

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council commends the youth co-leaders for the delegation Nikki Larcombe and Cynthia Orellana and the efforts by the youth committee to create a mutual exchange program with their Salvadoran counterparts which can be sustained; now therefore be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council extends an invitation to all in Cambridge to attend the report-back from the delegation on Thursday, May 9 from 6:30-9 in the evening at the Cambridge Senior Center.

In City Council April 8, 2002.

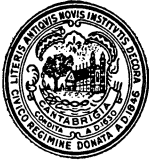
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 8, 2002

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
MAYOR SULLIVAN

- WHEREAS: Cambridge has an historic relationship with El Salvador in which 15 years ago, the Cambridge City Council declared a Sister City relationship with San Jose Las Flores, a small town in the north of El Salvador; and
- WHEREAS: More than 150 Cambridge residents have visited Las Flores and come to know the organizations and activists working for social justice throughout the country; and
- WHEREAS: In recent years, teams of Cambridge Public School teachers and high school students have traveled to El Salvador to learn about the people and support our sister city's efforts for social justice; and
- WHEREAS: In the 16 years since its re-beginnings, San Jose Las Flores has become a center for the area with schooling from kindergarten through high school, a health clinic which serves the surrounding areas, and a growing population of families trying to survive through a rural livelihood in an increasingly difficult economic time in which all the national resources have shifted to maquilladoras and city life; and
- WHEREAS: San Jose Las Flores has mobilized its residents to support the national movements against privatization of services, including hospitals and education, and for economic justice and providing help for neighboring provinces devastated by the 2001 earthquakes; and
- WHEREAS: A delegation from Cambridge is scheduled to visit El Salvador from April 12-21, coordinated by Peace Commission Director Cathy Hoffman; the delegation includes Women's Commission Director Nancy Ryan, CRLS ESL teacher Rachel Wyon, former King Open teacher Jessie Auger Chelsea, organizer Sarah Hershey, 4 CRLS students Hannah Jukovsky, Leigh Hardy, Pablo (Cesar) Lopez and Renato Ramirez, 3 CRLS graduates Nikki Larcombe, Mario Wyon and Cynthia Orellana and Elena Polnikoff of Cambridge who is a senior at a school outside of the area; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council commends the delegation and wishes it all success in its missions to visit our sister city community, meet with organizers in the capitol, meet with youth leaders across the country and engage in youth workshops on the arts and theater; now therefore be it further

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RESOLUTION #32

Extending an invitation to all in
Cambridge to attend the report-back
from the Cambridge delegation visit to
El Salvador, which is a Sister City, on
Thursday, May 9 from 6:30- 9:00 p.m.
at the Cambridge Senior Center.
Councillor Decker

In City Council April 8, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.