



# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

## CITY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE

### *A Resolution*

**WHEREAS:** education, research, and academic inquiry are values intimately connected to the lives, careers, and passions of Somervillians; and

**WHEREAS:** The Trump administration has targeted education and research including grants, funding, and academic freedom which would have a severe impact on Somerville's community and economy; and

**WHEREAS:** The Trump administration is targeting Harvard University, which employs many residents of Somerville; and

**WHEREAS:** Somerville stands against the Trump administration's attacks on higher education generally and Harvard University specifically, particularly in regards to attacks on international students; and

**WHEREAS:** Somerville recognizes the importance of labor unions to workplace and economic justice; and

**WHEREAS:**Harvard University is attempting to strip union protections away from thousands of workers who are in tenuous positions in science research, relying on anticipated support from Trump's Conservative and anti-worker National Labor Relations Board: **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:**That the Somerville City Council strongly opposes Harvard administrators' recent declaration that they intend to strip thousands of workers from the Harvard Graduate Students Union bargaining unit, is opposed to all forms of union busting, and urges these administrators to undo these actions; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED:**That Somerville urges Harvard Administration to seriously engage with the demands of our residents organizing with the Harvard Graduate Students Union on issues from fair pay, to protections from harassment and discrimination, to

**RESOLVED:**That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Harvard University administration and president