



City of Cambridge

R-70.

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN
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COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
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WHEREAS: Roger Boothe has shown commitment and expertise in working with the Planning Board and City Council on a number of visionary rezonings, with the Planning Board on design issues affecting every part of the City, and with the City Manager's office and other City Departments to bring an urban design sensibility to all City projects; and

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WHEREAS: The Central Square area has benefited tremendously from Roger Boothe's urban design intervention, including a plan to change the character of Massachusetts Avenue from a highway to a lively and pedestrian-friendly main street, and a program to enhance the physical environment by working with property owners on façade improvements; and

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RESOLVED: That the City Council urges the National AIA to bestow on Roger Boothe this much-deserved honor of the Thomas Jefferson Award; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Roger Boothe and to the AIA on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

ATTEST:-

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**Councillor Born and entire
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ORDER ADOPTED