

Cambridge

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: One of the expressed goals of the Cambridge City Council is to “promote a healthy community and environment to advance Cambridge as a leader in public health and environmental sustainability”; and

WHEREAS: For years, the City of Cambridge has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting growth of local businesses that implement business practices built

around social and environmental considerations; and

WHEREAS: In May, the City of Cambridge joined with the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology and Harvard University as a signatory of the Cambridge Community Compact for a Sustainable Future, the first compact of its kind that will allow for a coordinated community effort in addressing global environmental challenges, including climate change; and

WHEREAS: Furthermore, the City of Cambridge strives to lead by example by engaging in a variety of initiatives aimed at improving the sustainability of municipal

operations, including improvements to energy performance of municipal buildings, emphasis on a fuel efficient vehicle fleet, expanded use of renewable energy, and the development of new city initiatives to assist residents in leading more sustainable and healthful lives; and

WHEREAS: A further effort that the City of Cambridge can make to combat pollution and climate change is to divest its retirement pension fund from fossil fuel

companies; and

RESOLVED: The City Council go on record supporting the principle of fossil fuel divestment; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to urge the Cambridge

Retirement Board of Trustees to review Cambridge’s investment portfolio to consider divestment from fossil fuel companies and report back to the City Council.