

# Candidate Questionnaire: People-centered Streets

## Basic Information

If you would like to review a PDF of the entire questionnaire, you may find it here:

[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/livablestreetsalliance/pages/1689/attachments/original/1503520440/Candidate\\_Questionnaire\\_Cambridge\\_-\\_People-centered\\_streets.pdf?1503520440](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/livablestreetsalliance/pages/1689/attachments/original/1503520440/Candidate_Questionnaire_Cambridge_-_People-centered_streets.pdf?1503520440)

Candidate name (first and last) \*

Jeff Santos

Office that the candidate is seeking (include district number if applicable) \*

Cambridge City Council

Name of person completing the questionnaire (first and last) \*

Jeff Santos

Name and EIN of the committee (if applicable)

Committee to elect Jeff Santos

### Campaign email address \*

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SantosforCitycouncil

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## About You

1. Do you personally walk to destinations in your community? If yes, how often do you do so?

Yes

No

### Comments

daily exercise

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2. Do you personally travel by/ use public transit to get around? If yes, which trains and buses do you routinely use?

Yes

No

### Comments

red line green line Kendall Square area

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3. Do you personally bike in your community or commute by bike to other communities? If no, would you be willing to give it a try periodically, e.g. once or twice per month?

Yes

No

### Comments

yes for exercise work out of my home and business across the street

## Policy proposals

Please articulate concrete and feasible policy and budgetary proposals to advance the following goals. If you would like to submit supporting materials, please submit them on page 6 at the end of the questionnaire or email your proposals to [info@visionzerocoalition.org](mailto:info@visionzerocoalition.org).

Note that there is a glossary available at [www.visionzerocoalition.org/glossary\\_for\\_2017\\_candidate\\_questionnaire](http://www.visionzerocoalition.org/glossary_for_2017_candidate_questionnaire)

\*indicates a definition available in the glossary

1. How will you work to establish funding for the infrastructure changes needed to slow traffic on your community's streets, and improve crosswalks and intersections to make them safer for people who are walking and using mobility assistive devices?

working with state and federal leaders. Also will advocate on my radio show.

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2. How will you improve the reach, frequency, and quality of public transit in Cambridge?

again working with leaders on the council, in the state and Massachusetts reps in DC.

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3. How will you ensure fast-tracked implementation of a city-wide network of off-street paths and protected bike lanes\* on major thoroughfares and connecting streets that are comfortable for people of all ages and abilities?

work with leaders get citizen involvement to put pressure on elected leaders

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4. How will you increase access to biking in every neighborhood equally? What do you see as the major obstacles to encouraging ridership, and how will you address them?

working with citizen groups and community leaders

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5. How will you increase funding for biking infrastructure?

hotel taxes

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## Yes/no questions

Note that explanations for your responses are not required, but provide useful context and are strongly encouraged.

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1. Do you support the adoption of Vision Zero\* and funding for its rapid implementation? Vision Zero is an approach which aims to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030 and has been adopted by several communities, including Boston and Cambridge. \*

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

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2. Do you support lowering design speeds\* through traffic calming measures\* on downtown and neighborhood streets as a means of enhancing the safety of people walking, using mobility assistive devices, biking, and driving? This may involve the expansion and enhancement of programs like Neighborhood Slow Streets\* (Boston) and Neighborways\* (Somerville). \*

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

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3. One key strategy that has been proven to effectively reduce speeding, improve safety, and remove racial bias in traffic enforcement in other states and countries is automated enforcement (i.e. speed cameras and red light cameras). Do you support state legislation that authorizes the use of automated enforcement in Massachusetts, per the July 2017 recommendation of the National Transportation Safety Board\*? \*

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

Do not like the use of speeding cameras not an effective use of achieving your goal

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4. Do you support redesigning space on the street in order to improve safety for people biking by creating protected bike lanes? \*

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

yes public safety for bikes and pedestrians are vital

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5. Do you support the increased use of curb extensions\* to improve safety and visibility at intersections, even if it requires the removal of one to two parking spaces? \*

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

i support curb extensions but not at the expense of parking spaces we need more not less parking spaces

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6. Do you support full implementation of the City's Bike Plan in all current and future road reconstruction projects, including but not limited to the five year street and sidewalk plan? \*

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

it is a solid plan

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7. Do you support the creation of the joint biking-pedestrian Grand Junction Path and Somerville Community Path through mandates, resolutions or zoning ordinances targeted at adjacent property owners? \*

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

Yes this goes along with my

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8. Will you address age-friendly walking in your community -- an issue raised by many seniors as critical to their ability to "age in community"? If yes, how? \*

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

This is a very important issue and demographic that needs to be given equal thought when making trains, cars, bikes and pedestrians all come together in close proximity.

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9. Do you support the restriction of on-street parking during rush hour on major thoroughfares in order to provide lanes for the exclusive use of buses? \*

Yes

No



### Please explain your choice

yes but I believe buses should have separate lanes for buses and others for cars.

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10. Do you support exploring new ways of raising revenue to provide the City of Cambridge with more tools to improve conditions for people walking, using mobility assistive devices, and biking (e.g. congestion pricing)? If yes, please give examples that interest you. \*

Yes

No

### Please explain your choice

When new apartment or condo developers or chain retailers come into the city they need to pick up a fair share of taxes.

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11. Do you support raising the annual fee for residential parking permits? \*

Yes

No

### Please explain your choice

It does not help working class citizens and seniors who cannot afford parking garages and need on street parking to pay more.

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12. Do you support the rollout of dynamic parking meter pricing\* (i.e. increasing meter rates during periods of increased demand) in business districts to free up on-street parking and reduce cars “cruising” for open spaces? \*

Yes

No

### Please explain your choice

Again let's not attempt to pit bicyclists against motorists. Increasing meters is not a good answer. I would eliminate meters in semi -residential neighborhoods like Kendall Square and make them parking permits and allow for some meters in those areas.

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### Supporting materials

If you would like to submit supporting materials, please include them in the answer field below or email them to [info@visionzerocoalition.org](mailto:info@visionzerocoalition.org)

I don't think I have time to do this but would welcome a conversation on a plan to include bikes on the sides of the rail line between North Station Porter Square and points west.

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