

Thank you Mayor Maher and City Councilors. My name is Manny Lusardi, I live at 15 Lambert St. I am here tonight to comment on Resolution #8, condemning Governor Baker's stand & comments regarding the Syrian Refugee's.

A poll was completed by the "American Institute of Public Opinion", The question, I am paraphrasing..."It has been proposed to bring to this country 10,000 refugee children...to be taken care of in American homes. Should the government permit these children to come in?" Of those polled...30% said YES, 61% said NO and 9% had NO OPINION.

The year this poll was taken was 1939 and the children were mostly Jewish Children escaping Nazi Germany. Many of us have asked ourselves. What would I have done? What would I have liked my government to have done, if I had lived during those trying times in our shared American history? We not only need to ask ourselves those same questions again. But we, as a compassionate, generous country and city need to act. Not only act to help all refugee's escaping all war throughout the world. But we also need to act in regards to the growing anti-Muslim rhetoric being spoken around this country and here in our own back yard by our government leaders.

I understand the housing crisis within Cambridge and helping refugee's with housing is currently near impossible. However, I am asking all of you. To not only unanimously pass Resolution #8. But to also direct our city manager to begin the process of discovering ways

Cambridge can financially assist neighboring cities & communities helping refugee's escaping war. When fear and terrorism are permitted to dictate or influence public policy and opinion. Then Fear and Terrorism win.

Thank you for listening.