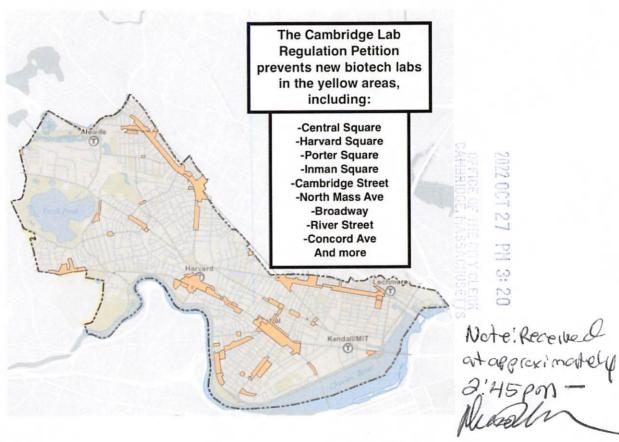
#### Cambridge Lab Regulation Zoning Amendment

#### **Overview**

The goal of this zoning petition is to prevent an anti-housing, anti-small business expansion of biotech laboratories into Cambridge's vibrant squares and neighborhoods. Cambridge is a proud hub of innovation but excessive biotech expansion will continue to worsen the city's staggering affordability crisis for both residential tenants and small businesses. The looming threat of such an expansion is a major impediment to increasing both affordable and market-rate housing near transit. It also threatens locally-owned, independent businesses across the city. The profitability of biotech labs will outcompete other uses wherever it is allowed. Yet it is housing, not biotech, that will build the around-the-clock stream of customers so desperately needed by our small business community. The areas identified below in yellow should be shielded from new biotech lab development, allowing them to develop as housing centers with thriving restaurants, nightlife, and retail, in order to encourage a diverse and vibrant economy:



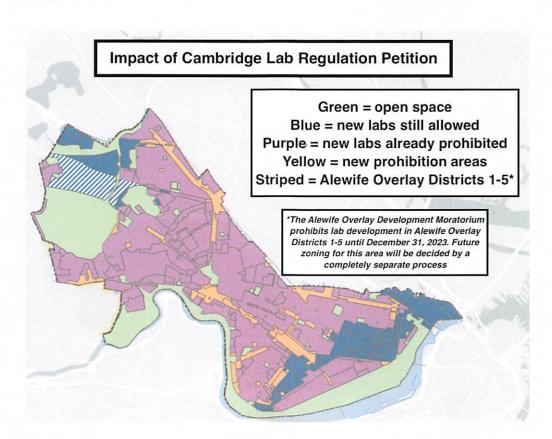
Now is the time to have a real conversation about where biotech laboratories do and do not belong in Cambridge. There is still time to commit to a pro-housing, pro-small business direction for our squares and neighborhoods. We hope that our City Council will seize the opportunity.

#### **Summary**

This petition proposes three zoning changes. It:

- Defines the lab use, finally distinguishing it from other commercial uses. The
  proposed definition aligns with the approach of nearby cities and accounts for the
  unique conditions of Cambridge. Similar but non-threatening uses like dentist
  offices and academic research buildings are explicitly carved out.
- 2. **Restricts new instances of lab use** in vulnerable squares and zoned business districts. The restricted areas are shown in yellow on the map below. The petition has no impact on the
- 3. Completely grandfathers all existing instances of the lab use within newly restricted areas, going even farther than the Zondervan/McGovern version of the petition in this regard.

The Alewife Overlay Development Moratorium prohibits new lab development in Alewife Overlay Districts 1-5 until December 31, 2023. The Cambridge Lab Regulation Petition does not impact that timeline and should not be construed to take a position on lab development in the Alewife Quadrangle. That decision will be made separately, informed by working group recommendations.



#### <u>List of Proposed Zoning Amendments</u>

That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge be amended on a petition by X et al., as follows:

ORDERED: That Article 2.000, entitled DEFINITIONS, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge, be amended by addition with the following text:

Technical office for research and development, laboratory & research facility. Any laboratory engaged in research, experimental and testing, including but not limited to the fields of biology, chemistry, electronics, engineering, geology, medicine, and physics, including activities that require additional air exchanges over and above a regular office use, or require the use of chemical hoods, biosafety cabinets, regulated chemicals, or dangerous substances. This definition does not include laboratories primarily used for educational purposes, medical and dental offices, including medical and dental offices providing laboratory services to patients such as blood tests, stool sample analysis and other similar services, innovation spaces, maker spaces, or other similar uses, or any purely software based activities.

FURTHER ORDERED: That Section 4.40 of Article 4.000, entitled USE REGULATIONS, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge, be amended by addition of two new footnotes as follows:

- 62. Any pre-existing technical office for research and development, laboratory & research facility in existence or permitted prior to January 1, 2023 in a Business or Office District shall be considered a conforming use for the purposes of making modifications to the building, including for the purposes of relocating the pre-existing use within the building.
- 63. Except as detailed herein, the technical office for research and development, laboratory & research facility use shall be allowed in any PUD, AOD, SD, MXD or other special zoning district that already effectively allowed this use prior to January 1, 2023. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in Article 17, the technical office for research and development use shall no longer be permitted in Special Districts 2,9, and 10. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in Article 20 or elsewhere in the Zoning Ordinance, the technical office for research and development use shall not be permitted in any Overlay Districts with a base zoning of Residential, Business or Office. NOTE: Commercial developments in Alewife Overlay District 1,2,3,4, and 5 are subject to a moratorium ending December 31, 2023 and the zoning may change in those districts separate from this petition and after it is approved.

FURTHER ORDERED: That Section 4.34 of Article 4.000, entitled USE REGULATIONS, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge, be amended as follows:

4.34 Office and Laboratory Use

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# Cambridge Local First

October 27, 2022

Cambridge Local First writes in support of the Cambridge Lab Regulation Zoning Amendment.

We are concerned about the continued expansion of biotech laboratories into Cambridge's vibrant squares and neighborhoods. While we are proud of the innovation that biotech laboratories have contributed, we fear that excessive biotech expansion will continue to worsen the city's staggering affordability crisis for locally- and independently-owned businesses. The looming threat of such an expansion threatens locally-owned, independent businesses across the city, as the profitability of biotech labs outcompete other uses wherever it is allowed.

We are grateful for a zoning change that defines the lab use by explicitly carving out similar but non-threatening uses like dentist offices and academic research buildings, as these business types can constitute local businesses. This language reads as:

"Technical office for research and development, laboratory & research facility. Any laboratory engaged in research, experimental and testing, including but not limited to the fields of biology, chemistry, electronics, engineering, geology, medicine, and physics, including activities that require additional air exchanges over and above a regular office use, or require the use of chemical hoods, biosafety cabinets, regulated chemicals, or dangerous substances. This definition does not include laboratories primarily used for educational purposes, medical and dental offices, including medical and dental offices providing laboratory services to patients such as blood tests, stool sample analysis and other similar services, innovation spaces, maker spaces, or other similar uses, or any purely software based activities."

Lab spaces are estimated at around twice as profitable as other commercial office space. Research shows that these lab spaces have an inflationary impact on rents and an adverse impact on locally- and independently-owned businesses. Given natural profitability incentives within our market economy and also historical evidence, we are concerned that if Cambridge does not exclude labs from retail areas, we will end up with much less locally-owned retail, and far more biotech laboratories, in the years ahead.

We encourage you to review the work of the <u>Small Business Anti-Displacement Network</u> (SBAN), which is combating conditions that make neighborhood small businesses vulnerable to displacement, particularly those owned by immigrants and people of color.

We at Cambridge Local First are eager to support policies that will advance the welfare of our local, independent business community. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully, Theodora Skeadas Executive Director Cambridge Local First