

January 29, 2015

Cambridge City Council
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Ave
Cambridge MA 02139

To The Honorable Cambridge City Council:

I am writing on behalf of Just-A-Start Corporation (JAS) to support of the framework recommended by the City Manager for a Community Benefits and Mitigation Plan.

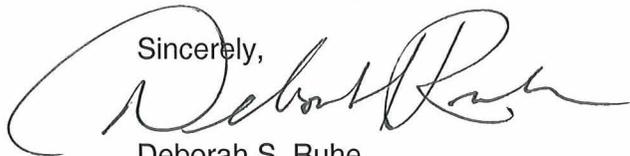
JAS has been involved with the Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition with a goal of working collaborative with other not-for-profit organizations to better meet the needs of the Cambridge community.

We endorse the concepts of the City Manager's plan including:

- Community and data-driven needs assessment
- Funding decisions are based on the outcomes of the needs assessment
- Inclusion of nonprofits in the needs assessment, process oversight and decision making
- Transparent process that is simple, clear, and value-driven
- Informed design process based on best practices
- A decision making body that is inclusive and represents Cambridge diversity

I look forward to working with my fellow members of the Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition and with the City to identify and prioritize community needs and develop solutions to meet them.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director