



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
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PRESIDENT

The substantive issue(s) underpinning each of these concerns have been discussed at length many times over many years and yet they remain in need of meaningful additional investment by the city. Each is important in its own right and I implore the administration to take each as important to the community and worthy of additional investment. This is particularly true of items that are relevant to a specific Ward as those, appropriately, are not going to be the focus of the Council's deliberation, yet they are no less important to the people in that Ward. In light of the financial landscape for the upcoming fiscal year, some requests are stated as a request to retain funding rather than increase funding. In all cases, where an increase is not possible, the priority should be interpreted as at least a request to retain existing funding levels.

- That the FY 2027 budget include funding to complete the Davis Square Neighborhood Plan, including updated community input, document revisions, and full process through to approval by the Planning Board.
- That the FY 2027 budget include funding for a pilot program of regular closures of Elm St. to motor vehicle traffic, with the goal of a full future public process for a re-engineering of Elm St. in Davis Square to enable it to be pedestrian only, including planning to address questions of accessibility, deliveries, parking, and traffic flow.
- That the FY 2027 budget include funding to begin a public process to create, possibly through a public-private partnership, a four-season public market hall at the Day and Herbert Street parking lot, to be further funded in the following fiscal year.
- That the FY 2027 budget include funding to begin a public process to determine the development of 45 College Ave. that includes a large community space with priority programming to the West Branch Library, to be further funded in the following fiscal year.
- That the FY 2027 budget include increased funding to support community partner organizations working in the areas of housing, mental health, and substance use services.
- That the FY 2027 budget retain funding for increased cleaning and maintenance in and around Davis Square, including more frequent trash collection, general cleanup, and sweeps for needles and other debris.
- That the FY 2027 budget include increased funding to enable new and increased supportive housing capacity.
- That the FY 2027 budget retain funding for social workers and other mental health professionals to retain capacity within Health and Human Services generally as well as specifically as it relates to creating a true alternative response capacity for responding to emergency calls involving mental health and substance use issues.
- That the FY 2027 budget retain funding for programs aimed at addressing

- displacement of small businesses.
- That the FY 2027 Budget include whatever funding necessary to ensure that Founders Rink is open for ice sports uses next winter.
- That the FY 2027 budget retain funding in the City Clerk budget for all existing staffing to support City Council activities and committees.

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