

November 9, 1987

Dear Friend:

We, the undersigned, are Portuguese-Americans concerned about the current and future status and direction of our Portuguese community in the city of Lowell. We are asking for your help and cooperation in establishing a unified and conscious Portuguese community.

Our purpose and goal is "To promote and enhance the quality of life for the Portuguese in the Lowell area". We have identified and developed a five point plan to achieve this goal:

- * CULTURAL
- * ECONOMIC
- * EDUCATIONAL
- * HUMAN SERVICES
- * POLITICAL

We feel it is imperative to educate and coordinate our fellow Portuguese citizens on these areas to ensure our voice is actively and adequately heard within the city government.

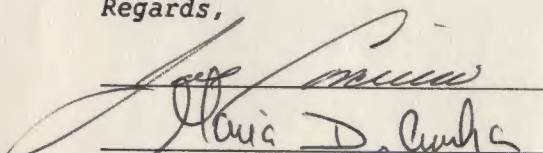
The Portuguese population in Lowell is estimated to be between 10-15,000 people, or roughly 12% of the city's total population. For such a significant group, our participation and representation in the workings of the city have been apathetic and passive.

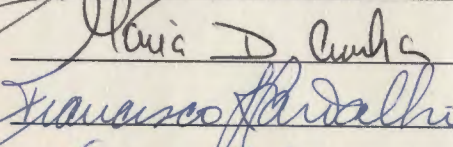
The time is long overdue for the Portuguese to work together to ensure that our presence within the city is recognized. Toward that end, we ask you to join us in sharing and exchanging ideas and information.

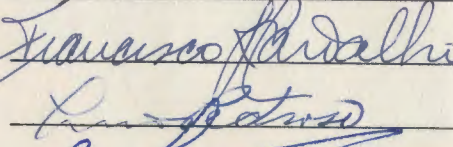
The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 1987 at 7:30 PM at St. Anthony's Parish Hall on Central Street.

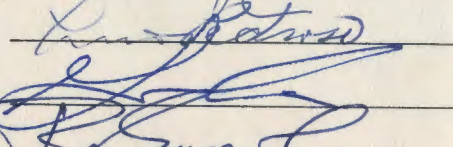
We look forward "To promoting and enhancing our quality of life" with you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

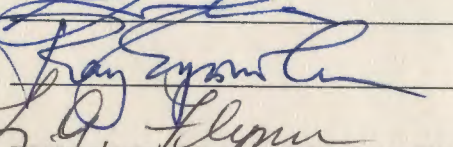
Regards,



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