



City of Cambridge

27.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 7, 1993

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR WALSH
COUNCILLOR WOLF

WHEREAS: The situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina continues to deteriorate with on-going killing and destruction; and

WHEREAS: The voices of individual citizens and municipal governments can make a difference in speaking out both to educate Cambridge citizens and to show support for the people of Sarajevo; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge through the Cambridge City Council does hereby endorse the following statement and supports its publication in the remaining newspaper in Sarajevo; and

WHEREAS: The city of Cambridge, Massachusetts in the U.S.A. is the city in which more than 96,000 people from many different ethnic and religious backgrounds are living together with relative peace and harmony. Cambridge is also home to many citizens and organizations actively involved in the promotion of peace and justice; and

WHEREAS: As a city which values its diversity, Cambridge sends its support to the city of Sarajevo, capital of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Like Cambridge, Sarajevo is a cultural and intellectual center which has been home to people of different confessions and ethnicities who want to continue to live together in peace. Host to the international winter Olympics in 1984 and home to Muslims, Croats, Serbs, and others, Sarajevo is a tribute to the possibilities for multicultural co-existence; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge through its governing body and its citizens condemns the siege of Sarajevo by the Serbian Nationalist military forces recognizing that the military forces are not synonymous with the Serbian people. We express our solidarity with all the citizens of Sarajevo, and more generally, of Bosnia-Herzegovina, who are courageously resisting the siege despite constant shelling and sniper fire and despite hardships caused by the lack of running water, electricity, fuel and often food; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council condemn the policy of "ethnic cleansing" being carried out by the Serbian Nationalist military forces against the civilian populations and the use of mass rape as a war strategy for destruction of the human spirit. We further condemn the deliberate attempt to specifically eradicate the Muslim people of Bosnia-Herzegovina and their culture. We stand in solidarity with the Muslims, Croats, Serbs and other people across Bosnia-Herzegovina who are resisting the ethnic partitioning of their country. We call for a resolution to the situation which embraces a multi-ethnic solution over any form of ethnically pure partitioning. We urge Cambridge residents to become involved in education about Sarajevo and in humanitarian relief efforts.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge through the Cambridge City Council does hereby endorse the following statement and supports its publication in the remaining newspaper in Sarajevo; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports humanitarian efforts of Project Bosnia, 11 Garden Street in Cambridge, a mobile medical assistance program designed to:

1. Bring urgent medical relief to those Bosnians trapped in the war zones; and
2. Transform into a permanent clinical system in Bosnia once peace has come.

Order Adopted