



City of Cambridge

R-52.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 3, 2007

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

WHEREAS: William Thomas, the first and only Conductor of the Cambridge Community Chorus will be stepping down as the Chorus' conductor after 17 years; and

WHEREAS: William Thomas began his tenure with the Chorus for it's first concert featuring Handel's "Messiah" at First Baptist Church in Central Square, Cambridge, MA; and

WHEREAS: The Choir's performance of Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, December 16th, 2007, represents the final time that William Thomas will conduct the Choirs' Annual "Messiah" Concert as the groups' official conductor; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That William Thomas, conductor extraordinaire of the Cambridge Community Chorus, is the beloved leader of the Choir singers and musicians. He has inspired the Chorus to work hard and to make truly joyful noise. Each "Messiah" that William Thomas has conducted with the Cambridge Community Chorus has been inspired by and creatively led by him; and be it further

RESOLVED: We collectively wish God's special attention in Maestro Thomas' future endeavors. His years of nurturing the Cambridge Community Chorus from infancy to its teenage years is his wonderful legacy; and be it further

RESOLVED: We thank William Thomas for so many memorable annual "Messiah" Concerts. These annual concerts have become an institution in Cambridge and are a part of what makes Cambridge. We thank William Thomas for every moment of dedication, laughter, eating, drinking, singing and more; and be it further

RESOLVED: William Thomas is beloved here in Cambridge and always will be. We thank him for his 17 years of Handel's "Messiah." The City of Cambridge loves Maestro Thomas!; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to William Thomas on behalf of the entire City Council.

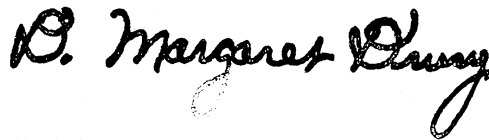
In City Council December 3, 2007.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its thanks to William Thomas, Conductor of the Cambridge Community Chorus, for his final Handel's Messiah with the Chorus; and be it further

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Chorus
Mayor Reeves, Vice Mayor
Toomey and entire membership**

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ORDER ADOPTED