



City of Cambridge

52.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 17, 1994

COUNCILLOR MYERS
MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: For twenty-four years the City of Cambridge has stood in support of its rent control policy to provide housing to low and moderate income people, and to keep Cambridge affordable to a diverse population of its City's residents; and

WHEREAS: During the course of that time the rent control system has endured many political legal challenges to that system; and

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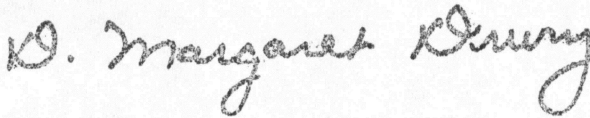
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- 

D. Margaret Drury,
City Clerk

COUNCILLOR WALSH VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE



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Consent Order #52

R-647

Councillors Myers, Mayor Reeves,
Councillors Toomey and Duehay re:
Massachusetts Rent Control Prohibition
Act, appearing as Question 9.

Order adopted

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