taxi drivers & owners.

In City Council,

May 5, 1986

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