

RESOLVED: That this Cambridge City Council does recognize and congratulate the following recipients of the 2003 eighth annual Peace and Justice Awards:

The five organizations that created alternatives and challenges to the use of war as a response to violence:

- Cambridge United for Justice with Peace (UJP) for organizing the campaign for a successful city council resolution against the USA PATRIOT Act and a unanimous resolution against the war;
- Faithful Action and the EDS community led by Steve Charleston who reached out to families with members in the Gulf, organized services and created a campaign of pins with the names of Iraqi children;
- Centro Presente, which has led the effort to keep all immigrants welcome in Cambridge and supporting Cambridge residents facing interrogation or harassment;
- The Public Conversations Project in conjunction with the Islamic Society of Boston for their effort to create open and inclusive multi-faith forums and media about the realities of the Muslim community and the religion of Islam; and
- The Buddhist Peace Fellowship (BPF) for projecting a way of being peace and 2 years of organizing monthly walks for peace, educational events and silent meditation practices.

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council congratulates the Cambridge Peace Commission for the evening event with refreshments and light food donated by many Cambridge restaurants and the program of presentations to the honorees and performances with Laura "Soul" Brown, Underground Railway Theater, Dagger, and A Besere Velt between 7 and 9 P.M. followed by dancing to Beats not Bombs DJ Ben Yamin; 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 Cambridge Peace Commission and the winners of the 2003 Peace and Justice Awards on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 20, 2003.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-112.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 20, 2003

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

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to many who volunteer their time and energy to create more peaceful and safe communities; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has many organizations and individuals promoting issues of justice both at the local level and globally; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Peace Commission has created Peace and Justice Awards which recognize local activists "youth, elders, activists, "inspirers" and "survivors" - people who are role models - individuals or programs who keep "their eyes on the prize", life long peace and justice makers as well as those among us whose daily lives may be inspirations to their community; and

WHEREAS: Since September 11, the United States has been involved with intensified issues of violence and war; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has taken measures to question the USA PATRIOT Act and support alternatives to war and many community groups have emerged to challenge the use of war and offer approaches to support a culture of peace; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to a large artist community dedicated to creating alternatives to violence and bias, making Cambridge a safer more inclusive community and opposing war through expressions of theater, music, poetry, and visual art; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Peace Commission has chosen to honor these peacemakers at the Peace and Justice Awards on Saturday, October 25 at the Episcopal Divinity School; now therefore be it

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RESOLUTION #112

Congratulating the five organizational recipients of the Cambridge Peace Commission's 2003 Eighth Annual Peace and Justice Awards, which will be given at a ceremony on Saturday, October 25, 2003 from 7-9 P.M. at the Episcopal Divinity School.

Councillor Toomey, Councillor Decker, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Maher, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Galluccio and entire membership

In City Council October 20, 2003

ORDER ADOPTED