

FY 2000 Cambridge City Council Priorities

1. Maintain socio-economic diversity in the City of Cambridge. (Of particular concern is maintaining housing opportunities for middle and moderate income families, as well as low income families, in the City.)
A very high priority strategy to this end is the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
2. Establish and move forward on a capital plan for new and existing municipal buildings. (A new Police Station and Library are the highest priority capital items, equal to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Rehab of existing public buildings is also a high priority item and the West Cambridge Youth Center was also noted as a need.
3. Establish a plan for acquisition of and ongoing maintenance of open space in the City of Cambridge. (The Com Energy site was specifically identified as a possible acquisition for the City, though less of a priority than the other capital items.)
4. Maintain and develop services that support and nurture families and children. Services include schools, childcare and other human services that serve all economic groups.
5. Establish appropriate and politically supported zoning/land use plan and regular review cycles. Explore and adopt strategies for appropriate growth and development in the City of Cambridge.
6. Maintain traffic policies and programs that calm traffic, safeguard pedestrians, encourage bicycle and other non single occupancy vehicular use, and explore feasibility of alternative transportation like jitney and water transportation options.
7. Maintain public safety. (Of particular concern are domestic violence, youth violence and drugs.)
8. Manage the City to maintain high quality services and stability using fiscally sound principles and reserving a generous free cash pool.
9. Support training and other workforce development strategies that match citizens with the employment opportunities provided by the local economy.
10. Support employees to be culturally competent, appropriately skilled and successful.
11. Support services for the elderly with particular emphasis on stable housing.

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A communication was received from
Councillor Sheila Russell, Chair of the
Government Operations Committee,
transmitting the City Council's
reformatted FY2000 priorities in
accordance with the City Council's
request to the Committee.

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Communication accepted