

Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Committee

Community Information Meeting
January 7, 2020

Project Background

Council Order to commission public art commemorating 19th Amendment's passage

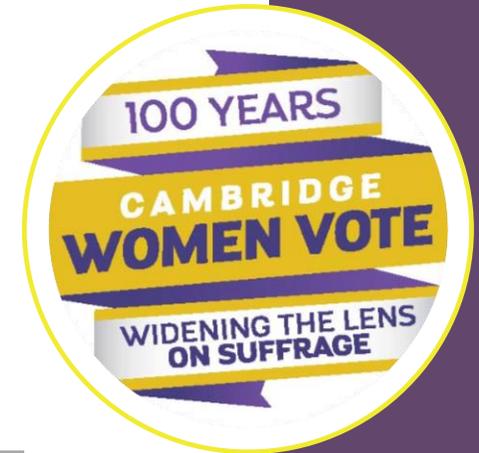
- Recognizing lack of artwork depicting female figures or historical achievements

June 2018

April 2019

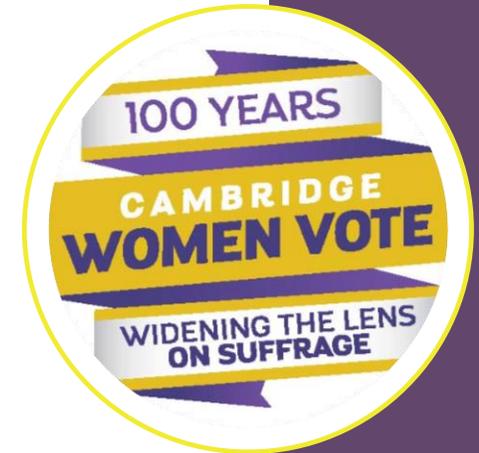
Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Committee formed

- Historians, local artists and advocates, key City staff
- \$300,000 appropriation



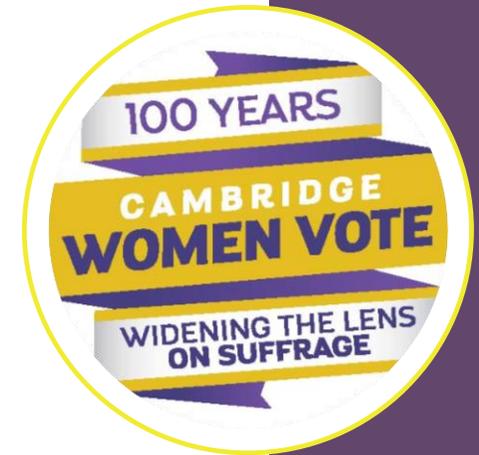
Project Background

- One of many ways the City of Cambridge will celebrate the Nineteenth Amendment Centennial in 2020
- Related event series will host City events and promote regional events through August 2020
- Stay updated at <https://www.cambridgema.gov/womenvote100>



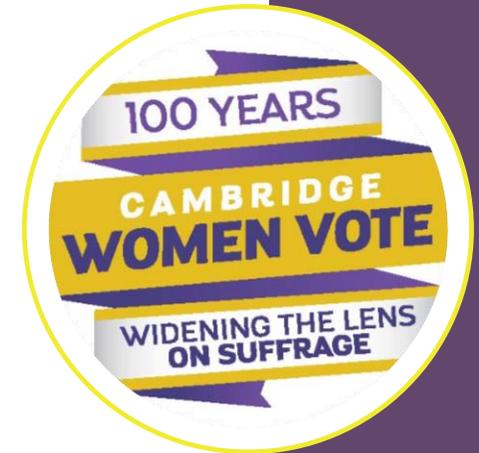
Project Goals

- Recognizing complex history of the suffrage movement
- Telling a representative story of the 19th Amendment
- Embracing past, present and future of American democracy
- Selecting a prominent site that demonstrates the significance of this project



Site Selection

- June – November 2019: Site Selection
 - Robust Committee process
 - 8 potential locations reviewed
 - Site visits to 5 locations
 - Meetings with key stakeholders for 2 preferred sites
- November 2019: Cambridge Common selected as site
 - Historical Commission must approve final artwork proposal



Cambridge Common

1. Washington Elm (1864, 1975)
2. Civil War (1869)
3. Revolutionary Cannon (1875, 1975)
4. Three tombstone markers (1880)
5. John Bridge (1882)
6. Washington Gateway (1906)
7. Gen. Henry Knox (1927)
8. Polish Patriots (1935, 1985)
9. Irish Famine (1997)
10. Prince Hall (2010)

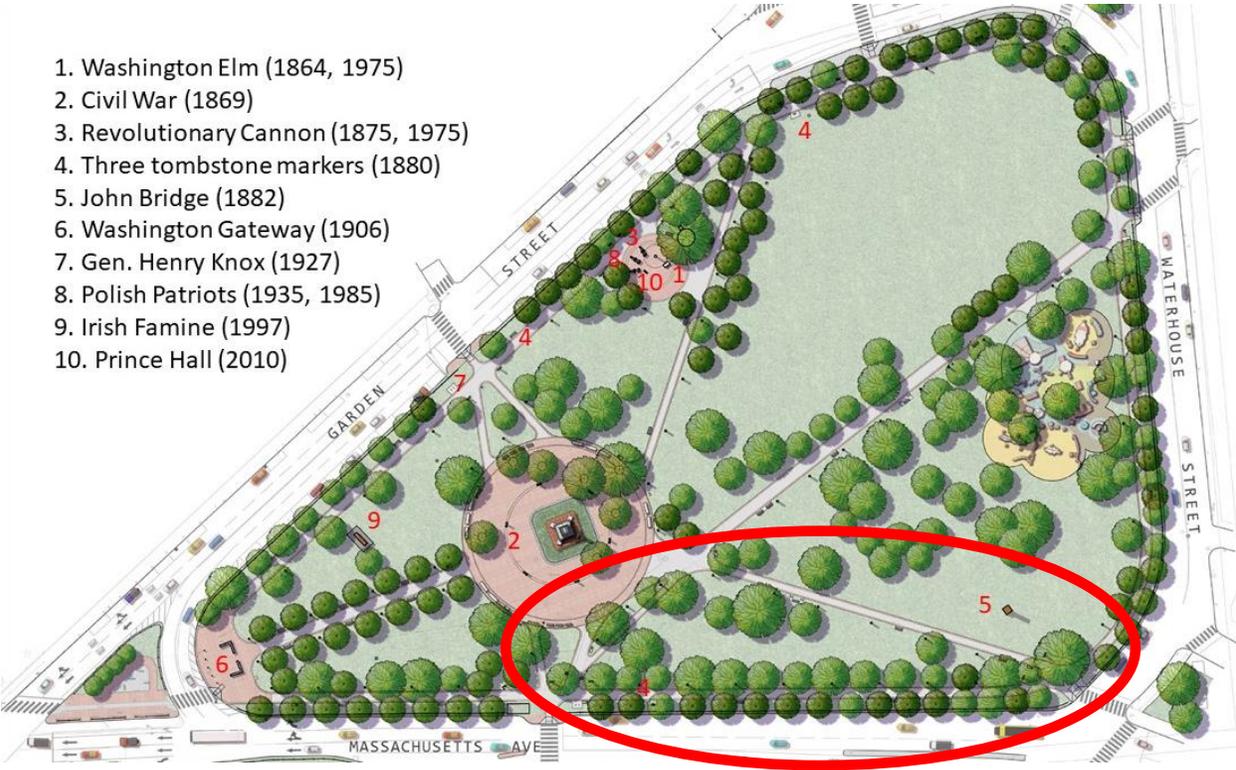
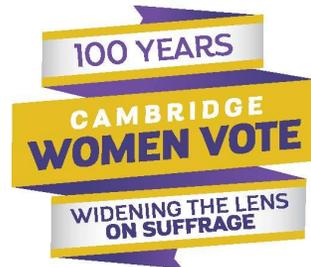
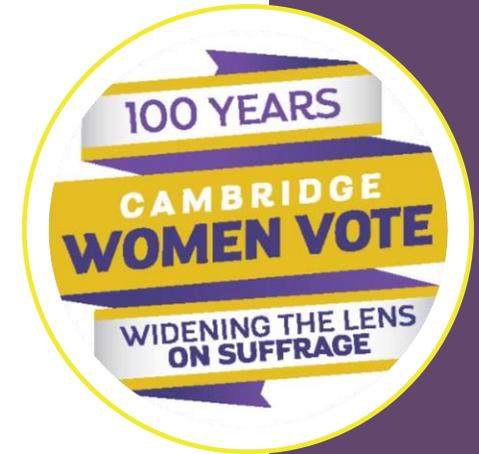


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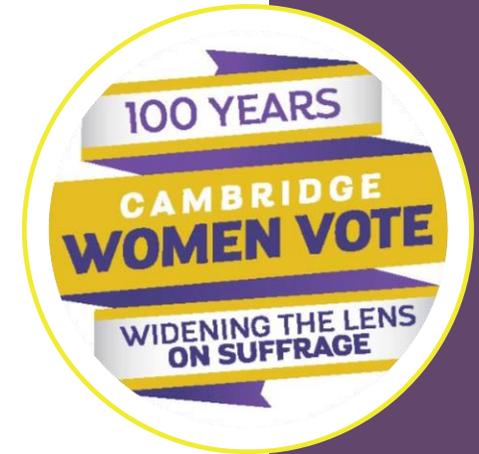
Artist Selection

- Four artist-finalists have been selected to develop project proposals:
 - **Azra Aksamija** of Cambridge
 - **Franka Diehnelt** and **Claudia Reisenberger**, aka **Merge Conceptual Design**, of Santa Monica, California
 - **Mags Harries & Lajos Heder** of Cambridge
 - **Nora Valdez** of Boston



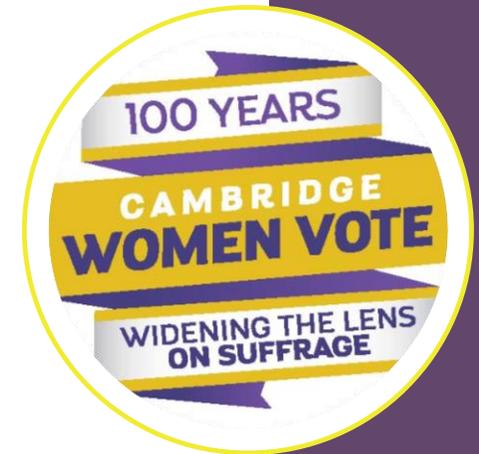
Committee Member Perspectives

- **Sofia & Kim Bernstein**, Cambridge residents and advocates
- **Marian Darlington-Hope**, Cambridge resident and advocate



Next Steps: Art Proposals & Community Input

- Now: Artwork proposals being developed
 - Tonight's feedback will be shared with the artists
- **February 12, 2020: Public meeting with the artists**
- April 13, 2020: Artwork proposals due
 - Images will be displayed publicly for feedback
- April 29, 2020: Finalists Present to Community
 - Artists will present at public meeting and answer questions about proposals
- May 13, 2020: Selection Committee meeting to select winning proposal



Tonight: Share Your Thoughts

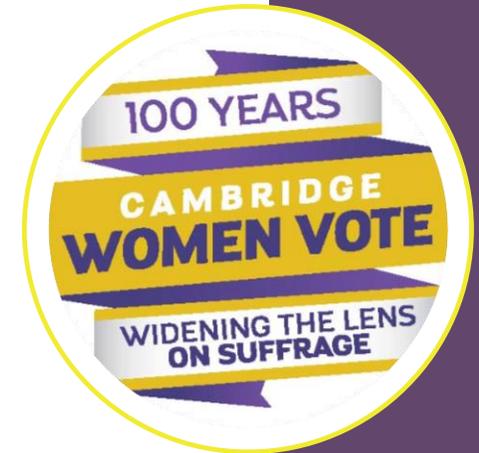
WHAT STORIES SHOULD THIS ARTWORK TELL?

HOW CAN CAMBRIDGE SPEAK TO THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING RIGHTS?

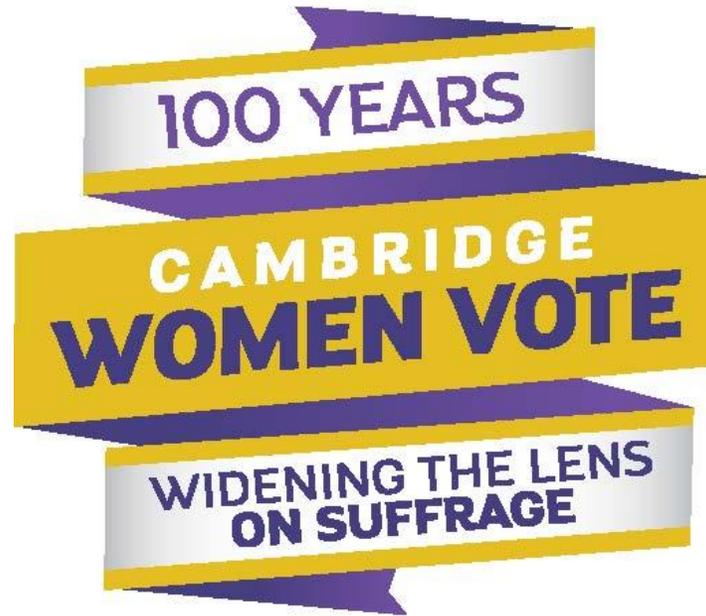
WHY IS THE CAMBRIDGE COMMON SIGNIFICANT TO YOU?

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS ON PROGRAMMING TO GO WITH THE ARTWORK?

OTHER THOUGHTS?



Thank You



- Meet the artists:
 - Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 6-8PM, Citywide Senior Center
- Stay updated:
 - CambridgeMA.gov/19thAmendmentCommittee