

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT  
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Hello,

I'm Hasson Rashid, I reside at 820 Massachusetts Avenue, I'm a board member of the Alliance of Cambridge. (ACT), a frontline, in the trench type category of Affordable Housing Community supporter entities. I had the honor and privilege of attending all three of the public hearings for the Community Preservation ACT funding hearing of 2013, sponsored and hosted by the CPA Committee. I think it is good that an 80-10/10 solution was reached, to distribute the CPA funding in our town, as long as the CPA funding actually goes toward the enhancement of Affordable Housing, Historic Preservation, and Open Space, as opposed to the destruction of the three designated CPA funding categories.

At the third and final public meeting of this CPA funding matter, the public hearing portion of the public meeting was circumvented or constricted, that means that if there were those in attendance from the public that wanted to comment, it wasn't allowed. Public comment was scheduled to end on the 10<sup>th</sup>. of September, I ask was it actually too late for public comment, since the 10<sup>th</sup> didn't end until 12 midnight, was this a violation of the citizens participation rights in this third and final, of the CPA public hearings or meetings?

Thank you,

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Alliance of Cambridge Tenants

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**Peace Be Unto You**

**Dear AHT/CPA committee members, I'm Hasson Rashid board member of the Alliance of Cambridge Tenants (ACT), located at 259 Harvard Street, Cambridge, MA. I do hope that I have approached you all early enough in this years 2013, series of project hearings for CPA Funding, to find you all in concord with a unique project that will take citizen participation to another level. By the inclusion of ACT's Board of Directors (BOD) citywide 2014 election needs, as a fundable category and project at, a cost of approximately \$15,000. Citywide represents the voting population of Public Housing Residents, and Section 8 Tenants. CPA project funding will help ACT help the Low Income Affordable Housing population here in Cambridge, MA to help themselves. Subsidized housing population here represents a rich diversity of community, every voice should be heard, and no idea should be lost.**

**So are you in accord with striving to assure all interest are represented? Do you feel adequate enough with your efforts in this current CPA Allotment demonstration, to the point that your efforts were strategic enough, to better inform residents on the need for Affordable Housing, the needs for residents to represent themselves, thus satisfying local needs. Or are you not interested in helping the poor?**

**In conclusion, as newcomer to this round of CPA funding, I find that not enough information was given to community groups from the beginning, especially when it came to first time CPA Funding seekers, to make a viable fact based approach to project allotment. No initial application or nomination processes, not adequate description of categories to be accepted or excluded. Therefore, I know you all members of the AHT/CPA committee, yourselves are still figuring it out, so remember those in he trenches, like the Alliance of Cambridge Tenants (ACT) out here supporting affordable housing.**

**Yours In Peace,  
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