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WHEREAS: The Cambridge Organization of Portuguese Americans (COPA) has been providing much needed social services to the Portuguese-speaking residents of Cambridge for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS: COPA receives funds, totaling \$125,000 in 1989, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the so-called "open-referral" program from the Department of Social Services which funds are matched by the United Way in the amount \$34,000, the City of Cambridge CDBG program in the amount of \$30,000, and private foundations in the amount of \$16,000; and

WHEREAS: COPA also operates an elderly program, including a very successful lunch program, and a summer youth program; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's proposed budget and the House Ways and Means Committee's proposed budget eliminates all funds for the "open referral" program; and

WHEREAS: The elimination of the "open referral" program may require COPA to close on July 1, 1990, terminating all services to the Portuguese-speaking residents of Cambridge

and Kraus

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council urges its legislators - Senators Barrett, ~~and~~ LoPresti, and Representatives Flaherty, Thompson, and Vellucci - to actively support the inclusion of funds for "open referral" programs in the 1991 budget.

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Council

As well as limiting or eliminating
Programs run by service providers
Participating in this "open referral"
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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 21, 1990

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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- WHEREAS: The elimination of the "open referral" program may require COPA to close on July 1, 1990, terminating all services to the Portuguese-speaking residents of Cambridge as well as limiting or eliminating programs run by service providers participating in this "open referral" funding; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council urges its legislators, Senators Barrett, LoPresti and Kraus and Representatives Flaherty, Thompson and Vellucci to actively support the inclusion of funds for "open referral" programs in the 1991 budget.

In City Council May 21, 1990.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order # 36 S-518

Councillor Toomey re: "open-referral"
program.

In City Council,

May 21, 1990

ORDER ADOPTED