



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 23, 1998

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The Friends of Kenya USA, Inc. (FROKUSA) and the Boston Public Library are sponsoring an exhibition of the photography of renowned Kenyan journalist Mohamed Amin at the Copley Branch of the Boston Library through March 31, 1998; and

WHEREAS: FROKUSA is a non-profit organization which has as an important part of its mission the promotion of cultural awareness of Kenya and its diverse people; and

WHEREAS: March 21, 1998, at 3 p.m., the Honorable Samson K. Chemai, Kenyan Ambassador to the United States, will officially open the exhibit; and

WHEREAS: That evening Ambassador Chemai will visit Cambridge to attend the reception in his honor hosted by FROKUSA at the Howard Johnson Hotel; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record welcoming Kenyan Ambassador Samson K. Chemai to Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council congratulate the Friends of Kenya USA, Inc, for bringing the work of Kenyan journalist Mohamed Amin and as well as Kenyan Ambassador Chemai to the Boston area; 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 Friends of Kenya, USA, Inc. on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 23, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Kenyan journalist

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Whereas:

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Resolved:

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**MARCH 10, 1998****H.E. AMBASSADOR SAMSON KIPKOECH CHEMAI****BIOGRAPHY SUMMARY****H.E. S. K. CHEMAI - AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES & NEW MEXICO**

H.E. Chemai attended Kapsabet High School where he sat for his Cambridge School Certificate in 1962. Thereafter, he joined the then East African Posts & Telecommunications School for Technical Engineering Training. H.E. Ambassador Chemai is an Accomplished Technocrat.

Between 1964 - 1967 he attended City and Guilds of London, United Kingdom.

In 1972 he proceeded to India to study Satellite Engineering.

Upon returning from India, Mr. Chemai was appointed Maintenance Engineer at the International Maintenance Center of the then Kenya External Telecommunications - KENEXTTEL, after which he was promoted to the position of Engineer-In-Charge.

In 1976, Mr. Chemai successfully undertook Professional Academic Examination offered by the Council of Engineering Institutions, United Kingdom.

In 1980, Mr. Chemai commenced his Masters Degree at the United States International University, earning a Masters Degree in Management and Organizational Development (MSc).

In 1981, he was promoted to the position of Deputy Managing Director of the Kenya External Telecommunications Company (KENEXTTEL), prior to merging with the Kenya Posts and Telecommunications Corporation. Following the merger, Mr. Chemai became the Head of External/International Telecommunications Services, and later the Head of National/Domestic Telecommunications Services, before being promoted as General Manager in 1983.

In 1991, Ambassador Chemai became the first Director and Chief Executive Officer of Kenya College of Communications Technology where he successfully steered the College to greater heights of training achievements.

In 1993, H.E. Chemai was promoted and appointed the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (KP&TC).

In 1995, H.E. Chemai was appointed by H.E. President Moi as Ambassador of Kenya to Japan.

In late 1997, H.E. Chemai was appointed by H.E. President Moi as Ambassador of Kenya to United States of America and Mexico.

H.E. Chemai is married to his loving wife Esther and they have children.

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**FRIENDS OF KENYA USA, INC.
(FROKUSA)**

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March 10, 1998

Dear Councilor Kenneth Reeves;

I am the New England Coordinator for the Friends of Kenya USA, Inc. (FROKUSA). I am writing to respectfully extend an invitation to you on behalf of FROKUSA members, who will be meeting in Cambridge on March 21, 1998, for two very special events.

His Excellency Hon. Samson K. Chemai, the Kenyan Ambassador to the United States, will come to Boston on March 21, 1998 to officially open a photo exhibit of renowned Kenyan journalist Mohamed Amin. The Ambassador will also be honored at a reception, later that same day at the Howard Johnson hotel in Cambridge, Ma

Enclosed you will find the copy of a letter that was sent to representatives of both the print and broadcast media. FROKUSA would be honored to have you attend either function or both if possible. I hope you received the material I faxed to you already.

We look forward to your attendance on March 21, 1998. If you will be able to attend please contact me as soon as possible so that proper acknowledgments can be made to you and fellow distinguished guests.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Ochieng for
Frank H. Ochieng*

Frank H. Ochieng, New England Coordinator
Friends of Kenya USA, Inc.



1943 - 1996

Mohamed "Mo" Amin



Renowned African Journalist Photo Exhibition

(March 6th through March 31st, 1998)

by FRANK OCHIENG, SR. NEW ENGLAND COORDINATOR

FRIENDS OF KENYA USA, INC. (FROKUSA)

Boston Public Library

Central Library - Copley Branch

Boston, Massachusetts.

Kenyan Ambassador to the United States His Excellency Honorable **Samson Chemai**
will officially open the exhibition on Saturday, March 21, 1998 at 3:00 P.M.

FRIENDS OF KENYA USA, INC.

RECEPTION FOR **HIS EXCELLENCY HON. AMBASSADOR SAMSON K. CHEMAI, KENYAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES** FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE **MOHAMED AMIN PHOTO EXHIBITION IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1998.** Sponsored by FRIENDS OF KENYA USA, INC. NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER.

Program of Events

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| 6:00 p.m. | *Cocktails |
| 6:30 p.m. | *Opening remarks by Frank Ochieng, <i>New England Coordinator</i> for Friends of Kenya USA, Inc. (<i>FROKUSA</i>)
(1) Introduce <i>Professor Edward Karanja</i> founder of <i>FROKUSA</i> .
(2) Introduce Dr. Magueye Seck the master of ceremonies who will introduce our distinguished guests. |
| 6:40 p.m. | *Dr. Magueye Seck, Professor Sociology Department, Curry College, Milton, Ma. introduces distinguished guests. |
| 6:50 p.m. | *Mr. Joseph SDA Akumu, Executive Director, Guest House Community Services, Mahopec, New York. Mr. Akumu will introduce <i>His Excellency Hon. Ambassador Samson K. Chemai of Kenya</i> . |
| 6:55 p.m. | H.E. Hon. Samson K. Chemai, Kenyan Ambassador to the United States remarks on the following subjects:
(1) The special occasion that brought the Ambassador to Boston.
(2) Kenyan pride in Mohamed Amin's achievements in journalism.
(3) Ambassador's closing thoughts. |
| 7:10 p.m. | *Dr. Magueye Seck thanks Ambassador for his words. He speaks about the making of the <i>We Are The World video</i> which helped raise millions of dollars for famine relief in Ethiopia. |
| 7:15 p.m. | *Screening of <i>We Are The World video</i> . |
| 7:45 p.m. | Master of ceremonies thanks the guests for coming to the reception. Invites guests to have cold and hot Hor d'oeuvres and desert. |
| 8:30 p.m. | *Reception ends.
<u><i>After reception music begins and continues until 11:00 p.m.</i></u> |

Reception at the elegant Fenway Ballroom, 3rd floor, at the Howard Johnson Hotel, 777 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

After reception music provided by a D.J.

There will be a variety of music selections with something for everyone. (8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.)

Letter
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March 6, 1998

Dear

As the New England Coordinator for the Friends of Kenya in the USA, Inc., (FROKUSA), I respectfully extend to you an invitation to attend the official opening of a photo exhibit of Mohamed Amin, renowned Kenyan Journalist, at the Boston Public Library, Boston, Ma., on Saturday, March 21, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. His Excellency Hon. Samson K. Chemai, Kenyan Ambassador to the United States, will officially open the exhibit. The ceremony will be brief and last approximately one hour. There will be a reception for the Ambassador in the evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Cambridge, Ma. on March 21, 1998. FROKUSA cordially invites you to attend this event also.

The Friends of Kenya in the USA, Inc. is a non-profit organization with part of its mission being to promote cultural awareness of Kenya and its diverse people. FROKUSA in New England can be a vehicle that can provide social opportunities that will ultimately lead to continued special events such as being able to invite the Kenyan Ambassador to Boston. Many interested groups of people will have the opportunity to meet the Ambassador in person.

FROKUSA is encouraging media representatives to come and share in this special event. Distinguished guests from the public and the private sector ; community leaders; religious leaders; and politicians have expressed interest in meeting the Ambassador. We have forwarded special invitations to them and are awaiting confirmation. We hope full media coverage will occur for both. The library photo exhibit is free to the general public. However, a twenty-five dollar donation is being suggested for a reserved seat at the reception. The donation will help to defray the cost of the reception; to provide food for guests; and other expenses incurred for both events. Donations will be accepted at the door for reserved seats. Others can pay at the door for unreserved seats as long as they are available.

I am looking forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to both events if possible. Please call to confirm if you will be attending by Saturday, March 14, 1998. You are invited to cover both events. The media coverage can include some videotaping, picture taking; and interviews.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Ochieng, New England Coordinator
Friends of Kenya USA, Inc.



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Consent Order #10

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In City Council March 23, 1998

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