



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 13, 1999

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

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

New Orleans Starts Project for Free

Web Sites Neighborhood

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It also creates an online discussion area where people can “post” information or opinions about events, issues, and matters of importance to their communities. No knowledge of HTML or programming language is necessary, a fact which opens this flexible and useful communications channel to literally anyone with Internet access.

“Neighborhood Link will provide the many communities of New Orleans with a high-tech way to post neighborhood information and alert residents to important issues that are under discussion,” said Mayor Morial.

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organizations and no use of public funds. The project will be underwritten by local companies whose message banners will appear on the Neighborhood Link pages. Those who do not have Internet access can link to the community pages from computers in any New Orleans Public Library.

Founded in 1998, the Denver-based Neighborhood Link currently serves 20 U.S. metropolitan areas—Baltimore, Cincinnati, Colorado Springs, Columbus, Denver, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Las Vegas, Memphis, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Nashville, New Orleans, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland/Vancouver, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, and Tampa. ■

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