



# City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
November 21, 1977

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

**WHEREAS:** The City of Cambridge is singularly honored by the presence of Alan Paton, noted South African novelist and political activist, at Memorial Church, Harvard University to deliver the William Belden Noble Lectures on November 14th, 15th and 16th; and

**WHEREAS:** Alan Paton has been an exponent of non-violent, racial reconciliation in South Africa, a philosophy which neither white supremacists nor black extremists will accept and has consistently opposed the violence committed against blacks in the name of apartheid during his tenure as President of the South African Liberal Party from 1953 to 1968; and

**WHEREAS:** Alan Paton through his outspoken opposition to the apartheid policy of the South African Government has endured increased policy surveillance, deprivation of privacy, threats against his life and arrest; he continues to expound the theme that bloody unmanageable conflict is inevitable unless the controlling Nationalist Party takes a different course of action and adopts a program providing for black freedom in the face of increasing black militancy and unrest; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That this City Council go on record congratulating Alan Paton for the strong stand he has taken in the cause of liberation for the blacks of South Africa with the fervent hope that militants on both sides of the issue will be blessed with his vision and calm reason and avoid a national catastrophe which could erupt in intercontinental intervention and warfare on an unprecedented scale in which the innocent will be the victims; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Alan Paton to record the admiration of this City Council for this man of peace who seeks justice and freedom through the legislative process for all South Africans in an atmosphere of unrest and violence.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.  
Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

*Paul E. Healy*

Order #3

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C. Duehay resolutions on Alan Paton.

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*Resolutions*  
*Approved*