



# City of Cambridge

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## IN CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 1997

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

WHEREAS: This day the City Council honors Joan Lorentz, who was a true Cambridge advocate and an active, dedicated member of this community; and

WHEREAS: Joan was born on July 3, 1929 in Brooklyn, New York, to the late Milton M. and Lillian Weiss Lorentz and educated at Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn, Brooklyn College and Hunter College, where she received her master's degree; and

WHEREAS: In a career spanning four decades, Joan taught hearing-impaired children, first in New York City, then, after moving to Cambridge, at the Horace Mann (later Jackson-Mann) School in Boston; her last years of teaching she spent as a speech pathologist in the Boston Public Schools; and

WHEREAS: Joan was an active member of the Boston Teachers' Union; she assisted in organizing its Reform Caucus and served many years as a building representative; and

WHEREAS: Joan was a member of the congregation and devoted friend of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, and she particularly enjoyed working with its St. Augustine Ministries; and

WHEREAS: Joan was a long-time member of the Democratic Ward 4 Committee and a delegate to the Democratic State Convention; and

WHEREAS: Joan was an active member and board member of the Cambridge Civic Association; and

WHEREAS: Joan was the founder and long-term president of the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS: Joan' hard work, advocacy and perseverance were key to the creation and maintenance of the Mid-Cambridge Park; and

WHEREAS: Joan passed away on July 29, 1998; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record naming the Mid-Cambridge Park in honor of Joan K. Lorentz; 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 the family of Joan K. Lorentz on behalf of the entire City Council.

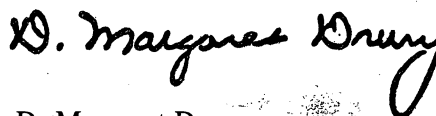
In City Council August 4, 1997.

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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# Friends mourn passing of Lorentz

BY DAVID CRAIG  
Chronicle Staff

**J**oan K. Lorentz, of Cambridge and St. Pete's Beach, Florida, died of cancer at her Cambridge home Tuesday, July 29, 1997. She was 68.

A long-time member of the Democratic Ward 4 Committee and a delegate to the Democratic State Convention, Lorentz will be remembered best for her long and vigorous participation in local politics.

"She was a Roosevelt Democrat," said her friend, Sam De Merit. "The poor and the disadvantaged were her primary concerns."

Lorentz was born July 3, 1929 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Milton M. and Lillian Weiss Lorentz and educated at Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn and Brooklyn College. She earned her master's degree at Hunter College.

In a career spanning four decades, she taught hearing-impaired children, first in New York City, then, after moving to Cambridge in 1960, at the Horrace Mann (later Jackson-Mann) School in Boston. Her last years of teaching she spent as a speech pathologist in the Boston Public Schools.

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Joan Lorentz

many years as building representative and, after retirement in 1991, was active in its Retired Teacher's Chapter.

Cambridge residents knew Lorentz as the founder and long-time president of the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association. She was also a member of the Cambridge Civic Association and she supported its candidates loyally and served on its board of directors. The creation and maintenance of the Mid-Cambridge City Park were in large part Lorentz's doing.

In appreciation for her years of service to the Association and the city of Cambridge, Mayor Sheila Doyle Russell proclaimed May 21, 1997, Joan Lorentz Day.

A proposal came before city council to install a memorial for her at Mid-Cambridge Park, Monday, August 4, 1997.

"Joan Lorentz was the person who convinced me to join the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association," said community activist Robert Winters, Monday night. "She and I were cut from very different cloth and we disagreed probably as much as we agreed, but I can say that I have known few people who dedicated as much of themselves to their community."

Added Councilor Katherine Triantafillou, "Joan had that wonderful combination of education, wily persistence, and opinionativeness that makes a true Cambridge advocate."

Lorentz was a member of the congregation and devoted friend of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. She enjoyed working with its St. Augustine Ministries, particularly. In addition, she served the cause of Christian unity by holding ecumenical "Conversations," recalls a friend, to which she invited representatives of various Christian communions for an exchange of viewpoints.

Lorentz is survived by her brother, Moses Lorentz, of Merrick, New York, two nieces, several great-nieces and nephews and many devoted friends.

A requiem Mass will be celebrated 11 am, Thursday, Aug. 7, in the chapel of the Society of St. John The Evangelist, 980 Memorial Drive. A reception will follow. Arrangements are under the direction of the Long Home for Funerals, 1979 Mass. Ave.

## WORKBENCH

EDGE

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Councilman Huebner  
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Clerk to prepare ~~the~~ suitable resolutions  
on the death of Joan Lorentz, Cambridge  
Community Activist



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ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitable resolution on the death of **Joan Lorentz**, Cambridge community activist.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk



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- ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitable resolution on the death of **Joan Lorentz**, Cambridge community activist; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the Mid-Cambridge park area next to the High School be named in Joan Lorentz honor.



Consent Order #113

Entire R-1073  
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Councillor Duchay, Mayor Russell,  
Councillor Toomey and entire membership re: Resolution on the death  
of Joan Lorentz, Cambridge community  
activist.

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**ORDER ADOPTED**