

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables With Power for a term effective January, 2023: Omar Mejia. (CM23#87)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a [Revised Response to Proposed Amendments to Ch. 2.78, Art. III](#). (CM23#88)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-79, regarding [Garden Street Safety Improvement Project local traffic analysis](#). (CM23#89)

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. Policy Order for Garden Street Accommodations. [Charter Right – Zondervan, Mar 20, 2023] (PO23#52)
2. That the City Council authorize an extension of time for the Special Committee/Charter Review Committee to file its report on suggested Charter changes with the City Council until Dec 31, 2023. [Charter Right – Zondervan, Mar 22, 2023] (PO23#55)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. An Ordinance has been received from Diane P. LeBlanc City Clerk, relative to a Zoning Petition from Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BA-5 Zoning District Petition (Ordinance #2022-21). [Passed to 2nd Reading, Mar 6, 2023; To Be Ordained on or after Mar 20, 2023; Expires Apr 3, 2023] (ORD22#21)
- A. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Policy Order 2023 #44, related to the Barrett, et al., Zoning Petition. (CM23#86)

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from John Peterson representing The Turing Tavern, requesting permission for an 3 awnings and 1 projecting sign at the premises numbered 1281 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters. (AP23#16)
2. An application was received from Heather Dudko representing Citizens Bank, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 616 Main Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailing had been provided. (AP23#17)

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Cambridge Mothers Out Front, regarding the embodied emissions accounting.
2. A communication was received from Erik Sebesta, regarding the Garden Street Policy Order.
3. A communication was received from Catalina Arboleda, regarding modifications to separated bike lanes on Garden Street.
4. A communication was received from Charles Franklin, regarding support for APP 3 – Restore Cambridge Housing Petition.

5. A communication was received from James Bertram, regarding support of the policy order filed by Councillors Toner, Nolan, Simmons, and Carlone asking the City Manager and Transportation Department to adopt some of the suggestions that have been made by the community over the past several months.
6. A communication was received from Amy Murray, regarding support of Councillor Toner's proposal to bring back two-way traffic to Garden Street.
7. A communication was received from Ben Flaim, regarding support for Garden Street Policy Order.
8. A communication was received from Charles Franklin, regarding using the wrong petition number in previous communication. It should AP1 not AP3.
9. A communication was received from Ausra Kubilius, regarding support for PO#3.
10. A communication was received from Annie Brandt, regarding support of PO#3.
11. A communication was received from Barbara Anthony, regarding PO#3.
12. A communication was received from Robin Wolfe, regarding support for PO#3.
13. A communication was received from Cambridge Mothers Out Front, regarding the Green Jobs Ordinance.
14. A communication was received from David Boghossian, regarding traffic on Avon Hill.
15. A communication was received from Jean Kindleberger, regarding PO#3.
16. A communication was received from Alex Keyssar, regarding PO#3.
17. A communication was received from Cynthia Broner, regarding support for the traffic and bike-related policy order filed by Councillors Nolan, Simmons, Toner, and Carlone.
18. A communication was received from Reiley O'Connor, regarding support for PO#3.
19. A communication was received from Bill Green, regarding recent decision regarding Emissions Accounting Ordinance zoning petition and support on passing the Green Jobs Ordinance.
20. A communication was received from Charles Welch, regarding the Garden Street Policy Order.
21. A communication was received from Christopher Tracy, regarding Holy Trinity Armenian Church.
22. A communication was received from Stephanie Berk, regarding the Garden Street Policy Order.
23. A communication was received from Tania Maxwell and Chris Osborne, regarding PO#3 at the March 20th City Council Meeting.
24. A communication was received from Chris Potter, regarding opposition to PO#3.
25. A communication was received from Carol Weinhaus, regarding support of the Garden Street Policy Order.
26. A communication was received from Terry DeLancey, regarding the Garden Street Policy Order.
27. A communication was received from Mark Dibble, regarding Cambridge residents on Avon Hill supporting the Paul Toner proposed Garden Street policy order.
28. A communication was received from Elise Moore, regarding support for the Garden Street Policy Order.
29. A communication was received from Vickey Bestor, regarding support for the Garden Street PO#3.

30. A communication was received from Jennifer Payette, regarding support for PO#3.
31. A communication was received from John Trever, regarding opposition to the massive 25 story AHO up-zoning amendment.
32. A communication was received from Michael Meltsner, regarding PO#3.
33. A communication was received from Kavish Gandhi, regarding comments on several items on the March 20 City Council agenda.
34. A communication was received from Gene Hull, regarding PO#3.
35. A communication was received from Ausra Kubilius, regarding PO#3 - Garden Street Accommodations.
36. A communication was received from Deborah Valenze, regarding support for Garden Street Policy Order.
37. A communication was received from Mary Jane Kornacki, regarding support for POR 2023 #52 - amendments to the Garden Street conversion.
38. A communication was received from Pamela Gudiño, regarding funding for Cambridge HEART.
39. A communication was received from Owen Berson, regarding testimony supporting Charter Right #1.
40. A communication was received from Louise Eastman Weed, regarding the Garden Street policy order and proposal.
41. A communication was received from Jeanne Koopman, regarding Charter Right #1.
42. A communication was received from Eric Fishman, regarding Charter Right #1.
43. A communication was received from Charles Teague, regarding support for PO#3.
44. A communication was received from Rob Everts, regarding support for PO#3.
45. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding PO#3 - Garden Street Accommodations.
46. A communication was received from Kathleen Francis, regarding Charter Right #1.
47. A communication was received from Sara Levy, regarding the Garden Street Policy Order.
48. A communication was received from Mary Rowe, regarding support the Garden Street Policy Order.
49. A communication was received from Robert Fein, regarding support for Garden Street Policy Order.
50. A communication was received from Joan Pickett, regarding support for the Garden Street PO#3.
51. A communication was received from Ann Fleck-Henderson, regarding funding HEART.
52. A communication was received from Debra Biba, regarding support for PO#3.
53. A communication was received from Catherine Hoffman, regarding HEART, Starlight, and Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL).
54. A communication was received from Susan M. Carter, regarding opposition to the AHO 25 story sky scrapers and support for the Garden Street redo.
55. A communication was received from Kathy Watkins, regarding support for HEART.
56. A communication was received from Steve Wineman, regarding Charter Right #1: In support of the HEART program.
57. A communication was received from Rabbi Yoni, regarding restoring Cambridge Housing Zoning Petition a.k.a. Charles Franklin Petition vs. AHO.
58. A communication was received from Benjamin Flaim, regarding reconfiguring Garden Street stretch to more evenly distribute traffic/large trucks.
59. A communication was received from Margaret Ann Brady and Robert Dall, regarding support for Charter Right #1 - Cambridge HEART Initiative.
60. A communication was received from Glenn Heinmiller, regarding support for PO#3 on the March 20th agenda, concerning Garden Street CSO implementation.
61. A communication was received from Julie Ingelfinger, regarding reconfiguring Garden Street stretch to more evenly distribute traffic/large trucks.
62. A communication was received from Adi and Jonathan Elsner, regarding reconfiguring Garden Street stretch to more evenly distribute traffic/large trucks.
63. A communication was received from Scott Kilcoyne, regarding displeasure with POR 2023 #52.
64. A communication was received from Karen and Peter Falb, regarding the Garden Street Policy Order.
65. A communication was received from Kathy and John Roberts, regarding support for HEART.
66. A communication was received from Kristen Aldrich, regarding Charter Right #1.
67. A communication was received from Andy Zucker, regarding comments on proposals before the Council.
68. A communication was received from Phyllis Simpkins, regarding the AHO upzoning amendment and the Garden Street bike lanes.
69. A communication was received from Annette LaMond and Joe Moore, regarding support for the Garden Street Policy Order.
70. A communication was received from Diane Martin, regarding support for HEART.
71. A communication was received from Keith Mascoll, regarding support for Starlight.
72. A communication was received from Bjorn Poonen, regarding Charter Right #1 - HEART.
73. A communication was received from Anne Holtzworth, regarding opposition to making Garden Street a two-way between Linnaean and Huron Avenue.
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75. A communication was received from Cathy Hoffman, regarding support for Cambridge HEART.
76. A communication was received from Meredith Moore, regarding support for Charter Right #1.
77. A communication was received from Shelagh Hadley, regarding upcoming issues.
78. A communication was received from Susan Ringler, regarding support for Charter Right #1 - HEART.
79. A communication was received from Eric Grunebaum, regarding support for Green Jobs Ordinance.
80. A communication was received from Teresa Cardosi, regarding support for the Starlight Square continuation POR 2023 #53.
81. A communication was received from Rachel Wyon, regarding support for Charter Right #1 - HEART.

82. A communication was received from Lauren Curry, regarding support for HEART.
83. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, regarding support for HEART.
84. A communication was received from Sharon Mombru, regarding the Garden Street Policy Order.
85. A communication was received from Matthew Schreiner, regarding Policy Orders #48 and #49 on March 20, 2023 City Council Agenda.
86. A communication was received from Shelby Dwyer, regarding Charter Right #1.
87. A communication was received from Lois Markham, regarding support for Charter Right #1.
88. A communication was received from Stephanie Guirand, regarding support for Charter Right #1 and response to Toner and Simmons' concerns.
89. A communication was received from Lynne Hall, regarding support for HEART and Charter Right #1.
90. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding Residents Alliance support of Charter Right #1 to fund HEART.
91. A communication was received from Rep. Mike Connolly, regarding support for HEART (Charter Right #1).
92. A communication was received from Manraj Gill, regarding March 20 public comment on Charter Right #1: HEART.
93. A communication was received from John Doucet, regarding support for HEART.
94. A communication was received from Brian Cafferelli, regarding PO#306.
95. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding Residents Alliance's support for PO#1, Transfer Fee Enabling Act.
96. A communication was received from Ruth Economou, regarding support for HEART program for Cambridge.
97. A communication was received from Debra Wise, regarding March 20 public comment regarding Charter Right #1.
98. A communication was received from Jenny Netzer, regarding support for expanding the Affordable Housing Overlay.
99. A communication was received from David Fichter, regarding support for Charter Right #1 – Cambridge HEART.
100. A communication was received from Ruth Economou, regarding support for Starlight Lounge.
101. A communication was received from Jack Silversin, regarding Garden Street and PO#52.
102. A communication was received from Elisabeth Schainker, regarding extending Starlight Square as a performance and community space.
103. A communication was received from Cristina Sciuto, regarding support for Charter Right #1 - HEART.
104. A communication was received from Jabari Canada, regarding PO#53 and APP #12: Starlight Square.
105. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding PO#3 - Garden Street Accommodations.
106. A communication was received from Michael McIntosh, regarding support for PO#3.
107. A communication was received from Obi Carrion, regarding support for PO#53, HEART Program (Charter Right #1) and affordable housing.
108. A communication was received from Nike Tirman, regarding Garden Street Policy Order.
109. A communication was received from Teresa Cardosi, regarding support for funding and contract with HEART.
110. A communication was received from Sharon Lozada, regarding support for Starlight Square PO#53.
111. A communication was received from Michael James, regarding PO#53 (Starlight Square).
112. A communication was received from Sam Burgess, regarding support for Cambridge Affordable Housing Overlay amendments.
113. A communication was received from Lauren Marshall, regarding support for PO#53.
114. A communication was received from Chuck Weed, regarding Garden Street bike path.
115. A communication was received from Charlotte Bingaman, regarding Garden Street Resident – One way safety concerns.
116. A communication was received from Marilee Meyer, regarding citizen zoning petitions.
117. A communication was received from Jeffrey D. Peterson, regarding March 20 Garden Street Policy Order.
118. A communication was received from Richard Goldberg, regarding Residents Alliance's support for PO#1, Transfer Fee Enabling Act.
119. A communication was received from Richard Krushnic, Residents Alliance's support for PO#1, Transfer Fee Enabling Act.
120. A communication was received from Katherine DePasquale, regarding expanding the Affordable Housing Overlay.
121. A communication was received from Emily H. Axelrod, regarding Garden Street.
122. A communication was received from Heather Hoffman, regarding question about PO 22-182.
123. A communication was received from Fred-Rick Schermer, regarding recommending a better voting system for Cambridge: The original proportional voting system.
124. A communication was received from Robert Camacho, regarding Cambridge City Charter.
125. A communication was received from Conor Henrie, regarding Garden Street bike lanes.
126. A communication was received from Cristina Ullmann, regarding strong support to retain Garden Street bike lanes as is.
127. A communication was received from Craig A. Kelley, regarding comments on the Barrett Petition.
128. A communication was received from Graeme Peel, regarding Garden Street bike lanes.
129. A communication was received from Joshua Hartshorne, regarding Garden Street bike lanes.
130. A communication was received from Jeremiah Schuur, regarding support for Garden Street bike lanes.
131. A communication was received from Shelagh Hadley, regarding Garden Street bike lanes.
132. A communication was received from Greg Stanton Marra, regarding Garden Street bike lanes.
133. A communication was received from Gleb Bahmutov, regarding support for Garden Street bike lanes.
134. A communication was received from Perry Lubin, regarding Garden Street safety improvements.
135. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Charter Right - PO2023 #52 - Garden Street Accommodations.
136. A communication was received from Chris Cullen, regarding support for the Garden Street protected bike lanes.

137. A communication was received from Graeme Peel, regarding Garden Street bike lanes.
138. A communication was received from Piper Ullmann, regarding Garden Street project.
139. A communication was received from Ben Flaim, regarding the Garden Street situation.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations on the retirement of Chandra Banks. Councillor Toner
2. Resolution on the death of Mel King. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone
3. Resolution on the death of Alexandre Perry. Councillor McGovern
4. Congratulations to Ms. Sarah Howard Parker on her film debut. Vice Mayor Mallon
5. Resolution on the death of William Younker. Councillor Toner
6. Congratulations on the retirement of Gary Melanson from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
7. Congratulations on the retirement of Paul Simonds. Councillor Toner
8. Thanks to Shaun Clarke for his devoted work to the Cambridge Community Television Board and his service as MCT Committee Chair and Board Vice President. Vice Mayor Mallon

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the City Solicitor to provide a legal opinion which clarifies the state law on zoning petition signature requirements to ensure clarity and lawful deliberation in the future. Councillor Nolan (PO23#56)
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Public Works, the Cambridge Public Libraries, the Department of Public Health, and all other relevant departments to provide free menstrual products in all gender bathrooms of the Cambridge Public Library branches. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan (PO23#57)
3. City Council support of H.1312 and S.856, An Act Providing Upstream Homelessness Prevention Assistance to Families, Youth, and Adults. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan (PO23#58)
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Human Service Programs to develop a three-year plan to expand and improve After School Care for Cambridge children. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Azeem (PO23#59)
5. That the City Manager is hereby requested to direct the Community Development Department and the Law Department to review the Citizens Zoning Petition received from Michael Monestime et al. regarding Outdoor Use Zoning for the Central Square Cultural District (AP23#12)

for form and content. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan (PO23#60)

6. City Council solidarity to the Mayor, Municipal Council, and Community Council of San José Las Flores in recognition of the successes and persistence of the community. Councillor Carlone (PO23#61)
7. Proclaim Apr 3–9, 2023 as Cambridge Public Health Week. Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#62)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Transportation & Public Utilities Committee** - Committee Meeting - Apr 3, 2019 1:00 PM [[text of report](#)]
  2. The **Transportation & Public Utilities Committee** - Committee Meeting - May 22, 2019 2:00 PM [[text of report](#)]
  3. The **Transportation & Public Utilities Committee** - Committee Meeting - Oct 2, 2019 12:00 PM [[text of report](#)]
  4. The **Transportation & Public Utilities Committee** - Committee Meeting - Oct 15, 2019 3:30 PM [[text of report](#)]
  5. The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** met on Dec 3, 2019 to discuss the City Manager's report on the Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) Ordinance. [[text of report](#)]
  6. The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** will meet on July 29, 2020 to discuss how transportation in Cambridge has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including impacts and adaptations to streets and public transit. [[text of report](#)]
  7. The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** met to conduct a public hearing on June 23, 2021 to discuss a communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the first Cycling Safety Ordinance report which analyzes the block-by-block impacts of installing quick-build separated bike lanes on four specific segments of Massachusetts Avenue, as identified in Section 12.22.040 (E) of the ordinance. [[text of report](#)]
  8. The **Ordinance Committee** held a public hearing on Tues, Mar 7, 2023, on potential changes to Chapter 2.78 Historical Buildings and Landmarks, Proposed Ordinance #2022-11. [[text of report](#)]
  9. The **Housing Committee** held a public meeting on Mar 8, 2023 to continue the recessed meeting from Feb 8, 2023 to continue discussing potential amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay district as outlined in the Nov 21, 2022 policy order adopted by the City Council. [[text of report](#)]
- ## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS
1. A communication was received from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF23#55)
  2. A communication was received from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting thoughts on the latest IPCC climate change report. (COF23#56)
  3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF23#57)



4. A communication was received from City Solicitor Nancy E. Glowa, transmitting Legal Opinion on Recent Supreme Judicial Court Case Regarding Public Comment. (COF23#58) [[text of opinion](#)]

#### HEARING SCHEDULE

##### Mon, Apr 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Remote Only)

##### Tues, Apr 4

12:30pm The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will hold a public meeting to discuss the practical impact of various city policies, regulations and ordinances on commercial and residential development and construction projects in Cambridge.

##### Mon, Apr 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Tues, Apr 11

12:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will hold a public meeting to review plans for solar and renewable energy installations in the city, including report on solar expansion and works by the CEA (Cambridge Energy Alliance) and potential for solar on city owned water supply land, and any other items related to renewable energy.

5:30pm The Charter Review Committee (Remote Only)

##### Wed, Apr 12

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will hold a public meeting to continue the discussion on the proposed amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance, Ordinance #2021-26.

##### Thurs, Apr 13

12:30pm The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing to continue the discussion from the Apr 12, 2023 Ordinance Committee meeting on the proposed amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance, #2021-26.

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to hold a Public Hearing on the Citizens Zoning Petition received from Michael Monestime et al. regarding Outdoor Use Zoning in the Central Square Cultural District.

##### Mon, Apr 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Tues, Apr 25

3:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will hold a public meeting to review and discuss the update on Urban Forest Master Plan and to discuss how to improve tree health and tree canopy across the City.

5:30pm The Charter Review Committee (Remote Only)

##### Wed, Apr 26

12:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to continue the discussion on potential changes to Chapter 2.78 Historical Buildings and Landmarks, Proposed Ordinance #2022-11, as amended in Committee on Mar 7, 2023.

##### Mon, May 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Wed, May 3

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing on Citizens Zoning Petition from Craig Kelley, et al. – Cambridge Transportation Emissions Reduction and Car Sharing Act (APP 2023 #9).

##### Mon, May 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Mon, May 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Mon, May 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Wed, May 24

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing on the Citizens Zoning Petition received from Charles Jessup Franklin et al., regarding allowing new construction that is similar in size and shape as existing buildings for the purpose of promoting housing and first floor retail.

##### Mon, June 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Mon, June 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Mon, June 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting

#### TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 3, 2023

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: A single property owner, Douglas Brown, filed a [zoning petition](#) with the City Clerk on Jan 4, 2023, for which the Law Department delivered two individual legal opinions to the City Council, culminating in [CMA 2023 #49](#); and

WHEREAS: In that opinion, [the case referenced](#) denied a petition since the filer did not own any parcel in the affected zoning, which was not the case with the Jan 4, 2023 petition; and

WHEREAS: The case cited also included reference to [another case which appears to confirm and affirm the right of a single individual property owner affected by the decision to file a zoning petition](#), citing state law that a single landowner affected by the change can file such a petition; and

WHEREAS: Discussion in the City Council over the legal opinion resulted in confusion about the legal right of a single individual property owner to file zoning petitions which may come up for future petitions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the City Solicitor to provide a legal opinion which clarifies the state law on petition signature requirements to ensure clarity and lawful deliberation in the future; 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-2 Apr 3, 2023

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Access to menstrual products is essential to the welfare and wellbeing for all people; and

WHEREAS: The growing unhoused community in Cambridge lacks basic access to these products due to economic factors, unstable access to public restrooms, and more; and

WHEREAS: Lack of access to these products leaves individuals in a state of “[period poverty](#),” ultimately resulting in unsanitary conditions that are otherwise preventable with access to pads, tampons, menstrual discs, cups, and more; and

WHEREAS: [Many states](#) such as [California](#) and [Maryland](#) already provide access to menstrual products in public female restrooms; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge already provides free menstrual products in Cambridge Public School girls’ restrooms, Cambridge youth centers, 5 Western Ave, and Cambridge City Hall; and

WHEREAS: Library branches are another key location where members of the unhoused community can use a public restroom; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Youth Council has advocated for the expanded placement of these products for all people and recognizes the importance of having access to menstrual products; and

WHEREAS: Expanding this access to include all gender bathrooms at all branches of the Cambridge Public Library would greatly increase the amount of people who are able to access these products, and in turn provide an essential service to them; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works, the Cambridge Public Libraries, the Department of Public Health, and all other relevant departments to provide free menstrual products in all gender bathrooms of the Cambridge Public Library branches; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter by the Apr 24, 2023 regular City Council meeting.

O-3 Apr 3, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) is a homelessness prevention program that provides short-term financial assistance to extremely and very low-income households that are experiencing housing instability and homelessness; and

WHEREAS: State Bill H.1312 and S.856, An Act Providing Upstream Homelessness Prevention Assistance to Families, Youth, and Adults, was recently referred to the Joint Committee on Housing; and

WHEREAS: The bill aims to permanently establish and improve the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition program (RAFT), and would have a significant impact on housing stability in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Representative Marjorie Decker and Senator Brendan Crighton led the efforts in their respective chambers to introduce this bill in February 2023; and

WHEREAS: This bill would put RAFT into state statute and ensure that benefits are available to families and individuals earlier in a housing or utility crisis, streamline access, improve cross-agency collaboration, allow households to access up to 12 months of assistance without arbitrary dollar caps, and require the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to publicly post reports on RAFT to provide increased transparency on how the program is operating, and who it is (or is not) serving; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of H.1312 and S.856, An Act Providing Upstream Homelessness Prevention Assistance to Families, Youth, and Adults; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Cambridge state delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 Apr 3, 2023

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: After School care is critical to ensuring that families can remain employed and living in Cambridge in addition to providing a safe, healthy, and stimulating environment for children; and

WHEREAS: There is a high demand for after school in Cambridge, with 1378 children having applied to the Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) Community Schools program for Fall 2022 according to a [Nov 7, 2022 DHSP update](#); and

WHEREAS: The City has only been able to offer [710 spots](#) (making up 52% of applicants or just nearly 20% of the 2022-23 Pre-K to Grade 5 student population) to families of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The DHSP is to be commended for unveiling a plan to City Council on 2/28/23 to add 1370 new Community Schools and 40 new youth center spots for the upcoming school year (170 total) at an additional cost of \$1.5 million; and

WHEREAS: The increase in 130 spots for Community Schools will result in DHSP in total only serving 61% of Community Schools applicants; and

WHEREAS: DHSP indicated that due to several factors, including staff retention and workforce issues, they would not be able to expand beyond 170 slots for the upcoming school year; and

WHEREAS: DHSP's new plan for afterschool expansion involves expansion at three schools, all east of Harvard Square (King Open, Cambridgeport, and Morse) for the Pre-K to Grade 5 cohort; and

WHEREAS: [The School Committee recently passed a motion](#) that asked the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of providing additional space to accommodate the Community Schools expansion and explore opportunities to partner with the Department of Human Services (DHSP) in considering creative staffing models to support after-school programming; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct DHSP to work with the School Department, and any other relative City departments, to develop a three-year plan that addresses:

- Achieving the goal of providing an afterschool spot for every child in Cambridge who requests one
- Expanding spots at schools other than just King Open, Cambridgeport, and Morse
- Ensuring that every child who needs transportation to an afterschool location receives it, even if the afterschool location is less than one mile from their home school
- Improving pay/benefits for program staff to aid in retention and recruitment
- Creating an online dashboard displaying waitlist information by school and grade; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct DHSP to present a report on the current needs and concerns of special education students and their families, on the rules regulating how afterschool should serve these students, and on DHSP's current special education policies in practice; and that DHSP present a plan to address family and student concerns as part of the three-year plan; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the DHSP to report back to the City Council on the creation/convening of the Parent/Caregiver Advocacy Council; 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-5 Apr 3, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to direct the Community Development Department and the Law Department to review the Citizens Zoning Petition received from

Michael Monestime et al. regarding Outdoor Use Zoning for the Central Square Cultural District (APP 2023 #12) for form and content and report back to the City Council by Apr 10, 2023 with any recommended changes.

O-6 Apr 3, 2023

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Cambridge-El Salvador Sister City relationship with San José Las Flores was formalized in March of 1987 to offer protection, material aid, and solidarity amidst a US-funded, violent war; and

WHEREAS: The people of Cambridge have continued the sistering relationship during and after the war through ongoing support and communication with the people and elected leaders of Las Flores; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has sustained its sistering solidarity in these 36 years by organizing delegations, welcoming Salvadoran community leaders, and joining Salvadoran activists over the years in campaigns against foreign mining companies and repression of the social movements; and

WHEREAS: San José Las Flores has achieved many successes including developing a system of collective ownership of farms and housing, the creation of cooperatives (cattle, weaving, sewing, dairy, baking, tourism, agriculture) that employ the residents, a health clinic which provides prevention and interventive care to every member of the community, a K-12 education system with fully accredited teachers, an environmental plan for the full reforestation and protection of natural resources, a thriving church community with a convent and lay leadership and continued commitment to a consciousness of communal wellbeing for all peoples and the absence of the gang violence present throughout El Salvador; and

WHEREAS: Now is a critical time for a Sister City visit as this thriving community is experiencing several crises including a serious water shortage following many years of draught and government policies that have removed key financial resources from the rural communities; and

WHEREAS: The popular movements and Salvadoran social organizations supporting the rural communities and human rights and democracy are facing threats to their safety including imprisonment by the government; and

WHEREAS: In April 2023 a Sister City delegation will return to Las Flores to renew our person-to-person relationship following the COVID interruption with delegates including City Councillor Dennis Carlone, CRLS students Ila Mehta, Isla Agnew, and Maude Ullmann, a young Salvadoran-American activist named Ellie Cordero, along with bilingual educators Nancy Macias-Smith and Sarah Bruhn of Somerville, and long-time Sister City members Sarah Davila, Rachel Wyon, Jessie Auger, and Cathy Hoffman; and

WHEREAS: The delegates have been working with a broad variety of community groups, educators, immigrant rights projects, and neighborhood and municipal organizers in both Cambridge and Somerville to raise funds and awareness of the situation in El Salvador and our local areas; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council send a strong message of solidarity to the Mayor, Municipal Council, and Community Council of San José Las Flores in recognition of the successes and persistence of the community, as well as to the Sister City staff and CRIPDES organizing support; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council particularly recognizes the work of San José Las Flores in creative programming in caring for elders, as well as promoting health, education, and housing for all members of the community, the

environmental innovations, and work to memorialize history; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports the mission of the April delegation to strengthen the contact between Cambridge and El Salvador and to foster ties between the municipalities as well as community-building in our home communities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council welcome a report back from the delegates upon their return.

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MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that National Public Health Week, organized by the American Public Health Association, is celebrated across the country from Apr 3–9 with an ongoing focus on creating the healthiest nation in one generation by ensuring everyone has a chance to live a long and healthy life; and

WHEREAS: As a nation, we must address the underlying societal causes of poor health, such as racism, discrimination, barriers to a quality education and good jobs; violence; and unsafe housing and workplaces; and we must better understand how race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability status affects one's physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS: While the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted all of our lives in untold ways, it had a disproportionate impact on groups who have historically faced discrimination and economic hardship in the U.S., including people of color, elderly adults, people with disabilities, and the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS: The City made an extraordinary commitment to public health during the pandemic from vaccine clinics, free testing sites, and awareness campaigns to creating a temporary homeless shelter and providing funding for housing, food, and other services to residents in need; and

WHEREAS: The federal government and Massachusetts will declare an end to the COVID-19 public health emergency in May, but the work to address the inequities and other public health issues laid bare by the pandemic must continue; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record proclaiming Apr 3–9, 2023 as Cambridge Public Health Week in special appreciation of the extensive work on the part of City government, community organizations, businesses, and residents to respond to COVID-19 and of their longstanding commitment to building a more equitable and healthier city; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Derrick Neal, Chief Public Health Officer at the Cambridge Public Health Department on behalf of the entire City Council.