

# Meet the 2019 Cambridge City Council Candidates



## Burhan Azeem

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✓ YES ✓ | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

Growing up, I shared a three-bedroom house with eleven people. I understand housing instability. I've studied sustainability firsthand and understand the climate crisis. I know we face tough challenges, but we are Cambridge. We are the most progressive, and prosperous community in the Commonwealth. Progress can and should start with us.



## Charles J. Franklin

Affordable Housing Overlay: NO\* | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: GENERALLY

I got into politics with the Obama and Clinton presidential campaigns. I cofounded Upgrade Cambridge to advocate for municipal broadband, and am on the Inman Square Neighborhood Association and Green Cambridge boards. I live in Inman Square, am a software engineer at Akamai and direct descendant of Thomas Jefferson.



## Craig A. Kelley

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✗ NO ✗ | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: GENERALLY

Craig Kelley is a seasoned city councilor with a long history of public service and environmental work, as well as a deep appreciation for the role of innovation in helping local government meet emerging and ongoing challenges. He lives in North Cambridge with his wife and two college aged boys.



## Derek Andrew Kopon

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✗ NO ✗ | Parking minimum abolition: ✗ NO ✗ | Citywide minimum zoning: GENERALLY

I am a professional astrophysicist and long time resident of Cambridge. I am concerned about the increasingly large amounts of corporate and developer money that have been flowing into city council campaigns, much of it from outside of Cambridge. I advocate for campaign finance reform, renewable energy, and sustainable development.



## Alanna M. Mallon

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✓ YES ✓ | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

Alanna Mallon is a first-term City Councillor whose early experiences with childhood hunger have made her a powerful anti-poverty advocate on the Council. Through her food access work, Alanna has seen first-hand how housing and hunger are deeply intertwined. She has supported and been a leader on issues of affordable housing, including anti-displacement and tenant advocacy, additional funding, discrimination prevention, and the Affordable Housing Overlay.



## Marc C. McGovern

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✓ YES ✓ | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

Marc is a life-long Cambridge resident, graduate of CPS and social worker with 25 years experience working with children and families. He has served as Mayor this term and has led on issues of housing, homelessness, substance use, and poverty. He is seeking his 4th term to the City Council.



## Jeffrey McNary

Affordable Housing Overlay: NO\* | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✗ NO ✗

I'm a child of the 60's and came of age in a historic period of radical social change. I was Coordinator of Economic Development in the administration of Governor Dukakis, and later Chief of Staff to Boston City Councilor Bruce Bolling. I am currently a working writer. We are conducting a transformational campaign, neither raising nor expending funds. And I will be a transformational Councilor.



## Risa Mednick

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✓ YES ✓ | Parking minimum abolition: **GENERALLY** | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

Risa Mednick is a human rights advocate, community organizer and connector. She's worked with global NGOs and grassroots nonprofits in intersecting arenas including reproductive and mental health care access, affordable housing, human trafficking, and sexual assault prevention. From 2008-2018 she led Transition House, Cambridge's domestic violence intervention organization. She has been appointed to serve on many city committees, and co-founded the Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition.



## Gregg J. Moree

Affordable Housing Overlay: **YES\*** | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

I was born in Cambridge, MA over 50 years ago on Mount Vernon Street, and grew up on Fairfield Street in North Cambridge. After attending the M. E. Fitzgerald School (now the Peabody School) and then Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School, I went to the North Bennett Trade School, in Boston's North End, for carpentry. I have been a proud Cantabrigian all my life!



## Adriane Musgrave

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✓ YES ✓ | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

Adriane is a rising leader in Cambridge who has dedicated herself to serving its residents across the city. With experience spanning the corporate, nonprofit, and public sectors - as well as a new mom - she brings a unique and valuable skillset to city council. In 2017 she was the top-ranked new candidate endorsed by A Better Cambridge. Learn more at [www.VoteAdriane.com](http://www.VoteAdriane.com)



## Patricia M. Nolan

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✗ NO ✗ | Parking minimum abolition: **GENERALLY** | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

Proud of working class parents who raised six daughters into middle class through education. Harvard, Yale Management degrees. From starting worker-owned enterprises to McKinsey & LISC, running composting toilet to nonprofit telephone companies, deep management experience. School Committee: champion of sustainability, high standards for ALL students, inclusivity and research-based decisions.



## Sumbul Siddiqui

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✓ YES ✓ | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

I'm currently serving my first term as your City Councillor. I grew up in the Rindge and Roosevelt Towers. At City Hall, I'm fighting to strengthen tenant protections, connect residents to better employment opportunities, universalize access to high-quality education, and deepen our commitment to environmental sustainability. I'm proud of the progress we've made, and I would be honored to serve you for a second term.



## E. Denise Simmons

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✓ YES ✓ | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

Former Mayor Denise Simmons, a lifelong Cantabrigian, has spent the past three decades working to better her community – as Executive Director of the Civic Unity Committee in the 1980s, as a School Committee member in the 1990s, and as a City Councillor since 2002.



## Ben Simon

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✗ NO ✗ | Parking minimum abolition: ✗ NO ✗ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✗ NO ✗

I'm a musician, after school teacher and anti-displacement activist. Last year as an organizer of the campaign to save the EMF artist community from being displaced, I learned both how beholden our city council is to the developer class, but also how to fight back.



## Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✓ YES ✓ | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler is a renter, an organizer, a democratic socialist, and an environmentalist. He has volunteered as a tenants' rights organizer to support residents who face eviction, steep increases in rent, and poor living conditions like mold, lack of heat, and flooding. He is also a member of Cambridge Bike Safety, the Sunrise Movement, and Our Revolution Cambridge. He lives in mid-Cambridge with three roommates.



## Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

Affordable Housing Overlay: ✓ YES ✓ | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

I am a lifelong Cambridge resident and I have extensive experience fighting for an inclusive community where people from all backgrounds can thrive and where affordable housing/educational/vocational opportunities and recreation spaces are open to all. We must continue to address the affordable housing crisis and I hope to earn your #1 vote.



## Nicola A. Williams

Affordable Housing Overlay: **NO\*** | Parking minimum abolition: **GENERALLY** | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

Nicola Williams is a Jamaican immigrant, social entrepreneur, and small business owner who has been a leader in Cambridge for over 30 years. As founder of The Williams Agency and organizer of the Cambridge Carnival, she has fought for racial and gender equity, environmental causes, and economic empowerment.



## Quinton Y. Zondervan

Affordable Housing Overlay: **NO\*** | Parking minimum abolition: ✓ YES ✓ | Citywide minimum zoning: ✓ YES ✓

Quinton Zondervan is a Cambridge City Councillor and proud immigrant from Suriname. He has been at the forefront of the climate movement in Cambridge for more than a decade, and has also prioritized tenant protections, racial equity, and bicycle safety throughout his first term.

*\*Some candidates indicated "Generally" or "Generally Not" on their support for a hypothetical affordable housing overlay, but they are listed here according to their yes-or-no positions on the most recent proposal before City Council.*

*\*\*Some biographies edited by A Better Cambridge for length.*

*\*\*\*Only candidates who could attend the A Better Cambridge Candidate Forum are listed.*