

3. The local U.S. Attorney's Office, the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Massachusetts State Police, and local law enforcement authorities and city departments report to the Cambridge Human Rights Commission regularly and publicly the extent to and manner in which they have acted under the USA PATRIOT Act and new Executive Orders, including disclosing the names of any detainees held in eastern Massachusetts or any Cambridge residents detained elsewhere; and

WHEREAS: Over a year has passed since the passing of the City Council's resolution against the USA PATRIOT Act; and

WHEREAS: Attorney General John Ashcroft recently promoted the USA PATRIOT Act at Faneuil Hall at a closed event open only to law enforcement, a speech that Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson attended; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and Human Rights Commissioner to appear before the City Council to update the council on the extent to and manner in which the Cambridge Police have acted under the USA PATRIOT Act and new Executive Orders; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the Police Commissioner to update the City Council as to the content of Attorney General Ashcroft's remarks.

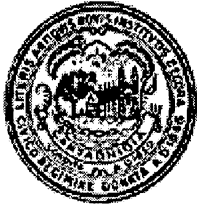
In City Council September 15, 2003
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 2003

COUNCILLOR MURPHY
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City Council went on record reaffirming the City of Cambridge's status as "A Sanctuary City," by protecting civil rights and civil liberties of all people consistent with the Bill of Rights and the Massachusetts Constitution; and

WHEREAS: The City Council also re-affirmed its commitment to embodying democracy, to embracing and defending the human rights and civil liberties now under siege, to guaranteeing the economic security required to make those liberties viable for all, regardless of citizenship status, gender, racial identification, religious affiliation, age, or country of origin; and

WHEREAS: The City Council declared that, as directed by the City Manager, no City of Cambridge department or employee, to the extent legally possible, should violate this city's existing and herewith reaffirmed policy to serve as a sanctuary for civil rights and civil liberties; and

WHEREAS: The City Council declared that it shall be the policy of the City of Cambridge, to the extent legally possible and as directed by the City Manager, to hereby request that:

1. Local law enforcement continue to preserve residents' freedom of speech, religion, assembly, and privacy; rights to counsel and due process in judicial proceedings; and protection from unreasonable searches and seizures even if requested or authorized to infringe upon these rights by federal law enforcement acting under new powers granted by the USA PATRIOT Act or orders of the Executive Branch;

2. The City Manager inform federal and state law enforcement officials acting within the City of our desire that they not engage in or permit detentions without charges or racial profiling in law enforcement; further that the Cambridge Police Department not engage in racial profiling or detention without charges; and

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Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Police Commissioner and Human Rights Commissioner to appear before the City Council to update the Council on the extent to and manner in which the Cambridge Police have acted under the USA PATRIOT Act and new Executive Orders, and to have the Police Commissioner update the City Council as to the content of Attorney General Ashcroft's remarks.

Councillor Murphy and entire membership

In City Council September 15, 2003

ORDER ADOPTED