



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

July 27, 1998

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

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record authorizing Francis H. Duehay, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts to execute the "Agreement on the Two Year Program on Co-Operation and Exchanges" with the City of Cambridge's Sister City of Yerevan, Armenia; a copy of said Agreement is attached hereto.

In City Council July 27, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

AGREEMENT ON THE TWO YEAR PROGRAM ON
CO-OPERATION AND EXCHANGES

The City of Yerevan, Republic of Armenia, represented by Souren Abrahamyan, Mayor of Yerevan, and Francis Duehay, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA (PARTIES).

REFERRING to the Agreement on Friendship signed in Cambridge on May 22 1987, and the Agreement on the two year program on Co-operation and Exchanges, signed on August 1 1996.

CONSIDERING the continually growing mutual interest of the citizens of Yerevan and Cambridge towards each other's communities the PARTIES hereby sign the present renewal of the Program on Co-operation and Exchanges.

PROGRAMS: The parties agree to continue implementation of ongoing, substantive exchanges of both information and representation in various fields including the fields of the arts, economics, civics, culture, history, archaeology, science, education, medicine, health care, psychology, mental health, sports, tourism, urban management, community life, human rights, management of change and conflict, and municipal government in their cities.

PROGRAMS mentioned above will be realized by two NGO's – Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association (CYSCA) in Cambridge and Yerevan-Cambridge Sister City Association (YCSCA) in Yerevan, in coordination with the City Halls of Yerevan and Cambridge.

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ARTICLE 2

The PARTIES agree on a method to officially designated newly proposed projects as they arise so that they may be covered under this Agreement on Co-operation and Exchange and so that each city will be fully informed of the nature of such projects.

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This Program on Co-operation and Exchanges shall come into effect after it is signed by the PARTIES and the lapse of 10 days.

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In confirmation thereof, we have signed this Program on Co-operation and Exchanges, in two copies in the English and Armenian languages, both both being identical and equally valid.

FOR YEREVAN



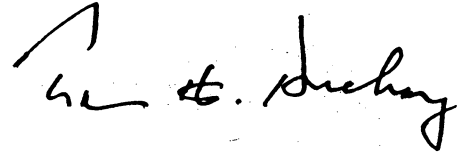
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FRANCIS DUEHAY

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Francis H. Duehay.
Mayor

MEMO

TO: Colleagues
From: Frank Duehay
DATE: July 24, 1998
RE: Our Sister City Agreement with Yerevan, Armenia

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To the Mayor of Cambridge
Mr. Francis Duehay

Dear Mayor Duehay

Allow me to express my thanks for your warm wishes and congratulations on my appointment as Mayor of Yerevan. On behalf of the Yerevan Municipality and the residents of the city of Yerevan accept my heart felt congratulations for your election to the post of Mayor. I wish you and the residents of Cambridge health, happiness and prosperity.

We are greatly moved by the resolution of the City Council of Cambridge (May 4, 1998) recording acknowledgement of the Armenian genocide in 1915-1923 and I express my personal gratitude to those people who raised their voices for the historic truth. We hope that such resolutions will help to prevent similar crimes against humanity.

I would like to inform you that I recently had an interesting meeting with Jack and Eva Medzorian, members of "Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association" Board of Directors, during which we discussed many possibilities of our future cooperation.

Being sure that the cooperation and friendly relations between our two cities will be strengthened and developed I am sending you the new agreement on cooperation for the next two-year term as discussed with Jack and Eva Medzorian.

Please accept our gratitude for your active role in establishing and strengthening the friendly relations between Yerevan and Cambridge.

With best wishes

Souren Abrahamyan

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A communication was received from
Mayor Duehay, transmitting a
memorandum regarding our Sister
City AGreement with Yerevan, Armenia.

In City Council July 27, 1998

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