



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 17, 1979

COUNCILLOR WYLIE

- WHEREAS: The United Farm Workers have devoted fifteen years to building a strong union which has negotiated two-hundred contracts, and has sponsored a sound Agricultural Labor Law; and
- WHEREAS: The third largest lettuce producer in the country, Bruce Church, Inc., grower of Red Coach brand lettuce, refused to renew its contract with the union, initiating a ten-month strike affecting 25,000 family members; and
- WHEREAS: The strike has resulted in the murder of at least one peaceful picketer; and
- WHEREAS: The state of California filed charges in July against Bruce Church, Inc. for failing to negotiate in good faith; and
- WHEREAS: George Meany, President of AFL-CIO, telegraphed Cesar Chavez on August 9 "No union faces tougher problems, meaner enemies, or greater odds than United Farm Workers of America. And no union is better equipped morally and spiritually, to face these challenges."; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has voted previously to support United Farm Workers Boycotts; therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Council hereby reaffirms its support of the United Farm Workers, encourages Cambridge citizens to boycott Red Coach brand lettuce, and requests the City Manager, subject to requirements of law, to direct the purchasing agents at the City Hospital and the Neville Manor, and request the School Department, not to buy Red Coach brand lettuce.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy".

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C. Wylie re: boycotting Red Coach brand
lettuce.

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Charles Adair

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