



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 2, 1998

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

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Vivian Katz is the 1998 honoree of the Guidance Center, Inc., at the annual "Cambridge Pops" benefit event; and

WHEREAS: Vivian played a key role in bringing about the reconfiguration of two fine agencies, Center, Inc., of which she was president, and Cambridge Mental Health Inc. into an even stronger agency, the new Guidance Center, Inc.; and

WHEREAS: Vivian has a long and distinguished record of service to this community; and

WHEREAS: Between 1939 and the outbreak of World War II, Vivian and her husband, Attorney Milton Katz, spent their first years in Cambridge where Milton taught at Harvard Law School and their second of three sons was born; and

WHEREAS: After spending some of the war years in Washington, returning to Cambridge and then leaving again for Europe where Milton served first as General Counsel to a part of the Marshall Plan organized in Paris and then Ambassador in charge of the Marshall Plan in Europe, and then some time in Pasadena and Princeton, the Katz family finally returned to Cambridge in 1954; and

WHEREAS: Vivian's distinguished history of public service in Cambridge includes ten years on the Board of Zoning Appeals, two separate terms as President of Cambridge Community Services during which she was its representative on the original Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission (CEOC) Board of Directors; she was president of the Cambridge Welfare Board, a member of the Board of Directors of the Civic Unity Committee, and a volunteer as the Legal Advocacy and Resource Center; and

WHEREAS: Vivian's first mental health related board experiences was Rutland Corner House, one of the first residential programs for women with mental illness; she then served on the Cambridge-Somerville Mental Health and Retardation Area Board, and from there became a member of the board of directors and then president of Center, Inc.; and

WHEREAS: Vivian is a shining example of the difference that a caring, committed Cantabrigian can make in her community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating Vivian Katz and expressing its appreciation and gratitude to her for her years of service to the Cambridge community; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to Vivian Katz on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 2, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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This goes to Frank

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Resolved: That the C-C go on record congratulating
Vivian Katz and expressing its appreciation
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the Centabridge Community

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present



THE GUIDANCE CENTER, INC.

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Kathy - I hear
you didn't get this.
I'm faxing it again.
& sorry... Susan

K.H. Brown

FAX: 349-4287

To Margaret Drury
Background for
Resolution for
Vivian Katz

Ayers

DATE: Mar. 20

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Many Thanks
help !!

P.S. Susan
If anyone needs clarification call
me or Kathy Carlson at 354-2275
for answers.

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TO: Kathy Brown FAX: 349-4287
FROM: Susan Ayers DATE: Mar. 20
RE: City Resolution PAGES: 3
CC: _____

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Notes:

Kathy -
Here is the text of
Winn's bio.
So many THANKS
for your help !!

Susan

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This year, the Guidance Center, Inc. is pleased to honor Vivian Katz, under whose leadership the "old" Center, Inc. joined forces with the "old" Cambridge Mental Health Association, Inc. to create the new Guidance Center, Inc.

It is characteristic of Vivian's style to downplay the importance of her role in the complex and challenging process which led to the reconfiguration of two already strong agencies into one even stronger. A review of her life and work, though, suggests that her efforts at Center, Inc. which led to the birth of the Guidance Center, Inc. form only the latest chapter in the long book of contributions Vivian has made to this community.

Brought up in a part of Brooklyn which was then rural, Vivian went to Smith College, then did graduate work in Bacteriology at New York University Medical School. She married Milton Katz, a young lawyer whose family lived on the same street, and together they embarked on a life which would bring them to and from Cambridge several times before they finally settled here for good. As Vivian puts it, "I lived in the house I was born in until I married, and then I moved every few years after that for the next twenty."

For six years, they lived in Washington, where Milton worked for the Roosevelt Administration and Vivian volunteered for the ACLU, and had their first of three sons. Between 1939 and the outbreak of the Second World War, Vivian and Milton spent their first years in Cambridge, as he taught at Harvard Law School and their second son was born. The war summoned the Katzes to Washington again. Five years later, they returned to Cambridge, had their third son, bought a house, and settled in. At that point, Milton was asked to become General Counsel of that part of the Marshall Plan then being organized in Paris. He eventually was appointed Ambassador in charge of the Marshall Plan in the eighteen European member countries. After three years in Paris, then three in Pasadena and Princeton, the Katz Family returned to Cambridge in 1954, this time to stay.

Vivian's first civic venture in Cambridge was leading a CCA campaign for a City Council - School Committee race. She loved doing that, and next joined a CCA committee working to revise Cambridge's zoning laws to address concern about commercial development, building size and university expansion. Has anything changed? When a new zoning ordinance was passed, Vivian was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals, where she served for ten years until a famous Cambridge politician was heard to say, "Get her off!"

Vivian served two separate times as President of Cambridge Community Services, and was its representative on the original Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission (CEOC) Board of Directors. She served on the Cambridge Welfare Board and was its president for a term. She served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Civic Unity Committee, and on the Advisory Committee of the United Fund for Cambridge. She worked as a volunteer at LARC, (Legal Advocacy and Resource Center), a provider of legal help for people without other access to it. This later became a part of Greater Boston Legal Services. Her first mental health related board experience was at the Portland Corner House, one of the first residential programs for women with mental illness. She then served on the Cambridge-Somerville Mental Health and Retardation Area Board, and from there became a member of the Board of Directors, and then president, of Center, Inc.

In case you think Vivian might have had too much time on her hands, she was also active in her children's school as a Trustee of Buckingham School, and played a leadership role in Harvard University faculty wives' activities. Leading a special task force at Bok's request, Vivian helped usher in an entirely new era which finished off the white-glove tea forever and replaced it with a thriving newcomers organization now called Harvard Neighbors.

Of all she has done, Vivian is proudest to have also fit her job into her busy life. For twenty years she worked as Director of the Host Family Program of Harvard's International Office. The program, still going strong, matches foreign students with local families willing to offer them support and friendship.

Here, for Guidance Center, Inc. purposes, we are most excited about the key role Vivian played as President of Center, Inc. in the process which led to reorganization. It is no secret that in these days of widespread pursuit of affiliation, most efforts end far short of the altar. Many efforts founder when boards cannot find ways to meld their cultures so that everyone comes away a winner. Vivian's openness is energetic, and makes things happen. She was able and willing to consider all sides of the complex issues we faced together, and set a powerful example all along the way. The liveliness and humor which accompany her penetrating, questioning style make working with Vivian a rare privilege. She herself was very gratified by both the process and the outcome of the Center, Inc.- CMHA reorganization. As she says, "It was really extraordinary. Usually in situations like this you find someone who finds fault and you get stuck for months. This succeeded because everyone wanted to see it succeed."



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RESOLVED: That the City Clerk prepare a suitable resolution recognizing **Vivian Katz** for all her years of service to the families and children of Cambridge to be presented on the occasion of her receiving a special award at the Cambridge Mental Health Association Annual Pops Concert.

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#2 Death resolution for James Clapp



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Councillor Born re: congratulations to Vivian Katz for her years of service to the families and children of Cambridge and on receiving a special award at the Cambridge Mental Health Association Annual Pops Concert.

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