



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

YI-AN HUANG
City Manager

September 27, 2023

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby recommending the appointment of Lauren Reznick, effective September 18, 2023, to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) for a five-year term to begin immediately. Ms. Reznick fills a vacancy left on the CRA by long-term CRA member and former City Clerk, Margaret Drury.

The City Manager's office posted a request for applications on the city website from March 5, 2023, through April 3, 2023. Extensive outreach was done through the City's traditional outreach channels such as the Daily Update email. More outreach efforts were made by the CRA through their website, listserv and social media channels. A total of 20 applications were received. Applications were shared with the City's Director of Equity and Inclusion. Representatives from the CRA and City Manager's office reviewed applications to narrow the list down to four candidates for interviews. Those four candidates with interview by the current CRA Chair, Kathy Born and myself.

Amongst an applicant pool with many compelling candidates, Ms. Reznick stood out because of her passion for the City of Cambridge and its future as an inclusive and vibrant community and her subject matter expertise in real estate law. It is clear that she will be committed to listening to and engaging with fellow residents to inform the work of the CRA with a community-based perspective toward development.

Ms. Reznick is a resident of Central Square and for the past 15 years has practiced as an attorney in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She brings diverse legal experience working in private practice and the public court system. Ms. Reznick currently works for the Land Court in Boston and will bring to the CRA a valuable legal perspective on issues pertaining to real estate and land use that are central to its activities as a real estate entity working in the public interest.

I am confident Ms. Reznick will both contribute her own expertise and invite the perspective of other Cambridge residents to the important issues before the CRA including the development of affordable housing, stewardship of accessible commercial space, enhancement of public open space, and investments in vital community infrastructure.



Therefore, in accordance with Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws, I am submitting Ms. Reznick's name for City Council confirmation as a member of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority. I appreciate Ms. Reznick's willingness to serve and look forward to her contributions to the CRA and the Cambridge Community.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yi-An Huang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Yi-An Huang
City Manager

Attachment(s)



City of Cambridge

Agenda Item No. 1
IN CITY COUNCIL
September 18, 2023

ORDERED: That in accordance with Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws, that the recommendation of City Manager Yi-An Huang on the appointment Ms. Reznick's as a member of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a term of 5-years be approved.

Attachment: CRA Order (CMA 2023 #239 : Cambridge Redevelopment Authority Appointment)



City of Cambridge

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FIRST IN COUNCIL
October 2, 2023

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee met on September 27, 2023, and by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present, approved a motion to recommend to the full City Council the appointment of Lauren Reznick to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council vote to approve the appointment of Lauren Reznick to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term.

5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of erecting a covered bus shelter in the immediate vicinity of 15 Lambert Street.

POR 2023 #170

Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED AS AMENDED [9-0-0]

YEAS: Councillor Azeem, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui

6. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant departments to change the hours of off leash usage at Joan Lorentz Park to 6:00 to 8:00 am to allow usage prior to typical work hours.

POR 2023 #171

Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toner

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED AS AMENDED [9-0-0]

YEAS: Councillor Azeem, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui

7. Appointment of Lauren Reznick to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term.

POR 2023 #172

Councillor Carlone

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED [9-0-0]

YEAS: Councillor Azeem, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui

8. Housing contributions from the City's Major Institutions.

POR 2023 #173

Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED [9-0-0]

YEAS: Councillor Azeem, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui