

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

1/9

1995

Order No. 39

YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
✓				Ms. Kathleen L. Born
✓				Mr. Francis H. Duehay
			✓	Mr. Anthony Galluccio
✓				Mr. Jonathan S. Myers
	✓			Mrs. Sheila T. Russell
			✓	Mr. Michael A. Sullivan
	✓			Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
✓				Ms. Katherine Triantafillou
✓				Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 9, 1995

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
MAYOR REEVES

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WHEREAS: Two of those injured, Anjana Agrawal and Jane Sauer, are Cambridge residents who barely escaped death as they provided services in those centers; and

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WHEREAS: Physicians and other medical staff who provide abortion services have been murdered in other parts of the country and have received death threats and continuous harassment in greater Boston, resulting in a serious decline in those willing to risk their lives to provide medical care to women; and

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RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council joins in mourning the deaths of Shannon Lowney and Leeann Nichols, condemns their murders and the assaults on other health workers and patients and offers the city's support to Cambridge residents Jane Sauer and Anjana Agrawal as they recover, thankfully, from their serious wounds; and be it further

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In City Council January 9, 1995.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 5; Nays 2; Absent 0; Present 2.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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Consent Order #39

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Order adopted.

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