

Peace Be Unto You,  
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Hello everybody, I'm Hasson Rashid, I reside at 820 Massachusetts Avenue. Once again I would like my public comment to touch on a "Calendar" item, specifically "On the Table item #2, and a little about the Resolution List.

As you all know for sometime now, I have been addressing civic government about converting the Foundry Building into a facility that will accommodate "Equity Opportunities" for Cambridge's poor, poverty stricken, and homeless populations. Recently, I was privileged to have sat at one of the tables at the Foundry Building meeting, held at the citywide senior center. I made it know that the Foundry Building should be given to the establishment of a multiple homeless facility, based on the combined models of the Pine Street Inn, and the Mel King Institute.

If given the opportunity, I intend to introduce this option, as an ideal project, suitable for the recently, Cambridge introduction of the Participatory Budget Process. Cambridge's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, boils down to the fact that civic government must be homeless friendly. I told you all on September 29, 2014 that when there was a street related death, that I would be back here to remind you all. A 66 year old woman was found dead on a bench in Harvard Square, last week according to the latest edition of Cambridge Chronicles. No identification of the woman was given in the paper. Soon, if it is God's Will, I will explore how and ways of getting this death of the homeless woman, mention on the agenda's "Resolution List."

Finally, the Foundry Building is an opportunity for our civic government to show how much the lives of our poor, poverty stricken, and homeless populations are worth. Inclusion and compassion, for our most vulnerable citizens must become an implemented reality, while planning for the Foundry Building still remains in its infancy stages. All future planning by our civic government must also be prioritize for the purpose of directly helping those people who need help the most.

Thank You,  
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