



# 2015 CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE RATINGS

\* ANALYSIS BASED ON CANDIDATE RESPONSES TO A BETTER CAMBRIDGE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

- Questions 1 – 10 rated on scale of 2 (maximum) to -2 (minimum). Zero indicates neutral or cannot determine based on response.
- Question 11 rated on a scale of 10 (maximum) to 0 (minimum).
- Question 12 rated on a scale of 15 (maximum points) to 0 (minimum points).

|                   | <b>DENSITY</b><br>Past planning efforts in Cambridge such as K2C2 have recommended greater housing density to be developed around transportation nodes in Cambridge. Do you support this approach?<br><br><i>Maximum points (2) for an answer of: "Strongly support."</i> | <b>BUILDING HEIGHTS</b><br>Cambridge should allow taller buildings in certain areas if that height results in more affordable housing units.<br><br><i>Maximum points (2) for an answer of: "Strongly Agree."</i> | <b>GROWTH</b><br>More people wish to live in cities and Cambridge, as an attractive place to live, will see increasing demand for places for these people to live. Should Cambridge:<br>• Address change by allowing more housing and increased height/density?<br>• Seek to limit growth by maintaining its current restrictions on height/density?<br><br><i>Maximum points (2) for an answer of: "Allowing more housing and increased density"</i> | <b>MARKET RATE HOUSING</b><br>Increasing the supply of market rate housing will mitigate upward pressure on housing costs in Cambridge.<br><br><i>Maximum points (2) for an answer of: "Strongly Agree."</i> | <b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b><br>The affordable housing crisis in Cambridge should be addressed without private development and through the expenditure of public money alone.<br><br><i>Maximum points (2) for an answer of "Strongly Disagree."</i> | <b>MASTER PLAN</b><br>Do you support moving forward on existing large development proposals or other opportunities that may arise (i.e., MIT Kendall Square development, Volpe redevelopment) during the Cambridge master planning process?<br><br><i>Maximum points (2) for answer of: "Strongly Support."</i> | <b>PARKING</b><br>Should Cambridge reduce/eliminate minimum parking requirements in the zoning code for new developments in areas well served by transit, bike share, and other alternative transportation options?<br><br><i>Maximum points (2) for an answer of: "Yes."</i> | <b>TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT</b><br>Vehicle emissions in the United States are a major contributor towards global climate change. Building more mixed housing and commercial developments near transportation centers will help reduce car use in Cambridge.<br><br><i>Maximum points for an answer of: "Strongly Agree."</i> | <b>CITY COUNCIL AUTHORITY</b><br>Do you believe it is the appropriate role for the City Council to review specific development proposals/special permit requests – a power they do not currently have?<br><br><i>Maximum points for an answer of: "No."</i> | <b>MASS + MAIN</b><br>As a city councilor in the past City Council term, did you or would you have voted to support or oppose the final Mass & Main zoning proposal that included over 20% (50 units) of affordable housing?<br><br><i>Maximum points for answer of: "Yes."</i> | <b>CANDIDATE VISION</b><br>Please describe your vision for Cambridge's future in the areas addressed by ABC's organizational mission and goals.<br><br><i>Maximum points = 10</i> | <b>CANDIDATE TOP 3 POLICIES</b><br>Please name and describe three specific policies that the City Council can adopt to address the housing affordability crisis in Cambridge<br><br><i>Maximum points = 15</i> | <b>TOTAL ABC RATING</b> |
|-------------------|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|-------------------------|
| Leland Cheung     | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2  | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2  | 2   | 2   | 10  | 15   | 45                      |
| Marc McGovern     | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2  | 1   | 2   | 2   | 1  | 2   | 2   | 10  | 13   | 41                      |
| David Maher       | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1  | 2   | 2   | 1   | 2  | 2   | 2   | 10  | 12   | 40                      |
| E. Denise Simmons | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1  | 1   | 2   | 2   | 1  | 2   | 2   | 10  | 13   | 40                      |
| Dennis A. Benzan  | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1  | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2  | 2   | 2   | 5   | 14   | 37                      |
| Craig Kelley      | 1   | 1   | 2   | 1  | 2   | 2   | -2  | 1  | 2   | 2   | 7   | 11   | 30                      |
| John Sanzone*     | -2  | -2  | -2  | -1   | -1  | -2  | -2  | -2   | -2  | -2  | 5   | 7  | 30                      |
| Tim Toomey        | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1  | 1   | 2   | 1   | 2  | 2   | 2   | 5   | 8  | 30                      |
| Mariko Davidson   | 2   | 2   | 2   | -1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2  | 2   | 1   | 6   | 8  | 29                      |
| Gregg Moree       | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2  | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2  | -2  | 2   | 0   | 0  | 16                      |
| Nadeem Mazen      | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1  | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2  | -2  | -2  | 1   | 5  | 13                      |
| Minka vanBeuzekom | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1  | 2   | -1  | 2   | 2  | 2   | -2  | 2   | 3  | 12                      |
| Jan Devereux      | 0   | 1   | 1   | -1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1  | -2  | -2  | 2   | 5  | 8                       |
| Romaine Wait      | -1  | -1  | 0   | -1   | 1   | -1  | 2   | 1  | -2  | -2  | 5   | 2  | 3                       |
| James Williamson  | 0   | -1  | -2  | -1   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 0  | -2  | -2  | 0   | 5  | 2                       |
| Paul Mahoney      | 1   | 1   | 2   | -1   | 2   | -1  | -2  | 1  | -2  | 0   | -   | -  | 1                       |
| Mike Connolly     | 1   | 1   | 0   | -1   | 1   | -1  | 0   | -1   | -2  | -2  | 1   | 0  | -3                      |
| Kim Courtney      | -1  | 1   | -2  | -1   | 1   | -1  | -2  | -1   | -2  | -2  | 2   | 4  | -4                      |
| Gary Mello        | 0   | -2  | -2  | -2   | 2   | 1   | -2  | 1  | -2  | -2  | 0   | 3  | -5                      |
| Plinio Degoes     | 0   | 0   | -2  | -1   | 0   | -2  | 2   | -1   | -2  | -2  | 0   | 0  | -8                      |
| Dennis Carlone    | CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |                         |
| Xavier Dietrich   | CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |                         |
| Ilan Levy         | CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |                         |

\* As of October 26<sup>th</sup>, John Sanzone has withdrawn from the City Council election.

