

Late Order

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R-44.

January 22, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS + all

- WHEREAS: A devastating earthquake has destroyed large parts of El Salvador on Saturday, January 13, 2001 leaving parts of this small country in ruins with no electricity or running water. 60,000 homes have been either completely destroyed or seriously damaged and to date. 700 people have died and 2,000 are missing. Roads to many of the buried communities are blocked and impassable so the toll of death and destruction is not yet know; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge has an historic relationship with El Salvador in which 14 years ago, the Cambridge City Council declared a Sister City relationship with San Jose Las Flores, a small town in the north of El Salvador. More than 150 Cambridge residents have visited Las Flores and come to know the organizations and activists working for social justice throughout the country. In recent years, teams of Cambridge Public School teachers and high school students have traveled to El Salvador to learn about the people and support our sister city's efforts for social justice. More than 5,000 Salvadorans have made Cambridge their home in the past 20 years, many of them fleeing a war against a corrupt government and the poverty it fostered; and
- WHEREAS: The American Friends Service Committee and the Cambridge El Salvador Sister City Project have launched a fundraising campaign for humanitarian aid. AHORA, the Latino organization at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School sponsored by Concilio Hispano, will be coordinating fundraising efforts at the high school with Centro Presente. Local restaurants have signed on to help with relief efforts by donating a percentage of their proceeds from Monday, February 12. The restaurants as of today include the Middle East Restaurant, Picante and Green Street Grill in Central Square and the B-Side Lounge in Inman Square; and
- WHEREAS: A delegation from Cambridge is scheduled to visit El Salvador in February, including City Council member Henrietta Davis, two Cambridge school teachers, five high school students and several other city government employees and will be carrying medicines and aid with them; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge residents are invited to a fund-raiser for the delegation on Saturday, February 3 from 5 to 7 at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School gymnasium, Cambridge Street. The evening will feature an exhibition soccer match between a combined male/female varsity CRLS team and a Salvadoran team. Additional entertainment will be provided by gymnasts, Hip-Hoppers and dancers; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council expresses its concern for the suffering caused by the earthquake in El Salvador; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council calls on the residents of Cambridge to support the relief efforts being carried out in the city by donating funds, attending fund-raisers and supporting the drives for medicines. All checks can be written to: El Salvador Earthquake Relief Fund and sent to the Cambridge Peace Commission, 51 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139 or AFSC 2161 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02140; and

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R: That the CM work put the answer
in his CM PIO updates + any other
method of communication



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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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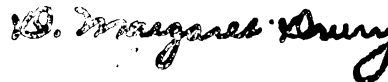
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Councillor Davis and entire membership

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