

DECEMBER 7, 2015

PEACE BE UNTO YOU,

HELLO EVERYBODY, I'M HASSON RASHID, RESIDING AT 820 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE. MY PUBLIC COMMENT RELATES TO CITY MANAGERS' AGENDA ITEMS 7.8, and 10; AWAITING REPORT 15-138; Communications 1,2, 3, and 7; Committee Report 6,7; AND ANY OTHER AGENDA ITEMS THAT RELATES TO HOMELESSNESS.

THE REVISED VOLPE UP-ZONING PETITION FOR THE PUD-KS AREA, IN THE KENDALL SQUARE DISTRICT OF THE CITY, IS NOT PART AND PARCEL, OF ANY INSTRUMENTATION, FOR THE COLLECTIVE ADVANCEMENT OF CAMBRIDGE'S HOMELESSNESS SECTOR AND MOSAIC. AS A MATTER OF FACT THE VOLPE CENTER IS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF FEDERAL TITLE V OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT (42 U.S.C. 11411-11412). IN VIOLATION BECAUSE SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTIES ARE MANDATED TO BE USED TO ASSIST THE HOMELESS (TITLE V), NEEDS TO ACHIEVE THEIR HUMAN SHARE. OUT RIGHT THE VOLPE RE- ZONING PETITION IS ALSO A FAILURE IN HELPING TO FACILITATE SUCH A PROCESS. THE PETITION SHOULD HELP TO MAXIMIZE EACH PERSON ABILITY, INCLUDING THE HOMELESS, TO GAIN BETTER ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES IN THE PUD-KS AREA, AND OTHER AREAS OF KENDALL SQUARE, BUT IT DOESN'T. THE VOLPE RE-ZONING PETITION IS ACTUALLY PART OF AN EXPLOITATION OF POWER, THAT BECOMES A DRIVE FOR DOMINATION, RATHER THAN PARTICIPATION OF HOMELESS CITIZENS.

IT CAN ALSO BE SAID THE SAME FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE "MIXED USE DISTRICT" IN KENDALL SQUARE, BECAUSE CITY POLICY MAKERS AND THE CRA, TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO DEPRIVE AND HOARD, THE FOUNDRY BUILDING AWAY FROM BEING USED BY OUR HOMELESSNESS SECTOR, AND MOSAIC, FOR NOT CONVERTING INTO, APPROXIMATELY 59,000 SQUARE FOOT OF LAND AND FACILITIES, AND RESOURCES TO HELP END HOMELESSNESS. THE RECENT CHARRETTE STUDY HERE IN CAMBRIDGE SHOULD ALSO EVENTUALLY TESTIFY AND VERIFY, WHAT I HAVE STATED HERE THIS EVENING.

IT IS ALSO WELL KNOWN AMONG OUR LOCAL HOUSING ADVOCATES AND HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDERS, HERE IN CAMBRIDGE, THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING ISN'T ACTUALLY AFFORDABLE, WHEN IT COMES TO OUR LOCAL HOMELESS SUB POPULATION. THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE HUMAN SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT SUCH, AS CAMBRIDGE'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CAN ALSO TELL YOU THAT IT IS NOT. AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS NOT THE SAME THING AS HOUSING THE HOMELESS. ANY FORTH COMING HOUSING PLAN SHOULD BE SPECIFIC ON THIS POINT, AND INCLUDE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE RECENT CHERRETTE SESSIONS, ON HOW TO INCLUDE ENDING HOMELESSNESS INTO ANY PROPOSED FUTURE HOUSING AND MASTER PLANNING.

IT IS AN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED FACT THAT HOMELESSNESS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC AND NATURAL NEEDS, OF THIS SUB-POPULATION, IS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY OF THE CITY. ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES, ALSO OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THIS, THEN WHY IS IT THAT THE CITY POLICY MAKERS ARE CURCUMVENTING THESE TRUTHS, WHEN IT COMES TO ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDS? THIS NEW COMMUNITY REVENUE SHOULD GO FIRST TOWARD, WITHOUT ANY DOUBTS OR QUESTIONS, TOWARD EASING,ERRADICATING, AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS, AND THOSE WITH THE GREATEST OF NEEDS, DESPITE AND REGARDLESS OF WHO IS OPPOSED TO IT. THANK YOU.

HASSON RASHID, CAMBRIDGE,MA.