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The mere fact that this General Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for fiscal year 2015, in the amount of \$488,932,555, is inadequate when it comes to appropriations for addressing Anti-Poverty efforts. There is nothing in it, specifically design for mitigation of the effects of poverty on individuals, families, and the community. Nothing has been specifically provided to Re-Calibrate Cambridge's failing, 10 year Plan to End Homelessness. Instead millions is going to efforts such as, to build an Art Center at the Foundry Building. Art should never be able to circumvent Poverty as a municipal concern, but yet you prioritize it over the plight of our populations of poor peoples. The city's budget priorities should definitely highlight how it intends to invest in low income poor citizens, but it doesn't.

This budget can be looked at as a cross between Black Cat Economic Accounting, and Pork Barrel Spending. The city intends to go into debt, borrowing over 15 million dollars, fine but part of it will not be utilize to reduce poverty and buffer, it's effects here in Cambridge, MA. In conclusion, we can't build a thriving city for all residents, unless we act to prevent the crippling legacy of poverty from being passed on to another generation.

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