



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 2000

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The dedication of a city square is an important occasion in the City of Cambridge. It is a dedication we recognize the superlative efforts of an individual on behalf of the city as a whole; and

WHEREAS: Raymond Bandar has had an inimitable impact on the people of Cambridge. He moved to the United States from Lebanon and later moved to Massachusetts. He opened the Harlequin Café on Boylston Street in Cambridge and in a word --- he began to turn the City of Cambridge "ON". He brought to us international food and music; and

WHEREAS: Raymond Bandar then opened the Averof at 1972 Massachusetts Avenue on December 28, 1971 and history was truly made. He brought Middle Eastern food and really delightful Middle Eastern entertainment; and

WHEREAS: Later in August 1975, Raymond Bandar purchased the old Arby's Restaurant at 1924 Massachusetts Avenue and opened the new Averof, a location with 400 seats that continued there until the early 1990's; and

WHEREAS: The real Averof is hard to describe in English language words. If you put excitement, fun, hospitality, great food, friendship and a tremendous host and family into a vessel - - the vessel would contain Raymond Bandar's Averof; and

WHEREAS: The Averof was the epicenter of Culture and good cheer in Cambridge and it was there we all learned that belly dancing was an essential ingredient in the well-lived life; and

WHEREAS: Over the sumptuous food, the exciting drums, the swirls of the dancers -- there presided Raymond our Culturel Ambassadeur. Before there was multiculturalism or long speeches about the joys of diversity, there was Raymond putting people, food and music together and having it boil over with excitement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: Raymond Bandar, you are largely guilty of helping to give Cambridge a good name. You helped this city to learn how to celebrate difference and togetherness. You are a Culturel Ambassadeur Superieur and because of your contributions to our betterment, we name this corner in your honor today; and be it further

RESOLVED: Raymond Bandar, you personify the vision and energy necessary to build a great city. You have brought your love of life and of people to help make Cambridge the enviable city it is today. Your selfless generosity and far-reaching personal and corporate charity are very well known and very much appreciated; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Raymond Bandar Square is hereby dedicated with joy. May all those who pass this corner remember Raymond Bandar, proprietor of Averof. A Culturel Ambassadeur Superieur, loving father, exemplary citizen. This honor is richly deserved by this gracious man.

In City Council May 1, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Steve White, Deputy Commissioner
FROM: Sandra Albano, Assistant to the City Council
SUBJECT: Bandar Dedication
DATE: August 8, 2000

Enclosed please find a copy of a resolution passed by the City Council designating the corner of Massachusetts Avenue & Porter Road as the Raymond B. Bandar Square.

Please be advised that the dedication will take place on **Sunday, September 17th at 2:00 p.m.** at the above mentioned location. I will need a PA System and Podium for the event.

After consulting with the family, they would like a Metal sign and it should read as follows:

RAYMOND B. BANDAR SQUARE Culturel Ambassadeur Superieur

If you have any questions, please call me at x4280.

cc: Mr. Freddie Cabral
Ms. D. Margaret Drury

Enclosure



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RESOLVED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in Porter Square to Raymond Bandar, former owner of the historic Averof Restaurant and Cambridge business leader; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

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MD Margaret Drury

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

April 26, 2000

TO: Ken Reeves

FROM: Bill Walsh

RE: Raymond B. Bandar
Dedicate the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Porter Road
as Raymond B. Bandar Square

Raymond B. Bandar was born in Palestine and grew up in Lebanon. He came to the United States in 1955 and moved to Massachusetts in April, 1970. At that time, he opened the Harlequin Cafe on then Boylston Street in Cambridge where he began specializing in international food and music.

Mr. Bandar opened the Averoff at 1972 Massachusetts Avenue on December 28, 1971, starting as a 20 seat restaurant specializing in Middle Eastern food and entertainment. Mr. Bandar then purchased the old Arby's Restaurant at 1924 Massachusetts Avenue and opened the new Averoff at that site on August 31, 1975, expanded that location to a 400 seat restaurant and remained there until the early 1990's.

Whereas Raymond B. Bandar and the Averoff Restaurant were known for their wonderful food and entertainment as well as their many charitable contributions to the people and City of Cambridge, the corner of Porter Road and Massachusetts Avenue should be named Raymond B. Bandar Square and the dedication shall take place on Sunday, September 17, 2000.



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Councillor Reeves

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