



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
November 19, 2018

COUNCILLOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: On June 4, 2018, the City Council passed a Policy Order to commission a public artwork that will memorialize and commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment and the many women in Cambridge who fought so hard for the right to women's suffrage; and

WHEREAS: To this end, an artist must be fairly identified through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process or a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, and a commission is required to establish guidelines for an RFP/RFQ and move this process forward; and

WHEREAS: The story of suffrage is long and, in many ways, unfinished, making it extremely important to acknowledge and include the contributions of underrepresented women at the forefront of our goals for the memorial, so that we are not simply retelling the popular mythology of suffrage, but rather we are presenting the full picture of the struggle and impact of the unrecognized women in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Arts Council, the Cambridge Women's Commission, the Cambridge Historical Commission, the Department of Public Works, the Schlesinger Library, and other appropriate departments to establish a diverse commission to conduct the artist selection process and commission opportunity on behalf of the City, with the goal of acknowledging a more representative story of the 19th Amendment and highlighting the contributions of Cambridge women; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.