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--In School Committee--
10/05/2021

Ordered:

WHEREAS: Mia Mingus is an outstanding, outspoken activist for disability and transformative justice; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mingus has spent over two decades fighting for transformative justice which she defines as a "political framework and approach for responding to violence, harm, and abuse" [seeking] to respond to violence without creating more violence and/or engaging in harm reduction to lessen the violence; and

WHEREAS: As a survivor of sexual assault, Ms. Mingus has an important perspective on transformative justice and prison abolition that believes we must build relationships rather than forms of punishment; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mingus has been crucial in developing disability a justice framework and has coined concepts relating to said framework that are used in curricula globally; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mingus has used her research on disability justice and transformative justice wisely to create workshops on the value of community, accountability, and how to give a genuine apology; and

WHEREAS: Several organizations and government agencies, including the White House, ZAMI, and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force have honored Ms. Mingus and her work; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mingus is scheduled to be presented with the 15th Annual Robert Coles "Call of Service" Award by the Phillips Brooks House Association and the Cambridge School Committee on October 15, 2021; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee go on record honoring and appreciating Ms. Mingus'™ incredible contributions to disability and transformative justice both in a community and academic context; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a formal copy of this resolution be prepared by the Executive Secretary to the School Committee and be forwarded to Ms. Mia Mingus.

A true copy:

Manikka L. Bowman
Vice Chair


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Motion # 21-308