

Ken Reeves – Response to A Better Cambridge Candidate Questionnaire

- 1. DIVERSITY:** ABC is committed to strengthening the social, cultural, and economic diversity of our neighborhoods.
If elected, what policies will you support or propose to help strengthen the diversity of our community through increased affordable housing and greater economic opportunity for all residents?

RESPONSE: My focus would be to move forward with the recommendations of the K2C2 study which calls for median income housing in Central and Kendall Square, specifically on city owned lots.

- 2. SUSTAINABILITY:** ABC wants to build a strong and sustainable community where current and future residents will be able to work, shop, and play near their homes.
If elected, what policies or initiatives will you support to ensure that there is adequate housing near public transportation that supports sufficient retail to meet neighborhood needs, meets the needs of current and future residents, reduces auto usage and encourages energy efficiency?

RESPONSE As stated above, the K2C2 study's recommendations dealt specifically within the T stop nodes. I would work to execute the recommendations.

- 3. GROWTH:** ABC is working to preserve and expand the diversity of our community by supporting sustainable growth and appropriate density.
Do you agree that in order to support diversity and meet the housing needs of sustainable growth in Cambridge, increased density may be necessary? If elected, what specific policies or initiatives will you support to achieve sustainable urban growth and to increase low and moderate income housing for all populations, including families?

RESPONSE: Yes, increased density is necessary. As stated above, I would push to have the K2C2 recommendations regarding median income housing come to fruition.

- 4. LIVABILITY:** We want to reinforce the distinctive character of our neighborhoods, ensuring that new development builds upon and enhances their defining traits.
What traits of Cambridge neighborhoods do you find most distinctive? If elected, what policies or initiatives will you support to help reinforce these characteristics through new development, public and open spaces and other means?

RESPONSE: I love the historic architecture, varied style and human scale of our local neighborhood. I would seek to maintain that character by assuring our historic preservations policies are effective and to maintain continued attention to architectural detail of new buildings.

- 5. DIALOGUE:** We want to support open and constructive engagement between all parties to the planning process, based on mutual respect for differing views.
In your opinion, do public planning processes in Cambridge support open and constructive engagement between stakeholders? If elected, how will you help ensure transparent and mutually respectful planning for the future of Cambridge?

RESPONSE: I believe that the process we have been using does encourage a multitude of stakeholders within the conversation. I will always look to maintain a process which allows all voices to be included in order to promote greater engagement across a cross cultural population.

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6. Earlier this year the Central Square and Kendall Square Advisory Committees (K2C2) proposed recommendations to guide the future development of these key residential and commercial districts in Cambridge.

Which three K2C2 recommendations do you believe should be top priorities for the City of Cambridge over the next few years? What specific policies or initiatives recommended will you support to ensure these priorities are achieved during the next City Council term? Are there policies and recommendations that you oppose?

RESPONSE: A top priority needs to be the recommendation of median income housing within the squares. In order to do that, I would seek to pull together a housing group which includes MITs Dept of Urban Studies and Planning. This goes directly into a next priority which is to add density to the areas responsibly while paying attention to the liveliness of the squares.