

Council of Sullivan
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ordered CC prepare a suitable resolution

on the occasion of the
tenth Birthday of Parents
Forum to be held on

Oct 9, 2001

R-143.

Whereas: On Oct 9, 2001 the Tenth Birthday ^{Party} of the
Parents Forum will occur; ~~now therefore~~ let it
(at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant
on 14 Broadway, Somerville.

Resolved: That this CC go on record extending congratulations
to the Parents Forum on the occasion of its 10th
Birthday; & be it further

Resolved SEC Parents Forum.

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September 10, 2001

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**Cambridge City Councilor Ken Reeves To Petition City Council to Launch
Landmark New Cultural, Economic Partnership With African 'Sister' City**

Cambridge, MA—Today Cambridge City Councilor and former Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves announced that he plans to seek the approval of the City Council to pursue a formal Sister City relationship with the African city of Dimbokro, in Cote D'Ivoire, known in English as the Ivory Coast. But unlike previous Sister City relationships the City of Cambridge has formed, Reeves hopes that the potential partnership with Dimbroko will produce not only a cultural exchange, but an educational and even economic one as well.

"At its best, a Sister City relationship should help each city not only to become more aware of the rich and vast diversity of the world outside its borders, but should make each city stronger, through the mutual sharing of knowledge and best practices," Reeves said in announcing the partnership. "It's my hope that through this partnership we will be able not only to educate ourselves about a culture rich in tradition, but that we might help the citizens of Dimbokro to realize a quality of life that too often we in the West take for granted. What nobler goal could such a relationship aim to achieve?"

Reeves recently led a nine-member American delegation to visit Dimbroko, a city of approximately 100,000 about three hours outside Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire's largest city (metro population approximately 3.5 million). During the visit to Dimbokro the delegation was formally received by the Mayor of Dimbokro, The Honorable Gabriel N'Zi N'Guessan, as well as several of Dimbokro's 43-member City Council and senior members of the Mayor's Cabinet, at a dinner hosted by the Mayor. The delegation also met with the Director of Cabinet to the President of Cote D'Ivoire, Mr. N'zi Paul David, who asked the delegation to help promote the 'reality of the modern Africa to your brothers and sisters' in the United States. (In Cote D'Ivoire, the Director of Cabinet is a position equivalent to that of Andrew Card, White House Chief of Staff to President George Bush.)

Dimbokro, like many modern African cities, has a diverse and fascinating mix of history and tradition thousands of years old alongside modern processes, technology and amenities familiar to the Westerner. For example, while the city has a 43-member city council that oversees the operations and policy for the city as a whole, it also has a number of traditional African chiefs who oversee the villages in which they reside, resolving day-to-day disputes and problems among village residents. Each system of leadership respects the role of the other, and the Mayor will often call upon village chiefs to give input into decisions that may affect their villages. Like other African villages, the residents are struggling to make ends meet in the modern economy; while they do grow

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MAYOR GALLUCCIO

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In City Council September 10, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury".

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City Clerk



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**Councillor Sullivan, Mayor
Galluccio and entire membership**

In City Council September 10, 2001

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