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May 28, 2014
Cambridge City Clerk Donna P Lopez

Dear Donna P Lopez,

The City Council should take immediate action to address the possibility of public financing for municipal elections. The Clean Elections Law of 2002 gained widespread support at the time of its passage, and the current Council should take steps to explore public financing at the municipal level. I believe publicly financed elections are important because it encourages more candidates who lack substantial resources to run for office, makes elections more competitive, and reduces the influence of private contributions such land developers

Sincerely,

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