



City of Cambridge

R-4.

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 15, 1999

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

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- WHEREAS: This rally will unite students, workers, faculty, alumni, elected officials, unions and community groups to continue the fight for underpaid workers; and
- WHEREAS: The Living Wage Campaign continues to work hard for every employee of Harvard, whether directly or hired through an outside contractor, to make sure they are paid a minimum of \$10 per hour; and
- WHEREAS: The Living Wage Campaign has managed to get over 1,000 students and many faculty members to sign a petition to support this demand for a living wage policy; and
- WHEREAS: This campaign has gained the support of community, religious and labor organizations ranging from the Eviction Free Zone to the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization to the Mass AFL-CIO, who have endorsed their efforts, as well as State Representatives and the Chairman of the NAACP; and
- WHEREAS: This rally will represent an important step in increasing the pressure so that all employees are paid reasonably and are able to make a decent living; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council applauds the efforts of the Living Wage Campaign to bring national attention to the struggle for a fair living wage; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Harvard Living Wage Campaign 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".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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November 5, 1999

VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO

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Margbeth: Please reserve this for Anthony
Thank you!
PTB

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Dear Vice Mayor Galluccio, R-4

We are writing to invite you to the upcoming fall rally for the Harvard Living Wage Campaign. This rally, which we expect to be the largest activist event at Harvard this semester, will take place on Tuesday, November 16 at 12:00 p.m. We hope that it will bring together the many groups and individuals who have supported our campaign—students, workers, faculty, alumni/ae, elected officials, unions, and community groups—to forcefully remind Harvard that as long as there are underpaid workers here, we will continue to work together to press for justice.

For the past year, the Living Wage Campaign has been making a single demand: that anyone who works at Harvard, whether directly employed or hired through an outside contractor, must be paid at least \$10 per hour, adjustable for inflation, and with the option of benefits. To date, over 1000 students and 115 faculty members have signed petitions supporting this demand, and over 100 alumni/ae have pledged that they will never donate money to Harvard until the university implements a living wage policy. Community, religious, and labor organizations ranging from the Eviction Free Zone to the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization to the Massachusetts AFL-CIO have endorsed our efforts, and individuals ranging from state representatives to historian Howard Zinn to NAACP chairman Julian Bond have spoken out for our campaign.

This fall's rally represents an important step in increasing the pressure which we have built over the past year. It is scheduled to take place simultaneously with a number of other student labor actions throughout the country, coordinated by the National Student Labor Alliance. Universities from Brown to Georgetown to Stanford will join together to press for fair working conditions on their campuses; we hope that this united effort will bring national attention to the struggle here at Harvard. In addition, this action will take place at a time when Harvard is in the midst of an unprecedented economic boom. As the university boasts of its ballooning \$14 billion endowment and its successful Capital Campaign, we feel it is important to remind administrators that workers should be sharing in Harvard's comfort.

For the past year, the Cambridge City Council has provided valuable and powerful support to the Living Wage Campaign at Harvard, both through its resolution encouraging the university to implement a living wage, and through the contributions of individual Council members who have joined us in actions. Most importantly, the City Council has set an example for Harvard by approving the municipal living wage ordinance. We have been incredibly grateful for the Council's support and leadership, and we would be delighted to see this fall's rallyers march through Harvard Square, led by Council members. If you would like to join us, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Arin Dube at 776-8212, or at <adube@fas.harvard.edu>. Thank you for your help and support in these past months, and we look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

Sincerely,



Arin Dube



Amy Offner

For the Harvard Living Wage Campaign

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Resolution #4

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the Harvard Living Wage Campaign for
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continue the fight for underpaid workers.

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