

Peace Be Unto You,
November 24, 2014

Hello Everybody, I'm Hasson Rashid, and my public Comment concerns Calendar Item #1, **(Order Amended by Substitution.) Order Number Ten of January 27, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Mayor Maher on January 27, 2014.**

UNDER LOCAL INITIATIVES IN "THE CAMBRIDGE TEN YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS," 2ND PARAGRAPH, IT STATES THAT CAMBRIDGE SHOULD PRESERVE EXISTING HOUSING RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS AND OTHER LOW INCOME PEOPLE. IN THE 4TH PARAGRAPH OF "THE 10 YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS," IT STATES THAT PROVIDERS SHOULD ACQUIRE A SITE AND CONSTRUCT A LARGER SCALE SRO FACILITY.

I SAY THAT THE FOUNDRY BUILDING IS THE SITE TO BE ACQUIRED, AND IT'S APPROXIMATE "59,000 SQUARE FEET" BE UPGRADE, AND CONVERTED INTO AN ADEQUATE AND SIGNIFICANT, AMOUNT OF HOMELESS SHELTER AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, ALSO EQUITY OPPORTUNITIES, TO ACCOMODATE OUR CHRONIC HOMELESS AND OTHER LOW INCOME POOR POPULATIONS.

DURING THE "PARTICIPATORY BUDGET PROCESSES'S (PBP)" OPEN WINDOW PERIOD FOR PROJECT IDEAS, I PLAN TO SUBMIT AN INNOVATIVE IDEA FOR PBP FUNDING, AS AN INITIAL SEGEMENT OR PHASE OF OUR LOCAL HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE, THAT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGE IN CAMBRIDGE'S TEN YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS, AND OF COURSE BY THE PBP ITSELF., AND ALSO THIS FOUNDRY BUILDING AGENDA ITEM.

FINALLY, I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE OUR CIVIC GOVERNMENT TO LIVE UP TO IT'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AREAS OF HOMELESS SHELTER AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, ALONG EQUITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE EGMENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT EXPERIENCES THE MOST CRITICAL AND WHO HAPPEN TO BE THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR LOCALE AND REGION.

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