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Cambridge, MA – Today, the Cambridge Review Committee Community Sub-Committee is announcing that they will have two open community meetings in order to gather information from community members. Any person who lives and/or works in Cambridge is invited to join the Cambridge Review Committee Community Sub-committee and share their observations about what it is like to live and work in the unique community that is Cambridge.

Meetings will be held at the:

Cambridge Public Library- Main Branch

Room: Lecture Hall, Lower 2.

Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30PM-8:30PM

or

Thursday, January 28th at 11:00AM-1:00PM

The Community Sub-Committee is interested in hearing from members of the public about the following issues:

- *What is it like to live and/or work in the unique community that is Cambridge?*
- *What are the most constructive ways to enhance relationships in the community and among governmental entities?*
- *In addition to the issues that the Committee is already reviewing, what else should they consider? (In their opening remarks, the Committee will inform participants about their work to date and their areas of exploration.)*

The Cambridge Review Committee created by City Manager Robert Healy and Police Commissioner Robert Haas in the wake of the July 16th 2009 arrest of Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. The Committee members that come from Cambridge and across the United States have diverse professional backgrounds and bring years of experience in their respective fields from law enforcement, academia, behavioral sciences, diversity, community relations and conflict resolution. The Committee has been charged with identifying “lessons learned” for the city, the police department and the nation; helping the City of Cambridge as a community engage in a meaningful dialogue which brings its neighborhoods closer together and breaks down communication barriers; identifying opportunities for the city as a whole to learn and grow from this experience and serve as a national model of how to respond to a community incident.

The Committee has been meeting monthly in person since its first meeting October 12th and has regular contact via conference calls between meetings. The Committee has spent time understanding the culture and environment of the City of Cambridge and the Police Department through meetings with individuals and public officials, presentations from the Department, and briefing materials. In addition, the Committee has divided itself into four subcommittees (Community, Training, Discretion and Facts) where individuals discuss relevant subject matter and have begun drafting the final report that will be made public in the early part of 2010.

More information about the Committee is available at [www. http://www.cambridgema.gov/cpd](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cpd)

For more information about the community meetings contact either Jennifer Flagg 617-349-9376.