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January 18, 1989

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Dear Members of the Cambridge City Council,

As citizens of Cambridge and as members of the Coalition for Palestinian Rights, we would like to express our thanks for your prompt reporting of the votes and final results of Referendum Question 5, this past Election Day. We also thank the individual city councillors who met with representatives of our group prior to the election. To Mayor Al Vellucci, we also extend our thanks for meeting with some of our members on two separate occasions before and after the election.

As you know, the citizens of Cambridge spoke in favor of the Referendum. The YES vote won 53% of the over 43,000 votes cast in the 27th, 28th, and 29th Massachusetts State Representative districts.

By approving Question 5, the citizens of Cambridge have asked the United States government to:

- Demand that Israel end its violations of Palestinian human rights in the West Bank and Gaza;
- Stop spending U.S. taxpayers' money which finances Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza;
- Recognize the independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza.

Unfortunately, the local media have given inadequate and sometimes inaccurate coverage to these results. As a result, many citizens of Cambridge are not aware of the results of this significant referendum.

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We respectfully extend to the Council our invitation to a slide show, developed by a citizen of Cambridge who spent several months in the Israeli Occupied Territories, which captures the ongoing violation of Palestinian human rights, financed by our tax dollars.

Sincerely,

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Comm. from Donald H. Veach, et al, members of the Coalition for Palestinian Rights, expressing their appreciation to the Council for meeting with them prior to the November election & for the swift reporting of the final results of Referendum Question 5 & inviting the Council to a slide show developed by Cambridge citizens who spent several months in Israeli occupied territories.

In City Council,

January 30, 1989

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Placed on file.

(Slide Show Scheduled

For 2/1/89 at 4:00 P.M.

in Sullivan Chamber)