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May 28, 2014
Cambridge City Clerk Donna P Lopez

Dear Donna P Lopez,

We can't quickly undo the effects of Citizens United on our elections, but we can try to rectify the situation from the ground up. True, more candidates means more information to sift through as a voter; however, it may also mean -- gasp! -- a focus on the issues! If we can't test the model of a level playing field at the municipal level, how can we hope to enact a similar standard on the state and/or national stage?

Please have the courage to give public financing of candidates a chance by taking 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.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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