

**X. LATE AGENDA ITEMS RESOLUTION EACH REQUIRES A MOTION  
TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ACCEPT TO BE PLACED ON THE  
AGENDA**

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1. That the City Council go on record congratulating Shakeel Rajwani and Lin Wang on the birth of their son, Jasper Wang Rajwani  
**Councillor Azeem**  
***RES 2025 #176***
2. Resolution Wishing Peter and Lorna Johnson a Happy 40th Anniversay  
**Mayor Simmons**  
***RES 2025 #177***
3. Resolution Celebrating the 2025 Wilson and Bourne Family Reunion  
**Mayor Simmons**  
***RES 2025 #178***



# City of Cambridge

R-1  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 30, 2025

## COUNCILLOR AZEEM

- WHEREAS: The City Council is delighted to hear that Shakeel Rajwani and Lin Wang have welcomed a child into the world; and
- WHEREAS: Jasper Wang Rajwani was born on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 4:48 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces and 18.75 inches to an incredible mother and proud father; and
- WHEREAS: Arriving just after Lin's birthday, Baby Jasper added to an already meaningful time, further **Lin**-ing it with joy; and
- WHEREAS: Mom and baby are happy, healthy, and resting comfortably; and
- WHEREAS: New parents Lin and Shak are loved greatly by their community, who can't wait to meet Baby Jasper; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating Shakeel Rajwani and Lin Wang on the birth of their son, Jasper Wang Rajwani; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Shakeel Rajwani and Lin Wang on behalf of the entire City Council.



# City of Cambridge

R-2  
FIRST IN COUNCIL  
June 30, 2025

## MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: July 1, 2025 marks the 40th wedding anniversary of Peter and Lorna Johnson, who were married at Cambridge City Hall on July 1, 1985, and whose shared love of music, language, and culture has enriched the Cambridge community and beyond for decades; and

WHEREAS: Peter Johnson, a Boston native raised in Newport, Rhode Island, is a pioneering force in the American folk music scene, having founded Living Folk Records and Concerts, Inc., through which he organized dozens of folk concerts annually and introduced audiences to now-legendary artists such as Clannad and Silly Wizard, bringing traditional music from Ireland, Scotland, and beyond to venues throughout Harvard Square and Greater Boston; and

WHEREAS: In the early days of Club Passim—then transitioning from Club 47 to a new chapter—Peter was the first to reintroduce live folk music to the venue, helping to preserve and expand Cambridge’s cultural heritage through song, storytelling, and community gatherings; and

WHEREAS: Over the years, Peter has served as a musician, record producer, Ford model, and actor, sharing stages with talents such as Claire Bloom, while also donating a trove of concert recordings to the Howard T. Glasser Archives of Folk Music and Letter Arts to ensure the preservation of this vital musical legacy; and

WHEREAS: Lorna Johnson, originally from the Philippines, has stood by Peter’s side throughout their artistic and personal journey, herself a gifted vocalist performing in multiple languages, including French, and together they have raised a son, sharing their passion for music and culture as a family; and

WHEREAS: Peter’s memoir, *The Laughing Lesson*, published in 2019, captures the spirit of a life devoted to community, creativity, and connection—values that he and Lorna have modeled in their partnership for four decades; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council formally go on record in extending its warmest congratulations and heartfelt best wishes to Peter and Lorna Johnson on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary; and be it further

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



# City of Cambridge

R-3  
FIRST IN COUNCIL  
June 30, 2025

## MAYOR SIMMONS

- WHEREAS: The Wilson and Bourne families, proud immigrants from Barbados, began their journey to the United States and Canada in 1913, seeking new opportunities and a better life; and
- WHEREAS: Beatrice Wilson and Joseph Bourne, sweethearts separated by migration—Beatrice to New York and Joseph to Canada—ultimately reunited in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where they were married in 1916 at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church on Massachusetts Avenue, laying the foundation for a multigenerational family legacy deeply rooted in the city; and
- WHEREAS: The Wilson-Bourne families and their descendants have been steadfast members of Cambridge’s Port and Riverside neighborhoods, purchasing homes and establishing stable, close-knit communities, many of which remain in family hands to this day; and
- WHEREAS: The families have made lasting contributions to Cambridge’s civic and cultural life, with numerous members serving in city employment and actively participating in the social, economic, and spiritual fabric of the city; and
- WHEREAS: Religious faith has been a cornerstone of the Wilson-Bourne family identity, with family members dedicating themselves to spiritual leadership and Christian service in historically significant Black churches in Cambridge, including Pentecostal Tabernacle, Christian Mission Holiness Church, St. Paul AME, and First Holiness Church, thereby nurturing faith, community resilience, and cultural heritage across generations; and
- WHEREAS: This enduring faith and commitment to community have produced generations of ministers, deacons, elders, and dedicated congregants who have shaped the moral and social landscape of Cambridge’s African American community; and
- WHEREAS: The Wilson-Bourne family reunions, which began in 1983 to celebrate the union of these two families, represent an important tradition of honoring ancestry, preserving history, and fostering fellowship among relatives, friends, and neighbors; and
- WHEREAS: The 2025 Wilson-Bourne Family Reunion, scheduled for July 12 and 13, will feature the Grace Exhibit produced by the Cambridge Museum of History and Culture, a significant exhibit highlighting the rich history, cultural contributions, and church affiliations of these and many other longtime Cambridge families, in order to offer reunion attendees an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate this important heritage; and
- WHEREAS: The family’s legacy is further commemorated in public art and community landmarks, including murals such as the Crosswinds-Christian Life Center mural featuring family members Johnnie Lee Bourne, Agnes Darlington, and Marian Darlington-Hope, symbolizing their ongoing influence and recognition in the city; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council formally go on record recognizing and commending the Wilson-Bourne families for their invaluable contributions to the history, culture, and spiritual life of Cambridge, celebrating their enduring legacy, the strength of their faith, the cohesion of their family bonds, and their vital role in shaping the city's diverse community; and be it further

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