



City of Cambridge

45.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 6, 1995

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

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WHEREAS: A delegation representing the Cambridge-El Salvador Sister City Project will travel to El Salvador to meet with the people of Las Flares and representatives of the United States and Salvadoran governments who oversee this process to encourage steps to complete the land transfer process; and

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RESOLVED: The City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to be carried to El Salvador by this delegation and presented to the people of San Jose Las Flares.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk



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Non Consent Order #45

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Councillor Triantafillou and
entire membership re: Resolution
to the people of San Jose Las
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City.

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