



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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OFFICE OF
THE CITY CLERK

June 25, 1986

Cambridge Coat Company, Inc.
159 Bridge Street
Cambridge, MA

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the request of the Cambridge City Council, I am enclosing a copy of a resolution submitted by Councillor David Sullivan on behalf of employees of the Cambridge Coat Company.

As you will note, all members present were unanimous in their expression of solidarity with the ILGWU workers.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Connarton
Acting City Clerk.

JEC/mh

Enclosure: City Council Order No. 9 of 6/23/86



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

June 23, 1986

WHEREAS: Since May 7, 1986, 100 workers at the Cambridge Coat, Inc. factory on Bridge Street have been on strike, because the company refused to continue a job security provision in their contract; and

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WHEREAS: These hard-working people deserve the support of the City of Cambridge at this difficult time; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council express its strong solidarity with the ILGWU members on strike against Cambridge Coat, and calls on the company to meet their reasonable request to continue the job security provision; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk send copies of this resolution to Cambridge Coat, Inc. and to the ILGWU on behalf of the City Council.

In City Council June 23, 1986.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

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Mr. Sol Chaikin
President
New England Region
International Ladies' Garment Workers Union
33 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02111

Dear Mr. Chaikin:

Pursuant to the request of the Cambridge City Council, I am enclosing a copy of the resolution submitted by Councillor David Sullivan on behalf of your efforts regarding employees of the Cambridge Coat Company.

As you will note all members present were unanimous in their expression of solidarity with the ILGWU workers.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

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NEW ENGLAND REGION



33 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02111
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On May 7, workers at the Cambridge Coat factory walked out in protest of the company's refusal to continue a job security provision in their I.L.G.W.U. contract. Seven weeks later, all 100 workers are still on strike.

Cambridge Coat is owned by the New England Mackintosh Company of Brockton; another 100 members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union have also walked out in the factory of that name in Brockton, as have 200 workers in Fall River shops doing contract work for New England Mackintosh.

As the Brockton Enterprise has reported, job security is the only issue. The union members at 169 Bridge St., Cambridge, and at other sites are hard-working people, mainly women, many of them immigrants. It would be very difficult for them to find work elsewhere that provides them with the pension and health insurance they, and their families, depend on.

Recently, in an attempt to break the union, the company offered to "guarantee" the jobs of the Brockton employees if they would return to work without a contract. No such offer was made to the Cambridge or Fall River workers. The employer has already transferred some work to non-union contract shops in other cities. There is no question that the jobs of the Cambridge workers--and ultimately the Brockton workers as well--depend on maintaining their union contract.

Union members in all cities have shown 100% solidarity. They deserve the full support of the Cambridge City Council in their peaceful effort to save their jobs.

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Order # 9

S-416

C.D. Sullivan re: resolutions expressing solidarity with the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU), AFL-CIO, members on strike against Cambridge Coat, Co. Inc. & calling upon the company to meet their reasonable request to continue the job security provision.

In City Council,

June 23, 1986

C.D. Sullivan
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New Eng. Region ILGWU 6/25/86