

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Council on Aging Board for a term of 2-years, effective May 1, 2013: Miranda Heibel (Agency Representative) Carole Feeny Withrow (Agency Representative)

### ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. [City Manager Agenda Number One of Mar 5, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.]
2. Urge greater cooperation from the Cambridge Housing Authority to better serve the people of Cambridge. [Order Number Two of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Apr 9, 2012.]
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant departments in order to present to the City Council a map of Cambridge that shows, by location and by date, all of the areas where construction is and will be taking place over the coming decade. [Order Number Four of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Apr 9, 2012.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 12-28, regarding temporary ramps and obstructions in construction zones. [City Manager Agenda Number Eight of Apr 23, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 23, 2012.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-35, which requests a report on whether there were any public safety officers that falsified their emergency medical training re-certification while employed by the City of Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Two of May 21, 2012. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on June 4, 2012.]
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-63 regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. [City Manager Number Twenty-three of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on July 30, 2012.]
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on whether a tagging program could be implemented to notify owners of bicycles that have been removed from sign posts by the Department of Public Works and contact information for retrieval of said bicycle. [Order Number Fourteen of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on July 30, 2012. Councillor Toomey recorded in the negative on Tabling.]
8. That the Cambridge City Council go on record urging the members of the Massachusetts Committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling to pass MA House Bill 4165, "An Act Relative to Speed Limits." [Charter Right

exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eleven of Nov 19, 2012. Order Number Eleven of Nov 19, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Dec 3, 2012.]

9. That the City Manager is requested to work together with the appropriate city officials including the City Solicitor and report back to the City Council regarding modification of the ordinance (10.12.030) that links the awarding of a one yearlong Visitor Parking Permit per household to the purchase of a \$25 Cambridge Resident Parking Permit. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eight of Jan 28, 2013. Order Number Eight of Jan 28, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on Feb 11, 2013.]
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-90, regarding a report on Executive Session to discuss lawsuits. [City Manager Agenda Number Seven of Feb 25, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 25, 2013.]
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine the feasibility of implementing a pay-by-phone parking meter program in Cambridge, and report back to the City Council with recommendations as soon as possible. [Order Number Two of Mar 18, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Mar 18, 2013.]
12. An application was received from Alberto Cavallo requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 16 Channing Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor vanBeuzekom on Applications and Petitions Number Three of Mar 18, 2013. Applications and Petitions Number Three of Mar 18, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Cheung on Apr 1, 2013.]
13. An application was received from Phil Terzis, Abodez Development requesting permission to close the existing five curb cuts and replace them with two curb cuts at the premises numbered 563/603 Concord Avenue and 19 Wheeler Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor vanBeuzekom on Applications and Petitions Number Five of Mar 18, 2013. Applications and Petitions Number Five of Mar 18, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Cheung on Apr 1, 2013.]
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-29, regarding a report on the feasibility of not allowing residents of new buildings to obtain on-street resident parking stickers. [City Manager Agenda Number Two of Apr 1, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 1, 2013.]

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor

David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Mar 7, 2013 to continue discussions on the petition by MIT to create a new Section 13.80 Planned Unit Development 5 (PUD-5) District; specifically to discuss Uses, Incentive Zoning, Community Fund, Housing and Sustainability. A presentation will be made by the Executive Director of Historical Commission on historic building. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Apr 1, 2013. Planning Board hearing held Jan 15, 2013. Petition expires Apr 15, 2013.

16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Council Order Numbers 13 and 14 of Mar 18, 2013, regarding revised zoning language to the Section 11.700 entitled Interim Regulations for Medical Marijuana Uses. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Apr 15, 2013. Planning Board hearing held Jan 22, 2013. Petition expires Apr 22, 2013.

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Sugar & Spice requesting permission for a sandwich board sign, one table to display merchandise, ten tables and twenty-four chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 1933 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Zinnia requesting permission for three tables to display merchandise in front of the premises numbered 1300 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. An application was received from Novartis Institute for Biomedical Research requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 181 Massachusetts Avenue/22 Windsor 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.
4. An application was received from Harvard Square Business Association requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing MayFair on Sunday May 5th.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Ian A. Waitz, et al., School of Engineering, MIT transmitting strong support for the Institute's Kendall Square rezoning petition.
2. A communication was received from Joseph Collins, 100 Memorial Drive transmitting opposition to MIT plan for Kendall Square.
3. A communication was received from Deborah K. Fitzgerald, Kenan Sahin Dean, School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, MIT encouraging the City Council to approve the Institute's rezoning petition for 26 acres of land in Kendall Square.
4. A communication was received from Valerie and John Stelling, 100 Memorial Drive transmitting support for MIT Kendall Square Initiative.
5. A communication was received from Martha Older regarding MIT sustainability.
6. A communication was received from Julie Wasserman, Second Street transmitting support for the Kendall Square Initiative.

7. A communication was received from Jay Wasserman, 34 Second Street transmitting support of the Kendall MIT rezoning petition.
8. A communication was received from Quinton Y. Zondervan, President, Green Cambridge transmitting a copy of a letter to MIT President Reif regarding environmental issues raised by MIT's Kendall Square Initiative that have not yet been adequately addressed by MIT.
9. A communication was received from John Pitkin, 18 Fayette Street transmitting support of Quinton Zondervan's letter to the City Council on behalf of Green Cambridge regarding the Kendall Square PUD-5 rezoning petition.
10. A communication was received from Julian Cassa, Area 4 Leadership transmitting two letters regarding Housing and Community Benefits for the MIT zoning petition.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Speedy recovery wishes to Maryann Young. Vice Mayor Simmons
2. Best wishes to Jessica Ferreira as she runs the 117th Boston Marathon and commend her efforts to raise funds for cancer research. Councillor Toomey
3. Retirement of Mary Hampton from the School Department. Mayor Davis
4. Thanks to Jacqueline F. Adams for her many years of dedicated service to the Cambridge Housing Authority Board. Mayor Davis
5. Resolution on the death of Alfred R. Gerardin. Councillor Maher
6. Continued good health wishes to Carolyn Bascomb. Vice Mayor Simmons
7. Continued good health wishes to Kenneth Bascomb. Vice Mayor Simmons
8. Happy 95th Birthday wishes to Muriel Turk. Vice Mayor Simmons
9. Congratulations to Chiang Li for being nominated for a 2013 ILC Immigrant Entrepreneur Award. Councillor Decker
10. Congratulations to Ashifi Gogo for being nominated for a 2013 ILC Immigrant Entrepreneur Award. Councillor Decker
11. Retirement of Richard "Dick" Woods from the Department of Public Works. Mayor Davis
12. Retirement of Kenneth "Boonie" Moore from the Department of Public Works. Mayor Davis
13. Congratulations to Biogen IDEC on receiving approval from the Federal Drug Administration to sell Tecfidera, the first oral pill for multiple sclerosis. Mayor Davis
14. Retirement of Paul Valentino from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor Davis
15. Congratulations to Atentiv for being recognized as a Mass High Tech Company to follow by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
16. Congratulations to Christy Fitzsimons on the recent reopening of the Dubliner Pub. Councillor Cheung
17. Congratulations to Scott Almeida on his new role as CFO of Recorded Future. Councillor Cheung

18. Congratulations to Leaf on their success thus far and best wishes for continued success. Councillor Cheung
19. Congratulations to ThriveHive on their success thus far and best wishes for continued success. Councillor Cheung
20. Congratulations to ShoutBot for being recognized as a Mass High Tech Company to follow by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
21. Thanks to the Royal Sonesta, Michael Medeiros and Amanda Hurley for hosting the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Culinary Arts students. Councillor Toomey
22. Congratulations to Montserrat Minguell on the occasion of becoming a citizen of the United States. Mayor Davis
23. Happy 100th Birthday wishes to Mary Elizabeth Cloran. Councillor Maher
24. Retirement of Susan Glazer from the Community Development Department. Mayor Davis

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the text of the MIT Zoning Petition be amended to increase the inclusionary housing from 15% to 18%. Councillor Decker
2. The Cambridge City Council go on record asking the Governor to explain the reason for excluding housing as a prerequisite for any bid placed before DECAM and further, the City Council asks the Governor to provide the date of when the purchase and sale of the Courthouse was signed and finalized. Councillor Decker
3. That the City Council formally go on record expressing its strong desire that M&M Cleaning, Inc. uphold the same high standards that the City itself holds, and that the company honor prevailing wage standards and offer health coverage to its employees. Vice Mayor Simmons
4. That the City Council go on record urging residents to be cognizant of Equal Pay Day on Apr 9, 2013. Councillor Cheung
5. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Lise Stern for a park in honor of Eitan Stern. Mayor Davis and Councillor Cheung
6. That the City of Cambridge call on the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to pass An Act Relative to State Contracting (S1472, H2883) in order to uphold community standards for good jobs for property service workers in the Commonwealth. Vice Mayor Simmons and Councillor Decker
7. That the City Council go on record supporting the efforts of City Manager Robert Healy and Police Commissioner Robert Haas to introduce a Home Rule petition at the state level that modifies the residency requirements for Cambridge Police Department applicants. Vice Mayor Simmons
8. That the City Manager is requested to look in to the feasibility of installing bike racks on a sidewalk or in a parking space nearby to 1001 Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Cheung
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Advisory Taxicab Subcommittee as to their recommendations on how the taxi and livery industry can modernize its services, provide heightened customer service, and protect drivers. Councillor Cheung

10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Inspectional Services Department as to the procedures in place for when an inspector takes a vacation or extended sick-leave and the potential of putting a back-up inspector in place to allow projects to move forward. Councillor Cheung

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee for a public meeting held on Dec 18, 2012 to explore the Cambridge Police Department's practices and policies surrounding minority hires, promotions, and recruitment efforts.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Housing Committee, for a public meeting held on Mar 28, 2013 to continue discussions on the status of the potential sale of 2 Mount Auburn Street.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Apr 2, 2013 to continue discussion on the petition by MIT to create a new Section 13.80 Planned Unit Development 5 (PUD-5) District; said report contains text of zoning language with changes since the Planning Board referral and a draft letter of commitment.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Councillor David Maher transmitting additional information received from Steven C. Marsh, Managing Director, Real Estate MITIMCo., regarding the MIT revised draft zoning amendment, a revised commitment letter and a table providing an overview of the public benefits contained in the revised commitment letter and the revised draft zoning ordinance amendments.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Apr 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Apr 9**

5:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to assess how other cities support neighborhood groups and examine how Cambridge could make use of these practices. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Thurs, Apr 11**

5:00pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss using the following strategies: "Don't Block the Box;" increased enforcement; and modified street layout/light cycles to improve pedestrian safety at the junction of Rindge and Massachusetts Avenues. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Apr 17**

6:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a joint public meeting with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to review the powers and potential of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority as it pertains to future development plans throughout the

City of Cambridge. (Police Department, 1st floor,  
Community Room, 125 Sixth Street)

**Thurs, Apr 18**

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the need and potential for providing computer and internet access to Cambridge's youth population. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting & Budget Overview (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Apr 23**

5:00pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the impact of tour buses parking, loading/unloading and driving through Harvard Square and along Cambridge Street and the related impact of these buses on the neighborhood's air quality, noise and traffic. (Ackermann Room)

**Mon, Apr 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Apr 30**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2014 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss any and all issues related to gun safety, including the possibility of a gun buy-back program in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, May 9**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2014 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2014 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 13**

4:00pm 2013 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, May 14**

2:00pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss how technology can be used to connect arts and culture to broader community goals. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, May 16**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2014 City Budget (if necessary). This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 20**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, May 29**

6:00pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting for the purpose of developing measures through which immigrants in Cambridge can have improved access to computers and the internet. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Apr 8, 2013

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the text of the MIT Zoning Petition be amended to increase the inclusionary housing from 15% to 18%.

O-2 Apr 8, 2013

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Edward J. Sullivan Courthouse in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been sold to a developer who did not propose housing; and

WHEREAS: Governor Deval Patrick made clear his commitment to create 10,000 additional units of multi-family housing per year in the Commonwealth in his "Compact Neighborhoods" initiative; and

WHEREAS: At least two other developers proposed to include housing in their bids; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Community has supported mixed use for this site that would include housing for families and individuals; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents desire an explanation from the Governor as to why his administration did not take into account the local needs and wishes of the community when awarding this bid; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Cambridge City Council go on record asking the Governor to explain the reason for excluding housing as a prerequisite for any bid placed before DECAM and further that the City Council asks the Governor to provide the date of when the purchase and sale of the Courthouse was signed and finalized.

O-3 Apr 8, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has an excellent reputation as an employer that treats its workers with dignity and fairness, and which can rightly boast that its workers are paid prevailing wages and given access to affordable health care coverage; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the City's Purchasing Department has recently awarded a contract for janitorial services at the City's public libraries, senior center locations, and the Department of Human Services (bid #6040) to M&M Cleaning, Inc.; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council formally go on record expressing its strong desire that M&M Cleaning, Inc. uphold the same high standards that the City itself holds, and that the company honor prevailing wage standards and offer health coverage to its employees.

O-4 Apr 8, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been a champion of fairness, gender equality and socially-responsible business practices; and

WHEREAS: According to the United States Census Bureau and the National Women's Law Center, women in Massachusetts who work full time earn only about 81 cents for every dollar earned by men, a figure that is persistent across occupations and at all levels of education; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the current economic crisis, women in Massachusetts have experienced higher rates of economic insecurity than men, and are more likely to live in poverty and rely on public benefits; and

WHEREAS: Fair pay in the workplace would drastically improve the financial situations of women throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Fair pay is an issue that strongly impacts families. More women are the primary breadwinner in their family than ever before. When women are not paid fairly, families suffer; and

WHEREAS: Fair pay is an issue that disproportionately impacts Hispanic, Latina, and African American women. In 2012, Hispanic and Latina women were paid only 59 percent of what white men were paid; and

WHEREAS: Fair pay is an issue that has the ability to impact a woman's economic security for the rest of her life. A lifetime of lower pay means that women have less overall income to save for retirement and that less income will be counted in Social Security and pension formulas; and

WHEREAS: This year, Equal Pay Day will be observed on Tues, Apr 9; and

WHEREAS: Equal Pay Day symbolizes the point in the next year to which a woman must work to achieve pay equity for the previous year. To match men's earnings for 2012, women would have to work from Jan 1, 2012 until Apr 9, 2013; and

RESOLVED: The City Council has previously gone on record in support of the Paycheck Fairness Act, federal legislation that seeks to eliminate the wage gap; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, as an ardent supporter of gender equality, the City Council go on record urging residents to be cognizant of Equal Pay Day on Apr 9, 2013.

O-5 Apr 8, 2013

MAYOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Lise Stern for a park in honor of Eitan Stern; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for their review and approval.

O-6 Apr 8, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes that good jobs are essential to building strong communities, and that hard work should be rewarded; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes that property service workers throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have worked together to lift standards for janitors, security officers, and maintenance workers; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge affirms that jobs financed by taxpayer dollars, including contracted jobs, should uphold hard-won community standards and should not depress local wages; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes that it is a contradiction for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to require large private employers to provide adequate health insurance while at the same time the Commonwealth and its municipalities hire contractors that do not adhere to these rules; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes that when employers fail to provide employees with sufficient means to cover basic necessities such as food, rent, and health care, this burden falls squarely on the taxpayer in the form of public assistance programs such as food stamps, subsidized housing, and Commonwealth Care; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes that contractors that do not meet community standards undermine standards for all workers; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge affirms that responsible contractor policies establish a level playing field which ensures that contractors who provide a living wage and decent benefits to their workers, including healthcare, aren't routinely underbid by contractors who are not committed to the same ethical standards; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge call on the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to pass An Act Relative to State Contracting (S1472, H2883) in order to uphold community standards for good jobs for property service workers in the Commonwealth.

O-7 Apr 8, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Commonwealth of Massachusetts law dictates that applicants to a city's police department must meet strict residency requirements, which state that applicants must reside within a city for a full calendar year plus one day before being considered eligible to apply to that city's police department; and

WHEREAS: This law does not take into account those applicants who may have strong roots in the community, who may have graduated from that community's high school, but who may have left the community to pursue higher education for a period of four or more years. Many individuals will return to their city of origin upon college graduation, and may still consider their city of origin to be their primary home in the years immediately following college graduation; and

WHEREAS: The state law, as currently written, appears to make it unnecessarily difficult for those individuals who were born and raised in Cambridge, who left Cambridge for higher education, and who have returned to Cambridge upon college graduation, to apply to the Cambridge Police Department unless and until they have lived in Cambridge for one full year following college graduation. This requirement likely prevents many qualified individuals from ever applying to our police department, as they are

forced to seek employment in other fields or in other communities; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting the efforts of City Manager Robert Healy and Police Commissioner Robert Haas to introduce a Home Rule petition at the state level that modifies the residency requirements for Cambridge Police Department applicants. This modification will make it easier for individuals with strong Cambridge roots, who have left the City to pursue higher education, to return to Cambridge and pursue their dreams of becoming members of the Cambridge Police Department; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this Council Order to Governor Deval Patrick and members of the Cambridge delegation to the State House on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 Apr 8, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Biking is one of the City of Cambridge's most popular, healthful, and sustainable commuting options; and

WHEREAS: As we learn more about biking patterns throughout the City, we should ensure that communities frequented by bikers have an adequate number of bike racks and bike lanes; and

WHEREAS: Due to a lack of nearby bike racks, bicyclists have begun chaining their bikes on a fence in front of several businesses at 1001 Massachusetts Avenue, often blocking pedestrian access to the businesses; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look in to the feasibility of installing bike racks on a sidewalk or in a parking space nearby to 1001 Massachusetts Avenue and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-9 Apr 8, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge currently has a taxicab subcommittee that was established to review taxicab service issues and make recommendations to the Board of License Commissioners; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Advisory Taxicab Subcommittee is comprised of taxicab companies, taxicab drivers, taxicab passengers, local hospitality industry professionals, the Cambridge Office of Tourism, human service agencies, the Cambridge Consumers' Council, the Departments of Weights and Measures, the Cambridge Police Department, and the Cambridge Traffic and Parking Department and is chaired by the Executive Director of the License Commission; and

WHEREAS: Following a Boston Globe article reviewing the Boston taxi industry, the City of Boston has embarked on a reevaluation of existing industry regulations; and

WHEREAS: While some of the solutions proposed in Boston by taxi drivers include adopting a structure similar to that of Cambridge, some of the problems identified in the Globe article exist in Cambridge as well; and

WHEREAS: Given that the City of Boston is embarking on this effort and given that some of the issues of the taxi industry are regional in nature, including the dynamic

between Boston and Cambridge cab companies, now is an appropriate time for Cambridge to also evaluate its regulatory policies; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Advisory Taxicab Subcommittee as to their recommendations on how the taxi and livery industry can modernize its services, provide heightened customer service, and protect drivers and how the City of Cambridge can be instrumental in assisting with these modernizations and report back to the City Council.

O-10 Apr 8, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Individuals and local businesses that are applying for large-scale building permits are required to receive approval from the following inspectors: plumbing, wiring, handicap access, zoning, and building; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that sometimes, when a required inspector takes a vacation or extended sick-leave, those seeking building permits are required to stall their procedures until the necessary inspector returns; and

WHEREAS: In some cases, new businesses have stalled plans for over six weeks waiting for the sign-off of the necessary inspector; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Inspectional Services Department as to the procedures in place for when an inspector takes a vacation or extended sick-leave and the potential of putting a back-up inspector in place to allow projects to move forward and report back to the City Council.