



City of Cambridge

12.
IN CITY COUNCIL
April 25, 1977

MAYOR VELLUCCI

- WHEREAS: J.P. Stevens, the second largest textile corporation in America, runs 85 factories employing 44,000 workers; and
- WHEREAS: The J.P. Stevens Corporation is a \$1.4 billion a year business; and
- WHEREAS: American workers have the right to choose, without fear of reprisal, representatives to collectively bargain with their employers about pay and working conditions; and
- WHEREAS: J.P. Stevens has been found guilty of violating the National Labor Relations Act fifteen times in the last thirteen years; and
- WHEREAS: J.P. Stevens has been found guilty of contempt of court by the U.S. Second and Fifth Circuit Courts for firing pro-union employees; and
- WHEREAS: Federal Department of Labor inspectors have found J.P. Stevens plants in North and South Carolina in violation of minimum safety standards for employees; and
- WHEREAS: Workers in J.P. Stevens Corporation factories are paid 31 percent lower wages, on the average, than factory employees nationally; and
- WHEREAS: J.P. Stevens has been ordered to reimburse some municipalities hundreds of thousands of dollars for misrepresenting local property worth — thus avoiding municipal taxes; and
- WHEREAS: The J.P. Stevens Company, although founded in Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1813, has closed 21 textile mills in Northeastern states, the majority in Massachusetts, during the last 25 years — wiping out a total of 11,700 jobs and severely impacting our communities and our people; and
- WHEREAS: A National consumer boycott of the products of the J.P. Stevens Corporation has been launched by the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (AFL-CIO); now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That I, Alfred E. Vellucci, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, urge this City Council to endorse the consumer boycott of J.P. Stevens products and further urge all Cambridge citizens not to buy Beauti-Bland, Beauticale, Fine Arts, Peanuts, Tastemaker, Utica, Mohawk, Yves St. Laurent, or Angelo Donghia sheets and pillowcases, Contender, Gulistan, Merryweather and Tastemaker carpets, Simtex table linen, and Big Mama, Finesse, Hip-Lets and Spirit hosiery.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

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M. Vellucci resolutions on J. P.
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