

City of Boston  
IN  
CITY COUNCIL

BOSTON CITY COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY AND CHUCK TURNER

ACCESS STRATEGIES FUND

- WHEREAS: Maria and Greg Jobin-Leeds, inspired by social movements that have been waged against injustice, founded Access Strategies Fund in 1999; and
- WHEREAS: Access Strategies Fund is a philanthropic foundation that harnesses collective power of underserved communities, enabling those communities access to the democratic process and the ability to improve their lives; and
- WHEREAS: The Jobin-Leeds' approach to accomplishing social justice involves increasing voter registration and voter turnout, and developing civic and social powers to change laws and deliver resources to underserved communities; and
- WHEREAS: Access Strategies Fund has provided more than \$2 million in grants to non-partisan 501 (c) (3) organizations and leveraged another \$2 million in resources to communities throughout Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS: Access grantees include acknowledged individuals and social justice organizations, such as MassVOTE, Oiste, James Cofield, Neighbor to Neighbor, EPOCA, Boston Workers Alliance, Student Immigrant Movement, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, Chinese Progressive Association, the Union of Minority Neighborhoods, Alternatives for Community and Environment, and others; and
- WHEREAS: Maria and Greg are 2008 recipients of the Center of Community Change Champion award honoring their efforts in immigrant and poor people's civic advancement; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates Maria and Greg Jobin-Leeds on the tenth anniversary of Access Strategies Fund for helping to build access to power for those traditionally left out of the democratic process.



By: *Charles C. Yancey*  
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Siantos*  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Charles C. Yancey*

Date: November 17, 2010