



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 3, 1997

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

- WHEREAS: On Thursday, November 6, 1997 at 8:30 a.m. at MAPS Community Center, located at 1046 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA, the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers and the Fannie Mae Foundation will sponsor the launch of the Portuguese language edition of a step-by-step guide on how to buy a home; and
- WHEREAS: The Fannie Mae Foundation has developed the Opening the Door to a Home of Your Own Guide, in an effort to help immigrants decide if they are ready to purchase a home and inform them about home buying process; and
- WHEREAS: This guide has already been translated into eight other languages and has reached more than one million immigrants; and
- WHEREAS: This guide will prove useful to new immigrants, who often see lack of information as a barrier to home ownership; and
- WHEREAS: Survey research has shown that immigrants are three times more likely to list buying a home as their number one priority; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as congratulating MAPS on their initiative and encourage Portuguese speaking citizens to be cognizant of this publication.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

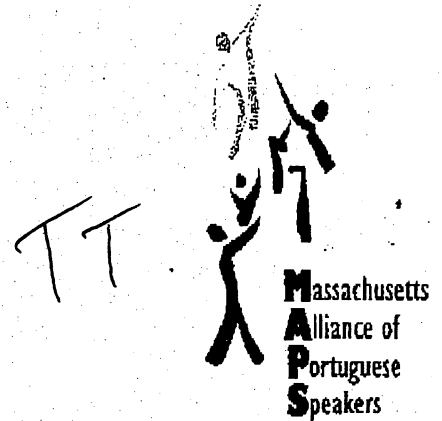
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ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



Fannie Mae FOUNDATION



October 21, 1997

The Honorable Tim Toomey
State Representative
Statehouse
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Toomey:

We would like to invite you to an exciting event to take place on **Thursday, November 6, 1997**. The Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS) and the Fannie Mae Foundation will sponsor the launch of the Portuguese language edition of a step-by-step guide on how to buy a home. You are cordially invited to attend a **breakfast briefing at 8:30 a.m.** at **MAPS Community Center**, located at 1046 Cambridge St. in Cambridge.

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We feel that this guide will prove useful to new immigrants, who often see lack of information as a barrier to home ownership. Survey research has shown that immigrants are three times more to list buying a home as their number one priority.

In the Boston area, where an estimated 200,000 Portuguese speaking immigrants reside, we feel this guide will be especially welcomed and beneficial.

We hope that you will join us to preview our new guide which can help Portuguese-speaking immigrants get started on the path to homeownership. Please call us with any questions. Seating is limited, so please **RSVP** to Ligia Taylor at (617) 628-6065 by **Friday, October 31, 1997**.

Sincerely,

Victor Do Couto, MMHS
Executive Director
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

Lidia Soto-Harmon
Director, Targeted Outreach Programs
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Consent Order #33

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