

RESOLUTION

TO: P.W. BOTHA, PRESIDENT, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
RONALD REAGAN, PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, South Africa is the only country in the world to base its governmental system on racism, openly refusing the most fundamental civil and political rights, including citizenship, to the black majority population; and

WHEREAS, This system known as apartheid, has been condemned by the world community as a crime against humanity, and is illegitimate and offensive to the basic principles and values of civilization; and

WHEREAS, NELSON ROLIHLEHLA MANDELA, a lawyer and leader of the South African people, has been imprisoned for the past 23 years for his opposition to apartheid; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela symbolizes the determination of his people to eradicate apartheid and to establish a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa; and

WHEREAS, numerous governments, including the United States, as well as the United Nations, have called for the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of other South Africans currently in prison for their opposition to apartheid; and

WHEREAS, the release of Nelson Mandela and all other political prisoners and detainees is essential to the prompt solution of the continued suppression of legal and human rights in South Africa;

THEREFORE, we as members of the legal community in the United States, consistent with our dedication to the Rule of Law and the principle of human equality embodied in the United States Constitution, call for the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and all South African political prisoners and detainees.

Copies to Sen. Kennedy
Sen. Kerry
Cong. O'Neill

Cong. Walter E. Fauntroy
44th SS. N.W.
Wash. D.C.

Randall Robinson



City of Cambridge

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COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 16, 1985

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- WHEREAS: This system known as apartheid, has been condemned by the world community as a crime against humanity, and is illegitimate and offensive to the basic principles and values of civilization; and
- WHEREAS: NELSON ROLIHLEHLA MANDELA, a lawyer and leader of the South African people, has been imprisoned for the past 23 years for his opposition to apartheid; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Mandela symbolizes the determination of his people to eradicate apartheid and to establish a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa; and
- WHEREAS: Numerous governments, including the United States, as well as the United Nations, have called for the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela; and
- WHEREAS: There are thousands of other South Africans currently in prison for their opposition to apartheid; and
- WHEREAS: The release of Nelson Mandela and all other political prisoners and detainees is essential to the prompt solution of the continued suppression of legal and human rights in South Africa; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That we, as members of the Cambridge City Council of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, consistent with our dedication to the Rule of Law and the principle of human equality embodied in the United States Constitution, call for the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and all South African political prisoners and detainees.

In City Council December 16, 1985.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Paul E. Healy
Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Order #23

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C. Graham re: resolutions calling for the immediate release of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela & other political prisoners from prison in South Africa.

In City Council,

December 16, 1985

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Order Adopted

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