

## TAX RATE HEARING

The Cambridge City Council will conduct a public hearing related to setting the property tax rate classification. Under the laws of the Commonwealth, the City has the option of taxing residential and commercial/industrial property at different tax rates. At this public meeting, the City Council will review tax rates/classifications proposed by the City Manager and the Board of Assessors. The votes taken will result in property tax rates that reflect the City's property tax levy for Fiscal Year. [[City Manager's Tax Rate Letter](#)]

### CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA [Tax Rate Hearing]

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to votes necessary to seek approval from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue of the tax rate for FY2024. (CM23#250) [[Tax Rate Letter](#)]

Agenda 1A Oct 2, 2023

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to use \$2,000,000 in Overlay Surplus Reserve to be used as a revenue to reduce the Fiscal Year 2024 tax rate.

Agenda 1B Oct 2, 2023

ORDERED: That the City Council classifies property within the City of Cambridge into five property classes allowed for the purpose of allocating the property tax levy. Additionally, that the City Council hereby adopts the 150% Shift and a Minimum Residential Factor of 65.0000.

Agenda 1C Oct 2, 2023

ORDERED: That the City Council approves a thirty (30) percent residential exemption for owner-occupied homes.

### CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA [Regular Meeting]

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a public health update. (CM23#245)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of David Kale to the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees for a term of one year. (CM23#246)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Cambridge Election Commission regarding the assignment of thirty-two (32) police officers and any additional officers as required to the City's polling locations for all elections in FY24, pursuant to G.L. c. 54, §72. (CM23#247)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments and reappointments of the following persons to the Family Policy Council;  
Appointments: Matthew Nelson, Khalida Griffin Shepherd, Urbana Barua, Rehaan Anjaria, and Abel Asefaw.  
Reappointments: Michelle Godfrey, Tina Alu, and Michael Johnston. (CM23#248)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to revisions to the Affordable Housing Overlay Petition. (CM23#249) [[CDD Memo](#)]

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Surveillance Technology Impact Report which describes Operations & Case Management

Software, requested by the Community Safety Department.  
[Charter Right – Zondervan, Sept 18, 2023] (CM23#241)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Amendment to Chapter 2.78 of the Cambridge Code of Ordinance, entitled "Historical Buildings and Landmarks." (Ordinance #2022-11). [Passed to 2nd Reading as Amended, Aug 7, 2023; further Amended Sept 18, 2023; Eligible to be Ordained – no expiration] (ORD22#11) [[text of proposed amendment](#)]
3. An Ordinance has been received from City Council, relative to Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO) amendments. (Proposed Ordinance #2023-7) [Passed to 2nd Reading Sept 11, 2023; Amended Sept 18, 2023] (ORD23#7) [[text of First Publication](#)] [[AHO-Sept12Edit](#)]

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A Zoning Petition has been received from Allene R. Pierson, regarding Cambridge Lodging House Zoning Change to strengthen Cambridge residential housing efforts, mitigate the disruptive impacts of short-term platform-based market rate rentals. (AP23#51) [[Signed petition](#)] [[Lodging House Petition](#)]

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Bernard McCormack, regarding Mass Ave bike lanes and continuing expansion.
2. A communication from Bill Deignan, regarding Ped-Bike Crossing of the Fitchburg Line - Cambridge RCN Support Letter Request.
3. A communication from Dan Sprague, regarding Callous Redesign of Linear Park.
4. A communication from Dan Totten, regarding "It got back to me".
5. A communication from Ethan Frank, regarding separated bike lanes and outdoor eating.
6. A communication from Madeleine Clarke, regarding testimony in support of PO#159.
7. A communication from Marilee Meyer, regarding PLEASE LEAVE VOTES FOR THE NDCS (AND CHC) UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL.
8. A communication from Nancy E. Phillips, regarding the AHO Amendments.
9. A communication from Robert Camacho, regarding National Conservation Districts.
10. A communication from Young Kim, regarding 9/18/23 City Council Manager's Agenda Item #6.
11. A communication from Young Kim, regarding 9/18/23 City Council Unfinished Business #6 re AHO amendments.
12. A communication from Young Kim, regarding my oral comment.
13. A communication from Young Kim, regarding Buckingham Field.
14. A communication from Carol Waldo and Ralph Robinson, regarding Support Comprehensive Design Engineering Study for the Rindge Greenway Proposal.
15. A communication from Devin Matté, regarding Support for AHO Amendments.
16. A communication from Sergio Coronado, regarding Support for AHO.
17. A communication from Paula Cortes, regarding AHO.
18. A communication from Josh Hartshorne, regarding being in favor of AHO.

19. A communication from Ann McDonald, regarding Please fund Comprehensive Design and Engineering Study for the Rindge Greenway Proposal.
20. A communication from Katie Bamber, regarding Zoning Change Question – 210 Broadway, 131 Harvard Street.
21. A communication from Nike Tirman, regarding TRAFFIC HAZARD - 50 Garden Street.
22. A communication from Helen Walker, regarding opposition to changes to Chapter 2.78 and in opposition to AHO 2.0.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Donna Gallant on her retirement. Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of John C. “Jack” Haverty, Jr. Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui
3. Resolution on the death of Murrell Weekes. Councillor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of Mark W. Grant. Councillor McGovern
5. Congratulations to John Sullivan on his retirement from the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Gilda M. Nogueira on her retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of East Cambridge Savings Bank. Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with CDD and the Law Department to review the proposed amendment to BEUDO regarding new buildings, and to propose adjustments, especially with regards to the building permit vs certificate of occupancy question. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern (PO23#166)
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct CDD to meet with the Universities, large labs, large property developers and anyone with technical expertise regarding the proposed BEUDO amendment to get their input. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern (PO23#167)
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department to place a Crossing Guard on the corner of Putnam Avenue and Western Avenue for one hour before the start of the CRLS school day and one hour after dismissal. Councillor McGovern (PO23#168)
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City departments to install a needle lock box, an emergency call box, and a Narcan box in the plaza outside the Central Square Library. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons (PO23#169)
5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of erecting a covered bus shelter in the immediate vicinity of 15 Lambert Street. Councillor Simmons (PO23#170)
6. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant departments to change the hours of off leash usage at Joan Lorentz Park to 6:00 to 8:00am to allow usage prior to typical work hours. Councillor McGovern (PO23#171)

7. Appointment of Lauren Reznick to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term. Councillor Carlone (PO23#172)
8. Housing contributions from the City’s major institutions. Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan (PO23#173)
9. That the City Council schedule a roundtable on Mon, Oct 23, 2023, from 3:00pm-5pm to receive an update from the City Manager, relevant departments, and community partners on Central Square. Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#174)
10. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to affix the Indigenous Peoples’ Day Banner above JFK Street and Mount Auburn Street beginning on Oct 4, 2023. Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#175)
11. National Clean Investment Fund Grant Support Letter. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#176)
12. That the City Manager is requested to work with the License Commission and other relevant departments to prepare recommendations on regulations that would ban or limit the sale of nips in Cambridge. Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Carlone (PO23#177)
13. That the City Manager is requested to reaffirm the City’s commitment to renovating the schoolhouse at 105 Windsor Street as a top priority following the completion of the Central Square lots study. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Nolan (PO23#178)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Civic Unity Committee** held a public hearing on Aug 21, 2023 to discuss a proposed “Cambridge Truth and Reconciliation Taskforce” from local reparations activists. [\[text of report\]](#)
2. The **Ordinance Committee** met on Sept 12, 2023, to hold a public hearing on potential amendments to the Municipal Code for the City of Cambridge to Protect Family Inclusion and Relationship Diversity, POR 2023 #97. The Committee voted favorably to send the proposed Ordinance language as amended to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation to Pass to a 2nd Reading. [\[text of report\]](#)
3. A public meeting of the Cambridge City Council’s **Health and Environment Committee** was held on Tues, Sept 13, 2023. The call of the meeting was to discuss PO23#73. The Committee voted favorably that the City Manager direct relevant departments to work with the Health and Environment and Ordinance Chairs and report back to the City Council no later than the end of October 2023. The Committee also directed the City Manager to work with relevant departments on funding sources to incentivize the transition to electrification of lawn equipment. Note: PO23#163 and PO23#164 were adopted in City Council on Sept 11, 2023. [\[text of report\]](#)
4. The **Ordinance Committee** held a public hearing on Sept 20, 2023, to discuss potential amendments to the Building Energy Use Ordinance. The following motions were

approved and appear on this agenda, each as a separate policy order. [\[text of report\]](#)

Motion #1: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with CDD and the Law Department to review the proposed amendment to BEUDO regarding new buildings, and to propose adjustments, especially with regards to the building permit vs certificate of occupancy question and respond to this matter at a to be scheduled Ordinance Committee hearing on this matter.

Motion #2: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct CDD to meet with the Universities, large labs, large property developers and anyone with technical expertise regarding the proposed BEUDO amendment to get their input, and that the City Manager respond to this matter at a to be scheduled Ordinance Committee hearing on this matter.

#### COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF23#164)
2. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui transmitting information from the UPK Ad Hoc. (COF23#165)
3. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF23#166)
4. A communication from Councillors Nolan, Carlone, and Toner transmitting alternative language to the Affordable Housing Overlay amendments. (COF23#167) [\[text of communication\]](#)
5. A communication from Councillors Nolan, Carlone, and Toner transmitting alternative language to the Affordable Housing Overlay amendments. (COF23#168) [\[text of communication\]](#)

#### HEARING SCHEDULE

##### Mon, Oct 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting

6:30pm The Cambridge City Council will conduct a public hearing related to setting the **property tax rate classification**. The purpose of said public hearing is to gather testimony, information and public input concerning the property tax rate classification. All persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity. Under the laws of the Commonwealth, the City has the option of taxing residential and commercial/industrial property at different tax rates. At this public meeting, the City Council will review tax rates/classifications proposed by the City Manager and the Board of Assessors. The votes taken will result in property tax rates that reflect the City's property tax levy for Fiscal Year 2024, including the granting of the residential exemption.

##### Wed, Oct 4

12:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing from 12:30pm-2:30pm to discuss proposed changes to the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge relative to Chapter 5.50 CANNABIS BUSINESS PERMITTING.

##### Tues, Oct 10

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm on a Zoning Petition by the Cambridge City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by amending Articles 2.000, 4.000, 5.000, and 23.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of allowing hen-

keeping as a permitted accessory use to principal residential (excluding transient accommodations as defined in Section 4.31.i), religious, and educational uses; with limitations and subject to regulation and permitting by the Cambridge Public Health Department.

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

##### Mon, Oct 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Tues, Oct 17

2:00pm The **Government Operations, Rules and Claims**

**Committee** and the **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a joint public meeting from 2:00pm-4:00pm to discuss the relationship between the City and the Cambridge Health Alliance including a review of the operations and budget of the Public Health Department, the Cambridge Health Alliance annual contract with the City of Cambridge, legal options for structuring the public health board, and other ways to best serve the community's public health needs.

##### Mon, Oct 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Tues, Oct 24

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

##### Wed, Oct 25

3:00pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public meeting from 3:00pm-5:00pm to discuss, review, and evaluate the Zero Waste Master Plan and plan reports and updates, and to discuss possible ways to further reduce waste in Cambridge including exploring how the City might eliminate single-use plastics including but not limited to nips, bottled water, and utensils.

##### Mon, Oct 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Tues, Oct 31

12:00pm The **Finance Committee** will hold a public hearing from 12:00pm-2:00pm to discuss a status update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in Cambridge.

##### Mon, Nov 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Tues, Nov 7

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

##### Mon, Nov 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Tues, Nov 14

12:30pm The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** will hold a public hearing from 12:30pm-2:30pm to discuss bicycle ridership and bike lane usage data.

##### Mon, Nov 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Tues, Nov 21

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

##### Mon, Nov 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Mon, Dec 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Tues, Dec 5

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

##### Mon, Dec 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### Mon, Dec 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Tues, Dec 19**

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Oct 2, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee met on Sept 20, 2023 and voted favorably that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with CDD and the Law Department to review the proposed amendment to BEUDO regarding new buildings, and to propose adjustments, especially with regards to the building permit vs certificate of occupancy question and respond to this matter at a to be scheduled Ordinance Committee hearing on this matter; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with CDD and the Law Department to review the proposed amendment to BEUDO regarding new buildings, and to propose adjustments, especially with regards to the building permit vs certificate of occupancy question and respond to this matter at a to be scheduled Ordinance Committee hearing on this matter.

O-2 Oct 2, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee met on Sept 20, 2023 and voted favorably that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct CDD to meet with the Universities, large labs, large property developers and anyone with technical expertise regarding the proposed BEUDO amendment to get their input, and that the City Manager respond to this matter at a to-be-scheduled Ordinance Committee hearing on this matter; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct CDD to meet with the Universities, large labs, large property developers and anyone with technical expertise regarding the proposed BEUDO amendment to get their input, and that the City Manager respond to this matter at a to-be-scheduled Ordinance Committee hearing on this matter.

O-3 Oct 2, 2023

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Putnam Avenue is heavily used both before and after school by students walking to and from CRLS; and

WHEREAS: The intersection of Putnam Avenue and Western Avenue is a major corridor used heavily by cars and trucks, often traveling above the speed limit; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department to place a Crossing Guard on the corner of Putnam Avenue and Western Avenue for one hour before the start of the CRLS school day and one hour after dismissal.

O-4 Oct 2, 2023

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Manning Apartments, a Cambridge Housing Authority Senior/Disabled building, shares a plaza with the Central Square branch of the Cambridge Public Library; and

WHEREAS: The plaza is often used by Manning Apartment residents; and

WHEREAS: The plaza has also become a place where those struggling with substance use disorder often inject substances, resulting in used needles being found in the plaza; and

WHEREAS: At a recent community meeting with members of the Manning community, it was requested that the City of Cambridge install a needle lock box, so that needles can be disposed of safely; and

WHEREAS: At this same meeting it was requested that the City of Cambridge install an emergency call box, so that 911 can be easily accessed in case of emergency; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant City departments to install a needle lock box, an emergency call box, and a Narcan box in the plaza outside the Central Square Library.

O-5 Oct 2, 2023

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has been brought to the attention of the City Council that the residents at 15 Lambert Street, known as "Millers River Apartments" and home to many members of our senior population, are requesting that the bench in front of the building, which many seniors use to wait for the MBTA buses, have a shelter placed over it to protect these individuals from inclement weather; and

WHEREAS: The City has, in previous years, seen fit to install a covered bus shelter at the corner of Erie Street and Brookline Street, near the LBJ Apartments that similarly house many of our senior community members; and

WHEREAS: As the City continues encouraging people of all ages to utilize mass transit, installing covered shelters is just one way to help reduce the impediments to those looking to do so, and it would especially be important to install these shelters on bus lines heavily utilized by our senior residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of erecting a covered bus shelter in the immediate vicinity of 15 Lambert Street, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-6 Oct 2, 2023

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Joan Lorentz Park is a dedicated shared off leash area for dogs from 8:00am to 10:00am; and

WHEREAS: This park is used by many dog owners, who have formed a tight-knit community, including not only dog owners, but others in the community who enjoy being around dogs and meeting up with their neighbors; and

WHEREAS: Many of those who use this park for off leash dog hours work during the day; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant Departments to change the hours for off leash usage to 6:00 to 8:00am to allow usage prior to typical work hours; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant Departments to add evening hours for off leash dog usage from 5:00 to 7:00pm, in the section of the park closest to the high school and near the playground, which is currently the space designated for off leash use.

O-7 Oct 2, 2023

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee met on Sept 27, 2023, and by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present, approved a motion to recommend to the full City Council the appointment of Lauren Reznick to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term; now therefore be it



ORDERED: That the City Council vote to approve the appointment of Lauren Reznick to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term.

O-8 Oct 2, 2023

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Cambridge is a global leader in the field of education and in the life sciences, with Kendall Square recently being described in the Boston Globe as the “[the world’s life science epicenter](#)”; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge’s universities and corporations have historically shared a symbiotic relationship with the city, benefiting from its strategic placement and networking potential, while in turn feeding opportunities and economic resources back into the Cambridge community; and

WHEREAS: In times of difficulty, Cambridge has done as many such cities have, and asked its major institutions and businesses to help support the local community in facing particularly pressing challenges; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge, like other high tech and education hubs around the country, is facing a major housing crisis, as cost of living and price of land far outpace the earning potential of most of the local population; and

WHEREAS: There is precedence in other similar cities for local governments to ask their major institutions to invest more in dealing with local housing shortages, for example in San Francisco, where [Google has committed](#) to spending \$1 billion over 10 years to provide 20,000 homes in order to offset the impact its operations have had on local housing affordability and availability; and

WHEREAS: Two of Cambridge’s oldest and most powerful universities--Harvard and MIT—have long lacked sufficient graduate student housing, causing students to compete with other residents for housing on the market, at the same time that the universities have purchased and developed large swaths of the city, further increasing land costs and reducing available land for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge’s academic institutions have demonstrated willingness to accommodate the city’s need for additional housing, for example with the Harvard Local Housing Collaborative, which since 2000 has leveraged \$20 million in low-interest flexible loans to help develop 33 affordable housing projects in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Despite such efforts to combat the crisis, according to the 2022 Cambridge Town Gown Report Summary, over 6,000 units of housing are occupied annually by Harvard and MIT students in off campus non-affiliate housing within Cambridge alone, which is predominantly market rate; and

WHEREAS: While Cambridge’s various biotechnology companies, in partnership with its prominent academic institutions, have helped transform the city into the innovation hub it is today, the huge growth in lab development as well as the high-end housing sprouting up to support it has had a negative effect on the local residential market and dramatically raised the cost of housing, as successive institutions have failed to act proactively to prevent this foreseeable result; and

WHEREAS: While many of the major academic institutions and life science real estate development companies within Cambridge have made important contributions to the city’s housing stock, the crisis we are in demands an even greater commitment from these major

stakeholders if Cambridge is to retain its economic and social diversity; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct City staff to identify and work individually with institutions that have extensive operations inside Cambridge, that have substantial financial means, and that have had documentable exacerbative impacts on the city’s housing crisis, including, but not limited to, MIT, Harvard, and the city’s major corporations in the fields of the life sciences/high tech; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct City staff to identify ways these institutions can do more to provide affordable housing development within/near the city, whether by providing additional funds to the Affordable Housing Trust or by developing affordable/mixed-income housing, commensurate with the means of each institution, and specifically to work with the academic institutions on plans to provide on-campus housing to significantly more graduate students and to lower-income staff; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the progress of these efforts no later than Dec 31, 2023.

O-9 Oct 2, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That the City Council schedule a roundtable on Mon, Oct 23, 2023, from 3:00pm-5:00pm to receive an update from the City Manager, relevant departments, and community partners on Central Square.

O-10 Oct 2, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: On June 6, 2016, the City Council resolved to recognize every subsequent second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: There are over [600 Native Nations in the United States](#), where 6.8 million Americans identify as Native American, including 250 in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is on land belonging to the Massachusetts People; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge believes that the culture of Indigenous people is one to be promoted, and the rich and diverse history is worthy of celebration; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge will continue to observe Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the second Monday in October to promote the beautiful and diverse Native American and Indigenous cultures that exist in Cambridge and recognize the violence that Indigenous Nations have been subjected to; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record to state its continued observance of Indigenous Peoples’ Day on Oct 9, 2023; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to affix the Indigenous Peoples’ Day Banner above JFK Street and Mount Auburn Street beginning on Oct 4, 2023, for no less than one week; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs, the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness, and the Natives at Harvard College (NAHC) on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-11 Oct 2, 2023  
COUNCILLOR NOLAN  
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is on record supporting electrification as a means of reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and decarbonizing our city as evidenced by actions including leadership work of the Climate Crisis Working Group, recent emissions reductions requirements added to the Building Energy Use and Disclosure Ordinance, the passing of the Green Jobs Ordinance, the updates to the Green Building Zoning Ordinance, the recent launches of programs like Electrify Cambridge and the BlocPower decarbonization pilot, and as outlined in our Net Zero Action Plan; and

WHEREAS: Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) is a collaboration of national partners, including Enterprise Community Partners, Rewiring America, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, United Way Worldwide, and Habitat for Humanity, that are focused on building demand for the electrification of single- and multi-family homes in low-income communities, a stated climate goal of the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: CCIP is applying for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund funding from the National Clean Investment Fund, the funding, which would be available to be used in all 50 states, including Massachusetts, would potentially jumpstart electrification efforts across the Commonwealth by aggregating demand for electrification of low-income housing; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record endorsing [the attached letter in support of the grant application](#) and submit the letter of support to Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-12 Oct 2, 2023  
COUNCILLOR NOLAN  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City Council has passed policy orders urging the City to take action to [ban single-use plastics](#), have urged specific action on [plastic water bottles](#), and have [supported state action](#) to limit plastic waste; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has taken many steps to reduce the use of single-use plastics and reduce overall waste in Cambridge as evidenced by their actions to ban [plastic bags](#), [polystyrene takeout containers](#), reducing the use of [plastic water bottles](#), and through the [Zero Waste Master Plan](#), and the continuing work of the Recycling Committee; and

WHEREAS: The [Health and Environment Committee](#) of the City Council will be meeting on Oct 25, 2023 to discuss, review, and evaluate the Zero Waste Master Plan and plan reports and updates, and to discuss possible ways to further reduce waste in Cambridge including exploring how the City might eliminate single-use plastics including but not limited to nips, bottled water, and utensils; and

WHEREAS: There has been other municipal action in Massachusetts to limit the sale of mini plastic alcohol bottles, also called “nips,” including in New Bedford, Newton, Falmouth, Wareham, Mashpee, and Chelsea, which has not only seen a decrease in plastic litter, but also a large decrease in alcohol related emergency calls; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has indicated that plastic nips cannot be recycled due to their small size, therefore all nips will end up in landfills or litter the local streets and waterways of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: As has been done in other municipalities, the Cambridge License Commission can take immediate action to limit or ban nip sales in new stores and to phase in a ban or a limit throughout the city so that existing stores have an opportunity to sell the remainder of their current stock; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the License Commission and other relevant departments to prepare recommendations on regulations that would ban or limit the sale of nips in Cambridge and prepare to discuss a proposal at the Health and Environment Committee meeting on Oct 25, 2023.

O-13 Oct 2, 2023  
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: 105 Windsor Street has stood vacant for multiple decades but the City [made a historic commitment](#) to The Port neighborhood in the summer of 2022 when \$4.5 million was appropriated to fund the design and renovation of this historic structure with the City promising “a pretty complete community process associated with this building, engaging the community, looking at various options, and then obviously we need to come back to the City Council”; and

WHEREAS: In 2023, the City Manager proceeded with a new survey and study of vacant parcels in and around Central Square, covering 10 lots including the schoolhouse at 105 Windsor Street; and

WHEREAS: While this study is long overdue, very welcome, and the big picture scope is useful in many respects to ensure the needs of Central Square are truly met as we move forward with utilizing these parcels, there is concern that the tremendous scope of this study could distract from and drown out the City’s promise to prioritize activation of the parcel at 105 Windsor Street, as well as the ability to conduct the kind of intentional, inclusive community process around the building that many in the neighborhood have envisioned for years; and

WHEREAS: 105 Windsor has a long history of community-oriented uses and the future of the site is of extreme importance to residents of The Port, including residents of Newtowne Court and Washington Elms located right across the street, making this a matter of racial and economic justice; and

WHEREAS: It seems important to clarify for the Port neighborhood whether the City remains committed to renovating 105 Windsor Street as a top priority in 2024, following the completion of the lots study; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reaffirm the City’s commitment to renovating the schoolhouse at 105 Windsor Street as a top priority following the completion of the Central Square lots study; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to outline and execute on an intentional community process specifically focused on the future of 105 Windsor Street, including (but not limited to) a series of community meetings specific to this building that seek to engage all residents of the neighborhood in an effort to build consensus; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter by Oct 30, 2023.