



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCILOR AT LARGE

To: Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Jake Wilson, City Councilor-At-Large
RE: City Council Consensus FY 2026 Budget Priority Process
Date: February 24, 2025

Honorable Members of the City Council:

Last month, the Mayor requested individual councilors share budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2026 with the Administration by March 28, 2025.

Once again this year, the City Clerk requests that councilors submit budget priorities in memo format, rather than as individual resolutions. Should you have additional budget priorities after submitting your memo, please submit a supplemental memo.

The Finance Committee will meet as a committee of the whole on Wednesday, April 2, at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chamber, for the purpose of discussing this council's top FY 2026 budget priorities.

Your priorities will need to be submitted as agenda items by the regular meeting on March 28 in order to be sent to the Finance Committee that evening and included on the agenda for discussion at the April 2 meeting.

The meeting on April 2 will feature a new and simplified format this year. We will go around the horseshoe and give each councilor an opportunity to talk about their top budget priorities. Then there will be an opportunity for colleagues to express agreement on one or more of those priorities. There will be no grouping, voting, or resolutions. The meeting itself and resulting minutes will be the product of this process and conveyed to the Administration.

I am available ahead of April 2 to answer any questions and address any concerns you might have about this new process for the meeting.

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