



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

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April 1, 2019

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-61 regarding a report on commissioning a public art piece, statue or memorial that would commemorate the dedication of women in Cambridge to passing the Nineteenth Amendment, please be advised that the following individuals have been appointed to the Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Committee:

- **Barbara Berenson**, author of *Massachusetts in the Women Suffrage Movement*
- **Sarah Burks**, Historical Commission
- **Marian Darlington Hope**, member of the Pentecostal Tabernacle; Cambridge resident
- **Tanya Ford**, Executive Director, Election Commission
- **Aliyah Gary**, Founder/Principal of Cambridge Real Estate School and iCare Realty; serves on Cambridge Arts Advisory Board; Cambridge resident
- **Jane Kamensky**, Director of Schlesinger Library; Cambridge resident
- **Vanessa Till Hooper**, Founder/Creative Director at Studio HHH, a digital design studio developing permanent or temporary experiences within the built environment; Cambridge resident
- **Gail Willett**, fiber artist, Cambridge resident
- **Kimberly Sansoucy**, Women's Commission
- Honorary Members - **Kim and Sofia Bernstein**, mother and daughter (VSUS) interested in having a monument for women's suffrage; working to put a woman on the \$20-dollar bill

This Committee is charged with commissioning public art on behalf of the City with the goal of acknowledging a representative story of the 19th Amendment and highlighting the contributions of Cambridge women. To this end, the committee will:

- set goals for a centennial piece
- draft a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking artist proposals to an art jury



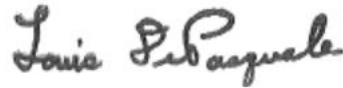
- work with the City to determine location
- participate in public outreach and review public input on the artist proposals and location
- lead the selection process from a group of finalists

The Committee will include and work with the full support of staff members from the Arts Council, Department of Public Works, the Election Commission, the Historical Commission, and the Women's Commission. The first meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 6pm to 8pm at the Women's Commission, 51 Inman Street, 2nd floor conference room.

In terms of timeline, the goal of the committee is to have an artist selection process that results in a public announcement of a selected proposal on the 100th anniversary date of August 26, 2020.

Therefore, I am requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account to support the above project.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis A. DePasquale".

Louis A. DePasquale
City Manager

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