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Hello Everybody, I'm Hasson Rashid, I reside at 820 Massachusetts Avenue, my Public Comment is on "Communication" Agenda Item # 4; "Charter Right" Item # 2, and "Awaiting Report" Item #s 15-84

Since Cambridge, MA is in the process of developing or recalibrating a "Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness," and Charrette recommendations on Ending Homelessness, it is now appropriate for me to make this request to the policy makers of the City of Cambridge, MA, to establish a "Homelessness Housing Trust Fund." An "Ordinance" or "Home Rule Petition" must and can, be made and passed, to establish a "Homeless Trust Fund," beginning with a nucleus of which would be to impose a surge charge or fee, on each document recorded with the city, and deposit these funds into a "City Homelessness Trust Fund."

In addition to the City "Homelessness Housing Trust Fund," a "City Wide Homelessness Task Force," must be established to advise it, on the creation of homeless housing plans and programs, etc. The proposed city base "Homeless Trust Fund" will help to provide funding for implementation of locally developed "Plans to End Homelessness here in the Cambridge, MA region.

I'm hoping that the city of Cambridge, MA can benefit in adopting and implementing, a "Homelessness Trust Fund." A homeless trust fund is one of the tools that will allow Cambridge, MA to move from managing homelessness to ending homelessness. In doing this it will encourage fiscally sound policies. In closing I quote from the late and great Mother Teresa:

"I Think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for are the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty." Mother Teresa."

Yours In Peace,
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