

RESOLVED: That this Cambridge City does hereby extend its appreciation to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee for its sponsorship of this event, as well as to the co-sponsors of the event - namely, the Mayor's Commission on Haitian Issues, the Peace Commission, the Women's Commission, the American Friends Service Committee, FANM, MPP, HaitiWomen, Grassroots, NEOD, and the Rezistans Demokratik Ayisyen.

In City Council February 6, 1995
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 6, 1995

MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is home to a large and active Haitian community; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, through the City Council, the Mayor's Commission on Haitian Issues, the Peace Commission, and the Women's Commission, has a proud history of supporting Haitian democratic activities and popular movements in Haiti and in this City as well, which culminated in the visit of Haitian President Jean Bertrand Aristide to our City; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes the enormous strength and courage exhibited by the Haitian activists, organizations, and movements which effected the democratic of election of President Jean Bertrand Aristide, sustained a belief in the spirit of democracy throughout his time of exile and repression, and subsequently brought about his long awaited and rightful inauguration; and

WHEREAS: On Friday February 10, 1995, The Cambridge City Council is most pleased to welcome to our City two women who are both leaders and activists in the Republic of Haiti; and

WHEREAS: OLGA BENOIT is the co-coordinator of Solidarite Fanm Ayisyen (SOFA), one of Haiti's most vocal and active organizations now working to reduce and eradicate violence against women in that nation; and

WHEREAS: CELINA NOEL is the leader of the Papay Peasant Movement (MPP), Haiti's oldest and largest grassroots organization representing the working class and poor people of the Republic of Haiti; and

WHEREAS: These two women have come to share their experiences and their histories with the people of our City, from which we all may learn about the fight for democracy and freedom; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this Cambridge City Council does hereby encourage all residents of this City to attend a reception and discussion with OLGA BENOIT and CELINA NOEL on Friday, February 10, 1995, at 7:30pm in the Sullivan Chambers at City Hall, entitled "Haitian Women Speak Their Minds;" and be it further

Non-Consent Order #32

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Mayor Reeves re: "Haitian Women Speak
Their Minds."

In City Council, February 6, 1995