



City of Cambridge

R-159.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

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WHEREAS: Mayor Menino's actions spoke more loudly than words ever could about the role that government can play in caring for our most vulnerable citizens; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mayor Thomas Menino on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

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A true copy;

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Invitable Order expressing
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Session III, Day Two

September 28, 2000

M: Barbara Attard is going to be the moderator for this session and I will go ahead and let her come up. I've met Barbara -- I believe I met her at IACOLE. I can't recall exactly which one, but she has been to every NACOLE Conference that we've had. I do know that she's been an Executive Director and also an administrator and an investigator and probably a few other things throughout the aspect of civilian review. So, she's very capable and she has been a strong supporter of NACOLE and I introduce to you, Barbara Attard.

Barbara Attard: It's good to be here today. Actually, I'd like to get my panelists to come on up. I'm presenting a panel on mediation of citizen complaints. As you have noticed, our panel has changed some from what's in your program. We have Virginia Van (Meder) with the US Attorney General's Office, the COPS programs and she does training and mediation. And, we also have Carol Scott with the Police Advisory and Review Committee in Knoxville, Tennessee who mediates most of the complaints that come through her agency.

The panel today brings a diverse and impressive group of professionals together. We will be hearing from oversight agencies that have successful mediation programs in their jurisdictions. We'll hear from Todd Samolis, who is with a community based agency that mediates citizen complaints that are referred to them.

We'll hear the police perspective from Chief George Freitas of the Kauai Police Department and then, we'll hear what the US Attorney General's Office has to offer. Finally, we'll hear about an up-and-coming mediation program in San Diego, California, with the San Diego Police Department there.

One thing that came up during our panel is that not everyone really understands what mediation is. One thing that you will find is that all the different mediation programs that exist in different agencies have kind of a different twist on what mediation is. It's similar to civilian oversight. People ask what are the models, however you almost have as many models as you have agencies.

Over the years, it's been interesting to me to see the resistance to mediation and it's strange because it seems like such a win-win situation. You get resistance from Commissioners who don't want to lose the control or the authority that they have over complaints. You get resistance from police and complainant who really don't want to sit down with the jerk that caused the problem that brought them into this complaint situation in the first place.

And then, you even get a resistance from community or civilian oversight professionals like



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