

WHEREAS: Dozens of homeless individuals were sheltered overnight at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church on these occasions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council does hereby commend all of the individuals and organizations involved in this compassionate assistance, and offers profound gratitude to those who made it possible for homeless people to be sheltered in safety and comfort, especially the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, Bread and Jams and Spare Change; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Old Cambridge Baptist Church on behalf of the entire City Council.

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In City Council April 14, 2003

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury", with a stylized flourish at the end.

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



# City of Cambridge

Resolution # 7  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
April 14, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: The Old Cambridge Baptist Church at 1151 Massachusetts Avenue in Harvard Square has a long history of sharing its facilities with community groups, especially those empowering and serving the homeless; and
- WHEREAS: This winter has been especially harsh for homeless people on the streets of the Commonwealth and Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: Some homeless people have not been able to stay at night in various shelters in Cambridge, because of lack of room, or because of reluctance to use the shelters for a number of complex reasons; and
- WHEREAS: The Reverend Irv Cummings of the Old Cambridge Baptist Church and his parishioners have offered compassionate refuge at their church in Harvard Square on a number of nights in January and February; and
- WHEREAS: Bread and Jams and Spare Change, two homeless-run organizations, spearheaded along with the Church the initiative to open the temporary shelter; and
- WHEREAS: Church members, providers of services and employment for homeless people such as Bread and Jams, Solutions at Work, Spare Change and CASPAR's FirstStep Street Outreach Program, as well as individual homeless people offered volunteer staffing for the opening of the Old Cambridge Baptist Church facilities as emergency shelter; and
- WHEREAS: Food Not Bombs, Au Bon Pain and Bread and Circus donated food on these occasions; and
- WHEREAS: The American Red Cross, Food Not Bombs and Boston College students provided bedding; and

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**Mayor Sullivan and entire  
membership**

**ORDER ADOPTED.**

**In City Council April 14, 2003**