CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the recommendation to reappointment of Gerard Clark as a member of the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) Board of Commissioners for a term of 5-years.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new member of the Affordable Housing Trust Board for a term of three years, effective Jan 22, 2020: Elaine DeRosa

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following members of the LGBTQ+ Commissioner for a term of three years, effective Feb 6, 2020: Mal Malme, Robert Parlin, Aren Stone, Catherine Grams, Noellani Kamelamela, Gregory MacDonough and Britt Huhmann

4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $46,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Elections Department Salary and Wages account ($6,145) and to the General Fund Elections Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($39,855) which will be used to cover the additional costs associated with recently approved early voting for the Presidential Primary, Mar 3rd, 2020.

5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY2020 Cultural Investment Portfolio Program Grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council in the amount of $50,000 from the Cambridge Community Foundation to support the Agenda for Children Out of School Time Initiative to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account ($5,000) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($45,000).

6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $30,000 from Free Cash, to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures Account to support the completion of Clarendon Avenue Playground.

ON THE TABLE

1. An application was received from Scott Kenton, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 9 Pine Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections. [PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE]

3. Fuel pump warning labels [PASSED TO SECOND READING ON JAN 13, 2020 TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER JAN 23, 2020.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Patrick Barrett, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 907 Main Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

2. A petition was received from MIT List Visual Arts Center, requesting permission for fifteen banners on poles along Ames Street to promote the Galleries and their programming from Feb 5, 2020 thru Sept 31, 2020.

3. A petition was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting permission for (189) one hundred and eighty-nine banners on poles along Massachusetts Avenue on existing wires at Norfolk and JFK Streets, poles in Harvard Square, poles along Massachusetts Avenue from Vassar Street to Harvard Square, poles along
Broadway from Ellery Street to Felton Street, poles along Cambridge Street from Trowbridge to Hovey Streets and poles in Kendall Square to publicize the upcoming Cambridge Science Festival from Mar 16, 2020 thru Apr 27, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS
1. A communication was received from the Combined Cambridge Business Association, regarding new environmental initiatives including the proposed Natural Gas regulation.
2. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Harvard Square upzoning.
3. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Harvard Square upzoning part 2.
4. A communication was received from residents of the Cambridge, regarding installing hearing loop technology inside the Sullivan Chamber.
5. A communication was received from Green Cambridge, regarding extend the temporary moratorium on removing healthy, significant trees through the end of 2020.
6. A communication was received from Sarah Griffith, regarding Gas Ban.
7. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding What does it mean to be on American of the USA.
8. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding stop using year numbers.
9. A communication was received from Nicola Williams, 8 Brewer Street, regarding Policy Orders POR 2020 #4 and POR 2020 #2.
10. A communication was received from Luke Edson, 5 Frost Street, regarding support for APP 2020 #1.
11. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding the name of Central Square.
12. A communication was received from Sarah Diehl, 25 Wheeler Street, regarding Tree Protection.
13. A communication was received from Elizabeth Gombosi, 42 Irving Street, regarding policy order to extend tree protections.
14. A communication was received from Susan Donaldson, 187 Harvey Street, regarding New Construction Gas Ban.
15. A communication was received from David Mazumder, 500 Memorial Drive, regarding Support for New Building Gas Ban.
16. A communication was received from Carol O’Hare and Walter McDonald, 172 Magazine Street, regarding extending the tree protection moratorium.
17. A communication was received from Tucker Delaney-Winn, regarding bold action to address Climate Change.
18. A communication was received from Carolyn Gaebler, regarding Climate Action.
19. A communication was received from Chantal Eide, regarding extending the tree cutting moratorium.
20. A communication was received from Peter Cortes, regarding Tree Ordinance.
21. A communication was received from Robert Levin, 11 Remington Street, regarding the Harvard Square Upzoning.
22. A communication was received from Florrie Wescoat, regarding support for the TPO Extension policy order.
23. A communication was received from Gaurab Basu, regarding the gas ban in new construction.

RESOLUTIONS
1. Welcome to Dr. Robin DiAngelo Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Sydney Cox for 45 Years at DPW Councillor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of Kathy Simmons. Councillor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Darlene Lombos. Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Gloria Adkins. Councillor Simmons
6. Resolution on the death of Ralph Hoagland III. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Corey McClintic. Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Steven Sousa. Councillor Toomey
10. Happy 70th Birthday wishes to a special person. Councillor Toomey
12. Congratulations to Shy Bird on being named one of Boston Globe’s “29 Best New Restaurants in Boston and the suburbs.” Councillor Toomey
13. Wishing Deborah L. Anderson a Happiest 90th Birthday. Mayor Siddiqui

ORDERS
1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works on updating the department’s maintenance plan with an emphasis on cleaning open-trash receptacles more frequently. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Commissioner and other relevant departments to determine the feasibility of purchasing sensory bags for Police vehicles as a pilot
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant city and state departments to amend the Do Not Enter sign at the entrance of Whittemore Avenue from Alewife Brook Parkway to include an exception for abutters. Councillor McGovern


5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City Departments, and, where relevant, the MBTA and counterparts in other municipalities for routes not wholly in Cambridge, on the feasibility of instituting and funding a fare-free pilot bus program. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui

6. That the Mayor is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee for Tues, Feb 11, 2020. Mayor Siddiqui

7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on the potential for implementing sufficient traffic-calming solutions on Upton Street. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern

8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City departments regarding the acquisition and implementation of interpretation services for City Council meetings and other public City meetings. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

9. That the Cambridge City Council amend the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to insert a new Chapter 2.129, entitled WELCOMING COMMUNITY ORDINANCE. Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui


COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui communicating information from the School Committee Regular Meeting on Jan 21, 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Ordinance Committee - Committee Meeting - Dec 11, 2019, 2:00pm

A. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor, Community Development, Public Works, Inspecitional Services and any other related departments to review the proposed amendments regarding the prohibition of Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Devereux

B. That the City Manager convene stakeholder meetings to make comments on the implementation of banning gas. Mayor Siddiqui

2. Report of the Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee - Committee Meeting - Dec 19, 2019, 5:30pm

A. That the City Manager work with the Carnival Committee to enhance the Cambridge Carnival event, allocate the necessary funds, and develop a comprehensive public safety plan, including contingency plans so that the event can take place in a secure time and place, even in the presence of significant threats that can be anticipated. Councillor Zondervan

3. Report of the Health & Environment Committee - Committee Meeting - Jan 22, 2020, 2:30pm

A. Motion presented by the Health and Environment Committee to insert the words “or until a new city wide tree protection ordinance is passed” after the first appearance of the words “December 31, 2020” in the proposed ordinance.

B. TPO Extension PO. Councillor Zondervan

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 27
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Thurs, Jan 30
5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to reconvene its hearing on the Harvard Square Zoning Petition. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Feb 3
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Wed, Feb 5
5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to reconvene its hearing on the Alexandria Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Feb 10
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Wed, Feb 12
5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet for a hearing on an order to amend section 11.202(b) of the zoning ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Tues, Feb 18
5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet for a hearing on a petition to amend the definition of family in the Cambridge the zoning ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)
Mon, Feb 24
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Mar 2
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Mar 9
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Mar 16
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Mar 23
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Mar 30
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Apr 6
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Apr 13
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Apr 27
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Jan 27, 2020
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
WHEREAS: The open-top trash receptacles that are still used in many parts of the City are frequently at capacity and waste overflow has caused the buildup of sludge, rodents and foul smells; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works on updating the department’s maintenance plan with an emphasis on cleaning the open-trash receptacles more frequently and report back to the Council on this matter no later than the Feb 10, 2020 meeting.

O-2 Jan 27, 2020
VICE MAYOR MALLON
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
WHEREAS: 14% of students in Cambridge Public Schools who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) are identified as having Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), which is over 200 children in Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), especially children, may find it overwhelming to be in stressful situations, such as those that require Police attention; and
WHEREAS: Many individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) find sensory items help them remain calm by providing an outlet for energy; and
WHEREAS: Some municipalities in the United States, such as Clearcreek Township, OH, Brunswick, OH, and Frankenmuth, MI, have equipped First Responders with “sensory bags” filled with items to be used when responding to a scene involving someone who has Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); and
WHEREAS: These sensory bags contain items that can keep an individuals’ hands busy, reduce noise, and help them communicate with First Responders, which can make for a better experience when a person with ASD is faced with a stressful situation; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge Police Officers receive Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) training during a 40 hour Crisis Intervention Training, but could benefit from having additional tools to keep residents who have ASD calm during Police interactions; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Commissioner and other relevant departments to determine the feasibility of purchasing sensory bags for Police vehicles as a pilot program; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council in time for the FY21 budget.

O-3 Jan 27, 2020
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
WHEREAS: Alewife Brook Parkway experiences crippling congestion daily between the Concord Turnpike interchange and Massachusetts Avenue during the evening rush hours that can ensnarl commuters through numerous light cycles; and
WHEREAS: For those who reside on Whittemore Avenue or one of its connecting streets, access to this residential neighborhood is cut off from 3:00pm to 7:00pm even to abutters, causing further consumption of time, fuel, and road space as residents are forced to drive through the Massachusetts Avenue intersection; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant city and state departments to amend the Do Not Enter sign at the entrance of Whittemore Avenue from Alewife Brook Parkway to include an exception for abutters.

O-4 Jan 27, 2020
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
WHEREAS: The 2020 Congressional City Conference hosted by the National League of Cities will take place from Sun, Mar 8th through Wed, Mar 11th in Washington, D.C.; and
WHEREAS: A majority of City Councillors will be attending the Conference, making quorum impossible; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled for Mon, Mar 9, 2020, be and hereby is cancelled.

O-5 Jan 27, 2020
VICE MAYOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
WHEREAS: Public transportation offers a crucial service to Cambridge residents, as 28% of residents rely on public transportation to get to work, and a quarter of a million public transportation rides start or end in Cambridge each day; and
WHEREAS: The cost of public transportation can be burdensome for low-income residents, especially after the MBTA fare increases during Summer 2019; and
WHEREAS: The City already supports transit access for low-income residents by, for example, providing free MBTA passes to eligible Cambridge Rindge and Latin School students, but increasing the scope of transit justice efforts could benefit vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS: Other municipalities across the United States, including Lawrence, MA, Kansas City, MO, and Olympia, WA, have found success with implementing free public transportation pilot programs, experiencing increased ridership, quicker boarding, more efficient and timely route coverage, and positive community feedback, and the Boston City Council is considering a fare-free bus route; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a vested interest in encouraging public transportation use, as increasing ridership and decreasing car trips aligns with the City’s Climate Action Plan, and overarching commitment to sustainability; and

WHEREAS: Furthermore, free public transportation would support the Envision Cambridge mobility goals on equity and accessibility, as well as climate mitigation and resilience; and

WHEREAS: Creating a pilot program for one bus route that has a high level of ridership and high connectivity levels within Cambridge, such as the #1 or #69 routes, could grant meaningful insight on the feasibility of expanding free ridership in the future; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with relevant City Departments, and, where relevant, the MBTA and counterparts in other municipalities for routes not wholly in Cambridge, on the feasibility of instituting and funding a fare-free pilot bus program; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-6 Jan 27, 2020
MAYOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee for Tues, Feb 11, 2020 at 5:30pm in the Henrietta Attles Meeting Room at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway, to begin discussions on a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

O-7 Jan 27, 2020
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that families and administrators of the Amigos School, 15 Upton Street, feel that Upton Street is in need of sufficient traffic-calming interventions to better ensure the safety of students, caregivers, staff, and residents; and

WHEREAS: Examples of potential traffic-calming interventions include: 1) adding a posted School Zone sign (with blinking lights and flashing speed limit numbers during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times); 2) increasing the presence of uniformed police to incentivize drivers to reduce vehicle speeds while driving on Upton St.; 3) the addition of a speed-bump or other speed-lowering infrastructure on Upton St.; and 4) the addition of a posted Do Not Enter sign at the Pleasant St. end of Upton St. (entering from Magazine St., exiting onto Pleasant St.) that would designate Upton St. as a one-way street for a time period of one hour, to coincide with the morning drop-off period (i.e. 8:00am-9:00am, or a slightly expanded time frame, e.g. 7:30am-9:30am), on school days only; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on the potential for implementing sufficient traffic-calming solutions on Upton Street, including but not limited to those mentioned above, and report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely matter.

O-8 Jan 27, 2020
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Cambridge has for decades been a diverse city with thousands of residents across the city who speak languages other than English; and

WHEREAS: According to the City’s 2019 Neighborhood Statistical Profile, more than 30% of all Cambridge residents speak a language other than English at home; and

WHEREAS: Boston University study found that residents who give public comment at public meetings in Eastern Massachusetts municipalities are more likely to be white, older, and more well-off than residents of the municipalities as a whole; and

WHEREAS: The lack of interpretation services may serve as a barrier for Cambridge residents wishing to observe and participate in City Council meetings and other public meetings conducted primarily in English; and

WHEREAS: Other cities including Malden, MA have begun to explore the use of interpretation services so that residents can listen to, and participate in, City Council meetings in the language with which they are most familiar; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City departments regarding the acquisition and implementation of interpretation services for City Council meetings and other public City meetings; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in time for the FY21 budget.

O-9 Jan 27, 2020
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS On May 6, 2019 the Cambridge City Council introduced the Welcoming City Ordinance and referred it to the Ordinance Committee; and

WHEREAS On Oct. 2, 2019, the Ordinance Committee met but were unable to deliberate because the City Solicitor was not prepared to discuss said ordinance; and

WHEREAS The Welcoming City Ordinance was placed on file due to the end of the 2018-2019 legislative session, requiring reintroduction; and

WHEREAS The City of Cambridge is a proud supporter of our Sanctuary City status, but there is no codified ordinance establishing itself as such; now therefore be it

ORDERED That the Cambridge City Council amend the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to insert a new Chapter 2.129, entitled WELCOMING COMMUNITY ORDINANCE, to read as follows:

2.129.010 - PURPOSE.
The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the City of Cambridge as a Welcoming City, to declare that all are
welcome here, and to increase public confidence in Cambridge’s government by providing guidelines associated with our city’s voluntary involvement in federal immigration enforcement.

2.129.020 - PREAMBLE

It is not within the purview nor mandate of Cambridge to enforce federal immigration law or seek the detention, transfer or deportation of Cambridge residents for civil immigration purposes, nor should Cambridge’s resources be expended toward that end.

The City of Cambridge will equally enforce the law and serve the public without consideration of immigration status, citizenship, national origin, race, or ethnicity.

2.129.030 – DEFINITIONS

“ICE” means the federal agency “Immigration and Customs Enforcement” (“ICE”), and any other federal agency charged with the enforcement of immigration laws. “Immigration detainers” and “ICE detainers” are requests made by federal immigration officials, including but not limited to those authorized under Section 287.7 of Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations to local Law Enforcement or Courts to voluntarily maintain custody of an individual once that individual is released from local custody, and/or to notify a federal agency before the pending release of an individual.

“ICE administrative warrant” means a warrant, notice to appear, or other ICE custody or ICE administrative warrant.

2.129.040 – ORDER

a. Equal treatment. Cambridge will treat all persons equally, enforce laws, and serve the public without consideration of immigration status. Citizenship, immigration status, national origin, race, and ethnicity shall have no bearing on an individual’s treatment by employees or officers of Cambridge agencies or departments. Inquiries about immigration status. Officers and employees of the city may not inquire about the immigration status of any victim, suspect, arrestee, 911 caller, or other member of the public with whom they have contact, except as required to provide a public benefit.

b. Role of police in immigration enforcement. The city’s police department will not initiate investigations or take law enforcement action on the sole basis of actual or perceived immigration status, including the initiation of a stop, an apprehension or arrest. The Cambridge Police Department shall not take part in or assist with federal immigration enforcement operations, with the exception that the Department will actively assist in Federal human trafficking operations.

c. ICE detainers and administrative warrants. Consistent with Massachusetts law, no officer or employee of the Cambridge Police Department may arrest or detain an individual solely on the basis of an ICE detainer or ICE administrative warrant. This includes extending the length of detention by any amount of time once an individual is released from local custody, or before being transferred to court or admitted to bail.

d. Federal requests for information. No officer or employee of a the Cambridge Police Department shall provide a federal officer with the following information relating to a person in the custody of the Department: information about an individual’s incarceration status, length of detention, home address, work address, personal information other than citizenship or immigration status, hearing information, or pending release, except information that is available through the Massachusetts Public Records Laws, G.L., c. 66, section 10 and G.L., c. 4, section 7 (twenty-sixth).

e. Encountering persons driving without a license. When acting against a person who is found to be driving without a valid driver’s license, officers of the Cambridge Police Department shall, whenever possible and if there are no other violations causing the person to be arrested, issue a summons to court instead of taking the person into custody. In such circumstances, the law enforcement officer taking action shall endeavor to provide the driver a reasonable opportunity to arrange for a properly licensed operator to drive the vehicle before seeking to impound the vehicle.

f. Notice to individuals subject to ICE interventions. If the Cambridge Police Department receives an immigration detainer or ICE administrative warrant for a person in its custody, the Department shall provide the person with a copy of such detainer request or administrative warrant, and any other documentation it possesses pertaining to the person’s immigration case.

g. ICE access to facilities. Except in response to a judicial warrant or other court order, ICE agents shall not be allowed access to individuals in custody either in person or via telephone or videoconference.

h. U Visa Certification. In furtherance of the US Victims of Trafficking and Violence Prevention Act, the Cambridge Police Department shall consider a U Visa certification request if an individual (i.) is the victim of a qualifying crime, and (ii.) has been, is being, or will likely be helpful in the investigation/prosecution of that crime.

i. Raids and other immigration enforcement actions. No officer or employee of the Cambridge Police Department may participate in an operation led by a federal agency to detain persons for deportation purposes, except in response to a request to assist with support services deemed necessary to ensure officer safety or to prevent a breach of the peace during a federal operation, such as requests to establish traffic perimeters, control traffic or provide police escort.

j. Deputizing of local officials. No officer or employee of the Cambridge Police Department shall perform the functions of an immigration officer, whether pursuant to 8 U.S.C. section 1357(g) or any other law, regulation, or policy, whether formal or informal.

k. School records and enrollment. No employee of the Cambridge Public Schools shall require a student or parent to provide information regarding their immigration or citizenship status to establish the student’s residency in the district for enrollment purposes. If such information becomes known to an employee of the Cambridge Public Schools, such information shall not be kept or distributed, and shall have no bearing of the student’s ability to register for school or the school’s treatment of that student. Information collected
regarding place of birth for the purpose of providing English Language Learners with appropriate services shall be used only for that purpose and not distributed further.

2.129.050 - COMPLAINTS
Allegations of violations of the present policy and may be filed with the City Manager’s Office and in the case of a complaint against an officer or employee of the Cambridge Police Department, the Department’s Professional Standards Unit, who shall investigate the complaint and take appropriate disciplinary action.

2.129.060 - REPORTING
Beginning on the date of passage of this ordinance and every six months thereafter, the Cambridge Police Commissioner shall submit a report, with the information detailed below, to the Clerk of the city forward to the City Manager, docket said report, and include the docket on the agenda of the next-occurring meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City.

a. The total number ICE holds, administrative warrants, and notification requests lodged with Cambridge Law Enforcement officials;
b. The total number of individuals detained on an ICE hold or administrative warrants, if any;
c. The total number of individuals transferred to ICE custody, if any; and
d. The total reimbursements received from the federal government pursuant to any granted hold, administrative warrant, or notification request, organized by case.

2.129.070 - COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW
Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to violate any valid federal law, or to prohibit any Cambridge agency or department from providing another law enforcement agency information or identity status, consistent with 8 U.S.C. §1373.

WHEREAS: Congress enacted the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in 1975 in order to offset the burden of Social Security taxes on taxpayers with low-income, to supplement wages and provide a direct cash refund to households; and

WHEREAS: Since its enactment in 1975, the EITC has lifted millions of families above the poverty line, maintaining a high participation rate relative to other programs designed to serve those with low-income; and

WHEREAS: Each year, millions of employed Americans and thousands of employed Massachusetts residents are eligible for the EITC, but do not realize that they qualify or know how to claim it; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (CEOC) is a certified IRS VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site and provides free tax preparation with electronic filing, which can return taxpayers’ refunds in 10 days or less; and

WHEREAS: The CEOC completed over 2,500 tax returns in 2019, resulting in over $5.1 million in state and federal refunds, including over $1.5 million in EITC; and

WHEREAS: The CEOC also assists tax filers in applying for SNAP and other public benefits, including health insurance and ITINs (Individual Tax Identification Numbers), and provides financial education and coaching, individual credit counseling, and FAFSA preparation assistance to support families in achieving economic security; and

WHEREAS: The EITC increases revenues in Cambridge and boosts the overall economy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record proclaiming Jan 31, 2020 as “Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day” in the City of Cambridge, and that working individuals and families in Cambridge be encouraged to recognize the benefits of the EITC and utilize the CEOC’s free tax preparation services to claim the credit and avoid for-profit tax preparer fees.