

Resolution to the Cambridge City Council
From: Ward Five Democratic Committee

WHEREAS: THE NORTH AMERICA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (NAFTA) WILL TAKE AWAY LOW-INCOME AND HIGH-INCOME U.S. JOBS BY ALLOWING CORPORATIONS TO MOVE U.S. JOBS TO MEXICO WITH LOWER PAID JOBS AND

WHEREAS: NAFTA WILL HARM MEXICAN WORKERS BY ALLOWING U.S. CORPORATIONS TO OPEN FACTORIES WITH LOW WAGES AND POOR ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS, (ALREADY SHOWN THROUGH THE MAQUILLADORA FACTORIES ON THE BORDER) AND

WHEREAS: THE ACCORD CONTAINS NO AGREEMENT ON, OR DEFINITION OF, MINIMAL INTERNATIONAL WORKER RIGHTS AND LABOR STANDARDS AND

WHEREAS: NAFTA WILL HURT THE U.S. GAINS THAT HAVE BEEN WON IN QUALITY OF LIFE BY LOWERING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS IN MEXICO AND

WHEREAS: NEITHER THE SUPPORTERS OR THE OPPOSITION TO NAFTA FEEL THAT THERE ARE ANY SHORT-TERM GAINS TO U.S. WORKERS AND

WHEREAS: WE SUPPORT THE IDEA OF WORLDWIDE LOCAL ECONOMIC STABILITY NOT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY CONTROLLED BY CORPORATIONS THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: THAT THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL TAKES A POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO NAFTA AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL URGES CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH KENNEDY AND REPRESENTATIVE BARRETT TO VOTE AGAINST THE AGREEMENT



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 15, 1993

MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will take away low-income U.S. jobs by allowing corporations to move U.S. jobs to Mexico with lower paid jobs; and

WHEREAS: NAFTA will harm Mexican workers by allowing U.S. corporations to open factories with low wages and poor environmental standards, (Already shown through the Maquilladora factories on the border); and

WHEREAS: The Accord contains no agreement on, or definition of, minimal international worker rights and labor standards; and

WHEREAS: NAFTA will hurt the U.S. gains that have been won in quality of life by lowering environmental standards in Mexico; and

WHEREAS: Neither the supporters or the opposition to NAFTA feel that there are any short-term gains to U.S. workers; and

WHEREAS: We support the idea of worldwide local economic stability not international economy controlled by corporations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council takes a position in opposition to NAFTA; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council urges Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy and Senator Michael Barrett to vote against the agreement.

CHARTER RIGHT WAS EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

Non-Consent Order #17

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Mayor Reeves re: The North
American Free Trade Agreement
(NAFTA).

Charter right was
exercised by
Councillor Shuehoy

11/22/93 - No action taken
Placed on file under
Rule 19 of the City Council
In City Council, Rules.

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