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To: Lopez, Donna
Subject: Request to place this item on the agenda
Attachments: For Square Homeless, Winter Puts Pressure on Stretched Resources _ News _ The Harvard Crimson.htm; 131125 com report one_1.PDF; Pantry's Closure Will Leave Void in Harvard Square Daytime Homeless Services _ News _ The Harvard Crimson.htm

Peace Be Unto You,

Dear Ms. D. Lopez (Interim City Clerk)

March 30, 2014

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Dear Ms. D. Lopez (Interim City Clerk): would you please see to it that this item is added to the City Council Agenda, as soon as possible? Thank You.

Greetings Members of the Cambridge City Council

My name is Mr. Hasson J. Rashid, It has come to my attention that the homelessness shelter known as "Bread and Jams," after having their federal funding cut by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), has been forced to relocate from their present dwelling (50 Quincy St, Cambridge, MA 02138) to a new venue, if they are able to find a new home. Bread and Jams purpose and use in Harvard Square for years, has been to faithfully provide homeless individuals with a safe, supportive drop-in environment, where they could get off the street; address basic needs for hygiene, nutrition and clothing; and access case management and other supportive services furnished by program staff and staff from our other homeless programs. Hundreds of their clients were also able to obtain treatment for health, mental health, substance abuse-related problems; and address outstanding legal issues which would otherwise preclude them from obtaining housing or employment." Now without the possibility of a home, these valuable services won't be provide any longer to the homeless community.

My purpose is to inquire into the possibility of securing space at the Foundry Building for the purpose of setting up a new home and location for Bread and Jams. This would be in concord with the City of Cambridge's 10 year planning to end homelessness. From what I understand, the City of Cambridge has always been a friend of the homeless, what are friends for if they can't help one another in times of urgent needs. This is a request extended out to you all to come to the aid of Bread and Jam in this, their immediate hour of need, and to provide them with space at the Foundry Building for a new home, so that they will be able to continue their honorable work in serving many among the homelessness population here in Cambridge, MA.

I believe a petition is in the works to be presented to the City Council soon, but for now you need to reflect on the emergency needs of Bread and Jams, who in the pass represented an oasis in the desert for many homeless men, women, and children, whom for reasons only God is aware of, happen to find themselves needy and homeless in our famous city of Cambridge, MA.

Thank You,

Yours In Peace,

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