



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 7, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
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COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

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RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to MIRA and Mr. John G. O'Brien on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 7, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Resolved SECTO MIRA & Mr O'Brien



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Give Liberty A Hand!

June 20, 2001

April 20, 2001



A Special Event in Support
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Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

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Lahive & Cockfield LLP

Andrew Rainer

Henrietta Davis,
120 Chestnut St.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Davis,

The Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) is planning a very special event, **Give Liberty A Hand!** The event will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston, and will honor **Cambridge Health Alliance CEO John G. O'Brien** for his lifetime of work to better the lives and health of immigrants and refugees. **We are pleased to be chairing this effort**, and would like to involve you as a member of our **Leadership Committee**.

As you know, under **John O'Brien's** leadership, Cambridge Health Alliance has become a national model for access to care for immigrants and refugees. He has worked to ensure that both patients and staff are representative of the multi-cultural and multi-lingual composition of the local communities. Most recently, Mr. O'Brien was a key supporter, along with MIRA, of a landmark piece of health care legislation, passed by the Massachusetts Legislature, requiring interpreter services in hospital emergency rooms.

We are giving our time and support to this endeavor because **MIRA's work is important to us personally**. Since its founding in 1987, **MIRA** has earned a statewide and national reputation for its work defending immigrants' rights. Today, **MIRA** works actively to help immigrants access health care, nutrition, job training and other critical services. **MIRA** is the central place to which government leaders, the media, social service agencies, and immigrant organizations turn for accurate information on immigrant issues.

In addition to honoring John O'Brien, **Give Liberty a Hand!** will celebrate **MIRA's** contributions to fair treatment of immigrants and refugees and recognize immigrant leaders for their accomplishments. The event promises to be a wonderful, moving celebration of our Commonwealth's role in providing a home and a haven for people from many lands.

To become a member of the **Leadership Committee for Give Liberty A Hand!**, we ask that you or your company become a **sponsor at a generous level** (please see enclosed information for details).

Please join us in "giving Liberty a hand" by supporting both this event and **MIRA's** role in upholding America's proud tradition as a nation of immigrants.

Very sincerely,

Andrew Dreyfus
Event Co-Chair

David Mulligan
Event Co-Chair

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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| ☐ Underwriter
\$25,000 | Acknowledgment in the event invitation, evening's program, and publicity materials. Acknowledgment on the front program cover. Full-page greeting on one of the program covers. 10 tickets. |
| ☐ Liberty's Lamplighter
\$10,000 | Acknowledgment in the event invitation, evening's program, and publicity materials. Full-page greeting on color page. 10 tickets. |
| ☐ Liberty's Flame
\$7,500 | Acknowledgment in the event invitation, evening's program, and publicity materials. Full-page greeting with special border. 8 tickets. |
| ☐ Liberty's Torch
\$5,000 | Acknowledgment in the event invitation, evening's program, and publicity materials. Full page greeting. 6 tickets. |
| ☐ Liberty's Crown
\$2,500 | Acknowledgment in the event invitation, evening's program, and publicity materials. 1/2 page program greeting. 5 tickets. |
| ☐ Liberty's Supporter
\$1,000 | Acknowledgment in the event invitation, evening's program, and publicity materials. 1/4 page greeting. 4 tickets. |

All sponsors of \$1,000 or above will be listed as members of the Leadership Committee

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| ☐ Liberty's Advocate
\$500 | Acknowledgment in the event invitation and evening's program. 1/8 page greeting. 3 tickets. |
| ☐ Liberty's Friend
\$250 | Acknowledgment in the event invitation and evening's program. Business card size greeting. 2 tickets. |

DONATIONS

- ☐ I cannot sponsor "Give Liberty a Hand!" but here's my contribution of \$_____.

Total Amount Enclosed.....\$_____

Name _____

Company/Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Sponsor name as you wish it to appear on all promotional materials: _____

Contact Person for greeting/tickets _____ Phone _____
(see enclosed greeting/ticket information)

Please make checks payable to the **MIRA Coalition**, and send along with this form, the enclosed greeting/ticket form and camera-ready greeting, to **Give Liberty A Hand!**, MIRA Coalition, 105 Chauncy Street, Suite 901, Boston, MA 02111. For acknowledgement on the invitation, we must receive your sponsor form by **April 30**; sponsorships received after this date will be acknowledged in our program book.

For more information, please call 617-350-5480.

Your sponsorship will support MIRA's programs.

Contributions are tax deductible beyond the value of tickets received (\$40 each).

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Thank you for Giving Liberty A Hand!

Your sponsorship entitles you to tickets and a greeting in the program book for the evening. Please see below for the number of tickets and greeting size that correspond to your sponsorship level.

PROGRAM GREETING AND TICKET INFORMATION

Sponsor Level	Greeting size (see reverse for actual greeting size/orientation):	# of tickets
Underwriter (\$25,000)	Full Page on Cover (7.25"W x 10.25"H)	10
Liberty's Lamplighter (\$10,000)	Full Page on Color Page (7.25"W x 10.25"H)	10
Liberty's Flame (\$7,500)	Full Page with Border (7.25"W x 10.25"H)	8
Liberty's Torch (\$5,000)	Full Page (7.25"W x 10.25"H)	6
Liberty's Crown (\$2,500)	1/2 Page (6.25"W x 4.75"H)	5
Liberty's Supporter (\$1,000)	1/4 Page (3.25"W x 4.75"H)	4

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Liberty's Advocate (\$500)	1/8 Page (3.25"W x 2.5"H)	3
Liberty's Friend (\$250)	Business Card Size (3.5"W x 2"H)	2

Greeting: Please enclose a camera-ready (clean copy) black-and-white greeting (in hard copy or on a PC disk) in the proper dimensions, or include a handwritten or typed message with your sponsor form and we will prepare the greeting for you.

Tickets: Please list the names of your guests below, if known, or enter the number of tickets you would like reserved for you, up to the maximum included with your sponsorship (see above). Additional tickets are available separately for \$50/each.

Guests:	Number of Tickets Reserved:
1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

Please return this form before June 1, 2001,
together with your sponsorship form and camera-ready greeting, to:
Give Liberty A Hand!, MIRA Coalition, 105 Chauncy Street Suite 901, Boston, MA 02111.

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3.25" X 4.75"

FULL PAGE

SPECS:
7.25" X 10.25"

1/8 PAGE

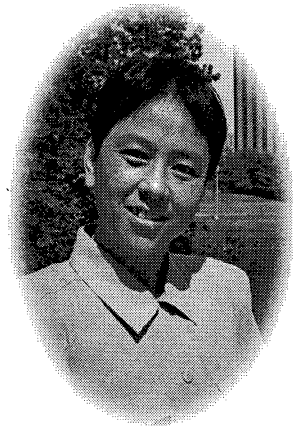
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1/2 PAGE

SPECS:
6.75" X 4.75"

BUSINESS CARD

SPECS:
3.5" X 2"



Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)

"Many Voices Joined for Justice"

The MIRA Coalition strongly believes in the positive contributions of immigrants to the unique and vibrant character of our nation. Our mission is to promote and enhance the rights and opportunities of immigrants and refugees to shape the public policies that affect their lives.

History: MIRA was formed in 1987 by individuals and organizations concerned with preserving the civil and human rights of Massachusetts immigrants and refugees in the face of the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA). Since its founding, MIRA has played a leadership role on virtually every key issue affecting immigrants and refugees in Massachusetts.

MIRA is also recognized as a national leader for our pro-immigrant advocacy and program models. In the 1980s, MIRA won state executive actions barring discrimination on the basis of immigration status that served as models for similar efforts in other states and cities. In recent years, MIRA has led the effort to ensure the maximum level of state services to immigrants in the wake of federal welfare reform. Our Campaign to Protect Massachusetts Immigrants initiated successful activities that were replicated throughout the country. We held the first Immigrants' Day at the State House and produced a highly effective media campaign that generated an avalanche of sympathy for immigrants treated so unjustly by welfare reform. Practically, our work was instrumental to Massachusetts' adopting a state safety net that became a national model of the protections that could be won for immigrants under welfare reform.

MIRA Today: MIRA today is a dynamic, multi-ethnic, multi-racial coalition that actively involves hundreds of grassroots immigrant organizations, human service agencies, legal service providers, religious groups and human rights groups in cooperative efforts to improve the lives of immigrants and refugees. Our successful work with immigrant populations from many different cultural and language groups has brought us a reputation for building bridges across issues and constituencies. With a paying membership of 250 organizations and individuals, we have strong ties to every newcomer group in the state. Last year MIRA publications brought critical information on immigrant rights to over 70,000 people. MIRA today is the preeminent voice on immigration issues in Massachusetts and we are frequently sought out by policy-makers and the media for our view on the role and effect of immigrants and immigration in our state and nation. Our capacity-building services are critical to the success of hundreds of small community-based agencies that help thousands of immigrants build productive new lives in Massachusetts.

MIRA's Programs: MIRA carries out our work through five major programs:

Our **Access to Benefits Project** works to remove barriers immigrants face to accessing health care, nutrition, cash assistance, job training and other basic services. This work is critical to maintaining the health and well-being of thousands of immigrant families in Massachusetts, and is being watched nationally as we create *model programs* that support the dignity and self-sufficiency of immigrants.

Our **New Citizens Project** provides training and intensive technical assistance to community organizations throughout the state that each year help thousands of immigrants become US citizens. This project also advocates to create a citizenship system that is fair, accessible and accountable.

MIRA's Immigration Rights Project provides information and education on fast-changing immigration issues and works to stop discrimination and abuses of the civil rights and employment rights of newcomers. This project advocates for fair and inclusive immigration policies.

MIRA's Community Education and Public Information Project keeps community members, decision makers, advocates and providers informed and up-to-date on policies and issues impacting immigrants. We work with mainstream and ethnic media to reach even larger audiences and to promote understanding between immigrants and the communities that receive them.

Through our **Leadership and Civic Participation Project**, MIRA works actively to develop the leadership of immigrants in the civic sphere and to increase immigrant participation in voting, the US Census, and community affairs. We regularly register new citizens to vote following citizenship swearing-in ceremonies.

Who Are Massachusetts' Immigrants? With an immigrant population of over 590,000, Massachusetts ranks seventh in the nation in number of foreign-born residents (March 1996 Current Population Survey). Massachusetts' Haitian population is the third largest in the nation, our Cambodian population is the second largest in the country, and our Latino population is one of the fastest growing in the U.S.

Organizational Leadership and Finances: MIRA's Board of Directors reflects the major immigrant groups in our coalition and has strong ties to immigrant groups throughout the state. Our Board includes community leaders, professionals, academics and business people and has a long history of providing visionary leadership on policy issues.

MIRA's programs have grown significantly in the past three years. Today our annual budget totals \$868,258. We are supported by many well-known foundations, including the Ford Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, The Boston Foundation and the Hyams Foundation. The State of Massachusetts contracts with MIRA for training and technical assistance services to citizenship service providers throughout the state, and for voter registration of new citizens. Our organizational members support us through annual dues. Individual and corporate donors are a growing source of support. On July 1, 2000, MIRA was proud to become an affiliate of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay.

How Your Support Can Make a Difference: Today there is an urgent need to continue the unfinished work of promoting immigrants' rights. Anti-immigrant legislation of recent years has seriously eroded immigrants' civil liberties. Immigrant families are being torn apart by harsh deportation guidelines and immigration regulations. A long-term result of welfare reform has been a dramatic drop-off in immigrant usage of health care and child nutrition programs, imperiling not only thousands of immigrant children, but also the public health of all residents.

MIRA's recently expanded programs are effectively bringing diverse communities together to work for fair treatment of immigrants and refugees. Funds are urgently needed to support our Access to Benefits Project so that we can bring immigrant community-based organizations together with health workers to plan innovative programs to improve immigrant health. Our Community Education and Public Information Project needs funding to expand outreach through ethnic media to inform immigrants of their rights. Our monthly *MIRA Bulletin* needs financial backing to bring our news and analysis to small immigrant organizations across the state, so they can accurately assist new immigrants and refugees.

With expanded individual and corporate support, MIRA will realize our vision of a Massachusetts that embraces our immigrant neighbors as fully equal partners in our state and nation in the 21st century.



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Resolution #50

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