ATTACHMENT A

Economic Development, Training, and Employment Committee
"Current City Ordinances That Are Detrimental to Community and Business Growth"
Tuesday, January 25th 4-5:30pm

4:05pm – 4:10pm Opening Remarks Councillor Cheung

4:10pm – 4:40pm Presentation of Suggested Ordinance Changes

4:40pm – 5:00pm Public Comment: Allow for audience members to introduce additional suggestions

5:00pm – 5:20pm City Staff and City Councillors Responds to Suggestions

5:20pm – 5:30pm Ranking of Importance, Meeting Wrap-Up

ATTACHMENT B

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1) Re-zone Kendall Square to allow for restaurants to set up shop without first having to apply for a special variance

2) Require Cambridge restaurants/cafes to use recyclable containers and packaging

3) Allow for business owners to change the internal structure of their business (add or remove a wall) without having to apply for a special variance

4) Create incentives for developers to build family units as opposed to one or two bedrooms

5) Revise the parking ordinance to allow for parking passes for business owners on residential streets for specific hours during the day

6) Revise the ordinance that only allows the sale of merchandise in parks and plazas

7) Rewrite our zoning laws so that many fewer parcels are non-conforming

8) Create a clear process that allows a business to make its parking available for customers of a neighboring business during evening hours or for a church to make space available (possibly for a fee) outside of the hours of normal services

9) Change the rule mandating architecturally built-in drinking water fountains to instead allow businesses to provide a no-cost solution for fresh drinking water to employees

10) The city should express support for gender neutral bathrooms

11) Create housing linkage requirement for all institutional and commercial development to encourage more of the students, research workers and other new members of the labor force in Cambridge to have access to affiliated or dedicated housing.

12) Change the definition of fast food or relook at the cap on fast food businesses in Central Square

13) In areas zoned for residential use – if a low scale retail business leaves, such as a dry cleaning business and another low scale business wants to take over the space, such as a florist, the florist needs to apply for a variance even if they do not change the square footage or floor plan. Can we alter this in some way to make acquiring a new business for an abandoned space easier?

14) In areas zoned for offices, you can have a bank on the first floor but not a retail shop. This discourages development of restaurants, grocery stores and other neighborhood friendly services. Can we alter this ordinance in some way to attract more neighborhood friendly businesses?