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DECEMBER 15, 2014 PUBLIC COMMENT CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PEACE BE UNTO TO YOU,

HELLO EVERYBODY, I'M HASSON RASHID, RESIDING AT 820 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE. MY PUBLIC COMENT IS ABOUT ITEM # 17 ON THE CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA , AN UPDATE ON THE FOUNDRY BUILDING (FB). FOR WHAT HAS NOW SEEMED LIKE AGES GONE BY, I HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR CONVERTING AND PREPARING, THE FB INTO USES THAT WILL ACCOMMODATE AND UPLIFT, OUR AREA'S CHRONIC HOMELESS POPULATION. I HAVE EVEN GONE SO FAR AS TO, AND VENTURED INTO SUBMITTIG AN IDEA IN THE RECENTLY INTRODUCED TO CAMBRIDGE, MA, THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS, THAT WILL TIE INTO, OR CONNECT WITH THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE'S \$6 ALLOCATION TO FACILITATE NECESSARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOUNDRY BUILDING, AS WELL AS TO DETERMINE THE LEGAL AND REGULATORY PROCESSES NECESSARY TO COLLABORATE WITH THE CRA, AS STATED IN ITEM # 17 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA.

MY ADVOCACY FOR CONVERTING THE FB INTO A MULTI-PURPOSE CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS CENTER OF HOUSING AND EQUITY UPLIFTMENT OPPORTUNITIES, IS IN CONCORD WITH GOVERNOR DEVAL PATRICK'S EXECUTIVE ORDER # 492, THAT WAS SPELLED OUT FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS INTER AGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING, IN CONCORD WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECENT ANNOUNCED "PAY FOR SUCCESS INITIATIVES TO REDUCE CHRONIC INDIVIDUAL HOMELESSNESS, AND IN CONCORD WITH THE NOVEMBER 25, 2013 NEIGHBORHOOD AND LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS FINDINGS AND PROMISES, CHAIRED BY COUNCILMAN CHEUNG, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, WITH THE SENIOR POLICY GROUP ON HOMELESSNESS.

FINALLY, AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC AT LARGE, MY ADVANCING VISION AND EXPRESSIONS, TO REDEVELOP THE FB FOR ADDRESSING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, AND THE ENSUING EQUITY UPLIFTMENT PURPOSES, I COMMITTED ~~TO~~ ANY FUTURE COLLABORATION WITH THE CRA, MUST NOT RULE OUT THE OPTION OF CONVERTING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE FB TO SERVE OUR VOICELESS CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS COMMUNITY, THEREFORE THE VOICELESS CHRONIC HOMELESSS COMMUNITY MUST NOT BE LEFT OUT OF ANY FUTURE EQUATIONS ON THE FOUNDRY BUILDING.

YOURS IN PEACE,
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