



City of Cambridge

Agenda Item No. 6

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 25, 1996

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

WHEREAS: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Program and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) are federally-funded programs providing resources to develop better living conditions and a better quality of life for persons of low and moderate incomes; and

WHEREAS: These federal funds have been used by Cambridge City departments and Cambridge non-profit organizations to provide essential housing, human services, economic development and public facilities for the more than half of all Cambridge residents who are of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's current projects funded in whole or in part by CDBG, HOME and ESG include: 6 affordable condominium townhouses for low and moderate income first time homebuyers at Hampshire/Columbia Streets; new construction of 77 units of rental housing at Auburn Court; partial funding of the Community Learning Center, Women's Center and Senior Center programs; distribution of food to food pantries; teaching of English as a Second Language; open space renovations at Harvard Street playground and the totlot at Sennott Park; and Economic Development projects including oversight of the Facade Improvement Program, Section 108 Biotech loan program, and the Women's Business Development and Micro-enterprise Programs; and

WHEREAS: The CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development have undergone real-dollar funding reductions and are in major budget crises; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby proclaims April 1-7, 1996 as Cambridge Community Development Week and urges Cambridge residents to celebrate this observance and support the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs, in all possible ways; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby urgently requests the leadership of the United States of Congress to continue funding at present levels the already sharply-reduced programs that serve low and moderate income persons in more than 4,000 cities, towns and urban countries throughout the nation.

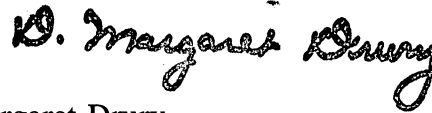
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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To The Honorable, The City Council:

Attached is a request for a City Council resolution designating the week of April 1-7, 1996 as National Community Development Week. This resolution will bring attention to federal grants that come into the Community Development Department from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington. These grants, Community Development Block Grant, HOME and Emergency Shelter are extremely beneficial to the funding, in whole or part, of diverse projects and programs that benefit Cambridge's low and moderate income residents.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #6

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Relative to a resolution designating
the week of April 1-7, 1996 as
National Community Development
Week.

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Order Adopted