



City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR WALSH
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29.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 12, 1988

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- WHEREAS:** Through carefully crafted plans of plunder, arson, deportation and personal assault, the Azerbaijani government officials are raping the republic, this, if not with the tacit approval, at least with the tranquil acceptance of Soviet leadership and Soviet troops; approximately 200,000 Armenians are homeless in Azerbaijan and over 20,000 have arrived as refugees in Armenia; and
- WHEREAS:** No less a respected source than Andrei Sakharov has confirmed that over 100 Armenians have been killed by Azerbaijani mobs in the city of Kirovabad and at least 3 Armenians have been killed in Yerevan as a result of policies related to this rampage; and
- WHEREAS:** In another time and context President John F. Kennedy made a remark whose truth is singularly applicable in this present tragedy. He said, " Those who make peaceful revolution impossible are the very ones who make violent revolution inevitable "; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That this City Council expresses its solidarity with our Armenian neighbors here in the United States and our brothers and sisters of Armenia, especially in the city of Yerevan, in condemning this atrocity and urging Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to realize that, as the preservation of human rights is not rhetoric to be applauded but reality to be implemented, he must take quick and appropriate steps to stop the tide of violence against the Armenians; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk is requested to prepare two duly engrossed copies of this Resolution, one to be transmitted to the Mayor of Yerevan with a cover letter from His Honor, the Mayor, and, the second to be transmitted to Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in Washington, D.C., with a letter from His Honor, the Mayor, requesting that the Resolution be communicated to Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Order #29

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C. Walsh & C. Russell re: resolutions expressing the Council's solidarity with our Armenian neighbors here in the US & in Armenia, especially in Yerevan & condemning violations of their rights in the Azerbaijan republic.

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C. Walsh & Russell

Order Adopted

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