



City of Cambridge

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Calendar Item # 2
IN CITY COUNCIL
~~October 17, 2016~~
October 31, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

- WHEREAS: Barbara Ackermann, a dedicated public servant and a true Cambridge trailblazer, was and continues to be a towering figure in the Cambridge community; and
- WHEREAS: Starting in 1962, Barbara Ackermann served six years upon the School Committee, she served for ten years on the City Council starting in 1968, and, from 1972 to 1973, she was the first woman to ever serve as Mayor of Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: The portraits displayed on the walls of City Hall provide a sense of this city's history, they open the door to community members engaging with that history and learning more about the people who have played a major role in shaping this community, and as of today, only three of the twenty-two portraits displayed on the second floor of City Hall are of women; and
- WHEREAS: The fact that so few women have been given this public recognition creates a distorted view of our city's history, and it undercuts and devalues the important role that women like Barbara Ackermann have played in our municipal government over the past century; and
- WHEREAS: Women's History Month is held every March, and March 2017 would be an excellent and timely moment to unveil a portrait of Barbara Ackermann as an important and symbolic first step in our working to ensure that the historic walls of City Hall more accurately reflect the history that has been made here; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate individuals in order to create or procure a portrait of Barbara Ackermann, with the goal of unveiling this portrait for display in the Sullivan Chamber by March 2017, and that the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

In City Council October 31, 2016.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk

