

Lopez, Donna

From: Laurie Friedman [laurieannfriedman@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 8:34 AM
To: Lopez, Donna; City Council
Subject: Support 100 Beds McGovern Policy Order #3

Dear City Councilors,

I strongly urge you to prioritize Policy Order #3. Councilor McGovern has clearly outlined the multiple reasons for immediate action to create at least 100 beds for the men, women and children living on our streets. As we each make our preparations for the coming blizzard please be mindful of those living on the street. Too many people have fewer options for life saving shelter with the closing of the bridge to Long Island. The inadequate provisions for the men, women and children who lived and received services there is a shameful burden we all bear. The ASAP provision in this policy order is not really soon enough, so I urge each of you to do what you can to ensure that City resources are engaged to address this problem tonight, opening beds in the coming weeks and in the long term addressing the social injustices that lead to homelessness.

I applaud the attention the Council has given to affordable housing and urge you to support related policy orders 1 & 2. I also urge you to act quickly on the recommendations of the Incentive Zoning Nexus Study by broadening the type of development included in the assessment and increasing the rate to \$25 a square foot as recommended by the Cambridge Residents Alliance.

Sincerely,

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