



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ♦ OCTOBER 19, 2020

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Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber

5:30PM

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

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### I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19.

**CMA 2020 #223**

**Halloween Update:** The City has made the difficult decision to cancel all City-sponsored Halloween events, and won't be issuing street closure, block party, or part permits this year. Instead, the Public Health Department is encouraging residents to only engage in lower and medium risk activities [listed here](#).

**Human Services Update:** The City Manager announced that [the popular Fall on the Fields program will be extended](#) to November 20th. Although it was originally scheduled to end on October 30th, there was high community demand for this program, which offers free outdoor programming from 3-6pm on City fields on weekdays.

**Homeless Shelter Update:** The City previously announced that [the temporary emergency homeless shelter](#) would be moving from the War Memorial Recreation Center to the currently vacant east wing of Spaulding Hospital. Renovations to the space are on schedule, and the space is expected to open in mid-to-late-November.

**Small Business Update:** Following [a policy order](#) I filed calling for support for extended outdoor dining, the City announced it would be creating a patio heater reimbursement program for local restaurants. Each restaurant can be reimbursed up to \$250 per patio heater, for a maximum of five heaters that comply with guidelines set by the Fire Department. Only two restaurants applied for patio heater permits in 2018, compared to the 56 and counting this year, demonstrating just how desperately we need to step in and support our local, small restaurants as they winterize their outdoor dining spaces.

**Flu Update:** Now more than ever, it's critical that everyone gets a flu shot. The Public Health Department is offering free flu shots at outdoor and indoor community flu clinics through November. Appointments are required, and can be made using the online scheduling system [here](#), or by calling the City's Flu Clinic Call Center at 617-349-9788. [Click here](#) for more information.

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**Public Health Update:** Cambridge's current [COVID case count](#) stands at 1,488 cases, and a devastating loss of 100 community members. We're seeing three to five new cases each day, consistent with a slight uptick in statewide patterns, but we remain at a low .13% positivity rate. The Public Health Department is examining infections in local nursing homes, workplaces, and clusters among young adults.

So far, over 188,000 tests have been administered to Cambridge residents, and our mobile testing program continues to serve as an invaluable resource in documenting COVID prevalence and ensuring infected residents receive care. [Click here](#) for more information on getting tested. Since schools reopened for in-person learning for certain scholars on October 13th, 491 tests have been given to staff, as well as to any students who developed symptoms throughout the school day. The Public Health Department has also partnered with local charter schools to ensure they have testing kits.

This item was placed on file.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-32, regarding the feasibility of identifying one evening or day per week that the Fresh Pond Golf Course can be open to the public for general use.

***CMA 2020 #224***

This communication responds to [a policy order](#) filed by Councillors Nolan, Zondervan, Carlone and I in June asking the City to identify one evening or day a week that the Fresh Pond Golf Course could be opened to the public for general use. This response explains that the Golf Course wasn't opened to the general public because it gets a lot of use during golf season, and that there could be safety concerns if residents enter the field during golf use because they were mistaken on what times the area is open to them. However, as we re-imagine public spaces, we must address equity issues surrounding who generally has access to green open space, and who doesn't, and as COVID has made it even more critical that we ensure all residents can safely enjoy the outdoors.

This item was placed on file.

3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$175,000, from Free Cash to the Public Investment Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to launch a COVID-19 sewer testing program.

***CMA 2020 #225***

During our September 14th, 2020 meeting, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toomey, and I submitted [a policy order](#) asking the City to create a wastewater COVID testing pilot program.

Wastewater testing is being used by governments around the world to study early warning signals of the presence of COVID before PCR or rapid testing signals a hotspot. This report back announces the creation of a COVID sewer testing program, wherein samples from specific sewer locations will be used to obtain Cambridge-specific data. This appropriation includes enough funding for six months of testing, which will begin as early as November, and continue weekly. There is an expected processing time of roughly two days before results return, and these results will be used to better understand COVID's presence in Cambridge, and inform our public health policymaking.

This item was adopted.

4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Community Compact grant of \$15,000, received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Executive Office for Administration and Finance to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other

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Ordinary Maintenance account support the development of an online dashboard specific to the Net Zero Action Plan (NZAP).

**CMA 2020 #226**

This item was adopted.

5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 received from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Innovate Energy Efficiency Grant Program, to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support the Cambridge Multifamily Energy Retrofit Program, which aims to increase the energy efficiency of multifamily buildings with 5-49 units by offering technical, solar, and financing support.

**CMA 2020 #227**

This item was adopted.

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-21, regarding a report on developing a Vacant Storefront Registry.

**CMA 2020 #228**

This communication responds to [a policy order](#) I sponsored with Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, and Councillor Carlone in March asking for an update on steps the City has taken towards developing a Vacant Storefront Registration Policy. Long-term storefront vacancies negatively impact the vibrancy of our local business districts and consumers' experience, while also hurting other small restaurants and retailers, so it's critical that the City develop a comprehensive strategy towards addressing these issues. This response recommends creating a vacant storefront policy that would require ground floor storefronts that have been vacant for over thirty days to cover storefront windows with paper or artwork, and include leasing information. While I'm happy to see this critical area is being worked on by City staff, I hoped a stronger policy would be proposed. We could, for example, impose fines based on square footage and length of vacancy to hold larger landlords responsible while mitigating any impacts to small businesses, and, in turn, use revenue from those fines to protect the vitality of our local businesses. We also need to have a larger conversation on other strategies to discourage commercial vacancies, like developing an intensive program matching tenants with landlords. The City Council voted to refer this report to the Economic Development and University Relations Committee, and as the Chair, I look forward to leading discussion on how we can strengthen this policy to uplift our struggling small businesses in their time of great need.

This item was referred to the Economic Development and University Relations Committee.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-5, regarding implementing traffic calming measures on Upton Street.

**CMA 2020 #229**

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

8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Executive Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account for the City's third annual contribution to the MBTA Green Line Extension project.

**CMA 2020 #230**

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

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9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-50, regarding a report on the feasibility of closing several blocks of streets in Harvard Square to vehicular traffic, with the exception of deliveries.

***CMA 2020 #231***

This communication responds to [a policy order](#) filed by Councillors Nolan, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Carlone and I asking that the City explore a pilot program to pedestrianize Harvard Square during weekends and some weeknights. Closing down certain streets to cars would promote safety for pedestrians and cyclists in a high-risk area, while helping enliven Harvard Square during a time when all commercial districts are struggling. This report back recommends developing an implementation strategy with stakeholders' input to:

- Maintain the existing full and partial street closures that are currently in place in Harvard Square, specifically Winthrop Street from JFK Street to Eliot Street and the segment of Bow Street from DeWolfe Street to Plympton Street.
- Implement visual enhancements and activation interventions on the currently under-utilized Palmer Street.
- Closing Brattle Street, between Eliot Street and Church Street, adjacent to Deguglielmo Plaza, which is the area mentioned most often for recurring street closures.

Any implementation of these changes has to include robust input from abutters, the small business community, and City departments, so I look forward to hearing that feedback and discussing this further with my colleagues in the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee.

This item was referred to the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee for further discussion among all stakeholders.

10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-51, regarding the installation on Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons.

***CMA 2020 #232***

This item was placed on file.

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-25, which requested that the City work with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to identify the bus stop at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue at Churchill Avenue as serving Matignon High School.

***CMA 2020 #233***

This item was placed on file.

12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a response to Policy Order O-13 of October 5, 2020, regarding a draft Truck Safety Ordinance.

***CMA 2020 #234***

[On September 16th, the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee held a hearing](#) on potential cyclist and pedestrian safety improvements, and one intervention discussed was creating a Truck Safety Ordinance that would require trucks contracting with the City to be outfitted with safety enhancements. Although the idea has been floated around for years, there hadn't been any progress made on creating such a policy, so the members of the Committee, including myself, submitted a policy order at our last City Council meeting asking the City to prioritize drafting language for this Ordinance. This communication includes that draft language, which [can be read in full here](#). I voted against passing it to a second reading because I thought that some concerns that were brought up in the discussion should have

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had a fuller conversation at an Ordinance Committee meeting, rather than pass it as written without further discussion.

This item was passed to a second reading.

13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-50, regarding a report on publicizing and enforcing and publicizing the eviction moratorium.

***CMA 2020 #235***

This communication gives an overview of Cambridge's [Eviction Moratorium](#), and the efforts being done to publicize its protections to residents after the statewide eviction moratorium expired this past weekend. Our municipal eviction moratorium, which does not prevent a landlord from filing from eviction in court, but prevents a constable from forcibly removing a tenant from their home, does not have a stated expiration date. To educate residents on their rights, the City sent a mass email to more than 230 local housing professionals on this issue, and is preparing to send a postcard with tenant protection information to all households. However, considering that the statewide eviction moratorium has already expired, the City needs to act urgently to perform outreach, and should use social media to quickly get the word out. The Middlesex County Sheriff recently shared that his office will not be carrying out eviction orders, and it's crucial that tenants understand their rights, especially the fact that only a judge can evict them, and that receiving a Note to Quit does not mean they must leave. If you are experiencing issues with your landlord, contact the City Manager's Housing Liaison, Maura Pensak, for free assistance by emailing [mpensak@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mpensak@cambridgema.gov).

This item was placed on file.

14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Zoning Recommendations for Retail Uses and Home Occupations.

***CMA 2020 #236***

This communication contains the proposed commercial zoning amendments that the Community Development Department has been working on to uplift small businesses and ensure that our zoning evolves with the changing face of retail. These amendments allow for greater flexibility, ease parking requirements, accommodate hybrid uses and home-based businesses, and more. These amendments include feedback gathered from the two hearings I've convened on this table of land use update as the Chair of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee, and I'm looking forward to discussing them with the full City Council in the Ordinance Committee, and moving these vital reforms forward. [Click here](#) to read the proposed zoning language changes.

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

## II. CALENDAR

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### CHARTER RIGHT

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.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR CARLONE IN COUNCIL  
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**APP 2020 #36**

Councillor Carlone exercised his charter-right (discussion ended, no vote was taken, and it appears on the next agenda) at the last meeting because he had concerns over the level of planning in this design. He still has concerns over it, but since City departments approved of the plan, he suggested that the City Council move forward with adoption.

This application was approved.

2. 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.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR CARLONE IN COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 5, 2020**

**POR 2020 #218**

Since the East Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD) study was initiated by the Historical Commission last October, I've heard concerns from renters that they've been left out of the process, from not being given notice about the study, to not be meaningfully included in their conversations. Unfortunately, a meeting I coordinated in March to bring together the Historical Commission and the renters to reconcile these issues had to be cancelled when the pandemic shut down all non-essential City meetings. That's why I filed this policy order with Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, and Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler asking the City Manager to ensure access, outreach efforts, and engagement opportunities are made equally available to homeowners and renters during NCD studies, and that participation in the studies reflect the demographics of the neighborhood. The policy order also asks that the Historical Commission include an analysis on the effects NCDs have on housing affordability and potential mitigation strategies when they recommend the creation of an NCD. Cambridge is a City that prides itself in a data-driven approach to policy-making. The City Council ranks supporting affordable housing as its first stated priority, and it's clear that the East Cambridge NCD study process hasn't been inclusive so far, so I was glad to see this order pass as amended.

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This order was amended to acknowledge that East Cambridge's proximity to Kendall Square impacts the neighborhood's affordability, and that we must develop a comprehensive strategy to preserve historical legacy while preventing displacement and encouraging affordability.  
This order was adopted as amended.

### ON THE TABLE

3. Fossil Fuels impacting Public Health and quality of life  
**TABLED ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR CARLONE IN COUNCIL OCTOBER 5, 2020**  
**POR 2020 #147**  
No action was taken.

4. 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**

**INFORMATION UPDATED AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN COMMUNICATION #12.**

**APP 2020 #28**

Councillor Zondervan previously exercised his charter-right on application so the petitioners could gather and incorporate insight from abutters. It was also discovered that the curb cut plan included in this application was the original plan that did not include feedback from City staff. The updated plan, that was approved by City departments and incorporates abutters' feedback, was instead submitted as [a communication](#), which was the version approved by the City Council

This application was approved.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. 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.

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6. 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**

*No action was taken.*

### III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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1. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Arvind Srinivasan regarding zoning language relative to the Alewife Quadrangle Northwest overlay

***APP 2020 #39***

This application suggests zoning amendments to the Alewife Quadrangle Northwest Overlay.

Procedurally, all zoning petitions are forwarded to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board for discussion.

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

2. An application was received from The Sign Center representing Playa Bowls, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 71 Mount Auburn Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

***APP 2020 #40***

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

3. An application was received from Charles Doty, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 810 Main 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 #41***

As he was concerned that meaningful feedback hadn't been gathered from abutters, Councillor Carlone exercised his charter-right on this application.

Councillor Carlone exercised his charter-right.

## VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

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1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the City Solicitor's Office and other relevant departments to determine what impact the Executive Order on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping may have on the City of Cambridge and its community partners, what options the City may have to work around this order, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner  
**Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon**  
**POR 2020 #223**

On September 22nd, 2020, Donald Trump issued an [Executive Order on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping](#) that seeks to clamp down on cultural and diversity sensitivity workplace trainings. These trainings are used by the City and countless other workplaces in the country to foster understanding and stronger relationships amongst employees, but this executive order falsely claims that these trainings are divisive, and include "un-American propaganda." Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, and I sponsored this order to find out what impact this executive order will have on the City government, and how we may circumvent this order to continue offering the workplace trainings that help promote an inclusive environment for all of our employees.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

2. That the City Council go on record as supportive of PACE and requests that City Manager work with relevant city departments on how Cambridge might participate in PACE Massachusetts pursuant to the PACE Act including exploring all options for incentivizing participation  
**Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui**  
**POR 2020 #224**

The PACT Act created the Massachusetts Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) to help finance certain clean energy improvements in commercial buildings. This policy order asks that the City explore participating in PACE, as 28 other municipalities already have. Cambridge is currently behind on our climate change goals, so it's critical we develop new ways to make it easier for residents and commercial entities to live and work sustainably. This order was amended to include Councillor Zondervan and Councillor Carlone as co-sponsors.

This order was adopted as amended.

3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor on an ordinance requiring the city to only purchase goods that are made in full compliance with USA environmental and labor standards  
**Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui**  
**POR 2020 #225**

This order was adopted.

4. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Marc McGovern to identify a suitable location to dedicate to Rita Queen  
**Councillor McGovern**  
**POR 2020 #226**

This order was amended to include Councillor Simmons as a co-sponsor.

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This order was adopted as amended.

5. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Marc McGovern to identify a suitable location to dedicate to Vincent Albergo, who passed away on October 9, 2020 after residing his entire 75 years in Cambridge

**Councillor McGovern**

***POR 2020 #227***

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

6. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with staff and Eversource representatives to set up a public meeting with residents

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

***POR 2020 #228***

Eversource recently announced they would be making upgrades to an energy substation on Wheeler Street, and to a facility on New Street. Addressing community concerns on a proposed Eversource substation in East Cambridge was a lengthy, difficult process in part because of communication issues, so this policy order asks that the City Manager and Eversource hold a public meeting with residents to address Citywide energy needs, local flood risk, plans for the surrounding neighborhood, and any concerns that may arise.

This order was adopted.

7. That the City of Cambridge stands in solidarity with the Armenian people in Cambridge, throughout the Commonwealth and world, and the Republic of Artsakh.

**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan**

***POR 2020 #229***

This order has the City Council go on record in solidarity with Armenian people in Cambridge and across the world, and as urging the Trump administration to encourage Azerbaijan to engage in peacemaking efforts. On September 26th, 2020, Azerbaijan's military launched an attack against the Republic of Artsakh, and has violated its ceasefire agreement with Armenia, despite the United Nations calling for a worldwide ceasefire due to COVID. This order was amended to exclude contextual information on the Armenian Genocide that was considered divisive by some.

This order was adopted as amended.

8. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with Claude Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department, to expand COVID-19 testing dates and locations in Cambridge.

**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey**

***POR 2020 #230***

This order, filed by Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, and I, asks that our COVID-19 testing program be expanded. Cambridge is lucky to have a relatively low COVID positivity rate, especially for a dense, urban environment, and that is thanks, in part, to our vigorous testing programs to identify cases and prevent more transmission. As case counts across Massachusetts have begun rising, including in nearby Boston, Somerville, and Everett, it's crucial that we increase testing in Cambridge. [Click here](#) to learn about how you can get tested in Cambridge.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

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9. That the City of Cambridge call upon Senator Warren and Senator Markey to call for an end to immigration detention in the United States, the immediate reunification of immigrant families and the release of migrant children and parents from detention, and also to afford these families due process by allowing them the full and fair opportunity to seek protection from the United States.

**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
***POR 2020 #231***

Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler and I submitted this order to condemn the inhumane treatment of immigrants in detention centers, and call on our federal representatives to work towards ending this horrific treatment. Instead of welcoming immigrants, who often flee their home countries from fear of violence, the Department of Homeland Security has subjected these people to unsanitary conditions during a global pandemic, and has refused them adequate education, healthcare, mental health services, and more.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

10. That the City Manager confer with the Legal Department on the feasibility of making Cambridge's Eviction Moratorium stronger to protect our tenants from displacement.

**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
***POR 2020 #232***

This policy order asks that the Cambridge [Eviction Moratorium](#) be strengthened to expressly prohibit the enforcement of evictions. See City Manager's Agenda Item #13 for further discussion.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

11. That the City Manager is hereby requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to utilize continuous planting strips along bike lanes and at all reduced roadway areas in Harvard Square rather than painted buffer zones in Harvard Square to fully address bike and pedestrian safety in Harvard Square.

**Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan**  
***POR 2020 #233***

After the devastating loss of cyclist Darryl Willis in August, the City announced new safety improvements in Harvard Square, including a new quick-build separated bike lane. However, these efforts haven't gone far beyond painted lanes on asphalt, so this policy order asks that a six-inch raised curb with planters be constructed around the Kiosk to promote cyclist safety, slow down traffic, and discourage pedestrians from crossing mid-block.

This order was adopted.

12. That the City Manager is hereby requested to instruct the Finance Department to provide a dollar amount and percentage of money used by every department to address racial and economic equity in the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget, highlighting additional areas to be considered and that the City Manager present plans for implementation in the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget.

**Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons**  
***POR 2020 #234***

This order asks the Finance Department to create a breakdown of money being used to address racial and economic equity in each City department in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. It also asks the Budget Department to highlight programs where the City addresses racial and economic equity, and where it

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could expand on those efforts. The FY22 Budget process began this month, and as COVID has disproportionately impacts on low-income residents and communities of color, it's critical that we ensure our public spending addresses inequities in Cambridge and uplifts those who need the most support.

This order was adopted.

13. Policy Order calling for Judge Roanne Sragow to be reinstated to her position and remain in Cambridge  
**Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui**  
***POR 2020 #235***

Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui and I filed this policy order to protest Judge Roanne Sragow's removal from her position as First Justice of the Cambridge District Court. Judge Sragow served as a dedicated leader of Cambridge's Homeless Court at First Parish Church, where her compassion, vision, and leadership has supported the most vulnerable members of our community. I've had the privilege of seeing Judge Sragow's work firsthand, and I was incredibly impressed by her rehabilitative approach centered around offering wraparound services and a continuum of care to break the cycle of poverty that causes low-level crime. She was supposedly relieved of her position due to her age, but there are provisions allowing judges to continue practicing beyond the retirement age, and she's since been reinstated as a judge, but transferred to Norfolk County. This pandemic has only exacerbated the issues our homeless neighbors face every day, and removing Judge Sragow now, when Cambridge has needed her the most, is especially cruel. This order was amended to include the full City Council as co-sponsors. [Click here](#) to read more about Judge Sragow's work leading the Cambridge Homeless Court.

This order was adopted as amended.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Mallon, Chair of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee, for a public hearing held on September 30, 2020 the purpose of receiving final recommendations from the Community Development Department on updating the commercial land use classification system within the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance.

***CRT 2020 #9***

This report was placed on file. See City Manager's Agenda Item #14 for further discussion.

- A. Proposed zoning amendments for Retail Users and Home Occupations sent to the full City Council and Community Development Department with a favorable recommendation.

***POR 2020 #236***

**Councillor Zondervan**

This order was placed on file. See City Manager's Agenda Item #14 for further discussion.

2. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Mallon, Chair of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee, for a public hearing held on July 30, 2020 to discuss to receive an update on the Retail Land Use Initiative and Retail Table of Land Use Update

***CRT 2020 #10***

This report was placed on file. See City Manager's Agenda Item #14 for further discussion.

## VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

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1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee held on October 6, 2020.

***COF 2020 #60***

This communication from Mayor Siddiqui outlines the continuing work she and the School Committee are doing as some CPSD scholars return for in-person learning. [Read her full letter here.](#)

This communication was placed on file.