



# City of Cambridge

POR 2026-95  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
May 4, 2026

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI

- WHEREAS: Since March 14, 1958, the United States has maintained a trade embargo on Cuba; and
- WHEREAS: On January 29, 2026, President Trump signed Executive Order 14380 that labels Cuba an “unusual and extraordinary threat” to the United States, serving as a pretext to impose severe economic penalties on any country that attempts to deliver oil or trade with Cuba; and
- WHEREAS: The consequences of this Executive Order have been measured in human suffering, with the most vulnerable—children, the elderly, and the sick—bearing the brunt of this cruelty:
- Families left without power for light, refrigeration, and cooking;
  - Hospitals risking the closure of wards and the suspension of critical treatments;
  - The distribution of food and medicine being paralyzed; and
- WHEREAS: All nations have the right under international law to self-determination and to address their internal economic and social needs free from undue external coercion, consistent with the principles of sovereignty and non-intervention; and
- WHEREAS: Full restoration of trade and travel between the two countries would be of benefit to both, particularly in the areas of food production, economic opportunity, education, health care, tourism, the arts, music, and sports, along with medical and biotechnological research; and
- WHEREAS: For over 30 years, the UN General Assembly has voted annually, with an overwhelming majority, to condemn the US embargo on Cuba; and
- WHEREAS: The current United States policy toward Cuba is a special manifestation of harshness which is harmful to those with ties to Cuba, and especially hard on families in Cuba and in the Cuban-American community in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS: In March 2021, the City Council unanimously passed [POR 2021 #50](#) affirming its support to lifting the United States’ blockade on Cuba, with the City Councils in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Richmond, Virginia passing similar resolutions since 2025; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Council go on record calling upon President Trump to immediately

rescind Executive Order 14380, immediately enter meaningful negotiations with the Cuban government with the goal of ending the United States oil embargo, and carry out his foreign policy agenda with respect to the wishes of the people of the United States and in accordance with international law; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record calling for the immediate restoration of engagement with the Republic of Cuba as initiated by President Barack Obama; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record urging the United States Congress to promulgate and pass legislation that will finally end the unsuccessful and harmful 64-year old economic, financial, and commercial embargo on Cuba, as well as ending the travel restrictions on United States citizens and residents of Cuba, and Cuban citizens to the United States; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this Policy Order to Cambridge's delegation to the United States Congress on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 11, 2026.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 5; Nays 0; Present 4; Absent 0.-

Attest:- Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula M. Crane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paula" being more prominent.

ATTEST:-

Paula M. Crane  
Interim City Clerk