Special Election Edition
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Please Note

The news and announcements in this edition of The Whistler are extremely abbreviated due to our candidate's questionnaire results. If you are interested in any specific council issue that isn't covered in The Whistler, please give us a call at 498-9056. We will update you in the next published Whistler in December.

Thanksgiving Pot Luck

The EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner is around the corner. Come and join other Agassiz families and friends while we sit down together in Baldwin Hall between 6-7:30 PM, and enjoy dinner on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21.

This is how it works: you can either bring a pot luck big enough to feed your family plus 4, or you can volunteer to cook a fresh medium size turkey, which the Agassiz Neighborhood Council will purchase and drop off at your house the day before the dinner.

Everyone appreciates the ethnic specialties that continue to be a part of our dinner, although traditional side dishes are welcome.

If you would like to volunteer to cook a turkey for us, call the council office at 498-9056 for details.

next council meeting...

November Council Meeting
Wednesday November 9th at 7:30 p.m.
Agassiz Neighborhood Council
20 Sacramento St. (call 498-9056 for information)
Agenda:
- 7:30 p.m. Cambridge Housing Authority - (see reverse for an open letter about CHA's agenda)***Correction-Last month it was incorrectly reported that CASPAR would be on hand for the Nov. 8th meeting. It should have read CASAP.***
- 8:30 p.m. Harvard Expansion into Agassiz neighborhood - Joel Bard and Ken Basler will report on a meeting they had with Kathy Speigelman and Marilyn O'Connell, both of Harvard in which they discussed how to format and organize the Harvard-Agassiz committee. This committee will discuss a variety of issues regarding Harvard's recent acquisition of property in the neighborhood (Bence's Pharmacy Block and Quality Inn). If you are interested in this committee, please attend.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION MEETINGS

It's time to remind everyone who has a child that will be four years of age on or before March 31, 1990 to attend a kindergarten informational meeting. Your child will be eligible for kindergarten in SEPTEMBER 1990. You will meet teachers, administrators and parents from all schools.

These meetings are extremely important for those parents who are not familiar with Cambridge's SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY. Registration will take place in January, and it is very important that you understand your options.

The informational meetings are set for Wednesday, November 1st at 10 a.m. in the Central Square Library; Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Fitzgerald School; and Wednesday, November 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fletcher School. FOR KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION CALL the Cambridge School Department at 491-6200 or 498-9254.

Look for the CAMBRIDGE KIDS CALENDAR on sale SOON at the

OXFORD SPA

TO MAIL ORDER: PLEASE SEND $6.00 FOR EACH CALENDAR to
Agassiz Neighborhood Council
20 Sacramento St.
Cambridge, MA 02138

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PLEASE SUPPORT THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
October 27, 1989

Dear Agassiz Neighborhood Residents:

Much has transpired since we first wrote to you in January, 1989 regarding our plans to purchase and renovate an eight bedroom, registered rooming house at 71 Hammond Street.

We have made an effort to keep neighborhood representatives from Howland Street aware of each step we have taken in the process of starting a Community Residence for eight mentally ill adults in this house, but we would now like to update the entire Agassiz community on our progress.

Please join us at the November 8, 1989 Agassiz Neighborhood Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Community School at 20 Sacramento Street.

The following will be covered:

Americo Andrade, the architect who was chosen to design the residence will present drawings of how the renovated building will work.

Cambridge Housing Authority staff will describe a recent change in the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance which removed the Special Permit requirement for group homes such as this one.

CASCAP Inc., the service provider which has been chosen to run the house, will answer questions, describe the role of a community advisory committee, and discuss any community concerns about programming and staffing.

We will be happy to arrange additional meetings for those who cannot attend on November 8. In the meantime please call Chris Weller or Terry Lurie at 497-6800 if you have questions or comments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Vuenschel
Executive Director
Cambridge City Council Candidates Fall 1989 Responses to neighborhood Questionnaire:

ALAN BELL 32 Clarendon Ave.
1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?
   1. Means test to exclude tenants who make > $40,000 per year. 2. Supplemental property restriction for tenants who own other property. 3. Passage of prop 1-2-3 and prop 4-5-6.
2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes (Except for planning board and CRA ) Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? No Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? No Please explain above answers: All department heads should be subject to performance reviews annually for retention.
3. The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents in this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square?
   Citizen involvement is the key to responsible development in any neighborhood of the city. This is key for Agassiz development as well to prevent the kind of overdevelopment described between Central and Harvard Sq.
4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Yes
5. As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? 1. Affordable housing—because I am working very hard as Treasurer of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to reclaim Parcel 1 in Kendall Square for up to 300 units of affordable housing. This is what the current legislation which we have filled requires. Other housing initiatives are needed also. 2. Balance of responsible development with conservative fiscal management. 3. Equal opportunity for all Cambridge residents regarding employment, housing, business development regardless of race, religious background, gender, age or sexual preference.

EDWARD N. CYR 106 Dudley St.
1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?
   I believe in Rent Control. The survival of the Rent Control system is perhaps the single most important issue facing the voters of Cambridge. No other issue has been the subject of more demagogic posturing, and less constructive discussion, than Rent Control. The reason for that is simple, we have very little data about how the system actually works. In fact we cannot even state how many units currently exist. What is called for is a thorough, open minded review of the nuts and bolts of this complex system with a commitment on the part of public officials to making the system work.
2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? I favor limited terms for appointed board members. I do not favor limited terms for elected officials or staff members. We must allow for turn over in the Commissions, and outside of term limits we have no other tools. Elected officials must face the voters every two years. I have not noted a problem in the staff. I certainly would support electoral reform that would lead to the elimination of Proportional Representation.
3. The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents in this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square?
   As a founder of Cambridge Citizens for Liveable Neighborhoods (CCLN) I am committed to bringing a new direction to the cities development program. There is simply too much of it going on with too little benefit for the city. Currently our neighborhoods are under siege. City officials find themselves constantly at odds with residents. Speculators are determining the future of our community. We have no sense where we will be in ten years. No one is planning. The future is happening to us, and we act powerless under the weight of concrete, steel and auto emissions. The only way we will bring development under control will be by electing a progressive majority to the Council. I hope to be a part of that majority and commit myself to bringing real change to the zoning ordinance.
4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? I support weekly curbside recycling.
5. As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? Three problems that will get my attention are: Affordable Housing: Cambridge has failed to build affordable housing. In fact, we have lost several thousand units in the 1980's alone through condo-conversions and the removal of rent controlled units. We must set a realistic community wide goal and then charge all city employees, commission members, and development officials to meet these goals. Human Services: Cambridge has a range of unmet human services needs that we must address if we are going to retain our diversity. In particular we must develop a city-wide childcare policy and a comprehensive senior center. Charter Reform: Finally I would like to propose that the time has come to set up a charter reform commission to study ways to reform our city government. Too few people understand the way our government works, never mind the way we vote.
improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?

Before we should even tamper with rent control I believe we should look at the renters first and insure that those on fixed incomes such as the elderly and single parents will not be negatively impacted by any actions on our part. A look at the base year of 1987 should be considered. The city raising the amount of home improvement loans to the owner occupied rent control units through the use of bonds. Loans to be paid back to the fund over a 30 year period to lessen rent increases on tenants.

2) Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes! For too long this has been a haven for those that are not qualified or representative of the community at large. But because they know a politician they are appointed to the board. A two year maximum should be the rule.

Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? Yes! Two Terms! For all elected officials, in that way they would be less likely to be influenced by their re-election and more concerned in providing the citizens with good government. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? No! If they are not discharging their duties in the best interest of the public then they should be fired! They also should be required to reside in Cambridge within one year of their hiring.

3) The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square?

Under the present Zoning we cannot assure that this will not happen. That is why I fully endorse and support the Petitions of Cambridge Citizens for Liveable Neighborhoods and as your city councilor would fight for neighborhood rights over developers abuses in our city.

4) Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Yes!!! I would even support a curbside pick-up policy to aid those wishing to be involved but unable to get to the delivery point.

5) As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? 1-2-3. For I'm a tenant and believe passage of 1-2-3 would be the end of rent control and the destruction of the ethnic diversity of Cambridge which first attracted all of us here in the first place. It would also hurt the elderly and women with children-people who can least defend themselves to the onslaught of real estate speculators. If a renter wishes to buy an apartment let them buy non rent control units which wouldn't effect fixed income renters. DRUGS I've been trained by the Military in drug detection and counseling work as an Officer with over 17 years in leadership and management experience and commitment. With the new role for local military assistance to the Military agencies in drug detection and interdiction I feel as your councilor I could assure that Cambridge gets its fair share of assistance from the Military. WATER QUALITY. We are paying more and receiving less quality water. As Chief Steward of Local 254 AFL-CIO I've been in the forefront in the fight to improve our water quality. Today Cambridge is water in jeopardy. We have high sodium and trichloromethanes which is a known carcinogen. With your vote I will ensure that our water is safe and regains its former reputation as the best in the country.

ESTHER HANIG  206 Auburn St.

1) Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?

In a city that is so densely populated, so popular to live in and where real estate values have escalated so rapidly, rent control is what enables Cambridge to remain such a unique and diverse city. Without rent control, Cambridge would be a city of only the well-to-do and the very poor, instead of the vibrant, diverse community that it is today. Clearly there is no bureaucracy that is not flawed, but I believe that the basic Rent Control Law has maintained affordable housing units in Cambridge.

2) Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes! Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? Yes! Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? Yes! Please explain above answers: If there are limited terms, it is very important that they be staggered so that members with more experience would be mixed with new members. This combination would bring together both expertise and experience with new insights and views, and would better lend itself to the changing times, and to making all of these people more accountable to the residents of Cambridge.

3) The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square?

a) City-wide rezoning oriented towards protecting neighborhoods from overdevelopment, which requires a progressive majority, which you must elect. b) A permanent, final cap on Harvard acquisition of property in Cambridge, achieved either by ordinance or, if that can't be done, by complete municipal non-cooperation with the University until it agrees to a cap. A thoroughly uncooperative city government can be persuasively unpleasant to a large institution.

4) Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Absolutely, yes. Waste reduction is one of the most serious problems facing the Northeast. With growing amounts of waste to dispose of and fewer places available to do so, recycling is one of the most positive, proactive ways of dealing with this difficult problem.

5) As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address
JOHN W DOWNING, JR  17 Miller Ave.
1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make? 
   a) Set minimum rents, particularly for small landlords, most of whom are suffering financial hardships. 
   b) Eliminate need for landlord to go through Rent Board before seeking eviction for non payment of rent. 
   c) Exclude all single family houses and condo units from Rent Control.
2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes. Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? Uncertain. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? Yes. Please explain above answers: Tenure and guarantees of long terms in office encourage arrogance, indifference, reduced commitment and lowered performance, as a rule. Appointed officials, since they are not directly responsible to the voters, should have limited terms. I might favor some limit on elected officials, if it were for a fairly long period - say 10 years.
3. The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents in this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? I will work to prevent such a result by seeking stricter enforcement of existing zoning and building laws and will seek a major overhaul of the zoning laws to favor less adverse developments, including reduced height and density limitations and set back from street.
4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? I think that it is worth consideration if a method could be developed which would minimize inconvenience for the property owner and which would favor persuasion over coercion. We need a careful study now to develop a comprehensive plan to deal with the waste disposal problems before we are faced with a crisis situation.
5. As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? a) Taxes and Budget - Trimming the budget to avoid a large tax increase next year. b) Development and Zoning Law Revision - Protecting our valuable neighborhoods. c) Election Reform - eliminating Proportional Representation and restructuring the city council so that a majority of councillors are elected from districts. My 22 years experience as an attorney, which includes substantial trial work, over 20 years involvement in Mass. politics and nearly 6 years of business experience, much of it in management, have given me the insights, training, skills and practical experience to be effective in dealing with these matters.

FRANCIS DUEHAY  26 Lowell St.
1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make? Rent control can be improved by spreading out rent increases given for capital adjustments, finding funds to help small landlords make necessary renovations, and expediting board action when all facts are collected.
2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? Please explain above answers: To stimulate greater participation and creativity, I favor a ten year limit on board and commission members with occasional exceptions being allowed for unusually meritorious service (our outstanding Housing Authority is an example). I do not favor limited terms for elected officials and department heads. The electorate can determine when elected officials should retire and the city manager should have the complete power, which he does not now always have, to appoint and discharge his subordinates, ensuring the manager's accountability to the city council.
3. The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents in this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? The zoning between Cambridge Common and Wendell Street is residential, but high rise. I advocate its review. Between Wendell Street and Porter Square, the zoning limits new development to 45' height limit, with residential new development allowed greater density over commercial. Parking requirements for new housing should be doubled in this area. I am troubled by Harvard's new intrusion into the community.
4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Not only am I in favor of a weekly curbside recycling program, Cambridge must develop a new solid waste disposal plan emphasizing recycling, working with the guidance of the comprehensive state plan just published.
5. As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? The Cambridge City Council is now too influenced by large real estate and development interests to the detriment of its quality of life. Due to my council experience I can effectively lead a needed review of zoning, give new emphasis to affordable housing, and develop initiatives, like weekly recycling and a solid waste plan, in the environmental area.

JAMES M. GREENE  70A Spring St.
1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that
and why? The growing need for affordable, accessible day care is the issue that I am most qualified to address because I have worked in child care in a number of capacities my entire professional life. I also am very knowledgeable about the delivery of governmental services, especially in the human services, because of my two years in the State Senate working for George Bachrach and Michael Barrett. And my work in a number of neighborhoods and community groups has given me experience about how to best allow a voice for neighborhood residents into matters that affect their community.

ROBERT HEROUX 901 Mass. Ave. #8

1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?

A means test to assure rent control benefits low and moderate income residents; emphasis on assisting and encouraging small property owners' occupants through a truly adequate operating profit; most all rent control reforms advocated by the Cambridge Small Property Owners Assoc.

2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes.

3. As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why?

1) Tapping the resources of the private sector to enhance the quality of life in Cambridge and address community needs and issues 2) Drug abuse and drug trafficking, given my experience as an owner of a cafe 3) Working with neighborhoods, given five years of community organizing experience.

PAUL J. JOHNSON, JR 76 1/2 Thorndike St.

1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?

The present rent control law is fine as it stands. The law itself needs no changes. The administration of it could however be improved. This could be accomplished by speeding up hearing and treating tenants and landlords alike.

2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes. Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? No. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? No.

Please explain above answers: Commission members should be replaced on a routine basis. Most people don't know who serves on what boards and members usually stay forever. I believe new people mean new ideas. Elected officials are known to the people and can be replaced at the polls. Department heads are employees and should be treated as such.

3. The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square?

I live between Harvard Sq. and Central Sq. on MASS. AVE. and I resent your telling me (or typifying what the problems are in my own neighborhood. Perhaps you felt the yellow cab garage was an appropriate use of MASS AVE. I accept we live in a dense urban setting and will deal from that reality. I will listen to what you want to see for your neighborhood and work with you from there.

4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Yes.

5. As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why?

1 The financial problems which will face us the next two-five years due to reduced state aid; 2. The building of more affordable housing in the City 3. Control over development throughout the city and tough linkage laws for when we do. My background as Deputy Director of Housing Finance at EODC will help me in the above.

WILLIAM C. JONES 160 Norfolk St.

1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?

Leave rent program as is, so as to keep sufficient controlled apnts.

2. As to dept. heads, I believe they should be residents of the city.

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I would have to research for legal means to accomplish this.
5. As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? A - Financial management - strict budget controls, B - Protection of persons and property - more police and better street lighting, C - More fire fighters. Also I am against 1-2-3.

VIVIAN KURKJIAN 86 Buckingham St.

1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?
1. Attach copy of maximum rent allowed with rent increase notice by landlord to avoid any question of overcharging. 2. Water and sewer formula should reflect a per capita surcharge in rent increase. 3. Conflicts in law must be resolved in a timely fashion. (i.e., the Rent Control Board cannot ask a landlord to add, rebuild or reconstruct property - only to comply with safety and health standards.)

2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? No. Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? No. Please explain above answers: I do not believe in mandatory terms because a great administrator or official could be lost.

3. The pressure to develop property along Mass Ave is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? I would like a temporary moratorium on all new development in congested areas until a city-wide plan for Cambridge is studied. Renovations could go on.

4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Yes. I would prefer a permanent drop-off center in convenient places such as supermarkets or an extra truck following the regular weekly trash truck to pick up newspapers, bottles and perhaps one day at the end of the month for bulky items and hazardous household wastes.

5. As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? ENVIRONMENT - PUBLIC HEALTH - SAFETY

Housing and development come under all of the above categories. As an artist and writer, I look at the whole picture and how parts of composition affect the final result. Being in the arts, posterity is a vital part of my agenda and so I am concerned with the environment and how we live and how it will affect future generations. I have been researching how some of the new materials introduced in our century have rapidly undermined and destroyed our planet and reduced the quality of our lives. Plastics is one of the most harmful yet ubiquitous products in our society. And our behavior and lifestyles have deteriorated in our fast-food, throw-away society. Source reduction is my prime goal. Using glass (a reusable product) is preferable to plastic and paper.

ALFRED W. LAROSA 118 Thorndike St.

1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?

Rent Control reform is necessary in order for it to be equitable and fair to both landlord and tenant.

a. Exemptions of three units in every owner occupied building. b. Redefine "Family Members" to include children, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and grandparents: now it includes only parents, children, siblings and in-laws. c. Implement Council Order #43 to resolve disputes between Rent Control and the Building Dept., as to the number of units in a building.

2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes. Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? No. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? Yes. Please explain above answers: The electorate should determine how long elected officials should remain in office. When an elected official is performing his charged duties they should serve as long as he or she continues serving the will of the people.

3. The pressure to develop property along Mass Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? I offer my commitment to work with the community to help preserve neighborhood stability and to work toward a development policy that mandates neighborhood input and city and developer feedback. The quality of life in our neighborhoods must realize benefits for any development or said development is not acceptable.

4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? I favor a weekly recycling program provided it is determined to be within the means of the city to maintain. We should be working toward a regional cooperative recycling program because of its cost effectiveness and savings.

5. As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? I believe my eighteen years of working experience in government, twenty plus years as a neighborhood activist and proven record to commitment to purpose qualifies me to be among those you will elect on November 7 to carry out the responsibilities and duties of the office of City Councillor. I stand ready, willing and able to do the work of the people whatever the issue may be. Drugs must be eradicated.
from our neighborhoods; affordable housing must be provided; police and fire personnel must be sufficient
in numbers to respond quickly and effectively in all our neighborhoods; city traffic patterns must be
designed with neighborhood safety and continuity in mind.

RENA H. LEIB 10 Arnold Cir

1) Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that
improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?
I strongly support rent control as a means to maintain some affordable housing in our city. To improve
the working of rent control I would first like to see a survey of the units now listed so that we have accurate
information on the number and condition of units actually available. I would like to see the rent control
board staffed adequately so that decisions can be made in a timely fashion and so that landlords and tenants
get whatever advice and information needed to meet the requirements of the law. Stronger linkage and the
creation of more affordable housing are other goals of mine.

2) Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge?
Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads?
Please explain above answers: There are good and bad things about limiting the terms of elected and
appointed officials. While I would consider such limits, I would first want to change the way department
heads and board members are chosen so that there is community input, perhaps making the board members
elected. I would also institute a performance evaluation system, starting with the City Council evaluating
the City Manager, and in turn his/her evaluation of his/her appointees. Holding people accountable for
agreed upon goals is missing in our city government.

3) The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion,
traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of
this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square?
No one Councillor can assure residents that development will not occur. This election is vital to those who
would like some limits to development with a clear avenue for community input. Look at these answers by
the candidates and get people out to vote on November 7 for those candidates, like myself, who are pledged
to vote for downzoning, reasonable limits to development and above all, a real voice for the people living in
the neighborhood.

4) Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? I strongly support a weekly recycling
program. Once a month is a step in the right direction but nowhere near enough. Just in terms of cost we
should be recycling more, but even more so because of the costs to our world environment if we don't begin
to put the breaks on our throwaway mentality.

5) As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address
and why? Housing and Development: My experience as an elected official on the School Committee
(84-86) showed that I can provide the leadership necessary to deal with major issues. I have always
worked with community groups in order to bring people into the process, and would do so around the
complicated issues of housing and development. Funding for city services: Cambridge faces serious budget
issues in the next two years because of state budget problems and our soon reaching the limit of what we
can collect through the RE tax under Prop 2 1/2. In 1982 I coordinated a successful override of Prop 2
1/2. In Cambridge and I have continued to be involved with budgeting issues while on the School Committee
and since then by working with TEAM (Tax Equity Alliance of Mass.) to lobby for changes at the state level.
Services for families and children: I have worked for years to develop and maintain quality services for
families and children. As a single parent with two children in the Cambridge Public Schools, I have seen the
need for more child care, after school care, teen centers, adult education and job placement, and other
services for families and children.

KENNETH D. MAY 241 Card. Medeiros Ave.

1) Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that
improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?
I would demand that the rent control agency completely update their records and let the city know just
what exactly is the number of r/c apartments, their condition and what is a fair net operating income. I
would restore the balance between landlords and tenants by making sure that the r/c board does not favor
either. I would put fairness, equity and accessibility into a system that after 20 years allows tenants with
incomes over 50,000 dollars to reap the benefits of a tax subsidized housing program.

2) Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes Do you
favor limited terms for elected officials? Yes Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? Yes
Please explain above answers: Without going through each and every board and commission it is difficult to
answer conclusively to each category above. However, I do believe that there is a need to consider each
position carefully and review their performance. The city manager has become increasingly more powerful
simply because of these extended terms.

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traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of
this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square?
first I would demand that Harvard produce their plans for the next five years at least. I would demand that all city agencies be committed to a policy based on true neighborhood participation (i.e. no "advisory committees").

4). Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Yes. It is an idea whose time has come and must be part of any city's intelligent plan for the future.

5). As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? As a former executive director of housing, community development, and redevelopment, I am qualified to deal with the city agencies, commercial developers, and the city manager. I was responsible for hundreds of affordable housing units produced through innovative, competitive grants all of which I designed and administered. As an attorney (I recently graduated from New England School of Law), I would be qualified to deal with the legal problems that arise whenever disputes arise between developers and neighborhood groups, between city agencies and between neighbors themselves. I will be a true full-time councillor able to understand, work and respond to the comprehensive problems we face.

JONATHAN S. MYERS 5 Hollis St.

1). Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?

1). Stronger enforcement of the removal ordinance so that we stabilize the number of units to stop the loss of rent control units. 2). Assigning an access officer to assist tenants looking for housing, and to assist landlords seeking rent increases. 3). Strengthening city lending program for small landlords.

2). Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes. Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? No. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? No. Please explain above answers: Even though there are issues of accountability which arise with some members of the City Council being on for so long, I support the right to seek office. To ensure fresh perspective on boards and commissions, I favor limits on terms. It would be hard to get qualified people for jobs with limits on the tenure for department heads.

3). The pressure to develop properly along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? We need planned development. I favor an overall cap on the amount of development in the city. I favor downzoning in most city neighborhoods, certainly on Mass. Ave. between Harvard and Porter Square. I support strong neighborhood councils with veto power over development.

4). Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Yes. I favor curbside pick-up.

5). As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? Development-I have been a leader in the fight to control development. We need a city-wide perspective and a city-wide policy, and my experience working with neighborhood groups gives me an overall sense of the things needed. Creating Affordable Housing—we need to build housing and not just talk about it. My background is in housing, and I have the experience to address our needs. Services for Young People—I have extensive involvement in running programs for young people. We need to improve our educational, employment, and recreational programs.

SHEILA T. RUSSELL 5 Hawthorne Park

1). Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make? I do feel that reform of the present Rent Control act is necessary. Like anything else that is twenty years old, it needs to be updated. I would: 1). Support the Institution of a means test. 2). Resolve the conflict between the rent control laws and zoning and building laws. 3). Make rent control more equitable for small property owners.

2). Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes. There is a lot of untapped talent in Cambridge. Many people express interest in serving in some capacity on boards and commissions. If the same people serve indefinitely, we do not get the benefit of the diversity that is so much a part of Cambridge. Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? No. We live in a Democracy. If a person chooses to run for office and can be elected by the people, it is his or her right to do so. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? No. Employment of department heads should not be limited, but should be based solely on his or her job performance.

3). The pressure to develop properly along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? I can assure the Agassiz neighborhood that I will continue to work with them, to control development, as I did in the past when I voted for the Mass Avenue Downzoning and more recently when I supported the East Harvard Square neighbors in their petition to downzone the Gulf Station site and the East side of Harvard Square.

4). Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? I am in favor of a weekly re-cycling program. We must work to make it a permanent program for two reasons, one of which is to cut down the
cost of rubbish disposal, and the second of which is to reuse those items that are re-cyclable.

3). As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? 
1. Modification of the present rent ordinance should be a priority for the new council. Many small property owners are not treated fairly by the present system. Their concerns need to be addressed more seriously in order to assure safe, well maintained, as well as affordable housing. 2. I would support dealing with the effects of the state fiscal crisis by tightening the city's belt. We are obligated to be more careful with our funds to ensure that the homeowners of Cambridge are not saddled with any additional unnecessary tax burden. 3. Joining the war on drugs should be a top priority for Cambridge in the 1990's. I would advocate starting a "drop a dime" program in Cambridge to aid the law enforcement community in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

JOHN T. ST. GEORGE 348 Windsor St.

1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make? Rent control is good public policy and I will work to strengthen it. I would like to see better enforcement of the Rent Control Act and Ordinances particularly in the area of illegal removal and conversion of rental units. I would also like to see fixed terms for Rent Control Board members and a more open and democratic manner of appointing people to the Board. I also favor stiff penalties for city officials involved in efforts to undermine city housing policy.

2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes. Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? No. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? No.

Please explain above answers: I think elected officials should remain in office unless they or the voting public decide otherwise. I would leave the length of service of Department Heads to the discretion of the City Manager. I favor limited terms for appointed members of boards and commissions because I think the city is loaded with talented and civic-minded activists who ought to be encouraged to serve.

3. The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square?

No area of Cambridge is safe from the threat of overdevelopment and I see a city-wide downzoning as a matter of some urgency. I also support limits on institutional expansion and will work with the Agassiz community to curb such undesirable activity.

4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Yes, I support a weekly recycling program and, as a member of the Cambridge Recycling Committee, I am working to make recycling a reality in Cambridge.

5). As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? I have worked over the years in a variety of human and social service settings, primarily with young people. I would enjoy being a voice for Cambridge kids and their needs. In my work with Cambridge's tenant organizations I have also developed an understanding of our housing crisis and would enjoy working to help people stay here in affordable housing. Finally, as a pedestrian who enjoys our street life I would like to work to improve conditions for all those who use their feet to get around Cambridge.

RENAE D. SCOTT 116 Chestnut St.

1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make? Rent control is the glue that holds Cambridge together. It permits the city to be diverse in age, race, ethnicity and life styles. I support rent control and oppose Prop 1-2-3. 1. If I were to make improvements, it would be in the area of providing relief for low rent, undercapitalized deteriorating rent control properties. 2. Provide revolving loan for small repairs. 3. Educate small landlords and tenants re: rights and responsibilities-listen objectively to issues-if flaws within the system, I believe we should examine, evaluate, not gut, or throw out rent control.

2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes. Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? No. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? Yes.

Please explain above answers: Most often Boards and commissions need new and fresh representation. Representation should reflect the changes within the city. The commissions and boards should reflect both race and class diversity. I favor limited terms for appointed boards and commissions. We have the power to elect, or not elect officials that do not reflect our values, wishes, etc. Department heads should reflect the diversity of the city, and should be evaluated and replaced if the work is not being done. All officials should be examined and evaluated and held accountable.

3. The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? Continue to support downzoning efforts by neighborhood activists. Work closely with neighborhood organizations. Make sure that the loopholes that are being used now are tightened. Review the process and
stay vigilant in our efforts. Halt further development where possible, slow and control new development.

4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? I would love to see a weekly recycling program. As it stands now it is hard to get materials to the recycling plant/site, the date is hard to keep up with - and it is difficult for us to store things for a month.

5. As a candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? Housing and development - building/securing affordable housing, providing shelter/housing for families in transition (ie homeless). Community control over development. Maintaining rent control in Cambridge. Making and keeping city services accessible and affordable to city residents. Providing citizens the tools, resources to empower themselves and their communities.

PETER SHEINFIELD 20 Lee St.

1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?
   1. Establish and enforce a system where occupants of rent controlled units must prove their need to do so.
   2. Update the arbitrarily established 1967 base year for the Rent Control Board to set rents. It does not reflect current expenses faced by property owners. We have Rent Control but not expense control.
   3. Provide Legal and informational assistance to all landlords so they are adequately informed how Rent Control effects them.

2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes. Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? Yes. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? Yes.

Please explain above answers: The first and third portions of this question get the same answer. Appointed terms should be co-terminus with the appointing entity. Cambridge should have a Mayor/District or Ward City Council. As long as the PR (perpetual representation) system continues, the number of terms an elected official can serve should be limited. A new administration should have a free hand to appoint its own staff. It should not bear the political weight of a prior administrations’ appointees. The voters should have the ability to decide on an administration’s performance, strengths and weaknesses.

3. The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents in this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? The ball is in the court of the neighborhood on this issue. The role of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council, the Neighborhood 9 Assn. and many other local groups must be set forth clearly so there is no sign off needed by these groups for any projects in this area.

4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Yes.

The weakness of the current recycling program in Cambridge is that items to be recycled must be brought to various points. A recycling program must be integrated into the City’s weekly trash collection.

5. As a candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? 1. Refining rent control. An owner occupied non-Rent Controlled 3 unit or less building is taxed at least one third higher than it would be if it was Rent Controlled. Two surveys have shown about a third of our Rent Controlled units are occupied by tenants who exceed the Federal MEDIAN income standard. We, the small property owners of Cambridge, are subsidizing them through our real estate taxes. Our property taxes make up the difference in revenue needed by the city. Rent controlled units should be occupied by those who need them. 2. Have the MBTA provide reliable Transit Service. Cambridge is a transit dependent City. Since the early 80s when the MBTA installed its ATO (Automatic Train Operation) signal system on the Red Line there has been a sharp degradation of service. Users are never sure of how long it will take to make their routine trips. Repeated delays caused by ATO systemic problems which are both unnecessary in the first place and amplified by the MBTA’s innutentive, have cost users, employers and anyone doing anything using the MBTA, vast amounts of time and money. If a fully loaded rush hour Red Line train incurs only 5 minutes of delays between Cambridge and Park St. Sta., about 1600 people have missed connections, are late for work, classes or appointments. Cambridge pays the second largest share for cities or towns to the MBTA’s deficit. The MBTA has proven that providing reliable transit service is irrelevant to its existence. The City Council has not used the citizen based Transportation Forum or its Transportation Committee to pursue this matter to make the MBTA provide reliable transit service.

3. 51% of the city’s area is tax exempt. Harvard and MIT have huge endowments. Universities make use of municipal services such as police, fire, hospital, MBTA deficit, etc. They should bear a share commensurate to the impact of their people on Cambridge. Once again, the small property owner bears the tax burden incurred by wealthy, tax exempt property holders.

DENISE SIMMONS 188 Harvard St.

1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?

As a Pro Rent Control Candidate, I realize that Rent Control is important and must be maintained. Some improvements needed are (1) strengthen the existing regulations, (2) enforce the current laws so that big landlords do not slip through the loopholes, and (3) that violators of Rent Control are prosecuted.
Furthermore I would like to see that there not be more than a 25% increase in tenants rent in any one year.

2). Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? As a community leader having served on a number of boards and commissions I favor limiting the terms of appointed boards and commissions in an effort to (1) maximize citizen participation by allowing vacancies so that more citizens can serve, (2) allow current members an opportunity to step down with the option of reappointment (ie serve 3 terms step down for 1-2), and (3) include more minorities by establishing an affirmative action requirement for all commissions and boards. Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? Continuity and consistency is important in public office, however, we need to look at the option of a sabbatical after decades of service. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? The Department head sets the tone for the agency over which he or she presides. Where I would not support terms I would support an evaluation system where citizens have an opportunity to have input.

3). The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents of this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? To decrease over development in Cambridge we need new and more restrictive zoning to control the size, height, and bulk of new development. Otherwise traffic will choke Cambridge. This is especially true in industrial and commercial areas that abut residential areas. As a community activist who has worked in the community to decrease over development in or near neighborhoods my goal would be to continue and expand the law to prohibiting large developments near residential neighborhoods. Promote citizen empowerment and involvement in all development decisions affecting their area. Work toward establishing citizen panels to review all development initiatives in an effort to ease or decrease "back room" decision making. Further, I would look to the residents of those areas for their support so that we can regain and reclaim our city.

4). Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Yes. The trash disposal cost has risen and will continue to rise. Recycling will become more and more a choice because it is financially advisable.

5). As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? As a lifelong citizen of Cambridge my history of service to the city has given me the opportunity to know the inner workings of city government, as well as the realization and the firm belief in need and importance of citizens participation in local government. As Director of the Civic Unity Committee a citizen run city financed organization our programs are run by and with citizen participation and have built coalitions that have addressed the need of permanent homes for minority children (One Church One Child), Parent Involvement and Home School Partnership (Every Child is a Promise 1986), Communication and Education of and between elders and youth (Social Gerontology at CRLS 1983-90). I am no stranger to hard work in the communities where I live or work. We neighbors standing together in Ward Five were able to achieve better zoning that would encourage the construction of affordable housing and would somewhat diminish the negative aspects of traffic and parking in the Cambridgeport Industrial District. Lastly, we must always have an eye for the future, we must elect a city council that puts people #1, puts families #1, and places priority on our youth. The Cambridge I look for is a place where our children can grow, a place where there is a diversity of people and respect for one another. My experience in Cambridge with our youth includes talking with kids at the local schools concerning career planning, bringing local leaders into the CRLS to speak with our youth about positive race relations and effective communications with each other their families and other adults. As an elected official with the support of community residents we will continue youth enrichment programs, utilizing the public and private sector, we will continue the war on drug use and abuse in our neighborhoods, and build respect within our youth for themselves and for their city. No single individual can accomplish all that needs to be done in our city, but, we, as united communities can make this city all that it can and should be. I need your support and #1 vote on November 7.

DAVID J. SULLIVAN 20 Chilton St.

1). Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make? Major reforms are necessary in rent control. Initially, home ownership must be allowed for all of us who seek to be able to live in an apartment which we can own. Rents should be based on a percentage of the properties evaluation. Owner occupants should be allowed to have three units free from the restrictions of rent control.

2). Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? No response Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? Yes. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? Yes. Please explain above answers: The economies of municipalities across the state are in troubled shape. The major reason for this is the political machine created by career politicians who are unable to make difficult decisions for fear of political ramifications. I favor limiting councilors to five two year terms while allowing for a "grandfather clause" to protect current members.

3). The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion,
traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents in this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? It is my belief that while future development is necessary, all potential projects should be carefully scrutinized so that nothing is built which would adversely affect the quality of life in residential areas. It is imperative all neighborhoods have a large impact in any decision which affects future development.

4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? I am strongly in favor of a weekly recycling program in the city of Cambridge. The implementation and costs of such a program are so minimal that the benefits to society and the environment will greatly outweigh any problem possibly associated with the program.

5. As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? I feel most qualified to address the problem of fiscal stability and conservatism. I have worked extensively with municipal accounting and thoroughly understand the problems associated with the issue. Having lived on the "front line" of the rent control problem, I painfully understand the hardship and feel readily fit to address the issue. I recognize the need to reduce the size of government. My promise not to become a career politician will allow me to make tough stands against self-interest groups when the circumstance dictates.

TImothy J. Toomey, Jr. 88 Sixth St.

1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?

Until we create a new rent control coalition, we are hostage to this crisis of the Cambridge coalitions: break the stalemate in which one side proposes, the other disposes, and nothing happens. I would empower a Housing Convention to propose a new housing policy to the voters, and settle the matter. I would suggest to that Convention (1) consolidating all inspectional services, to reduce the conflicts between Rent Control, housing authority, and building departments; (2) a system of minimum rents to help small owner - resident landlords; (3) a Housing Trust Fund financed from real estate transfer fees; and 13 other points in my housing platform.

2. Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? Most terms are already limited by contract if not law. I favor periodic review by the City Council of all major appointments - Departments, Boards and Commissions - made by the City Manager. No appointments should bind more than two city councils, and so no terms should exceed 4 years without a Council review. I do not favor limits to the number of terms for elected officials, since the voters always can change their minds and their votes.

3. The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents in this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? I am strongly in favor of a city-wide plan, with clear goals for and by each neighborhood. A city-wide development limit is the sum of limits in each neighborhood, with the vision for 20, 50, and 100 year futures. Downzoning, linkage, transfer fees, and commercial exemption from 2 1/2 limits, all encourage development, and development is fine, if we know when and where it will go. Knowing what's ahead is what Community Development ought to do. They should share knowledge, not leave the city at risk.

4. Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? I favor a frequent recycling program city-wide, with options in neighborhoods where recycling is requested or solid waste a particular problem. Recycling is expensive without some infrastructure - distribution and payback - and Cambridge could spend more than is available with a blanket city-wide pickup of separated solid waste. With a city-wide move to recycle, cost savings and real income are both possible, as well as shifting the byproduct of waste from a cost to an asset.

5. As candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? Housing affordable for all, development within a master plan, and human services for all family needs within declining budgets are the real critical issues. Affordability needs financing, through private sources supplemented by income from public fees. Development needs participation, more and timely information from the city and developers, expectations clarified by real dialogue. And Human Services need more cooperation between non-profits and city agencies, less competition and more volunteer support in an era of short budgets.

William H. Walsh 26 Hurhut St.

1. Rent control has become a major and polarizing issue in the City of Cambridge. If you think that improvements to the Rent Control Law are necessary, what three improvements would you make?

(1) Abuse of rent control by the well-to-do must be halted. Rent controlled apartments must be occupied by those for whom rent control is intended, i.e., low and moderate income people; there is need of a Means Test for new Tenants to insure this. (2) There must be total compliance with the State Building Code so far as inspection of Multi-family dwellings in order to insure health and safety of residents by the City. (3) Owners of small property must not be casualties of the system, as they are presently. There must be
a greater urgency in rental adjustment process for reimbursement of owners by tenants for already paid taxes and water/ sewer charges.

2) Do you favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members in Cambridge? Yes. Do you favor limited terms for elected officials? Yes. Do you favor limited terms for Department Heads? No.

Please explain above answers: I favor limited terms for appointed board and commission members to insure the presence of initiative, diversity and creativity. I favor limited terms for elected officials because otherwise the council may become very stagnant. I do NOT favor limited terms for Department Heads. My reason is that, similar to running a business, if a person performs well, then the person should be allowed to continue in the position.

3) The pressure to develop property along Mass. Ave. is great as shown by the increased congestion, traffic, parking problems and density between Central Sq. and Harvard Sq. How can you assure residents in this neighborhood that this type of development will not occur between Harvard Square and Porter Square? Assess zoning as it is, and then perhaps consider a rezoning similar to the Porter Square rezoning from Porter Square to Alewife. The creeping expansionism of Harvard University along Mass. Ave. is a matter of critical concern and must be addressed prior to any presentation of final plans by the university.

4) Are you in favor of a weekly recycling program in Cambridge? Yes.
5) As a candidate for City Council, what three issues facing Cambridge do you feel most qualified to address and why? (1) Promoting vitality of Cambridge Hospital through the State to pay its bills and probing regional ownership of the Hospital. Controlling even more tightly the budgets of every City Department. (2) Impact of Colleges/Universities on city life demands consultation and not merely notification of their intentions and plans. (3) City-wide Senior Citizen Center supported by a Partnership for Senior Priority as I sponsored in a Council Order, to create a Senior Citizens a parallel of the Partnership we enjoy between the School Department and the Corporations in Cambridge.