



City of Cambridge

O-12.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 2003

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

- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Gaiety Theater in Boston is in grave danger of demolition; and
- WHEREAS: The Gaiety Theater is a century-old, 1,700 seat theater at 659 Washington Street in Chinatown; and
- WHEREAS: At the height of the Jazz Age in the 1920's, the Gaiety Theater was one of only two theaters in Boston that regularly booked African American or integrated acts (the other theater, the Casino on Hancock Street, was razed forty years ago); and
- WHEREAS: The Gaiety Theater is a monument to the important contribution of African American artists to the Jazz Age and to vaudeville; and
- WHEREAS: The Boston Landmarks Commission is currently studying whether the theatre, which Kensington Investment Company is proposing to tear down, should be designated a landmark; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its opinion that the Gaiety Theater is an historical and cultural landmark worthy of preservation and celebration and urging the Boston Landmarks Commission to designate the building a local landmark; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Ellen Lipsey, Executive Director of the Boston Landmarks Commission on behalf of the entire City Council.

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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, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Expressing its opinion that the
Gaiety Theater is an historical and
cultural landmark worthy of
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building a local landmark.

Councillor Simmons

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ORDER ADOPTED.