



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 1992

MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR CYR
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR WALSH
COUNCILLOR WOLF

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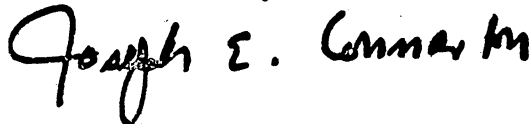
RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council endorses the local efforts of members of the Cambridge Haitian community and their supporters to rally support for the safety of fleeing Haitians and the return of Aristide to Haiti and urges Cambridge citizens to write or call your Congressional representatives and Senators to urge their help in this matter.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "C".

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton,
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5-744 Non-Consent Order # 2 ^{Sullivan, Walsh, Gomez, Waddell}
^{Smiley, Neuhay, Myers, Russell}
Mayor Reeves resolutions in opposition
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Order adopted