CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to AR26-66 regarding discussions with MWRA about improvements to water quality and advancement of CSO infrastructure without taking of public parkland or prolonged disruption to Magazine Beach. (CM26#304) [text of report]
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $50,000 from Free Cash to the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund. (CM26#307) [text of report]
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $1,000,000 from the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account. (CM26#305) [text of report]

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to illuminate City Hall in blue on Sat, Nov 14, 2026, in honor of World Diabetes Day. Mayor Siddiqui Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern (PO26#204)
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities, the Cambridge Human Rights Commission, and relevant City departments to strengthen public awareness of disability rights, reasonable accommodations, and available complaint processes, and to identify barriers to community integration within City programs and services. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zusy (PO26#205)
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff to consider an integrated development review process in which demolition and tree removal permits are reviewed with and issued concurrently with the building permits Issuing Demolition and Tree Removal Permits in Conjunction with Building Permits Approval. Councillor Zusy, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui (PO26#206)
4. City Council support of the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) and urge the conference committee on the economic development bill to adopt the House's local-option version. Councillor Al-Zubi, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui (PO26#207)

ON THE TABLE

1. That the City Manager is requested to review and reconsider the Harvard Square Kiosk Operating and Stewardship Model. [Charter Right – Sobrinho-Wheeler (Oct 20, 2026); Tabled Oct 28, 2026] (PO26#189)

APPLICATIONS & PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Sign Design representing Pura Vida Miami, requesting permission for a double-sided blade sign at the premises numbered 95 Mount Auburn Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailing has been provided. (AP26#77)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Abbey Perreault – Vote to boycott and divest from genocide
2. Abra Berkowitz – Support for CultureHouse
3. Adriana Prat – Supporting Culture House to continue to create programming for the Cambridge KiOSK
4. Agni T Thurner – Cambridge Office for Tourism and the KiOsk
5. agrunder – Visitor Information at Harvard Square Kiosk AG Ltr to CCC
6. Aish Lovett – Divest the City of Cambridge from Genocide
7. am levy – prevent Cambridge, Massachusetts, from adopting a BDS resolution
8. Amy Goldman – Please Vote NO on PO26#195 and PO26#196
9. Andy N – divestment vote
10. Angela M. Sullivan – MGL ch. 40, Section 42A 2
11. Ariel Wertheim – Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
12. Ariella Hellman – Opposition to PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
13. Audrey Markowitz – Local resident urges NO on proposed BDS Resolutions
14. Barbara Gold Marks – Policy Orders PO26#154 and PO26#155
15. Betty Munson – Vote for divestment
16. Suzanne Blier – Public Stewardship of the Harvard Square Kiosk
17. Khaykovich Boris – Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
18. Barry Perlman – Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
19. Brooke Feinberg – Cambridge Resident Public Comment for 10/28 Special Meeting; Divestment Ordinances
20. Harold J. Bursztajn – Meeting today on BDS CCC proposed policy orders @3pm
21. Carmel Shachar – Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
22. Cheyenne Wyzzard-Jones – To_ City Council, Written Statement American Freedmen Commission
23. Chris – POR 2026195 & 196_ Divest my tax dollars from Israel's genocide!
24. Corinne Espinoza – Vote to divest from genocide
25. Dave Gealekman – Please Oppose the Proposed Anti-Israel Divestment Resolution
26. David Hes – Cambridge Votes Against BDS! BDS: A Wolf Disguised as Sheep Guard Our Communities
27. dayse – concerning PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
28. Ed Rodley – Cambridge Kiosk proposals

29. Edwin Andrews – Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
30. Elizabeth Ponce – Resharing the positive impact of the Cambridge KiOSK
31. Ellen L – PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8) Divest my tax dollars from Israel's genocide!
32. Ellie Galligan – PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8) Divest my tax dollars from Israel's genocide!
33. Emily Goldstein – Cambridge KiOSK Support
34. Emily Hack – Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
35. Esther Hanig – City Council Divestment from Israeli companies PO26#195
36. farrel klein – Against Israel BDS resolution
37. Gideon Klionsky – PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
38. Heather Parker – Support for PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
39. Hilary Fabre – Cambridge Divestment Vote
40. Hill Saxton – In Support of Divestment
41. Jamie Pittel – Divest my tax dollars from Israel's genocide!
42. Jessica Jacobs – Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
43. Jessica Roseman – Artist Testimony for CultureHouse
44. jntysn@aol.com – Time sensitive_ Reporting back From the Olive Harvest in Palestine, Jerusalem
45. Joel Sawady – For today's meeting_ Petition with 1173 signers against PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
46. John Pielmeier – Divest! Divest! Divest! in favor of PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
47. Judy Willett – PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8). Vote no
48. Julian Moll-Rocek – Divestment now
49. Julian Moll-Rocek – Divestment now
50. Karen Choi – Cambridge resident and student in support of the KiOSK
51. Karen Propp – Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
52. ashif-ul-huda – Cambridge needs KiOSK and KiOSK needs more support
53. Katherine Ellin – Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
54. Keren Greenbaum Schmahmann – Please vote against PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
55. Ketki Samel – In favor of divestment from genocide
56. kristin g guyot – vote to divest
57. Laura Cere – Supporting the Harvard Square Kiosk and Cambridge's Arts Community
58. Laurence Tamkin – PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
59. Leena Ismail m – Support for PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
60. Marcy Lidman – Opposing PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
61. Marilyn Andrews – Constituent letter Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
62. Mark Eckstein – Vote NO on BDS in Cambridge
63. Mark Eisenberg – Vote to divest
64. Mason Purdy – Please Oppose PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
65. Meghna K – PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8) Please vote yes to divest
66. Meredith R. Sisson – Concerns Regarding PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
67. Michael Talbot – Experience with the Harvard KIOSK
68. Michel Anne-Frederic – Public comment for tomorrow (Wed, Oct 28, 2026) regarding divestment ordinances PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
69. Nadja – Opposing PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
70. Nancy Gold – Special City Council Meeting October 28 on Divestment Policy Orders
71. PaintYourTruth – Save Cambridge Kiosk
72. Rabbi Andy Vogel – Statement Opposing PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
73. Rabbi Beker – PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
74. Rabbi Yitzchak Zev Rabinowitz – PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
75. Rachel B – Don't overthink! Be a leader of positive change. Join the bandwagon! Please do the right thing, divest our taxes from Israel's horrific genocide of Palestinians
76. Rachel Dayanim – BDS Vote
77. Rami Mangoubi – Testimony of a Jewish Refugee from Arab Countries Against the Proposed BDS Resolution: A Call for Humanity and Peace
78. Rebecca Burstein – Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
79. Richard Foltin – Opposing PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
80. rick riley – Respectfully requesting no votes on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
81. Rob Leikind – Letter to City Councilors Re: PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
82. Rona Kaufman – Proposed Cambridge City Council PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
83. Ruth O'Meara-Costello – PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
84. Ryan Fleischer – Please vote NO on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
85. Sam Gechter – Written comment on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
86. Sharon Ramelson – VOTE NO ON PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
87. Sharone Small – Opposing PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
88. Shelley Rieman – Divestment vote
89. Shira Wallin – PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
90. Shmuel Septimus – Please vote no on PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)91. Judith D. Singer – Strong opposition to today's vote on BDS
92. skye.clancy – Public Comment for PO26#195 & #196 (Orders 7 and 8)
93. Steven J Spear – BDS Resolutions, October 28
94. Susan Rodgin – Please vote AGAINST....
95. Thomas Sorensen – Tomorrow's Divestment Vote

96. Toby Sumner – Divestment from genocide
97. Uriel Mikael Immanuel – Urgent_ From Members of the Harvard-MIT Communities & Concerned Citizens
98. Uriel Mikael Immanuel – Urgent_ From Members of the Harvard-MIT Communities & Concerned Citizens
99. Viraj Sikand – Vote to Divest from Companies Contributing to Genocide

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Michette on the grand opening of its second location. Mayor Siddiqui
2. Congratulations to the Museum of Science on the opening of the William and Charlotte Bloomberg Public Science Commons. Mayor Siddiqui
3. Honoring First Church Cambridge Congregational UCC and the 2026 Doris Beauvais Luncheon Honorees. Councillor McGovern
4. Congratulations to Director Anna Kaplan for her service to the Cambridge Public Health Department. Mayor Siddiqui
5. Congratulations to AFCOST on its 25th anniversary and celebrating their many years of dedicated service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to Cambridge youth and families. Mayor Siddiqui
6. Condolences to the family of Stella M. Burke. Councillor Flaherty

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui transmitting a memorandum regarding information from the School Committee. (COF26#134) [text of report]
2. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula Crane, regarding an update regarding legislative activity. (COF26#135)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 26

4:00pm The City Council will hold a Joint Roundtable/Working Meeting with the Cambridge School Committee to discuss the FY28 budget planning process and ongoing macro-economic trends in Cambridge.

Wed, Oct 28

3:00pm Special City Council Meeting to continue discussion on PO26#195, PO26#196, and PO26#189. There will be no public comment.

Mon, Nov 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Nov 10

12:00pm The **Public Safety Committee** will hold a public hearing from 12:00 to 2:00pm, to discuss the following Police Review and Advisory Board (PRAB) reports:

- CM26#85: Report covering Fall 2025 through the First Quarter of 2026, referred to the Committee on Apr 13, 2026.
- CM26#216: Quarterly Report for the Second Quarter of 2026, in City Council Aug 3, 2026.
- CM26#289: Quarterly Report for the Third Quarter of 2026, referred to the Committee on Oct 20, 2026.

Mon, Nov 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Nov 24

12:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss CM26#214, regarding curb cut applications, including proposed regulations for the curb cut approval process.

Mon, Nov 30

4:00pm The City Council will hold a Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss the future uses of City-owned properties.

Wed, Dec 2

11:00am The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss residential decarbonization strategies in Cambridge including decarbonization utility, energy audits per PO26#152, rental registry, grid modernization, and non-gas utilities and stoves.

Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Dec 8

12:30pm The **Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss CMA 2026-283, regarding food vending in City parks, including proposed regulations and establishment of a pilot vending program.

Mon, Dec 14

4:00pm The City Council will hold a Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss the importance of the innovation ecosystem to city economies, with a focus on its impact in Cambridge.

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Dec 22

3:00pm The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss managing residential parking permits as the City grows, including CM26#202, which outlines potential policy options for restricting eligibility for on-street resident parking permits.

Mon, Dec 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 2, 2026

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks the cells in the pancreas that make insulin. Insulin is an essential hormone that helps the body turn food into energy; and

WHEREAS: T1D develops in stages at any age, and blood tests can detect autoantibodies before symptoms appear. However, symptoms can be sudden, especially in young children. Common symptoms include extreme thirst, frequent urination, unexplained weight loss, fatigue, dry mouth, and itchy skin; and

WHEREAS: T1D is a growing health concern worldwide. More than 1.5 million people in the United States are living with T1D.

Although its exact causes are unknown, having a first-degree relative with T1D can increase a person's risk of developing the disease; and

WHEREAS: Early detection of T1D can reduce the risk of serious complications, connect individuals with specialists and research opportunities, provide access to treatments that may delay the need for insulin, and give families time to prepare; and

WHEREAS: Since 1970, Breakthrough T1D has been a leading global research and advocacy organization dedicating more than $167 million in funding research, advocating for the T1D community, and supporting people living with the condition while working towards a cure; and

WHEREAS: "World Diabetes Day" is a global awareness campaign that encourages communities to raise awareness of diabetes and show support for those living with the condition, their families, and caregivers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to illuminate City Hall in blue on Saturday, November 14, 2026, in honor of World Diabetes Day; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Breakthrough T1D on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Nov 2, 2026

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

WHEREAS: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act provide essential protections against discrimination based on disability; and

WHEREAS: The United States Supreme Court recognized, in *Olmstead v. L.C.* (1999), that unjustified institutional isolation of people with disabilities constitutes discrimination under Title II of the ADA, and established that people with disabilities are entitled to receive services in community-based settings when appropriate, consistent with the conditions established by the Court; and

WHEREAS: The right to live and participate in the community is fundamental to the dignity, independence, self-determination, and equal opportunity of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Access to appropriate community-based services and supports, including accessible housing, transportation, personal assistance, and health and behavioral health services, helps people with disabilities live independently and participate fully in community life; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Human Rights Ordinance and Cambridge Fair Housing Ordinance (*Ordinance No. 2023 8B*) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, and access to housing free from discrimination, including reasonable accommodations and modifications as required by law. These Ordinances are essential to supporting community integration and independent living; and

WHEREAS: On June 18, 2026, the United States Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel issued an opinion challenging the interpretation of the ADA and Rehabilitation Act as establishing a federal community integration mandate; and

WHEREAS: On September 23, 2026, a federal district court in *Texas v. Kennedy* vacated certain community integration provisions of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Section 504 regulations, creating additional concerns about federal protections and enforcement; and

WHEREAS: Although the Supreme Court's *Olmstead* decision has not been overturned, these federal developments have created uncertainty about the continued enforcement of community integration protections and the ability of people with disabilities to access services in the most integrated settings appropriate to their needs; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes that unnecessary institutionalization can separate people with disabilities from their families, communities, employment, and opportunities to participate fully in civic and community life; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge remains committed to advancing accessibility, equity, inclusion, and the civil rights of people with disabilities, including protecting individuals from discrimination and supporting their ability to live and participate in the community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its strong opposition to federal actions that weaken protections against unjustified institutionalization and unnecessary segregation of people with disabilities, including the Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel opinion and the federal court order in *Texas v. Kennedy*; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council reaffirms its support for the principles established in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, recognizing the importance of protecting the rights of people with disabilities to receive appropriate services and supports in integrated community settings; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council reaffirms Cambridge's commitment to being a welcoming, accessible, and inclusive community where people with disabilities are treated with dignity, have opportunities to exercise self-determination, and can participate fully in community life; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council recognizes the importance of preventing discriminatory assumptions about disability and opposing the misuse of institutional placement or disability-related labels to deny individuals their rights, autonomy, and equal participation in society; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities, the Cambridge Human Rights Commission, and relevant City departments to strengthen public awareness of disability rights, reasonable accommodations, and available complaint processes, and to identify barriers to community integration within City programs and services; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this Policy Order to the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities, the Cambridge Human Rights Commission, the Massachusetts Attorney General, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice, and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-3 Nov 2, 2026

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Housing Development Dashboard shows more than 250 projects across the city in the pre-permit, permitted, and completed stages; and

WHEREAS: Under current practice, existing buildings may be demolished and mature trees may be removed before a building permit is applied for or approved, and if a project is then delayed, the site may sit vacant; and

WHEREAS: Material, labor and borrowing costs remain high, which can make it harder for projects to move forward and increases the likelihood of extended gaps between demolition and construction; and

WHEREAS: Other communities have addressed similar issues through process coordination, including concurrent demolition and building permits in Los Angeles and Atherton, CA, and the integration of tree removal into development permits in Atlanta, GA and Portland, OR; and

WHEREAS: Lots that are vacant for extended periods of time can become neighborhood nuisances and if mature trees are being removed before projects are confirmed to be viable or before the removal is shown to be necessary, that would contribute to a loss in canopy that can take decades to replace; and

WHEREAS: Preserving existing trees can contribute to the Cool Score for projects subject to the Green Factor Standard, and therefore existing trees should not be disturbed before their relevance to building permit approvals is determined; and

WHEREAS: A more coordinated comprehensive approach to reviewing and approving projects with a streamlined system is ongoing and would be enhanced by incorporating the concerns over demolitions and trees; and

WHEREAS: Inspectional Services Department regulations do not currently appear to require a building permit application within a set period after a demolition permit is sought, and the City does not maintain a vacant lot registry, leaving a gap in oversight that merits review; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff, including but not limited to the Inspectional Services Department, Department of Public Works, Historical Commission, Department of Transportation, Community Development Department, Fire Department, and Water Department, to consider an integrated development review process in which demolition and tree removal permits are reviewed with and issued concurrently with the building permits; 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-4 Nov 2, 2026

COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: In 2025, 19 no-cause eviction cases were filed in Cambridge, according to the Massachusetts Trial Court (Summary Process dashboard, By Zip Code tab). Landlords can bring these cases when the tenant has done nothing wrong, for example to clear a building before selling or renovating it; and

WHEREAS: Roughly two-thirds of low-income renter households in Massachusetts lack access to an income-restricted home and rely on the private market, according to Housing Navigator MA and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council; and

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth lost about 163,000 rental units renting for less than $1,400 a month between 2012 and 2022, according to Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies data cited by the Boston Foundation and the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations; and

WHEREAS: A Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) gives tenants in a multifamily building the chance to make an offer on, or match an outside offer for, their building when it is sold, or to designate a nonprofit organization to buy it on their behalf, which helps preserve existing affordable homes alongside new construction; and

WHEREAS: Washington, D.C. has had a tenant opportunity to purchase law since 1980, and of the 419 apartment building sales covering 16,962 units that were subject to it between 2012 and early 2023, tenants formed registered tenant associations in 158, according to the DC Policy Center; and

WHEREAS: A Community Opportunity to Purchase Act (COPA) gives qualified nonprofit housing organizations the chance to make an offer on, or match an outside offer for, a multifamily building when it is sold, which can work alongside TOPA by giving tenants who cannot buy their building themselves a ready nonprofit partner, and by reaching sales where tenants do not form an association; and

WHEREAS: San Francisco has had a COPA since 2019, and qualified nonprofits have used it to preserve 230 units across 15 buildings, according to LISC; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts House and Senate have each included a version of TOPA in this session's economic development bill (H.5576, with the Senate text printed as S.3228). The House version lets any city or town adopt TOPA by local vote and exempts owners of six or fewer rental units in the community who live in Massachusetts, while the Senate version creates a pilot of up to five years in no more than five communities that vote to accept it and apply to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, and directs that pilot to help communities with high rates of displacement; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature last passed a local-option TOPA at the end of the 2019-2020 session (H.5250, enacted as Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020), but Governor Baker vetoed that section in January 2021; and

WHEREAS: On July 30, 2026, the House and Senate appointed a conference committee on the economic development bill; and

WHEREAS: On February 5, 2018, the Cambridge City Council voted 7-2 to support a state tenant right of first refusal bill, H.3017, with an amendment allowing cities to tailor how it is carried out, and on April 12 and October 18, 2021, voted 8-1 to support the TOPA bills then before the Legislature (RES21#99 and PO21#226); and

WHEREAS: On October 5, 2026, the Council unanimously referred PO26#185 to the Ordinance Committee, which would require owners to notify tenants when their building is put up for sale, a step that works alongside a state TOPA law but cannot replace it; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in strong support of the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council urging the conference committee on the economic development bill to adopt the House's local-option version of TOPA, so that Cambridge and any other city or town that wants it can opt in, and, if the committee adopts a pilot instead, to open the pilot to communities with high rates of displacement such as Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council supports COPA as a complement to TOPA, and urges the Legislature to let cities and towns adopt one and to keep tenants' ability under TOPA to assign their rights to a qualified nonprofit; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council urges Cambridge's State House delegation to press the conference committee for this outcome; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Governor Maura Healey, Speaker Ronald Mariano, Senate President Karen Spilka, the members of the conference committee on the economic development bill, Representatives Aaron Michlewitz, Carole Fiola and Michael Soter and Senators Michael Rodrigues, Barry Finegold and Peter Durant, and the Cambridge State House delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.