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8 Refugees has defined the political refugee as "any person who,
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11 political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and
12 is unable, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of
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14 WHEREAS, the United States Congress, recognizing this country's
15 historic and moral tradition of providing safe haven for those
16 fleeing political and religious persecution, has adopted the
17 language of the United Nations Protocol in passing its Refugee Act
18 of 1980 (8 USC 1101 (a) (42), and

19 WHEREAS, the United States Government has openly and generously pro-
20 vided refuge, under the Refugee Act of 1980 and previous immigra-
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25 Departure status or its equivalent, and in such cases as the
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generosity of our nation and the plight of Guatemalans and Salva-
dorans, have implored the United States government to provide
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Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees, and have enacted City Council
Resolution 27035 to articulate this plea, and

WHEREAS, fewer than three percent of those applicants from Guatemala
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Naturalization Service, and the United States government has
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1 WHEREAS, there is evidence that the present policy of the United
2 States government toward persons fleeing Central America is
3 discriminatory and contrary to our policy in similar cases, now
4 therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR
6 CONCURRING:

7 That the City of Seattle declares itself a City of Refuge in that,
8 without endorsing any of the contending forces in any country, it
9 reaffirms the American tradition of providing refuge to law abiding
10 persons who have fled their native country for fear of losing their
11 lives.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

13 That the City of Seattle urgently reaffirms Resolution 27035
14 calling on the United States Government to grant Extended Voluntary
15 Departure status to Salvadorean and Guatemalan Refugees to allow them
16 to remain in the United States until conditions stabilize in their
17 homelands, and a safe return can be assured, and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

19 That the City of Seattle consider filing an amicus curiae brief on
20 behalf of the plaintiffs in the civil case of "American Baptist
21 Churches in the U.S.A. vs. Meese et al" (C8-3255-RFP) filed in the
22 U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California on May 7,
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25 That the City of Seattle call upon the Washington State Delegation
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4 the Refugee Act of 1980 and the grant of Extended Voluntary Departure
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21 That the City of Seattle extend an invitation to other U.S. cities
22 to join in urging that the U.S. Government grant Extended Voluntary
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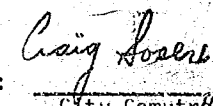
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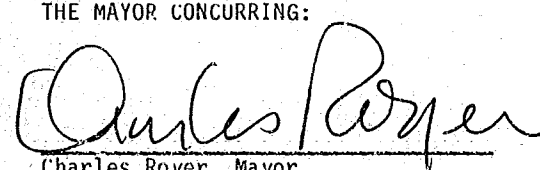
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10 President of the City Council

11 Filed by me this 13th day of January, 1986.
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13 ATTEST: 
14 City Comptroller and City Clerk

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16 BY: 
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19 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:
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22 Charles Royer, Mayor
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7 President of the City Council

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13 BY: _____
14 Deputy

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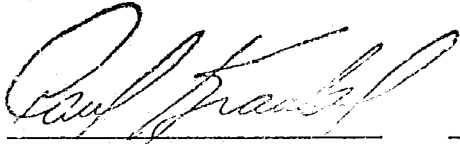
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