



City of Cambridge

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FIRST IN COUNCIL
March 30, 2026

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR ZUSY
COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed to advancing housing stability, health equity, and the overall well-being of its residents; and
- WHEREAS: Older adults across the Commonwealth are increasingly at risk of housing instability due to rising costs, fixed incomes, and limited access to supportive housing resources; and
- WHEREAS: [House Bill 4015](#) and [Senate Bill 475](#), *An Act promoting housing stability for older adults across the Commonwealth*, would expand a bridge subsidy program for low-income older adults aged 60 years and older, allowing them to access and maintain stable housing while awaiting long-term rental assistance; and
- WHEREAS: This legislation would provide critical financial support by covering the gap between what older adults can afford and the cost of housing, helping to prevent homelessness and promote dignity and independence among seniors; and
- WHEREAS: The Commonwealth continues to face significant disparities in health outcomes and access to care, particularly among communities of color and underserved populations; and
- WHEREAS: [House Bill 1416](#) and [Senate Bill 901](#), *An Act to Advance Health Equity*, seek to improve access to quality care, invest in community-based health initiatives, strengthen the healthcare workforce, and enhance accountability in reducing health disparities; and
- WHEREAS: These bills recognize the connection between stable housing and positive health outcomes, and aim to address systemic inequities that impact both; and
- WHEREAS: Supporting these legislative efforts aligns with Cambridge's longstanding commitment to equity, public health, and housing stability for all residents; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in strong support of House Bill 4015, Senate Bill 475, House Bill 1416, and Senate Bill 901; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this Order to the Cambridge State Legislative Delegation and to the Governor on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 30, 2026.

Adopted as Amended by

Affirmative Vote of Nine Members:-

Attest:- Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paula M. Crane".

ATTEST:-

Paula M. Crane
Interim City Clerk