

Q2 Is there a comment or a priority for Cambridge that you want to add? Please tell us about it and its importance to you in the overall scheme of the goals identified above.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Helping our economy grow will kickstart a general well-being. A rising tide floats all boats!	3/23/2018 2:49 PM
2	I believe 'strong financial health' will be achieved by the higher priority items I chose. Also, comprehensive planning is required to achieve the higher ranked goals.	3/22/2018 8:16 PM
3	HIRING A NEW CITY MANAGER BEFORE THIS ONE RETIRES	3/20/2018 8:54 PM
4	I put the financial health of the city towards the bottom because addressing the other issues will lead to more financial income and stability for the city. For improved infrastructure I am STRONGLY in favor of, as are many I speak to, properly repairing the brick on high st (matching bricks not wrong color or blacktop and repaired without major dips) and running that brick road through downtown.. a massive revitalization move	3/20/2018 4:00 PM
5	I am worried that stores like Lidl view Cambridge as not able to support higher end stores.	3/20/2018 2:26 PM
6	Investment in infrastructure and the environment will bring the needed jobs to increase our tax revenue in or to afford the othe goals.	3/18/2018 11:10 AM
7	I want Cambridge to be a highly desirable place to live, similar to, say, St Michaels in that property values are high and people want to buy and invest here, like I did back in 2005. I want my paper loss in value restored, AND to live in a great place. One factor is reducing the number of rental houses and requiring "slum lords" to maintain their properties (code enforcement). Cambridge should not be a friendly place for owning inferior properties. Also important are good schools because people with children cannot live here because of the poor reputation of Dorchester county. Money is required to fix that, and I for one, am in favor of increased taxes to go directly to improving the schools.	3/17/2018 11:13 AM
8	Lower taxes so our home values can rise. Econ dev without your modifiers	3/17/2018 9:08 AM
9	I thought the City Council had all these well in hand.	3/17/2018 7:10 AM
10	a mayor who is concerned with all of Cambridge not just downtown.	3/16/2018 11:58 PM
11	Speed enforcement on Oakley Street is needed. Patrols through the West End after dark.	3/16/2018 9:26 PM
12	Remove Longboat Estates from the city and city taxes.	3/16/2018 2:59 PM
13	Improved schools/education!!! It all stems from the foundation. We must find a way to improve teachers pay, so that we attract high-caliber educators. This should be the TOP priority for the city & county.	3/16/2018 2:24 PM
14	Your survey does not work very well. Kept removing my choices. So just to be clear in case it didn't come through correctly. 1 for riverfront protection. No development of condos on anymore waterfront property in the city of cambridge. Keep what we have left for public use. 2 for most everything else. 5 for housing.	3/16/2018 12:44 PM
15	Important to me is to see a vision for Cambridge that includes developing a culture of pride in community, improving economic metrics. Develop a culture that encourages people to be less dependent on social assistance.	3/16/2018 11:23 AM
16	More focus on comprehensive tree canopy, which lowers the temperature of the whole neighborhood, reduce energy costs, increases the value of homes, and improves the attractiveness of the neighborhood. All of this is supported by data. Every tree that is cut down should be replaced, and more planted. Applies to both individual property owners as well as city.	3/16/2018 8:29 AM

17	We also must clean up the city street curbs littered with trash gutters full of sand trash not draining properly yards and whole communities full of clutter and debris use community service hours for cleaning up this town anyone caught littering must perform cleanup of streets etc old cars and junk haul away days free	3/15/2018 3:15 PM
18	Having lived here for 54 years why is Cambridge the landing spot for homeless or low income people? We do not have to be Marylands leader in free hand outs and assistance.	3/14/2018 10:52 PM
19	There is a need to better address the many issues concerning our homeless population	3/14/2018 10:19 PM
20	Be more business friendly to bring and keep jobs in Cambridge.	3/14/2018 10:07 PM
21	There becomes a point that the city code enforcement and planning and zoning is going to far. At business expense. We do not need to regulate everything in every way. The market will set its self if left alone. Please do not let our town be overcome with unneeded rules and regulations. Let business have a little freedom to do business. I would also ask that any property owners in the city limits have the right to vote. As a business property owner, without the ability to vote, I believe it is taxation without representing.	3/14/2018 8:50 PM
22	No more Section 8 Housing	3/14/2018 8:17 PM
23	Time to effectively issues of multigenerational poverty	3/14/2018 7:29 PM
24	City waste so much money....trash service is crazy..enforce landlords to keep properties safe...get homeless jobs so they can afford housing	3/14/2018 7:14 PM
25	More economic growth.	3/14/2018 5:05 PM
26	Derelict housing needs to be strictly regulated.	3/14/2018 4:54 PM
27	Include education component about sea level rise and climate change. Broadly show film Rising Tide In Dorchester by Tom Thorton and David Harp.	3/14/2018 4:48 PM
28	be business friendly!! Stop trying to run business out of the city! especially small home town business. Stop the "old boy network" and be progressive and look to the future! Listen to the citizens and do what is in their best interest, instead of you and your old buddies!	3/14/2018 4:22 PM
29	Invest in the hospital we have.	3/14/2018 3:40 PM
30	This was difficult. All issues were really 1s and 2s to me. Thank you for caring about my opinion. I feel that Economic Development steered responsibly with Environmental Issues taken into account could create more jobs which could then help other issues like Safe and Livable housing be less of an issue.	3/14/2018 3:07 PM
31	Let's get the houses and yards cleaned up on the following streets : Maryland Ave., Henry St. Cedar St. these are the first areas that people see when coming to Cambridge. Some house still have indoor furniture on the porches, which I thought was against city codes.	3/14/2018 2:04 PM
32	It is difficult to rank the above goals - all are very important to the health and growth of Cambridge and all should receive attention. The old bank building just across the drawbridge at the end of Maryland Ave. might make a good place for a welcoming center for the town - either manned or with maps and brochures for local points of interest. Also, the development of the commercial facilities at the old K-mart site are going to distract visitors from the historic part of the city - it is difficult now for folks new to the area to find their way around and to see the best that the town has to offer - some way to get people to see something other than the modern strip malls should be developed. The current "Downtown Historic Area" signs are too small and infrequently placed.	3/14/2018 1:56 PM
33	more opportunities for productive activities for ALL youth in the county!	3/14/2018 1:28 PM
34	Stop providing free housing Easton doesn't that's why they don't have a large hood like Cambridge	3/14/2018 1:23 PM
35	not so much department stores as a good grocery store and viable options for new small business. RAR is a perfect example of a great business for the city. We need more like that. Some more business that will bring jobs to lower income people, which will also improve public safety.	3/14/2018 1:22 PM
36	The racism must stop.	3/14/2018 1:15 PM
37	Pick up recycling would increase it's use by senior population. I would appreciate refurbishment to the wonderful walking path at Great Marsh Park. The current condition is not encouraging to senior walkers. The importance to me of both these items is that I am at 85 years, one of the large Cambridge senior population.	3/14/2018 11:19 AM

38	Even though we had to choose 1-7 all are important and the difference between 1 and 7 is not that great. Having strong financial health, for instance allows us to support and engage in other items on the list. Economic Development helps to obtain strong financial health due to increased taxes. Setting aside monies for future costs doesn't help us now but does when the future bills come due to replace infrastructure, pave roads, etc.	3/14/2018 10:40 AM
39	All are priorities so hard to rank. Seems if we get the economics right the rest will be easier to achieve.	3/14/2018 10:19 AM
40	Make the city attractive to business, with focus on balanced budget. Enforce existing section 8 housing laws.	3/14/2018 10:17 AM
41	All of these issues are important, so just because an issue is rated lower on my scale, it does not mean that I do not consider it important.	3/14/2018 10:03 AM
42	Jobs outside of retail seems to have been forgotten, i.e. industrial, manufacturing, etc. The order in which items are presented suggests a bias toward housing, code enforcement and economic development.	3/14/2018 10:01 AM
43	Promote better funding for the public transit system which connects folks to work recreational and shopping opportunities AND demand better support for the local public library which provides free access to information which is vital in a democratic society	3/14/2018 9:45 AM
44	Rte 50/Highway Commercial design standards that reflect local architecture, livability improvements for walking/biking/parks. Investment in downtown corridor.	3/14/2018 9:11 AM
45	I think the City should focus on improving Econ. Dev because with a bigger tax base the City can fix the other issues. Need more businesses and better home prices.	3/14/2018 9:04 AM
46	Many of these go together. for example, if our businesses were stronger, our economy and job market would be as well.	3/14/2018 8:59 AM
47	So many needs- hard to prioritize - forward thinking transparent government, code enforcement, Econ expansion and better health facilities, safe neighborhoods all tie in my book.	3/13/2018 10:29 PM
48	I ranked economic development first, because I feel that with this in place, all the others will follow. Tourism was not listed, but I feel is an important aspect of all of the above. Tourism is a "clean" industry and can feed economical development. Also... let's explore making Cambridge an Audubon certified community which would help make our town more beautiful and unique.	3/13/2018 9:25 PM
49	Quit building subsidized housing for low income residents. Quit bringing people into our community that pay little to no taxes. Bringing them in hurts the whole community, especially the working middle class.	3/13/2018 8:37 PM
50	Curbside Recycling	3/13/2018 8:28 PM
51	Clean up the vacant lots and have the falling down sheds, etc. removed. They are a haven for rats, vagrants and they are dangerous and ugly!!	3/13/2018 8:13 PM
52	Continued historic and cultural preservation of Cambridge heritage and traditions balanced with a welcome to newcomers and visitors is important. Improvements, though, should not sacrifice Cambridge's identity, and historic preservation should be accessible to those of moderate means as well as the wealthy. As a close family member, a working archaeologist and lover of history has observed, "There is historic preservation and hysterical preservation."Don't try to turn Cambridge into another Ellicott City or (heaven forbid) tourist trap like St. Michaels. Cambridge is unique.	3/13/2018 7:47 PM
53	1. ENFORCEMENT of building/residential code for EVERYONE. 2. When I call the police... I don't want an attitude of I'm an inconvenience (I'm an active federal agent by the way). 3. Stop suppressing business and growth- the tax base is only going to be the tax base for so long. 4. I pay taxes, stop making me pay for CITY improvements (i.e.-repairing a city sidewalk in front of my house) nobody on Washington St, Maryland Ave and Pine St. had to fix city sidewalks.	3/13/2018 7:20 PM
54	Need forward-thinking people in governmental positions.	3/13/2018 7:04 PM
55	it's above--but clean up the trashy housing. Make the owners repair/fix or tear them down.	3/13/2018 5:32 PM
56	Regarding economic development, I would focus on the hospitality industry, tourism, hotels, restaurants, river walks, etc. as the most direct and viable means of attracting job-creating business and community vitality. Leverage the unique amenity of the Choptank River.	3/13/2018 4:25 PM
57	Cambridge is Maryland's second largest port and Cambridge Creek is an anchor for the city's revitalization plans. The Creek should be prioritized as the key natural asset it is.	3/13/2018 4:10 PM

58	"Public safety" category does not specifically mention the serious drug issues (trafficking, sales, and use) that Cambridge has. I would make this #1A under Public Safety. I'd also add a "beautification" category and rank it high. Remember how NYC progressed years ago when broken windows and the general appearance of the city became a top priority. Continue things like the facade improvement grant program and put some local money to the effort as well.	3/13/2018 3:29 PM
59	There's great food and drinks already. We need good retail and NO STOREFRONT CHURCHES.	3/13/2018 3:27 PM
60	I would like to see a more business friendly attitude exhibited at all levels of the city bureaucracy. I would also like to see fewer rules, but actively and consistently enforced, like housing code enforcement. We need to make this a more livable city.	3/12/2018 5:08 PM