



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
January 24, 1994

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL

WHEREAS: Women currently represent the fastest growing group of people contracting the HIV virus, responsible for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), a disease which continues to wreak havoc in the communities of this nation; and

WHEREAS: Women who are homeless and suffer from AIDS face a dangerous and too often debilitating triple jeopardy, encountering the harsh dangers of living in the streets and suffering from that deadly disease, these tragedies being magnified by the fact that homeless women are among the most vulnerable groups in our society; and

WHEREAS: RUAH, is a group of women working to establish a home for homeless women living with AIDS, the name RUAH being Hebrew for "breath of life" to both mark the life-affirming mission of the group and to honor the spirit, vitality, dignity, and courage of women who have AIDS; and

WHEREAS: With the support of groups such as the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development, the parishioners of St. Luke's in Belmont, the Jesuit Urban Center, the AIDS Action Committee, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Agnes Lindsay Trust, the Cambridge Community Foundation, the Campbell and Hall Foundation, the Clippership Foundation, the Haymarket Fund, Parties with A Purpose, the Presbyterian Fund, the Sisters of Notre Dame, the Sisters of Saint Anne, the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust, and the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing, RUAH is about to procure a house here in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Through this acquisition, RUAH will be very close to realizing its mission by welcoming seven homeless women with AIDS to a new home, hopefully by the spring of 1994; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge ever strives to be a city where all are welcome, and where everyone can find love, support, and a helping hand; and

WHEREAS: The members of RUAH, including president and founder Jeannette Normandin, embody this spirit of universal brotherhood and sisterhood to which we all should strive; now therefore be it

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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Born, Russell Saltman
Toomey, Trintafello
Consent Order #6 R 48

Mayor Reeves re: Sincere thanks to
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Order Adopted

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