



City of Cambridge

27.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 7, 1996

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

WHEREAS: Starting with the earliest settlers in Cambridge and through the major waves of immigration in the 19th and 20th century, immigrants from Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Greece, the Caribbean, to name just a few, have made substantial economic and cultural contributions to the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Immigrants contribute in the U.S. about \$25 billion more in taxes per year than they receive in benefits (see "Welfare Reform: An analysis of the issues, Urban Institute, 1995); and

WHEREAS: In the U.S. overall, immigrants when compared to native born Americans of equal income are far less likely to resort to public assistance programs; and

WHEREAS: Most of us benefit from the wealth of cultural resources in Cambridge provided by the diverse ethnic communities residing here and consider this diversity one of the unique and most exciting qualities of our city; and

WHEREAS: Recent legislation, approved and pending in the U.S. Congress, responding to a wave of hatred against immigrants, contains several measures against children, women, and people of color, especially immigrants; and

WHEREAS: The defense and promotion of immigrant and refugee rights are acts of civil justice, integral to all other civil rights efforts; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has affirmed its position as a city of sanctuary for refugees from injustice (April 8, 1985) and as a City providing health service to all, regardless of immigration status, (June 10, 1996); and

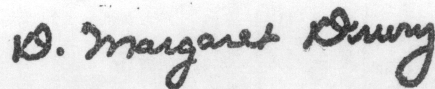
- WHEREAS: The March for Justice to be held on October 12, 1996 in Washington, D.C. is an authentic expression of the defense of immigrant rights and the identity of our country as a country of immigrants, and will emphasize that a democratic country cannot dilute the dignity and human rights of its minority populations, and will state that it is urgent to stop discrimination against immigrants and to ensure equal employment rights, equal education, and equal medical care for everyone; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge organizations supporting the rally are: AFSC, Centro Presente, Concilio Hispanic, MAPS, CASLS, and the Eviction Free Zone; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of the efforts to protect immigrant rights and that it endorse the March for Justice; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct any available funds to cover the transportation expenses (bus charters) for Cambridge residents who wish to participate in the March for Justice in Washington, D.C. on October 12, 1996.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



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Entire Membership

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