



# CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Marc C. McGovern  
City Councillor

December 4, 2014

To: The Honorable, the City Council

From: City Councillor Marc McGovern

Re: Income Insecurity Commission Meeting Report

Kindly place the attached report from the Income Insecurity Commission for the meeting held on November 25, 2014 on the Communications and Reports From City Officers for the City Council meeting on December 8, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc McGovern".

City Councillor Marc McGovern

Mayor's Commission  
on Income Insecurity

In City Council December 8, 2014

Councillor McGovern, Chair of the Mayor's Commission on Income Insecurity, held a meeting of the Commission at 831 Massachusetts Avenue on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was attended by Commission members were Tina Alu, CEOC; Sarah Kennedy, Chamber of Commerce; Risa Mednick, Transition House; Len Thomas, formerly of the Multi Service Center; John Lindamood, CHA; Gail Sudore, Solutions at Work; Eva Martin Blythe, YWCA; City Councillor Denise Simmons, co-chair; Dave Slaney, Living Wage Advisory Board; Cliff Cook, CDD; Arthur MacEwan, UMASS; City Councillor Marc McGovern; and Annie Nagle, Aide to Councillor McGovern, chair. Sasha Purpura of Food for Free, Alanna Mallon from the Mayor's office and Neal Alpert, Aide to Councillor Simmons were also in attendance.

The Commission discussed the strategies and resources available and further needed to accomplish the intended goal of the Commission. The intended goal is to create a report that identifies a true definition of income insecurity for Cambridge and identifies accurate statistics of income insecurity based on that true definition. The report will identify all city-run and non-profit services that support individuals and families struggling with income insecurity and identify the gaps in service coverage. The report will identify ways to improve collaboration and coordination among service providers and identify institutional practices within the web of services and seek to change those that are counterproductive. The commission will also make policy budget recommendations to reduce the number of individuals and families struggling with income insecurity.

For the Commission,



Councillor Marc C. McGovern, Chair  
Mayor's Commission on Income Insecurity