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**-- Boston Joins Major U.S. Cities to Oppose the FTAA --**

Boston, MA – The Boston City Council today **unanimously** passed a resolution opposing the Free Trade of the Americas Agreement. Boston is one of the first major cities in the country to date to speak out against the FTAA. The City Council joins labor unions, immigrant organizations, and community groups in opposing this trade agreement. The language of the resolution states that “the Boston City Council opposes the FTAA and stands for workers’ rights, local control, and the input of the city of Boston into trade agreements that may affect its city services, zoning and environmental regulations, employment practices, and citizens”.

The lead sponsor of the resolution, City Councilor Michael Ross, addresses why the Boston City Council took up the position:

“We as a body have a responsibility to take up this issue because of a lack of leadership at the federal and state level. The FTAA will impact the people of the city of Boston, and we are being left out of the discussions. The Boston City Council has a long record of standing up for the rights of workers and citizens over corporations and we continued that stance here today.”

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