

- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council goes on record congratulating the delegation and applauding its mission; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council sends its greetings to the people of Bethlehem and looks forward to the return of the delegation to hear about the connections that have been opened; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council is pleased to inform the Cambridge community of the send-off for the delegation on Tuesday, November 13th at 7 PM at the Central Square Library; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes suitable copies of this resolution be made to be delivered to the groups in Bethlehem with whom the delegation meets.

In City Council November 5, 2007.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 5, 2007

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

- WHEREAS: Cambridge is a city characterized by a rich diversity of cultures and traditions; and
- WHEREAS: In keeping with Cambridge's identity as a city of many cultures and many communities, there is a strong history of building peace through relationships with peoples and organizations around the globe for the purpose of understanding, mutual exchange and humanitarian response; and
- WHEREAS: Bethlehem is a place known throughout the world for its historical, religious and cultural significance which today, as a Palestinian area affected by the conflict and walled isolation, is losing contact with much of the outside world, creating a dire economic and humanitarian crisis and a profound loss of hope for the future; and
- WHEREAS: Bethlehem has reached out to communities around the globe to foster connections and solidarity; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals within Cambridge have responded to this call by forming Cambridge-Bethlehem People-to-People Initiative to promote mutually beneficial exchanges, foster awareness and extend humanitarian support in this time of grave difficulty; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge-Bethlehem People-to-People hopes to bring people of all ages together for direct communication and learning about one another, and to build on and expand existing relationships between people and organizations in both communities such as cultural and arts centers, universities, religious/faith-based/spiritual centers, peace/conflict resolution groups, human rights work, educational institutions, women's cooperatives, youth groups, healthcare facilities, and media outlets; and
- WHEREAS: A delegation has formed to visit Bethlehem in November which includes educators; members of the Peace, Women's, and Human Rights Commissions; Palestinians, Jews (one of whom escaped from Nazi Europe), and community organizers (Kathy and John Roberts; Richard Colbath-Hess; Peace Commissioners Grove Harris, Marty Federman, Gail Epstein and Cathy Hoffman; Women's Commissioner Phyllis Bretholtz; Human Rights Commission Chair Marla Erlien; Eva Moseley; Skip Schiel; Raymond Bandar; Anthana Luff; Marie-Helene Gold and Omar Bandar); now therefore be it

RESOLUTION #1

**Congratulations to the
Cambridge-Bethlehem People-to-
People Initiative and its
delegation on its mission to foster
connections and solidarity.
Councillor Decker and entire
membership**

**In City Council
November 5, 2007**

ORDER ADOPTED