

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2022: Ronald DiGiorgio and Burton Malkofsky.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$70,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Animal Commission Extraordinary Expenditures account.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$60,000 from the Water Fund Salary and Wages account to the Water Fund Travel and Training (Judgment & Damages) account to cover the costs related to a disability retirement settlement.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$500,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Law Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and future disbursements related to settled or otherwise resolved cases.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-95, regarding sending out voter notification cards for both primary and general special elections.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$6,665,859 from Free Cash to the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund which will be used to fund specific future projects, which will require separate individual appropriations by the City Council.
8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$392,350 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used for the purchase and expenses of Bluebikes bikeshare equipment.
9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$188,650 received in donations to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account from funds received from various sources that will be used for costs associated with the BlueBikes bikeshare system.
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-73, regarding clarifying truck restrictions on Alewife Brook Parkway north of Massachusetts Avenue towards the Cambridge/Somerville border.
11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-82, regarding a report on improvements Harvard Bridge.

## **ON THE TABLE**

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-13, regarding next steps on implementation of Universal Pre-K. [Tabled - May 17, 2021]
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-41, regarding a report on closing Mass Ave from Prospect Street to Sidney Street on Friday and Saturday evenings. [Charter Right – McGovern, June 28, 2021; Tabled - Aug 2, 2021]
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-56, regarding improvements to Jerry's Pond and along Rindge Avenue. [Tabled – Siddiqui, Sept 13, 2021]
4. That the attached Home Petition titled "Petition For An Act Authorizing The City Of Cambridge To Enact An Ordinance To Limit And Monitor Campaign Donations In Local Elections By Individuals Seeking Financial Reward From The City Of Cambridge" be forwarded to the General Court for adoption. [Tabled – Dec 6, 2021]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. That the City Council adopt a municipal ordinance to reduce or limit campaign donations from donors seeking to enter into a contract, seeking approval for a special permit or up-zoning, seeking to acquire real estate from the city, or seeking financial assistance from the city; Ordinance #2020-27. [Tabled - Nov 8, 2021; Passed to 2nd Reading - Dec 6, 2021; To Be Ordained on or after Dec 20, 2021]

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Jenn Robichaud representing Harbor One Bank, requesting permission for a projecting illuminating sign at the premises numbered 1739 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
2. An application was received from Todd Dery representing DIG, requesting permission for a projecting illuminating sign at the premises numbered 2 Broad Canal Way approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Yena Do, DPM, regarding petition from the disabled community.
2. A communication was received from Bev Schwartz, Assistant Director of Public Policy, Hope For The Day, thanking the City Council for joining the National Suicide Prevention & Action Month Proclamation project this year.
3. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Contract Irregularities for Separated Bike Lane.
4. A communication was received from Graham Jones, regarding Supporting the Green New Deal.
5. A communication was received from Beryl Minkle, regarding loss of parking on Mass.Ave.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Thanks to Manikka Bowman for her years of service on the Cambridge School Committee. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui
2. Thanks to Councillor Tim Toomey For his years of service to the City of Cambridge and its residents. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui
3. Condolences to the family of Antony “Tico” Garcia. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Council go on record expressing its tremendous gratitude to the entire 8th Floor Staff at Boston Children’s Hospital for their exemplary work in helping to save the life of, and prepare a long and bright future for, Montero “Monty” K. Campbell. Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Bill Wiercinski. Mayor Siddiqui
6. Thanks to City Councillor Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler for his public service. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone
7. Resolution on the death of Rosemarie Roderick. Councillor Toomey
8. Congratulations to Lydia Edwards on her recent victory in First Suffolk and Middlesex Senate District State Senate Democratic primary. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern
9. Resolution on the death of Mary S. (Grassia) Magliozzi. Councillor Toomey

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a 20-25 person Cycling Safety Ordinance Implementation Advisory Committee to advise and improve upon the implementation of the citywide bicycle safety infrastructure and to establish recommendations on mitigating any concerns raised in regard to this infrastructure, with the appointments to be announced no later than January 31, 2022. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to convene meetings between his office, the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, and with the heads of the Neighborhood Business Associations, with the Neighborhood Associations, and within each of the Cambridge Housing Authority’s senior buildings, to ensure that these stakeholders are given the opportunity to collaborate on devising new plans that will inform the City’s approach going forward in establishing citywide bicycle-safety infrastructure that works for bicyclists, motorists, pedestrians, seniors, those with mobility impediments, the local business community, and all our residents. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department on measures that may be taken to ensure the safety of residents, whether they be flashing lights, increased signage or other safety measures in the area of Huron Avenue and Sparks Street. Councillor Nolan
4. That the Cambridge City Council go on record requesting that Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust create a portfolio option as soon as possible for all municipalities that has no exposure to fossil fuels or prisons or their funders. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor

Zondervan, Councillor Carlone

5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ensure multi-family properties on the market are reviewed as quickly as possible as potential affordable housing acquisitions. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon
6. That the City Council go on record urging the Baker Administration and the Legislature to reverse course and changes and do whatever it takes to continue the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and Residential Assistance for Families in Transition program as they are currently operating, and making use of additional ARPA funds as needed. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui
7. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Councillor Quinton Zondervan for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of 147 Magazine Street in honor of longtime Cambridge resident Lita Long. Councillor Zondervan
8. That the City Manager is hereby requested to consult with relevant city departments, the Cambridge Housing Authority, non-profits, and homeless shelters on a plan to distribute Cambridge’s allotment of at-home rapid test kits equitably to the highest need individuals. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons
9. That the City Manager is requested to work with Derrick Neal, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department, to expand current testing hours for January and February. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan
10. That all items pending before the City Council and not acted upon by the end of the 2020-2021 Legislative Session be placed in the files of the City Clerk, without prejudice provided that those proposed ordinances which have been passed to a second reading, advertised and listed on the Calendar under "Unfinished Business" during the 2020-2021 City Council term, along with any other pending matters on the Calendar listed as "Unfinished Business," shall be forwarded to the next City Council and further provided that any items pending in committee or appearing on the City Manager’s “Awaiting Report List” may, at the discretion of the appropriate body, be forwarded to the next City Council. Mayor Siddiqui

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Housing Committee met Sept 23, 2021 to discuss the Condo Conversion Ordinance.
  - A. An Ordinance Providing Protection For Tenants Facing Displacement By Condominium Cooperative Conversion Pursuant To City’s Authority Under St. 1983, C. 527 Ordinance #2021-27. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Zondervan

## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.
2. A communication was received from Anthony Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Thurs, Dec 16

5:30pm The Human Services and Veterans Committee will hold a public hearing to receive a report from the Department of Human Services Programs regarding changes made to DHSP after school programs. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Dec 21

2:00pm The Public Safety Committee will meet to hear an update on the city's implementation of the HEART proposal as part of an alternative public safety response. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, Dec 22

1:00pm The Health & Environment Committee will meet to discuss the BEUDO amendments. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Jan 3

10:00am City Council Inauguration (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Jan 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Jan 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Jan 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Feb 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Feb 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Feb 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, May 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, May 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, May 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, June 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

## TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Dec 20, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In the more than two years since the City Council

first adopted the Cycling Safety Ordinance, it has become apparent that there is a need for a mechanism through which the public can register their thoughts, ideas, and concerns about the new bicycle safety infrastructure, and through which the City can utilize this feedback to improve upon how this process is being conducted; and

WHEREAS: To that end, it would be wise to ask the City Manager to convene a standing Citizen's Advisory Committee, similar to the "Implementation Advisory Committee" that was established when the City enacted the 2003 ban on smoking in restaurants, to bring together a panel of representative stakeholders to review, assess, and make recommendations on the feedback received from the public on this matter; and

WHEREAS: Such a committee could be comprised of two members from the Bicycling Committee, two members from the Pedestrian Committee, two members from the Small Business Community, two members from the Senior Community, two members from the Interfaith Community, two members from the Disability Commission, and so forth, to ensure that all the major stakeholders have an equal voice in receiving and reviewing concerns and making recommendations to mitigate these concerns, and to strengthen the City's implementation of the bicycle safety infrastructure; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a 20-25 person Cycling Safety Ordinance Implementation Advisory Committee to advise and improve upon the implementation of the citywide bicycle safety infrastructure and to establish recommendations on mitigating any concerns raised in regard to this infrastructure, with the appointments to be announced no later than January 31, 2022.

O-2 Dec 20, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In recent months, Cambridge residents – primarily senior citizens and those with mobility impediments – as well as representatives of the local small business community have grown increasingly vocal in citing significant concerns about how the City has gone about erecting 25 miles of protected bicycle infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: The concerns from seniors have largely focused upon the loss of parking spaces near their homes, which has led to numerous cancellations from visiting home health aides who have been unable to find nearby parking spots, as well as the loss of parking spaces near local businesses and medical offices, which creates a significant barrier to patronizing these establishments and offices by those unable to walk more than very short distances; and

WHEREAS: The concerns cited by small businesses include: lamenting the loss of critical loading zones near their establishments, the loss of parking spaces which is creating a hardship for some employees, and the loss of metered parking which is creating new barriers to potential patronage of these establishments (most of which are already desperately struggling to survive the worst fiscal impacts of the pandemic); and



WHEREAS: Those reaching out to the City Council have not suggested that the City should reverse course and abandon plans to make our roadways safer for bicyclists – rather, they are urging that the City reconsider how it goes about this process, and that the City abandon the “break it now/fix it later” approach that appears to have been taken; and

WHEREAS: The requirements and timelines laid out in the 2020 amendments to the Cycling Safety Ordinance state that the City must erect 25 miles of interconnected bicycle infrastructure in the coming years – yet nowhere in those requirements is it stated that this infrastructure must remove parking or potentially come at the expense of those who rely upon motor vehicles to move about the city and patronize our local businesses; and

WHEREAS: The method of implementing this critically necessary bicycle-safety infrastructure was a choice made by the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, and it is becoming evident that this particular choice placed expedience above the kind of methodical, holistic planning that is required to ensure that in solving one problem, the City does not inadvertently create two new ones; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to prepare a formal response to the above-cited concerns raised by local senior citizens and local business owners outlining how the City can and will thoughtfully address these concerns in the already impacted areas of the city and all new areas going forward; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene meetings between his office, the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, and with the heads of the Neighborhood Business Associations, with the Neighborhood Associations, and within each of the Cambridge Housing Authority’s senior buildings, to ensure that these stakeholders are given the opportunity to collaborate on devising new plans that will inform the City’s approach going forward in establishing citywide bicycle-safety infrastructure that works for bicyclists, motorists, pedestrians, seniors, those with mobility impediments, the local business community, and all our residents; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record reaffirming its commitment to the creation of an interconnected citywide bicycle-safety infrastructure, while recognizing that a new approach is needed to ensure that this infrastructure is implemented in such a way that does not result in the significant loss of the parking spaces that provide a lifeline to both our senior residents and to our local business community; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter no later than January 31, 2022.

O-3 Dec 20, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there was a very serious vehicle crash at the intersection of Huron Avenue and Sparks Street on September 28, 2021,

that destroyed part of a stone wall; and

WHEREAS: This location has been the scene of other serious crashes in past years with cars clearly speeding on this section of road and the neighborhood wants steps taken to ameliorate this issue before another serious accident occurs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department on measures that may be taken to ensure the safety of residents, whether they be flashing lights, increased signage in the area, or other safety measures; 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 and no later than February 1, 2022.

O-4 Dec 20, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is currently working to implement a directive to avoid investment of City funds in any companies, banks, money managers, or investment portfolios that have any exposure to fossil fuels or private prisons; and

WHEREAS: A 2021 report showed that the world’s 60 largest banks have invested \$3.8 trillion in fossil fuels since the 2015 Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has long supported divesting from fossil fuels; the Council passed policy orders in 2013 and 2017 calling for the Cambridge Retirement Board to divest, and after a report from the Board stating that divestment is not yet legal, the Council passed a resolution in support of H.3662, which would authorize independent retirement systems to divest from fossil fuel companies and remains in committee; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge earlier this year passed a policy order that stated that no investment of City funds may support fossil fuels or private prisons; followed by a change in the city’s budget policy to meet that directive; and

WHEREAS: Interest in avoiding investments in fossil fuels is growing, based on fiduciary concerns as well as moral considerations, leading many other municipalities in the Commonwealth to express an interest in fossil fuel free investment options and the Massachusetts Attorney General to call on the SEC to require disclosure of risks to companies due to climate crisis; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge and many municipalities use the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust [MMDT] to invest funds they control; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust [MMDT] offers municipalities pools of investment that are also allowed by the State, yet all current pools include some investment that fund the fossil fuel industry with 2.5% in energy companies including pipeline builder Kinder Morgan, another 3.1% in utilities including fossil fuel companies, and banking institutions invested in fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS: No current option exists within MMDT to avoid investing in such industries; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council strongly opposes investment of City money in any way that supports the fossil fuel industry or prison industrial complex; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record requesting that MMDT creates a portfolio option as soon as possible for all municipalities that has no exposure to fossil fuels or prisons or their funders; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the state Treasurer, MMDT Investment Advisory Council, and the entire Cambridge delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Dec 20, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has demonstrated commitment to providing high quality, affordable housing for residents; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has urged the city to consider any available properties and explore opportunities to purchase properties that might be used for affordable housing, and to explore using city-owned sites including parking lots for such uses, with recent examples being a request to consider Lesley University's recent offerings at the Lowell St. parking lot; Of affordable housing units available, 1 percent are available for homeownership and the rest for rentals; and

WHEREAS: The City Council is also on record as asking that more affordable housing units the city develops should include home ownership opportunities, which are a necessity to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to build wealth and have a place to call their own; and

WHEREAS: Multi-family properties that would make excellent candidates for homeownership opportunity have come onto the market recently -- for example, a property on Hancock Street, 22 units for \$13.5 million, and a property on Gibson Street, that is already under contract was listed as \$10 million for 18 units in a desirable part of Cambridge close to transit; and

WHEREAS: The per unit price in the listing prices of these two examples of about \$500K/unit is below many recent affordable housing projects which have averaged about \$600K/unit and been as high as \$900K/unit; and

WHEREAS: If purchased by the City, these properties would expand access to affordable housing, and likely homeownership for residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ensure multi-family properties on the market are reviewed as quickly as possible as potential affordable housing acquisitions; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-6 Dec 20, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Baker Administration has announced multiple concerning, unanticipated changes to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP); and

WHEREAS: These changes include, but are not limited to:

- Tenants will no longer be permitted to apply for future rent assistance from ERAP or the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program unless they have already fallen behind on paying their rent
- Tenants will no longer be permitted to utilize RAFT after exhausting ERAP benefits
- The recertification process is eliminated as of January 1, 2022
- A decreased cap on RAFT benefits from \$10,000 to \$7,000 in any 12-month period, as of January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS: Tenants are currently able to apply and receive upstream assistance before they fall behind on rent, and requiring them to have at least one month of arrears will incentivize them to fall behind on rent, straining tenant and landlord relationships and making eviction more likely; and

WHEREAS: RAFT currently plays a critical role in keeping tenants safely housed by covering expenses not covered by ERAP, but now tenants who have reached the ERAP limit will be unable to access RAFT, so for example tenants with pre-pandemic utility debts not covered by ERAP will no longer be able to access relief and are instead being asked to cover those expenses out of pocket; and

WHEREAS: Eligible households in need of additional ERAP assistance have so far been able to request 3-month extensions of their approved benefits for a total of up to 18 months of assistance, and elimination of the recertification process presents tremendous hardship for tenants who still rely on ERAP for rent and who have not yet received the full 18 months of assistance; and

WHEREAS: The Baker Administration has stated that these changes are being implemented because ERAP is projected to run out of funds in 6 months, but the state still has 2.25 billion dollars in unappropriated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that could be used to sustain this program; and

WHEREAS: These changes come abruptly as the Commonwealth is bracing for winter and a new surge in pandemic cases, and they have been announced without input from community stakeholders or notice to households counting on assistance to remain in their homes; and

WHEREAS: These changes complicate an already confusing process and will undoubtedly result in an unnecessary increase in eviction filings and displacement across the Commonwealth; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in strong opposition to the changes to the ERAP and RAFT programs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the Baker Administration and the Legislature to reverse course

on these changes and do whatever it takes to continue the ERAP and RAFT programs as they are currently operating, making use of additional ARPA funds as needed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Governor Charles Baker, Secretary of Housing and Community Development Mike Kennealy, and Cambridge's Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Dec 20, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

RESOLVED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Councillor Quinton Zondervan for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of 147 Magazine Street in honor of longtime Cambridge resident Lita Long, a daughter of Cape Verdean and Portuguese immigrants and a fixture of Central Square who dedicated her life to public service as an employee of multiple Cambridge City departments over the course of her career; now therefore be it

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

O-8 Dec 20, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: On December 13, Governor Baker announced plans to increase access to at-home COVID-19 test kits by delivering 2.1 million tests to 102 high-need cities and towns in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge was chosen to receive 43,380 tests and given discretion on how best to distribute tests within the community, with an emphasis on "increasing access for individuals and families who are facing financial hardship"; and

WHEREAS: These tests are arriving at a time of increasing cases and high anxiety around the Omicron variant and should be utilized as quickly as possible to detect community spread; and

WHEREAS: While Cambridge has provided free testing sites throughout the pandemic, the recent uptick in cases has resulted in long lines at each testing site, making it extremely difficult for parents with full time jobs and other high-risk residents to access free testing in the city; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recently passed a policy order directing the City Manager to establish a plan to enable Covid-19 at-home testing to be conducted for seniors and those with significant mobility impediments; and

WHEREAS: Given the recent announcement from the state, Cambridge is in a position to expand plans for at-home test distribution and prioritize high need and at-risk populations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to consult with relevant city departments, the Cambridge Housing Authority, non-profits, and homeless shelters on a plan to distribute Cambridge's allotment of at-home rapid

test kits equitably to the highest need individuals; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to report back to the City Council at the January 10, 2022 City Council Meeting on how the allocated tests from the state will be distributed in January 2022 as quickly as possible, and on a plan for how Cambridge can most equitably distribute future allocations of tests.

O-9 Dec 20, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge currently offers free COVID-19 testing 5 days per week for people who live or work in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Walk-in testing is offered 4 days per week and appointment-only testing is offered on Saturdays; and

WHEREAS: Demand for testing is high as the holidays approach and is likely to increase as Omicron becomes the dominant variant; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with Derrick Neal, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department, to expand current testing hours for January and February.

O-10 Dec 20, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That all items pending before the City Council and not acted upon by the end of the 2020-2021 Legislative Session be placed in the files of the City Clerk, without prejudice provided that those proposed ordinances which have been passed to a second reading, advertised and listed on the Calendar under "Unfinished Business" during the 2020-2021 City Council term, along with any other pending matters on the Calendar listed as "Unfinished Business," shall be forwarded to the next City Council and further provided that any items pending in committee or appearing on the City Manager's "Awaiting Report List" may, at the discretion of the appropriate body, be forwarded to the next City Council.