

City of Cambridge

In City Council,
June 12, 1972.

WHEREAS:-

Farmworkers are among the poorest, worst housed and most neglected group of people in this country;

WHEREAS:-

There are no adequate minimum wage laws, no child labor laws, and farmworkers ask only for recognition through a just union and contract so that they and their children may be assured a better future;

WHEREAS:-

The United Farm Workers are seeking to improve the working conditions, and living conditions, and bring goals of human dignity into the lives of migrant farmworkers through a non-violent dedication to the principles of justice for all people,

WHEREAS:-

Lettuce workers now ask for the benefits of a union contract and urge the American public to support their efforts in a boycott of iceberg lettuce until growers are willing to recognize the union;

WHEREAS:-

We, the City Council of Cambridge believe in equal opportunity for all, and support the goals of minority groups to gain just wages, and working and living conditions; and

WHEREAS:-

We support the non-violent struggle of the farmworkers to be recognized and support their appeals for a decent standard of living: therefore be it

RESOLVED:-

That the City Council of Cambridge endorses the current lettuce boycott in support of the farmworkers' struggle for recognition. We believe in the non-violent goals of the United Farm Workers and as a measure of active support no non-union iceberg lettuce will be served in any city institutions including school cafeterias, the Cambridge Infirmary, and the Cambridge Hospital until lettuce workers receive just contracts, and be it further

RESOLVED:-

That Harvard University and Mass. Institute of Technology be requested to endorse the action of the City Council in this matter and be requested to do likewise.

In City Council June 12, 1972
Approved
 Adopted by yea and nay Vote
 Yeas 5 Nays 0 Absent 4
Paul E. Leahy
 City Clerk

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MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council June 12, 1972

		YEA	NAY	ABSENT	
	Mr. Clinton			✓	
	Mr. Danehy			✓	
	Mr. Duehay	✓			
	Mrs. Graham	✓			
	Mr. Moncreiff			✓	
	Mr. Owens	✓			
	Mr. Sullivan			✓	
	Mr. Vellucci	✓			
	Mayor Ackermann	✓			
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TO: Cambridge City Council

CONCERNING: Endorsement of the United Farmworkers' lettuce boycott.

The United Farm Workers, under the leadership of Cesar Chavez, need your support as the lettuce boycott has resumed again nationwide. In August of 1970, 7,000 workers in the Salinas Valley went on strike demanding better wages, and living and working conditions. A nationwide boycott in support of the strike was called at that time, but a moratorium on the boycott resulted as the growers wanted a period of time to negotiate. Negotiations proceeded for a period of eight months and the growers showed unquestionably that they had no intentions of settling the dispute.

Other information enclosed will describe the continuing problems that exist for farmworkers such as child labor, inadequate housing, pesticide poisoning, insufficient medical care, and horribly low wages. Farmworkers only ask for a decent standard of living for themselves and their children, and they need our help.

Your endorsement is needed to help show nationwide support for the farmworkers movement to gain union recognition and a measure of human dignity. Please act in solidarity with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers. The boycott is the only non-violent tool that farmworkers and people nationwide have to bring growers into negotiations for just contracts.

A copy of the endorsement is enclosed - please act to support the United Farm Workers.

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THEREFORE be it resolved that the City Council of Cambridge endorses the current lettuce boycott in support of the farmworkers' struggle for recognition. We believe in the non-violent goals of the United Farm Workers and as a measure of active support no ~~iceberg~~ lettuce will be served in the ^{city} institutions of Cambridge until lettuce workers receive just contracts. (1)

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OFFICE OF
THE CITY CLERK

June 9, 1972.

To the Honorable, the City Council,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen: -

I am transmitting herewith a communication addressed to the
City Council together with a proposed resolution endorsing the United
Farmworkers' Lettuce Boycott.

Truly yours,

City Clerk.

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Communication from the City Clerk transmitting a communication addressed to the City Council together with a proposed resolution endorsing the United Farmworkers' Lettuce Boycott

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