



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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April 16, 1985

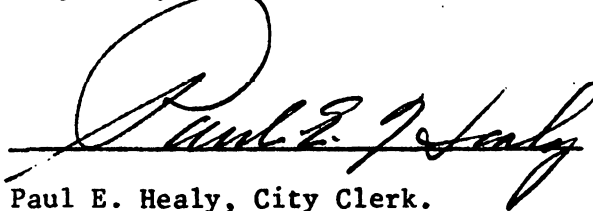
The Honorable Michael LoPresti
State Senator
The State House
Room 213A
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator LoPresti:

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Very truly yours,



Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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Enclosure: City Council Order #4 of 4/8/85

cc: Senators Michael LoPresti & George Bachrach
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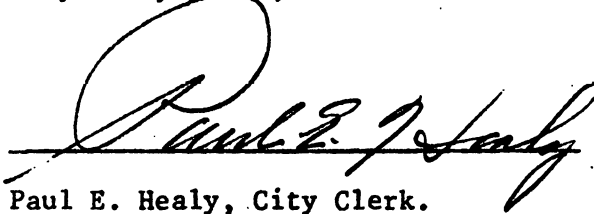
The Honorable George Bachrach
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The State House
Room 518
Boston, MA 02133

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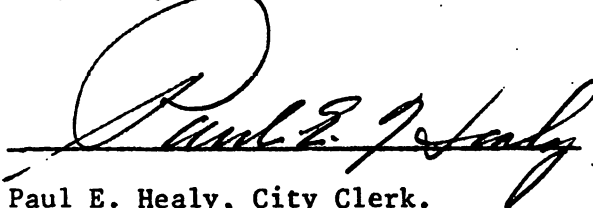
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House Majority Leader
The State House
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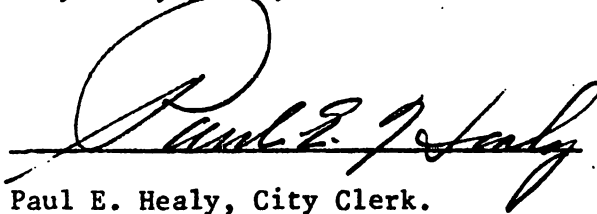
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State Representative
The State House
Room 38
Boston, MA 02133

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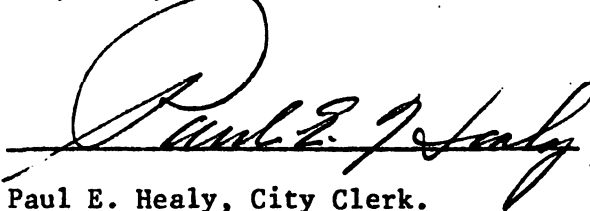
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Mr. Robert MacQueen
House Clerk
Mass. House of Representatives
The State House
Room 145
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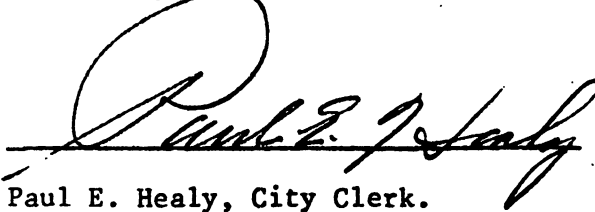
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IN CITY COUNCIL
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- WHEREAS: Thousands of refugees are fleeing from violence and gross human rights violations in Central America, especially from El Salvador and Guatemala; and
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ORDERED: That the City Clerk:

1) Communicate this Order to all City departments, to the Massachusetts congressional delegation, the local and national directors of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and President Ronald Reagan; and

2) Communicate the petition of the City of Cambridge to the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that this Commonwealth similarly offer its protection and services as a sanctuary for refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti, and to those helping them; and

3) Communicate to the Congressional delegation representing the citizens of Cambridge in the U.S. Congress our demand that the Congress require non-discriminatory compliance with the Refugee Act of 1980; and

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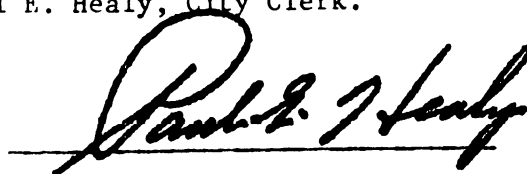
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In City Council April 8, 1985.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 5; Nays 4; Absent 0.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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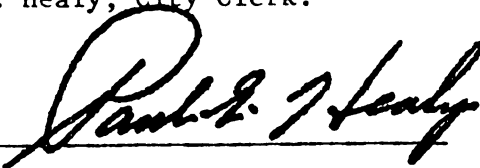
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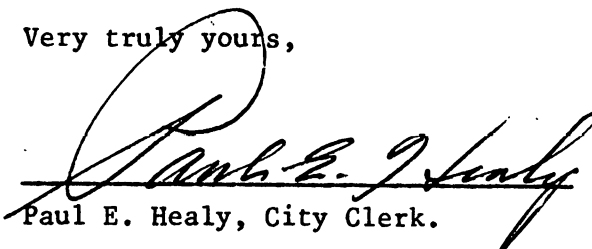
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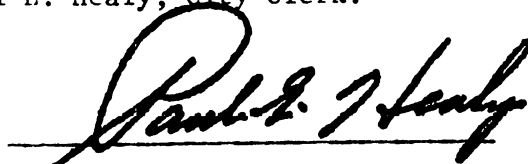
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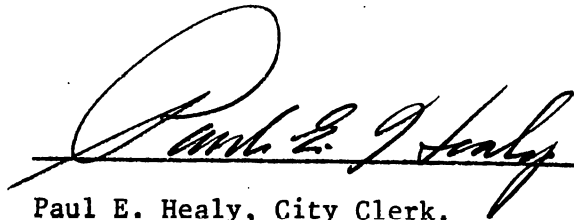
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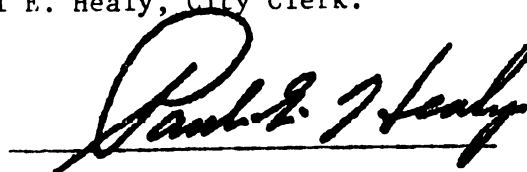
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In City Council April 8, 1985.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 5; Nays 4; Absent 0.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

4.

COUNCILLOR WOLF
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IN CITY COUNCIL
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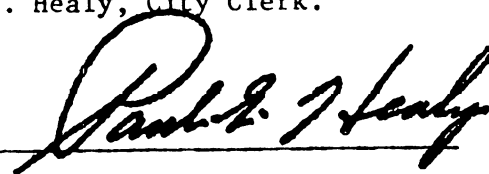
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VOTE ON RESOLUTION
4 OF 4/8/1985

Time: 9:55 PM

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

April 8 1985

Moved by Councilor Graham

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
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Mr. Thomas W. Danehy		✓		
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Ms. Sandra Graham	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan		✓		
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓			
Mayor Russell		✓		

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Resolution adopted

- Vote on the Resolution -
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C. W. Sullivan - To Refer to City Solicitor

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Ref to Hearing

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City of Cambridge

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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OFFICE OF
THE CITY CLERK

April 16, 1985

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill,
Speaker of the House of U.S. Representatives
The Capital
Speakers Rooms
Room 205
Washington, D.C. 02515

Dear Sir:

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Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the City Council.

Very truly yours,


Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

PEH/mh

Enclosure: City Council Order #4 of 4/8/85

cc: ✓ Senators Edward Kennedy & John Kerry,
Congressmen Nicholas Mavroules, Gerry Studds,
Joseph Early, Silvio Conte, Chester Atkins,
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4) Communicate to our Congressional delegation the support of the City Council for the legislation introduced by Congressman Moakley that would suspend deportation of people from El Salvador pending an investigation of the fate of those whom the U.S. has departed, and that the legislation be amended to include Guatemalans and Haitians; and

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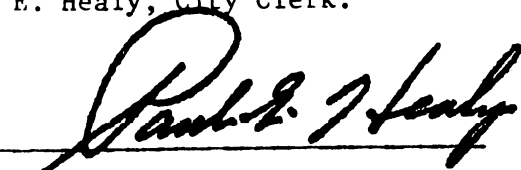
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In City Council April 8, 1985.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 5; Nays 4; Absent 0.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy
431 Russell Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Congressman Edward Boland
2426 Rayburn Office Bldg.
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Senator John Kerry
U.S. Senate
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City of Cambridge

4.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 8, 1985

COUNCILLOR WOLF
 COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
 COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR VELLUCCI

- WHEREAS: Thousands of refugees are fleeing from violence and gross human rights violations in Central America, especially from El Salvador and Guatemala; and
- WHEREAS: Widespread and repeated human rights violations in Haiti have led thousands of Haitians to risk their lives in search of a safe haven in this country; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of these Salvadorean, Guatemalan and Haitian refugees have settled in Cambridge, and are making a contribution as active residents to the well-being of our City; and
- WHEREAS: The Refugee Act of 1980 (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(42)) provides refugee status within the United States for any refugee "who is unable or unwilling to return to, and is unable or unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of, their country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion...."; and
- WHEREAS: The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), under advice from the U.S. Department of State, almost never grants petitions for political asylum under the Refugee Act of 1980 for refugees from El Salvador or Guatemala, and seldom for refugees from Haiti; and
- WHEREAS: Federal arrests of foreign nationals for illegal entry included 18,920 Salvadoreans and 4,910 Guatemalans in FY 1984, and a large fraction of those arrested were deported or technically "removed from the country"; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of undocumented Central American and Haitian refugees in Cambridge, and hundreds of Haitian refugees with temporary entrance status in Cambridge, face the immediate threat of deportation to their unsafe homelands; and
- WHEREAS: Those deported, especially those from El Salvador, face a high likelihood of violence after their return; and

- WHEREAS: In response to this situation, some 200 churches and synagogues across the nation have elected to provide sanctuary to refugees, including the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, which began providing sanctuary to a refugee from El Salvador on December 4, 1984; and
- WHEREAS: The U.S. Justice Department began in January, 1985 to arrest clergy and other citizens giving this form of humanitarian assistance to Central American refugees, and the INS began arresting refugees in the Boston area and has been incarcerating them in a new Boston detention center with little access to legal counsel; and
- WHEREAS: The incarcerated refugees cannot pay the bail being set for them and often agree to return to their home countries, despite the personal danger, rather than be incarcerated; and
- WHEREAS: Both the United States and Cambridge have for centuries served as a haven for refugees of religions and political persecution from Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America, and much of our historical and moral tradition of the nation is rooted in the provision of sanctuary to persecuted peoples; and
- WHEREAS: The cities of Berkeley, CA, St. Paul, MN and Chicago, IL in independent actions recently passed orders defending the rights of refugees in their cities; and
- WHEREAS: The City Council wishes to clarify its desire not to expend City resources, beyond the requirements of federal law, in voluntarily assisting or cooperating with investigations of alleged violations of immigration law by Salvadorean, Guatemalan or Haitian refugees, or in gathering or disseminating information on the citizenship status of those residing in the City of Cambridge; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED That the City of Cambridge not participate in any form in the compounding of injustice against refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti or in the federal government's persecution of those, who in good faith, offer humanitarian assistance to the refugees; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Council supports and appreciates the citizens of Cambridge who are providing bedding, food, health and other settlement assistance, as well as friendship, to Central American and Haitian refugees; further be it

ORDERED: That the City Council declares it to be the policy of the City of Cambridge that, to the extent legally possible, no department or employee of the City of Cambridge will violate established or future sanctuaries by officially assisting or voluntarily cooperating with investigations or arrest procedures, public or clandestine, relating to alleged violations of immigration law by refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala or Haiti, or by those offering sanctuary; and be it further

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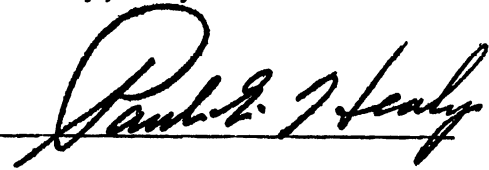
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Order # 4

S-274

Councillors Wolf, Graham, David Sullivan & Vellucci order re: City Council declaring it to be the policy of the City that to the extent legally possible that no dept. or employee for the City request information on or assist in any investigation of the citizenship status of any City resident, particularly refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala & Haiti & further that Cambridge be declared a "Sanctuary City" for refugees now residing in Cambridge.

4/8/1985

AFTER HEARING

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON

ROLL CALL VOTE 5-4-0

MOTION OF C. FRASER

In City Council,

April 8, 1985

4/11/85

Referred to the

Hearing at 1707

CVT - also refer
to City Solicitor

Transmitted letters +
copies of order sent to President Reagan,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Thomas P. O'Neill + Mass. Delegation in Congress,
The ^{Cambridge} Mass. Delegation to the Mass. Great &
General Court, Mass. House + Senate Clerks
and Boston Immigration + Naturalization
Service Office 4/16/85 mh (copies are
within)