



# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**YI-AN HUANG**  
City Manager

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
June 1, 2026

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am writing to recommend the reappointments of the following people as members of the Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) for terms of five years, effective June 1, 2026:

- Chandra Harrington (Historical Commission Representative) (reappointment)
- Mary Flynn (Planning Board Representative) (reappointment)
- Kevin Foster (Resident Representative) (reappointment)
- Ellen Schacter (Resident Representative) (reappointment)

The Community Preservation Act Committee makes recommendations to the City Council for the appropriation of Community Preservation Act funding in support of affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space. According to state law (G.L. c. 44B) and the Community Preservation ordinance (c. 2.122), the CPAC consists of nine members, including representatives from the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and a member with the responsibility for oversight of the City's parks. CPAC has also traditionally had a representative of the Affordable Housing Trust.

### **Reappointments:**

**Mary T. Flynn, Planning Board.** Mary is a lifelong Cambridge resident who currently serves as Vice Chair of the Cambridge Planning Board. Retired from a public sector career in planning, finance and administration she continues to serve the community through her volunteer work with the City and non-profit organizations. She has been a member of CPAC since 2021.

**Chandra Harrington, Historical Commission.** Chandra is a fourth generation Cambridge resident and a retired museum executive. She is the chair of the Cambridge Historical Commission and is an active member of the Cambridge Black History Trail Committee. She has served on CPAC since 2021.

**Ellen Schacter.** Ellen Shachter currently serves as the founding Director of the City of Somerville's Office of Housing Stability. Previously, Ellen worked for more than 28 years as an attorney at Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services representing low-income households in housing and public benefits matters. Ellen is a frequent trainer on housing issues at the local and state level. Ellen has served since 2010.



**Kevin Foster.** Kevin is a strong advocate of preserving Cambridge's history. He has been an active member of the CPA Committee for several years and continues to bring insightful ideas and suggestions that support and protect open space, historical preservation and affordable housing in Cambridge. Kevin has been a member since 2012.

I appreciate the willingness of Chandra Harrington and Mary Flynn to serve and look forward to their continued contributions on the Community Preservation Act Committee; and with your approval, look forward to Kevin Foster and Ellen Schacter's reappointments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yi-An Huang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Yi-An Huang  
City Manager