



City of Cambridge

R-3.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 4, 1999

MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: During the time that Maria Elena has been involved with Centro Presente, she has developed strong, caring, and trusting working relationships with the staff, and has demonstrated that she has the prerequisite abilities, experience, and commitment to lead Centro Presente into its next organizational phase; and

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RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby wishes Maria Elena Letona a warm and hearty welcome and extends to her and the entire organization our best wishes for continued success in the important work of Centro Presente; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Maria Elena Letona on behalf of the entire City Council.

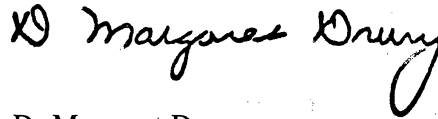
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Mayor Francis H. Duchay

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Resolution #3

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Mayor Duehay re: congratulations to
Maria Elena Letona on being chosen
the Executive Director of Centro
Presente.

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ORDER ADOPTED