



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA • OCTOBER 5, 2020

Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber

5:30 PM

Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139

## I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to votes necessary to seek approval from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue of the tax rate for FY2021.

***CMA 2020 #211***

This communication asks the City Council to approve the City's proposed tax rate, the last step of the City's Fiscal Year 2021 budgeting process. The FY21 property tax levy will increase to 7.85%, higher than past years, but lower than we anticipated this year, as the City expected to see a significant reduction in state aid that didn't ultimately happen. Each year, a certain amount is taken from cash reserves to make the property tax rate artificially low, and this year, \$24.5 million will be used to make this low increase possible; as a result, 59% of residential taxpayers will see a reduction, no change, or increase of less than a \$100 increase on their tax bill this year. This plan also includes a commercial owner-occupied tax exemption for small business owners who would owe less than \$10,000 in taxes. This much-needed relief is thanks to creative thinking from Gayle Willett and her colleagues at the Assessing Department, and this sort of tenacity and out-of-the-box problem-solving is exactly what we need to support our struggling Main Street economy.

Although I'm happy to see that Cambridge is in a strong financial position for FY21, we have to plan for the possibility that the next fiscal year will be harder. I'm looking forward to the early FY22 budget conversations the City Council will have with the City's Finance team in November so we can be proactive and build consensus about what budget priorities for FY22 will be. This item was adopted, and the City Council voted against reconsideration. Typically, a member of the prevailing side can file a motion to reconsider any vote taken within 24 hours. By moving to reconsider, and not changing our affirmative votes, the Finance team doesn't have to wait an additional two days to submit their plan to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for approval.

This item was adopted. Reconsideration failed.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Police Review & Advisory Board for a term of five years, effective October 5, 2020: Dr. Beverly C. Sealey.

***CMA 2020 #212***

This communication was placed on file.

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as members of the Commission on Immigrant Rights & Citizenship for a term of three years, effective September 18, 2020: Alejandro Epstein-Santoyo and Karin Lin.

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### ***CMA 2020 #213***

This communication was placed on file on the consent agenda (no discussion).

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the Net Zero Action Plan Task Force for a term of nine-months.

### ***CMA 2020 #214***

In 2015, the City Council adopted [the Net Zero Action Plan](#), which laid out a strategy to phase out greenhouse emissions from buildings and help Cambridge achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. The plan's recommendations must be reviewed every five years, and this communication announces the members of the first Net Zero Action Plan Task Force. These members include residents, advocates, institutions, property owners, developers, and field experts. This Task Force was originally supposed to begin last year, but COVID related delays pushed it back. Their work is expected to take 6-8 months as they review progress Cambridge has made towards achieving our climate goals.

This communication was placed on file.

5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, submitting for approval the attached revised STIR showing proposed updates to the Rapid SOS technology currently used by the Emergency Communications Department ("ECD"), pursuant to Chapter 2.128 ("the Surveillance Technology Ordinance"), Section 2.128.030 of the Cambridge Municipal Code.

### ***CMA 2020 #215***

In accordance with Cambridge's [Surveillance Technology Ordinance](#), City departments must submit surveillance technology impact reports (STIRs) on proposed surveillance technology use. In this case, this upgraded technology allows the Emergency Communications Department to see health profiles of 911 callers, if that caller voluntarily created a health profile ahead of time.

This report was accepted and placed on file on the consent agenda.

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-43, regarding a report on trash left out on Columbia Street.

### ***CMA 2020 #216***

This communication was placed on file on the consent agenda.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-29, regarding distributing physical library materials to Cambridge youth over the summer.

### ***CMA 2020 #217***

Last June, I filed [a policy order](#) with Mayor Siddiqui and Councillor Nolan asking the City to develop new and expanded ways to distribute physical library books to kids over the summer. With public and school libraries closed down, and with regular summer learning loss being coupled with COVID slide this year, it was critical that we expand access to educational materials, especially for lower-income families. This communication details the work that was done to increase access to library materials. Through the twelve "Kids Books to Go" events, nearly 6,000 engaging and age-appropriate books were distributed to 2,052 residents. The King Open and Peabody schools summer meal sites hosted book giveaways that connected 212 residents to 196 books. My office, the Mayor's Office, My Brother's Keeper, and the Cambridge Book Bike also partnered with the Cambridge Public Libraries to get books in the hands of kids across Cambridge. As this public health crisis continues to impact access to educational library materials, I wanted to share that City staff and

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a committee of library workers are currently developing a plan to open the Main Library for browsing, with public health guidelines. More information will come out soon, and I'll continue to work towards expanding access to this crucial community resource.

This communication was placed on file.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-26, regarding a report on placing four little free libraries.

***CMA 2020 #218***

This communication responds to [a policy order](#) Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan, and I filed in June asking the City to fund and place four anti-racist free little libraries across Cambridge containing anti-racist texts. This communication announces the creation of 'Liberation Libraries' with books focused on Black Joy. Proposed sites for the libraries are in primarily black and brown neighborhoods, and, as my colleagues noted during discussion, more of these little free libraries should be created in primarily white neighborhoods to promote anti-racist education.

This communication was placed on file.

9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-47, regarding a report on heat lamps and outdoor dining during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

***CMA 2020 #219***

The City recently [extended the outdoor dining season](#) until sixty days past the end of the Commonwealth's declared state of emergency, but our local restaurants will need support to winterize their patios and prepare for the cold months. That's why I filed [a policy order](#) with Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, and Councillor Nolan asking the City to step up and support our local small businesses with a free, expedited permitting process for outdoor heat lamps, a centralized location for free propane heater pick-ups, drop-offs, and refills, and clearly defined outdoor dining public health guidelines. This report back explains that the Fire Department has set up a simple online permitting portal, [which can be accessed here](#). The City has also been working with the [Central Square Business Improvement District](#), which will be procuring, storing, and distributing propane heaters for interested small businesses. We expect to hear more from the City Manager on potentially providing a propane refill station and propane grant or gift card program soon.

This communication was placed on file.

10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-137, regarding a report on determining if Inspectional Services can be given authority to issue citations for smoking in non-smoking buildings.

***CMA 2020 #220***

This communication responds to a policy order previously filed by Councillor McGovern asking if the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) has the authority to issue citations for smoking in non-smoking buildings. Smoking in non-smoking buildings can threaten the health of others, but the City Solicitor opined that ISD can't issue these citations, as it would interfere in the private contracts being tenants and landlords. During discussion, the City Solicitor shared that, for buildings partially funded by the City, the City could only enforce a ban on smoking if a non-smoking requirement was included in the funding contract.

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This communication was placed on file.

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a response to City Council request at the Special Meeting relative to COVID-19 Update of September 29, 2020, to provide opinions on the question of eviction moratoria applicability.

***CMA 2020 #221***

This report compares the [state eviction moratorium](#) (set to expire on October 17th), [Cambridge's eviction moratorium](#), the [CDC's order temporarily halting residential evictions](#). For more information, [click here](#) to read the full report. During discussion, the City Manager's Housing Liaison, Maura Pensak, stressed that a full eviction process typically lasts six to eight months, and that tenants do not have to leave their home unless a judge orders them to. If you're experiencing issues with your housing provider, contact Maura Pensak at [mpensak@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mpensak@cambridgema.gov), or the [Multiservice Center](#) for free assistance.

This communication was placed on file.

12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-41, regarding a report on the feasibility of an alternative Public Safety Crisis Response System.

***CMA 2020 #222***

As the tragic murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and others elevated conversations on policing earlier this year, I, along with Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, and Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, submitted [a policy order](#) asking the City to develop an alternative Public Safety Crisis Response System with a human services focus. This report back to the City Council details the efforts, conversations and collaborations that have been happening between the Human Services, Public Health, Police and Emergency Communications departments as they reimagine Public Safety and an unarmed co-response model, like Cahoots in Oregon. The report outlines some initial recommendations that include creating a possible Community Crisis Response Team. This would entail hiring clinicians to provide an alternative mental health support response, offering crisis intervention, referrals, treatment, and psychiatric evaluations, separate from the Police Department.

The report also recommends that the City support the Central Square Business Improvement District's (BID) proposed Persons Assisting The Homeless (PATH) pilot. Under the one-year long PATH pilot, three outreach workers with specialized training in mental health and substance addiction would offer services and referrals to residents experiencing homelessness in Central Square. The BID currently only has one outreach worker, so funding would have to be provided from the City, and measures determining the efficacy of the PATH pilot have to be determined. Homelessness is a growing issue in Central Square and Harvard Square, so having a strong, non-police outreach team to build trust and connections, find housing, and offer wrap around services could be a gamechanger of unhoused residents.

The report also recommends forming a Task Force charged with "[examining] ways to limit the Police Response to calls for service without diminishing Public Safety or Community Safety, while increasing Community Cohesion to include restorative processes." Community members need to be brought into the discussion about what such a Task Force should look like and be focused on. These measures are being implemented to ensure public safety feels safe to everyone, so without input from the community, these efforts to reimagine public safety could fall flat. Councillor McGovern agreed that a community conversation should happen, and advised he would be convening a Human

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Services and Veteran's Committee to accomplish this goal, and as a member of that committee I look forward to having this critical first step on the path to re-envisioning public safety. [Read the full report here.](#)

This communication was placed on file.

## II. CALENDAR

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### ON THE TABLE

1. An application was received from David Biancaville, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 10 Acorn Park Drive; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN IN  
COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020**

**APP 2020 #28**

Councillor Zondervan previously exercised his charter-right on this item to work with the applicant to address abutters' concerns. We expect the applicant to submit a new petition incorporating those concerns, and this serves as a placeholder until that updated petition is submitted.

No action was taken.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections.

**PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE**

**CMA 2018 #286**

No action was taken.

3. That the "2020 Cycling Safety Ordinance" be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation.

**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 14, 2020. TO  
BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 5, 2020**

**POR 2020 #50**

The Cycling Safety Ordinance lays out a timeline under which the City must construct protected bike lanes on key roads. The ordinance was amended to include minor technical wording changes and to call out maintaining pedestrian safety as a priority as the bike lanes are implemented. The Cycling Safety Ordinance lays out a bold vision and a clear, achievable timeline that ensures the City continues to build a fully protected bike lane network, helping us reach our Vision Zero and environmental goals. I look forward to seeing this infrastructure implemented across Cambridge over the next six years, and seeing more residents opt to ride bikes over driving their cars as it becomes safer and safer through this new protected cycling infrastructure. The City Council voted against reconsideration, cementing the Cycling Safety Ordinance into law.

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This item was ordained as amended. Reconsideration failed.

4. 100% Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning Petition 2020.  
**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 14, 2020. TO  
BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 5, 2020  
POR 2020 #129**

The Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO) seeks to promote new affordable housing by easing zoning requirements for 100% affordable housing developers. The already acute affordable housing crisis Cambridge is facing is only going to be exacerbated by COVID-related housing instability, so the ordination of the AHO is very timely. We've already heard from non-profit affordable housing developers that the AHO will make new projects possible for them, and this policy could have a potentially transformative effect on Cambridge. This is a necessary, first step in re-investing in fair, affordable housing that must be complemented by other efforts to reform restrictive zoning practices, and create additional housing resources for our most vulnerable neighbors. The City Council voted against reconsideration, so the affirmative vote to ordain the AHO is final.

This item was ordained. Reconsideration failed.

5. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City of Cambridge Law Department to review the above changes to the language of the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance and report back to the Council.  
**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020.  
TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 14, 2020  
POR 2020 #180**

This item contains draft language to a proposed ordinance sponsored by Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, and I, that would expand the definition of domestic partnerships to include relationships of more than two people. The City Council is awaiting feedback from the LGBTQ+ Commission before ordaining this policy.

No action was taken.

### III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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1. An application was received from Anthony Papatonis, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 159 Allston Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.

***APP 2020 #36***

As Councillor Carlone had concerns about the level of planning in this design, he exercised his charter-right.

Councillor Carlone exercised his charter-right (discussion ended, no vote was taken, and it will appear on the next agenda).

2. An application was received from Ron Witte, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 33 Bristol Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

***APP 2020 #37***

This application was approved on the consent agenda.

3. An application was received from the Mayor's Office requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall announcing Cambridge Celebrates Indigenous People's Day from October 9, 2020 thru October 16, 2020.

***APP 2020 #38***

This application was approved on the consent agenda.

## IV. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

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1. Policy Order Re Dedication Request for Ruby Pearson

**Councillor Simmons**

***POR 2020 #210***

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

2. That the City Manager work with the Department of Traffic and Parking to conduct an evaluation of speeding on Kinnaird Street, from Western Avenue to Putnam Avenue; Hancock Street, from Massachusetts Avenue to Kinnaird Street; Green Street, from Pleasant Street to Putnam Avenue; and Franklin Street, from Putnam to Pleasant Street; and to consider ways to reduce speed, including raised crosswalks and additional signage

**Councillor McGovern**

***POR 2020 #211***

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

3. That the Council go on record requesting the Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack consider an I-90 lane reduction and at-grade design during the final decision-making process;

**Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern**

***POR 2020 #212***

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

4. That the Cambridge City Council adopt the following amendments to Chapter 5.50 of the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge entitled “CANNABIS BUSINESS PERMITTING”

**Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan**

***POR 2020 #213***

The City’s [Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance](#) lays out local permitting requirements for cannabis businesses operating in Cambridge that don’t include delivery-only options. This means that residents can receive cannabis deliveries, but that those deliveries can’t come from Cambridge-based businesses, hurting local Economic Empowerment Applicants (in 2019, Cambridge introduced a moratorium that only allows Economic Empowerment applicants to open cannabis retail stores for two years to mitigate the impact that the War on Drugs has had on black and brown communities). These proposed amendments would allow cannabis microbusinesses and delivery-only retailers to operate. As a next step, it was referred to the Ordinance Committee where we’ll have a fuller discussion on the proposed amendments. See Policy Order and Resolution List Item #8 for a related discussion.

This order was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

5. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with the Public Health Department and the Law Department to amend Cambridge’s Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement to make clear that it remains in effect after October 17 and until at least the end of the state of emergency is declared

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### **Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone POR 2020 #214**

With widespread layoffs and business closures, we expect there to be a tsunami of evictions when the state's eviction moratorium expires on October 17th. Cambridge has its own, separate [Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement](#) that remains in effect "until further notice" but residents may not know about it, or be wary of its vague expiration date. This policy order asks the City Manager to amend the Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement to make it clear that it lasts beyond October 17th and at least until the end of the declared state of emergency. It also asks that the City widely educate residents, property owners, and community groups that the City's Moratorium will still be in effect, and explain how it compares to the state moratorium. This is one of many ways Cambridge is hoping to promote housing stabilization in the coming weeks.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

6. That the City Manager confer with the Budget Office and other relevant departments to discuss the feasibility of installing the remaining flashing crosswalks as outlined in the PB4 proposal, particularly on Broadway and Norfolk Street and provide an update to this Council by October 26, 2020.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan  
POR 2020 #215**

Each year, the City offers [participatory budgeting](#), where residents twelve years and older can submit and vote on capital improvement projects. One of the winning projects from three years ago called for rapid flashing beacons at ten crosswalks that pose a high risk to pedestrians. These beacons would promote safety by illuminating pedestrians and alerting cars to their presence, but this project hasn't yet been implemented. This policy order requests an update on the project's status. It also asks the City Manager to work towards installing these beacons, especially at the intersection of Broadway and Norfolk Street, a spot that drivers notoriously speed through.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

7. The City of Cambridge and its institutions including Harvard, MIT, and Cambridge Hospital have a long history of direct medical and scientific faculty and student exchanges as well as direct collaboration with Cuba, working together for many years on breakthrough treatments and medical approaches, such as the search for a vaccine for Dengue Fever and the development of treatments for drug resistant infections  
**Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan  
POR 2020 #216**

This order asks the City to explore collaborating with Cuba to more effectively address COVID, and urge the state and federal government to do the same. Cuba has a strong biopharmaceutical industry and remarkably low case numbers and deaths, and other countries have already begun collaborating with Cuba on successful treatment methods.

This order was adopted.

8. Cannabis Delivery-Only Zoning Ordinance

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### **Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan *POR 2020 #217***

This order suggests a series of cannabis-related amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance. Notably, it defines a "Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer" and includes this category in the zoning Table of Land Uses, which determines what kinds of businesses can operate where. These amendments were referred to the Planning Board, and the Ordinance Committee, where the City Council will have a more robust conversation on the potential changes.

This order was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board.

9. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Historical Commission and other relevant City Departments to ensure that any report or recommendation for a new Neighborhood Conservation District in Cambridge presented to the City Council include an analysis of the potential effects on City housing affordability based on current research, as well as any mitigations that the Cambridge Historical Commission recommends, so that the City Council may holistically evaluate the matter

### **Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui *POR 2020 #218***

Since the Historical Commission initiated the [East Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District](#) (NCD) study in October of last year, I've heard from Residents who rent who have felt left out of the process, as our municipal ordinance doesn't require noticing to renters, and doesn't require a renter to be part of the study committee. That's why I filed this policy order with Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, and Mayor Siddiqui to ask the City Manager and the Historical Commission to work to expand residents' access to and participation in the East Cambridge NCD study meetings, and ensure that outreach efforts and engagement opportunities are made equally available to homeowners and renters. It also asks that the Historical Commission remain mindful of NCDs' effects on housing affordability, and that ensure that each recommendation for a new NCD includes a housing affordability analysis and potential mitigation strategies. This order was further amended by Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler to ask the City Solicitor to opine on the legal implications of the Historical Commission's decision to extend the study beyond one year following the acceptance of the designation petition as listed in Article 3, section I of the enabling legislation, as it relates to the approval of building permits by the Historical Commission past October 3, 2020.

At its heart, this policy order hopes to give renters a well-deserved seat at the table for policy-making that affects their homes and housing costs, and asks for data on how NCDs affect Cambridge home affordability to ensure all decisions are data-driven. For a City that prides itself in making informed decisions, I was surprised to find pushback from some residents. A lot of other residents during public comment expressed that they were shocked that these measures aren't already a part of the NCD process, so I hope we can incorporate these changes soon. Ultimately, this effort was stalled when Councillor Carlone exercised his-charter right for unnamed reasons.

Councillor Carlone exercised his charter-right.

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10. That the City Council go on record supporting the Roe Act and restate its commitment to the protection of abortion rights, reproductive health care rights, and individuals' rights to make reproductive decisions about their own bodies

**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
***POR 2020 #219***

This policy order, sponsored by Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, and I, has the City Council go on record in support of the Roe Act being considered by the state legislature. Named after the landmark Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, this legislation promotes reproductive freedom and expands access to safe abortions by eliminating unnecessary, burdensome barriers that deny and delay care. With the looming possibility of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's seat on the Supreme Court being filled by an anti-choice judge, it's critical we implement and strengthen local provisions on a person's right to choose.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

11. That the City Council go on record supporting the high school students' open letter requesting leadership to protect Asian American students from this onslaught of racial bullying and abuse.

**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan**  
***POR 2020 #220***

The COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed an explosion of anti-Asian racism across the world, which prompted a group of Asian-American high school students in Boston, Malden, and Quincy to release an open letter urging educators and superintendents to address anti-Asian racism. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan, and I submitted this policy order to have the City Council go on record as supporting these students' letter. Amid a global pandemic and a difficult shift to online learning, the last thing students should have to worry about is encountering racism in the classroom, and it is up to school districts to address biases and bullying hurting their students.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

12. That the Council go on record supporting the passage of S.2500 and H.4933 and to support the inclusion of the following in the final bill: 1) The development of a net zero stretch code by DOER (S.2500, § 30-31, 54) 2) The consideration of geographically diverse communities, including low-income communities, in the development of a net zero stretch code (S.2500, § 54) 3) The increase in membership and the establishment of term limits for the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (H.4933, § 15A-F);

**Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
***POR 2020 #221***

This order asks the City Council to go on record in support of [S.2500 and H.4933](#), climate solution bills in the state legislature. It also supports proposed amendments to the bills that would require the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources to develop a net zero stretch code (a stretch code is a provision in building codes that creates more energy-efficient buildings). The proposed amendments also ask that different, diverse communities are considered when developing such a net zero stretch code, and that the Board of Building Regulations and Standards increase the number of members and enact term limits. This order was amended to include Councillor Carlone as a co-sponsor.

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This order was adopted as amended.

13. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Transportation Department and Solicitor to provide the City with an update on the progress toward a draft Ordinance as soon as possible and with the draft of an Ordinance by October 19, 2020

**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Toomey**

***POR 2020 #222***

This policy order originates from a [Transportation and Public Utilities Committee meeting held on September 16th](#) to discuss potential improvements that could be made to promote pedestrian and cyclist safety in Harvard Square. This meeting came after the devastating loss of cyclist Darryl Willis, who was struck by a truck in Harvard Square less than a year after the death of Sharon Hamer, a pedestrian, in the same area; these immense losses to our communities, alongside the many reported accidents and the countless injuries that go unreported, demand an urgent response and immediate safety measures. One intervention discussed at the committee hearing was a potential Truck Safety Ordinance requiring that trucks operated by companies that have contracts with the City be outfitted with safety improvements, an idea that's been floated around as a potential policy for years without much progress. This policy order, sponsored by the members of the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee including myself, asks the City Manager to work with the City Solicitor and the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to prioritize drafting language for a Truck Safety Ordinance, so we can have that language by our next meeting on October 19th. Boston has already implemented a similar policy, and I hope the City can move forward quickly with this much-needed safety intervention measure.

This order was adopted.

## VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

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1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting a memorandum regarding Communicating information from the School Committee.

***COF 2020 #57***

This communication outlines the work Mayor Siddiqui and the School Committee are doing to support CPS scholars and prepare for the return of in-person learning for some students. [Click here](#) to read the full letter.

This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, regarding the Cycling Safety Ordinance.

***COF 2020 #58***

This communication was placed on file. See Calendar Item #3 for discussion.

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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1. A report of the Ordinance Committee Meeting held on August 26, 2020 regarding Green Energy Analysis Zoning Amendment

This report contains the meeting minutes of an [Ordinance Committee hearing on August 26th](#) on the proposed Green Energy Analysis Zoning Amendment. [This amendment](#), propose by Councillor Carlone, would require larger developers who fall under Green Building requirements to study and compare the costs and feasibility of using green energy and fossil fuels in their projects. This doesn't mandate that green energy be used, but as green energy is often more cost-effective, it is hoped that this study encourages developers to opt for renewable energy sources. This amendment has received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Board, and Councillor Carlone and the Community Development Department (CDD) are working on minor changes to the amendment. The Green Energy Analysis Zoning Amendment was placed on the table to give Councillor Carlone and CDD time to develop those changes.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

### A. Green Energy Analysis Zoning Amendment

***POR 2020 #147***

#### **Councillor Carlone**

This order was placed on the table (no vote will be taken until further notice).