

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council does formally welcome Felipe Tobar, President of the Las Flores Town Council; Nelson Orellana, a teacher in Las Flores; Estela Serrano Navarrete, a teacher in Las Flores; José Orellana, a university student and La Flores Tourist Center employee; Arnulfo Serrano, member of the Las Flores Education Association; Zoila Guardado Cartagena, on the Board of Directors of the Las Flores Town Council; and Celia Menjivar de Quintanilla, former Mayor and current member of the Municipal Council in Las Flores; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council honors the work of these delegates and the community of San José Las Flores for its record of accomplishments in the face of global challenges for the past 20 years; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council, on behalf of the City of Cambridge and in heartfelt acknowledgement of the warm and sincere relationship between the two communities presents the delegation with a key to the City of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council encourages Cambridge to meet the delegation at one of the following opportunities:

Saturday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.—a concert at Old Cambridge Baptist Church featuring Rosi and Brian Amador of Sol y Canto, Dean Stevens, Willie Sordillo and Los Padres Beli Beli, a band of Amigos school parents, and others.

Monday, May 14, 4:45 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall.

Tuesday, May 15—A reception and forum at the Central Square Senior Center on “Challenges of Globalization: A Report from San José Las Flores”. Informal reception 6:30 PM, presentation 7:15 PM.

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council congratulates the Cambridge El Salvador Sister City Committee for its 20 years of work in Cambridge and its efforts on behalf of the delegation’s visit; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copies of this resolution for presentation to the members of the San José Las Flores Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

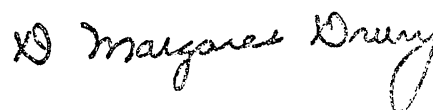
In City Council May 7, 2007.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members..

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-37.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 7, 2007

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

- WHEREAS : In 1986, the residents of San José Las Flores, a small village in the war zone of El Salvador, courageously defied the U.S. supported military by openly repopulating their village of origin; and
- WHEREAS: In March of 1987, the Cambridge City Council invited San José Las Flores to become its sister city, offering some protection for the civilian community as it worked to rebuild homes and agricultural livelihood and organize a communal infrastructure with popular education, health and community governance; and
- WHEREAS: With the end of the war in 1992, Las Flores continued as a model—building schools and cooperatives, developing reforestation, and resisting the challenges of globalization and gold mining exploitation; and
- WHEREAS: Since 1987, more than twenty-five delegations of Cambridge residents have visited Las Flores for the purpose of understanding and exchanges and each time have been treated as honored guests by the entire community and welcomed as “part of the family”; and
- WHEREAS: In a historic recognition of the 20th anniversary since the signing of the Sister City agreement, the local Sister City committee has raised the support needed to bring a delegation to Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: On May 10th seven delegates from Las Flores including the president of the community council, a member of the municipal council, two teachers, a university student, and the administrator of the community micro-lending bank for women’s cooperatives will be arriving in Cambridge for 10 days; and
- WHEREAS: The delegates will be meeting with Cambridge City officials and employees, visiting the Cambridge schools and community and meeting with organizers, solidarity activists and with local Salvadorans for dialogue on immigration and current challenges in the U.S. and El Salvador in addition to being honored by the House of Representatives, Cambridge School Committee and at the Massachusetts Teachers’ Association Annual Meeting; now therefore be it

RESOLUTION #37

**Welcome to the delegates from
Cambridge's Sister City San Jose
Las Flores, El Salvador
Mayor Reeves and entire
membership**

**In City Council
May 7, 2007**

ORDER ADOPTED