



City of Cambridge

2.

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 2, 1992

COUNCILLOR WOLF
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
MAYOR REEVES

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RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council, in response to the notification of Amnesty International, hereby requests South African authorities to investigate carefully the reports of improper police actions in the case of Siza Rani, chairperson of the ANC's Sharpeville township branch, and to enable Mr. Rani and his family to return safely to their home; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby reaffirms its requests that democratic decision-making and political freedom be supported at all levels of the South African government; and be it further

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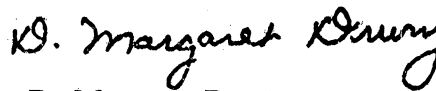
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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Walters
Morris
CONSENT ORDER #2

S-903

Councillor Wolf re: Investigation of the
reports of improper police actions in the
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African National Congress.

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