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NAME Roslyn Shoy ADDRESS 26 York Street PHONE# 498-9054
Buffy Berg 40 Pearson Ave
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We urge your support for these groups in the following ways:

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Mary Lea	1 Arlington St, Somerville MA 02145	776-4208

Folk Arts Center

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5 Janet Fuchs	64 Brington Rd Brookline	738-0789
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8 Sharon Stein	56 College Ave Somerville	864-6561
9 Marytha Paffrath Marytha Paffrath	33 Stearns Ave Medford, Ma. 02155	395-1920
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Petition of 41 persons active in the Cambridge community, expressing concern for the eviction of cultural & service groups at 595-605 Mass. Ave. & 8-12 Essex St.

In City Council,

January 12, 1987

Placed on File