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PEACE BE UNTO YOU,

HELLO EVERYBODY, I'M HASSON RASHID. I RESIDE AT 820 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE. MY PUBLIC COMMENT IS IN REGARDS TO CALENDAR UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEM#3; AWAITING REPORT# 15-03,15-64, AND ANY OTHER AGENDA ITEMS THAT RELATE TO THE HOMELESS AND LOW INCOME RENTERS SECTION AND MOSAIC OF CAMBRIDGE.

THE RECENT CONVENING OF THE CHERRETTE SESSIONS IN CAMBRIDGE,MA WAS DEFINITELY ANOTHER OF THE POSITIVE AND PROACTIVES, STEPS, BEING TAKEN IN THE EFFORTS TO ERRADICATE AND END HOMELESSNESS, IN THE CAMBRIDGE REGION AND BEYOND. ANOTHER STEP TAKEN IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION WAS THE RECENT RE-APPOINTMENT OF IMRAN FOROOQ AS . ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

IT IS ALMOST UNIVER^SSALLY KNOWN THAT THE HOMELESS HAVE A UNIVERSAL RIGHT FAIR TO HOUSING. RECENTLY THREE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS SECTOR WERE, WHAT I CALL MISLICIOUSLY PASSED UP. BY THAT I MEAN THAT NONE OF THE HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDERS, HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ADVOCATE WERE NOTIFIED THAT THREE GOVERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES(LOCAL,STATE,FEDERAL) FOR PROVIDING HOUSING TO THE HOMELESS AND OTHER LOW INCOME POPULATIONS, WERE QUESTIONALBLY CIRCUMVENTED. THE OPPORTUNITUIES WERE THE FOUNDRY BUILDING, THE SULLIVAN COURT HOUSE, AND THE VOLPE CENTER PARCELS OF LANDS.

ALL OF THE JUST MENTION OPPORTUNITIES WERE LOCATED IN THE KENDALL SQUARE AREAS. INITIATIVES TO ACCOMODATE THE HOMELESS SECTOR WERE AND ARE, CURRENTLY BEING ELIMINATED THROUGH ZONING. IF FAITH BASED ,HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDERS, ADVOCATED,ETC., ENTITIES, WOULD LIKE TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOMELESS HOUSING IN THE KENDALL SQUARE AREA, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO BECAUSE OUR LOCAL POLICY MAKERS ARE BEING INFLUENCED BY DEVELOPERS AND REAL EST^ATTERS, TO EXCLUDE HOMELESSNESS IN THE ZONING LAND USES POLICICES.

ADDITIONALLY,WHAT REASONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR FUNDING RESOURCES SUCH AS THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND, AND THE CPA FUNDS, NOT BEING USED TO HELP ADDRESS,EASE, AND END HOMELESSNESS HERE IN CAMBRIDGE,MA? WHAT HAS HAPPEN THAT CAMBRIDGE IS NOT A MEMBER OF MICHEAL'S OBAMA CHALLENGE FOR OUR NATION'S MAYORS TO END HOMELESSNESS, LIKE NEIGHBORING BOSTON, NEWTON, AND OTHER MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITIES? THANK YOU.

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