



Cambridge City Council Candidate Endorsements

The ABC-endorsed candidates are most aligned with our platform on issues including housing affordability and supply, alternative transportation, and transit-oriented density. We encourage you to rank them on November 7th.

The all-volunteer ABC election committee compiled these ratings based on candidate responses to the questionnaire, performance at our candidate forum, stated positions, past work on issues, and clarifying interviews when necessary. Only candidates who responded to the questionnaire were included in the ratings.

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Marc McGovern

Denise Simmons

Adriane Musgrave

Sean Tierney

Alanna Mallon

Samuel Gebru

[Marc McGovern](#) (incumbent) is a stalwart when it comes to fighting for affordable housing. He led the way on increasing the percentage of affordable units provided and amount of money paid to the city by developers. As a social worker, he takes a holistic approach to the issues affecting the most vulnerable in our city and has a rare talent for bringing opposing stakeholders together to create progress.

[Denise Simmons](#) (incumbent) may be famous for being the nation's first black, openly lesbian mayor, but here in Cambridge, residents know her to be among the most effective and accessible leaders in the city. She's fought to preserve and expand the city's stock of affordable housing, and is a tireless advocate for environmental, public safety, and diversity issues.

[Adriane Musgrave](#) left her management consulting job to run for city council full-time. She has put her remarkable analytical, report-reading and data-mining skills to good use in understanding seemingly every problem that Cambridge faces. Her passions are smart zoning and development, and creating inclusive prosperity for all.

[Sean Tierney](#), a Cambridge native and attorney who works on tax and housing policy for the state legislature, offers an important perspective on the housing crisis. He is dedicated to finding innovative solutions that balance growth and increased density, while fighting the displacement that threatens Cambridge's economic, racial, and cultural diversity.

[Alanna Mallon](#) has already made Cambridge a better place by creating the Weekend Backpack Program, which ensures access to meals for our food insecure students. She has immense talent for spotting problems, creating the structures needed to address them, and coordinating existing solutions to better serve our most at-risk neighbors.

[Samuel Gebru](#) is an Ethiopian native and 2009 CRLS graduate. Despite being among the youngest candidates running for city council, he has an extensive record of leadership in community organizing, policy work, and advocacy. He is committed to preserving and expanding housing opportunities for residents of all incomes and creating ownership units for low-income residents to build pathways to wealth and equity.