



City of Cambridge

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FIRST IN COUNCIL
May 18, 2026

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MAYOR SIDDIQUI

- WHEREAS: The legendary S&S deli, located in historic Inman Square, has been a neighborhood staple since 1919 and has recently announced that it will be closing its doors after 107 years in business;
- WHEREAS: The S&S has always been a family business, and its current owner Gary Mitchell has worked there since he was 12-years old, learning that the iconic name of the deli evolved from his great grandmother's Yiddish welcome to customers, saying "Es and es," a maternal expression for eat and eat;
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge wishes to appropriately honor and celebrate the multi-generational service the S&S has provided to thousands of local families, workers, students, and visitors, who have long appreciated its generous portions, welcoming community atmosphere, and comforting menu; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant City departments to temporarily close Hampshire Street to through traffic, while maintaining full access for emergency vehicles, for a three-hour block on the afternoon of June 14, 2026, to allow for a proper outdoor celebration of the S&S and its remarkable legacy.

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Adopted as Amended by Affirmative
Vote of Nine Members:-
Attest:- Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk
A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Paula M. Crane
Interim City Clerk