

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL FY 2002 GOALS

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 18, 2000

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record adopting the attached goals as the FY2002 City Council Goals; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager, City Clerk and Assistant to the City Council confer with the view of producing a brochure form of the goals and posting the goals at appropriate buildings and locations in the city.

In City Council December 18, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

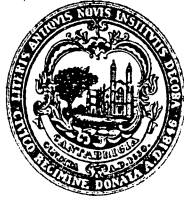
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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Jim Braude
City Councillor

December 18, 2000

Dear Colleagues:

Attached are the goals of the City Council for FY 2002.

The goals are the product of a long and exhaustive process: nine community meetings, including six in neighborhoods throughout the city; and one each for seniors, students at the High School and small business people. In addition, there was a telephone poll, and, in a first for the City, a survey was sent to all 40,000 households in Cambridge. At the conclusion of that effort, the full Council and members of the City Manager's staff met in a daylong meeting, followed by several shorter sessions.

The eight goals set forth within represent the areas identified by the Council as its top priorities. While the order of the goals is the order voted on by the nine members of the Council, it is the Council's intention to focus on all of the goals, not simply those at the top of the list. All eight of the areas are essential to the health and vitality of Cambridge.

Additionally, each of the goals is followed by several policy guidelines. These are meant to identify some of the issues subsumed under each goal. They should not be viewed as exclusive, but rather as a way of providing some guidance to the City Manager in developing the implementation strategies that he will report to the City Council in January for Council approval.

Finally, the Government Operations Committee recommends that the Council votes that, for the first time, our goals be printed in brochure form and made available to all who are interested. Additionally, the committee recommends that the goals be posted at appropriate public buildings and locations throughout the city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jim Braude", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Braude, Chair
Government Operations Committee

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**Communications and Reports from
City Officers #3**

A communication was received from
Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the
Government Operations, Rules and
Claims Committee transmitting the
goals of the City Council for FY 2002.

In City Council December 18, 2000

ORDER ADOPTED.

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