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Dear City Councillors,

Thank you for considering my comments on the three important Policy Orders before you today. Please vote in the affirmative for Policy Orders 10, 11 and 32.

**Policy Order #10** regarding establishing "Resident's Ombudsman" is a very important measure that will afford informed and equitable participation by Cambridge residents in the governance process. This well-established approach will be a win-win for the city.

**Policy Order #11** seeks hard data on exceptions ("variances") to our zoning law which is also key to sound, evidence-based decision-making.

Lastly, please vote in the affirmative for **Policy Order #32** to have the Law Department publish the opinion on the Planning Board's discretion to deny Special Permits. This opinion was requested in response to a residents' petition and its publication will clearly communicate the final outcome as well as guide those new to the permitting process who will be able to read it on the city website.

Yours sincerely,

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