

# CRAIG KELLEY #1 City Council

Because neighborhoods count!

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## Strong Neighborhoods are the Backbone of a Livable City

I am running for public office because our City Council has forgotten that neighborhoods count.

As a long-time participant in the civic life of Cambridge, I understand the value of neighborhood input. An effective city government works cooperatively with residents to identify, analyze, and find solutions to problems. Whether the issue is traffic congestion or unsafe streets, underperforming schools or parking shortages, nobody at City Hall understands the nuts and bolts of daily life in Cambridge better than the people who live and work in our neighborhoods.

Working together, we can make the City listen to us and serve our needs. With your participation, we can determine how the City is run.

If elected, I will continue working tirelessly to ensure that neighborhood opinions are heard and heeded at City Hall. I will solicit and support policies that promote vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, because we need:

- **Neighborhoods that have a real say in City decisions**
- **A livable city with safe streets and parks**
- **A fair citywide affordable-housing policy that focuses on decent living conditions and limits overcrowding and social segregation**
- **Neighborhood-based services for seniors, families, and veterans**
- **An open, democratic, accountable government.**

### Neighborhoods count!

I will be a voice for all Cambridge neighborhoods. Poorly designed, overly dense development has become the norm in Cambridge. This steady stream of mammoth projects is flooding our residential areas with traffic congestion, overwhelming the capacity of our streets and sewer systems, destroying our environment, threatening our health and safety, and steadily eroding the quality of our daily lives as rising housing costs and chaotic school administration drive our neighbors, friends, and family from our midst.

Who's at fault? In my view, it's our City Council—the incumbent councillors who set policy and hire a City Manager to implement it. What we see around us is what the current City Council has mandated and tolerated. They charted the course; their captain is at the helm. The citizens of Cambridge deserve better, and I say it's time for a change.

#### **As your Councillor, I will work to:**

- **Commission a full and independent assessment of the city's infrastructure**
- **Create Council/citizen panels and conduct performance reviews of appointed boards and commissions**
- **Mandate that City Council meetings be held in the neighborhoods on a rotating basis**
- **Initiate and support zoning changes to mitigate development pressures and protect the neighborhoods.**

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## Safe streets are essential to a livable city

Our streets must be safe for pedestrians and cyclists as well as motorists. Responding to systematic traffic problems with spot enforcement or short-term initiatives doesn't work. Pedestrians deserve safe crosswalks and cycling should not be equivalent to suicide. Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians who "follow the rules" should be able to expect a safer trip rather than a riskier one.

**As your Councillor, I will work to:**

- **Implement a consistent citywide traffic enforcement and education policy**
- **Ensure that the Cambridge Police Department views traffic safety as an integral part of its mission**
- **Require that all traffic calming/mitigation proposals be acceptable to the affected neighborhood**
- **Ensure that all crosswalks are boldly striped, marked with permanent, highly visible "Yield" signs, and systematically inspected and maintained.**

## Cambridge needs a fair affordable-housing policy

Few things are as important as providing housing for Cambridge residents who can't afford it. But the City must do a better job of ensuring that government-subsidized housing is also high-quality, desirable housing—not simply housing of last resort.

**As your Councillor, I will work to:**

- **Set specific, measurable affordable-housing goals and create policies that avoid economic and social segregation**

- **Develop a clear, balanced affordable-housing policy that promotes appropriate siting, respects neighborhood zoning, and restores growth policies, land-use planning, and public interest as considerations (rather than the current approach—"As much as possible, as dense as possible"—favored by the City).**

## Representing the public is a privilege

City Councillors must always remember that they are elected to serve the public. They must never, ever, take citizens for granted or abuse their position for personal financial gain.

**As your Councillor, I will work to:**

- **Change recent City Council rules and procedures that restrict citizen participation and unreasonably restrict public comment**
- **Ensure that City Councillors remain in the chamber and pay attention when neighborhood representatives and other citizens address the Council**
- **Create public boards and commissions that are more representative and responsive to neighborhood concerns and push for their meetings to be televised**
- **Prevent City Councillors from raising their own pay**
- **Promote open meetings, increase access to public records, ensure that all public record information is available on the City's web site, and support citizen efforts to get honest, prompt, and complete responses from City Hall.**

**BECAUSE SO MUCH IS AT STAKE,  
I AM ASKING FOR YOUR #1 VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4TH!**

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