



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

CITY COUNCIL

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Conveying Priorities for the FY 2024 Budget

That the FY 2024 budget include increased funding for both quick build, maintenance, and permanent improvements at priority locations consistent with the Network Bicycle Plan

That the FY 2024 budget include at least \$1.5 million to fund an unarmed alternative emergency department, a Director, a response team trained to engage residents experiencing crises of substance use, mental health, or non-violent conflict, which will receive calls routed from 911 and 988

That the FY 2024 budget include \$2 million to secure hotel rooms for short-term shelter for newly arrived immigrants, people displaced due to disasters such as fire or intense flooding, and unhoused folks

That the FY 2024 budget include funding for a city-wide composting program, including within Somerville Public Schools

That the FY 2024 budget include funding to design and create at least two 24-hour engagement centers to provide basic facilities, heating, cool, and wraparound services for unhoused community members

That the FY 2024 budget include funding to open one or more overdose prevention facilities before the end of calendar year 2023

That the FY 2024 budget include funding for an air filtration pilot program to address air pollution along highways

That the FY 2024 budget include additional funding for hiring Human Resources staff to increase recruitment and modernize payroll

That the FY 2024 budget include funding for an Overdose Prevention Center, also known as a Supervised Consumption Site, to be built and in use by the end of calendar year 2023

That, if legally permissible, the FY 2024 budget include at least \$250,000 for a medical debt relief program, including a study of its impact

That the FY 2024 budget include funding for a fare-free bus pilot rather than the purchase of Charlie Cards

That the FY 2024 budget include funding for menstrual products to be supplied in all city-owned or leased women's and gender-neutral bathrooms, with priority of purchase going to local Somerville businesses

That the FY 2024 budget include funding for a study to plan a network of permanent public restrooms, equipped with menstrual products, as well as funding to construct these units

That the FY 2024 budget include funding for universal before-and-after-school programs, including a study that create a roadmap from our current position to after-school programming to before-and-after programming

That the FY 2024 budget include additional funding for the Municipal Voucher Program

That the FY 2024 budget include additional funding for the Early Acquisition Trust Fund to increase the supply of permanently affordable housing in Somerville.

That the FY 2024 budget include funding to ensure that City Councilors make at least 80% of AMI