



# City of Cambridge

41.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 2, 1995

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

WHEREAS: Twenty-five years ago the Latino community in Cambridge was increasing as a result of immigration from many parts of the world; and

WHEREAS: The Latino community instinctively felt it needed to preserve and protect its integrity; and

WHEREAS: The Latino community organized in order to engage its youth in productive activities; provide educational opportunities for its adults; celebrate its culture; and ensure equal opportunity for its members; and

WHEREAS: In 1969 **El Concilio Hispano de Cambridge, Inc.**, was founded; and

WHEREAS: In 1995 **Concilio Hispano** should be recognized as an agency which has greatly expanded the scale and ambition of its programming in order to accommodate the ever changing reality of the Latino community; and

WHEREAS: **Concilio Hispano** has been inclusive of other communities in its mission, programs, services, and vision; and

WHEREAS: **Concilio Hispano** is staffed by over 45 people, operates on a budget of approximately \$1.6 million, and serves more than 1,700 individuals and families of diverse origins throughout the Metro North Boston area; and

WHEREAS: **Concilio Hispano**, in conjunction with other human services agencies, provides: youth services, adult basic education, HIV/AIDS prevention and education, referral services, interpreting services, mental health services, child protective services, citizenship classes, and substance abuse counseling; and

WHEREAS: In 1989 the Massachusetts Department of Education cited **Concilio Hispano** for having one of the highest retention rates of all the programs in the Commonwealth offering ESL/Civics classes; and

WHEREAS: **Concilio Hispano** is celebrating its 25th anniversary on September 30, 1995 at the Cambridge Multicultural Art Center; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council, on the occasion of **El Concilio Hispano's** twenty-fifth anniversary, do sincerely congratulate and thank the Director, Sylvia Saavedra-Keber, and her staff for their selfless dedication to community service.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

*D. Margaret Drury*

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*Born, Dweh, Galluccio, Myers*  
Consent Order #41.  
*Russell, Shelvin, Tony R-800*  
Mayor Reeves re: Sincere congratulations  
to El Concilio Hispano de Cambridge, Inc.  
on celebrating its 25th anniversary.

*Trantafellow*

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*Order Adopted  
as amended*