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Please enter into the official record for the upcoming City Council meeting on 3/19/12.

To the Honorable, the City Council:

At a meeting of the Citywide Community Council Wednesday evening, 3/14/12, members of various Community School Neighborhood Councils kept asking why there was a proposal to eliminate a Community School and Director position and which Community School and director would it be. I could not answer that.

Neighborhood Council members asked me why programs that are so popular and so inexpensive were being considered for cuts. I could not answer that.

The question of the city manager's proposed allocation of \$15,000 to the Cambridge Community Center also came up and David Gibbs, the Executive Director of the CCC, said that even he did not know how that money was intended to be spent.

It appears that the city manager proposal of 2/27/12 has left a lot of questions unanswered, but especially the one that asks: why cut a program that is so popular and which costs the city very little per person enrolled?

Respectfully yours,

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