



Cambridge City Council Candidates Forum!!

Environment and Energy Issues: Platforms for 2004

Hear Candidate Perspectives and Commitments on Issues:

Energy Efficiency, Conservation and Management; Master Planning for Land Use and Development; Water, Wetlands and Flood Plains; Tree Protection, Maintenance and Irrigation; Parks, Gardens, and Soil Fertility; Traffic, Pedestrian, Bicycle and Mass Transit Systems; Air, Light, and Noise Pollution and Monitoring; Urban Heat Island; Community Preservation Act; Recycling/Reuse; Sustainability

**Tuesday Sept. 23,
7-9 p.m.
Cambridge Senior Center,
806 Mass. Ave., Central Sq.**

Sponsored by (as of Sept. 8):

Cambridge Climate Action, Cambridge Greenspace Alliance, Friends of Alewife Reservation, Charles River Conservancy, Cambridge Tree Project, Cambridgegreen, Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods, Coalition for Alewife, Zipcar, Sierra Club

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Environmental Issues

1. Do you support the LEED silver standard for new buildings?
2. Do you support tax incentives for private developers to use LEED silver standards for building and restoration?
3. Would you support master planning, zoning, incentives and requirements by the City to make shopping, laundry, schools, parks, recreation and libraries and essential services within a ten-minute walk of residents?
4. Would you support life-cycle costing in planning so that the cost of use, harm, waste, renewal is included in costing for decisions, for example leaf removal?
5. Would you support conservation by-laws to restrict building in one-hundred year flood plains?
6. Should Cambridge hire an Energy Manager?
7. Do you support requiring pavers to submit their plans before paving?
8. Would you support a ban on building in parks and open space?
9. Do you support the current proposed tree ordinance to protect trees?
10. Would you support protection of legacy trees of more than 30 inches diameter at breast height on private and public property? Would you support protection of trees on lot lines, where most of our city's trees live?
11. Do you support incentives to enforce the current noise ordinance?
12. Do you support more aggressive enforcement of the state's 5-minute anti-idling statute, especially for buses, trucks and heavy construction vehicles and posting the anti-idling law near schools and major intersections?
13. Do you support approval of shuttles in Cambridge?
14. Do you support requiring all City funded or partially vehicles use no diesel, or have 2007 standards and requiring all the existing diesel vehicles to use low sulfur or bio-diesel fuel and requiring all City non-emergency vehicles have 27 mpg?
15. Do you favor discounts/rebates for T-passes to all residents and do you favor mandatory T-pass purchase for each parking permit?
16. Do you support shuttle service for elders, youth and all citizens between neighborhood centers and to the new Main Library?
17. Do you support elimination of the one parking place per unit requirement if the building is within a mile or half-mile to a T stop?
18. Do you support tax incentives to use compact fluorescents and LEDs, bicycles, sustainable energy sources, maintenance of large trees, reuse of older buildings, gardens and open space and other wise environmental strategies?
19. Do you support taxing vehicles by weight so that SUVs and vehicles would have to cover the life cycle cost including reparation of air quality and increased risk of danger to their passengers and those they hit?

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To the Honorable Cambridge City Council

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You are cordially invited to the Forum on Environmental and Energy Issues for City Council candidates on Tuesday September 23, 2003 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Senior Center in Central Square. This is the third time we will have this forum. The goal of the forum is to educate and inform the public of your views and to compare your stands with other candidates. The issues include master planning, land use, transportation, development, open space, recreation, air, noise, water, light, and tree protection. We offer you a chance to state your platform and vision, and a list of questions including background information that will help inform you of the issues. We will also give you a list of short answer issues that will help citizens compare your stands on specific issues with others. The Forum is currently sponsored by Cambridge Climate Action and MCAN, Cambridge Greenspace Alliance, Friends of Alewife Reservation, Charles River Conservancy, Cambridge Tree Project, Cambridgegreen, Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods, Coalition for Alewife, Zipcar, Sierra Club and another half dozen organizations that are finalizing their co-sponsorship.

Tony Cortese will again chair the session. There will be three panels of candidates: one at 7:10, one at 7:40 and one at 8:10. Please let us know your first and your second choice of times for your participation. As there are many candidates and your time is valuable, our forum is tightly organized. Thoughtful environmentalists who are respected in the community will be asking questions. We will encourage the audience to participate by writing questions for the panelists to use. If you have questions that you think should be asked, we would like you to let us know what they are in writing as soon as possible. Questions for the forum will be posted on the web at www.cambridgegreen.org.

Please send email to carmean2@yahoo.com or call Karen Carmean at 617-547-1413 to sign up for a panel as she is organizing the panelists. All candidates participated last time. We expect that all candidates will participate this time as well. Please give us an email address to use to contact you with the questions.

You are invited to write an environmental platform that will be printed on the web page www.cambridgegreen.org as it was for the last election. You are also invited to bring your environmental statements to the forum. They will be posted and there will be a table for handouts of candidates and from sponsoring environmental organizations.

The first question at the panel will be your vision and your platform for the environment and energy. You will have two minutes to give it and will be given time signals to help you end on time. Then you will be questioned by the panelists on issues- you will have one minute to answer the questions. These may well be the questions we will send you by email or they may be others offered by the audience on 3 x 5 cards.

Thank you for running for this important office! Thank you for expanding the debate on these issues for critical for our future.

Sincerely,
Karen Carmean, Cambridgegreen

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A communication was received from Karen Carmean, regarding a Forum on Environment and Energy Issues on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 from 7-9 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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