



# City of Cambridge

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
March 18, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX  
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI  
COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Harm Reduction Commission, appointed by Governor Baker to review and make recommendations regarding harm reduction opportunities to address substance use disorder, recently completed its work and released a final report; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Opioid Working Group, appointed by City Manager DePasquale to review disease surveillance data, identify best practices about opioid-related prevention, intervention, and treatment activities, as well as share information about the chronic nature of addiction, has also recently released its final report; and

WHEREAS: The Commission and the Working Group's reports provide immediate and longer term action steps and essential guides to best practices to help communities address these grave and widespread issues; and

WHEREAS: As a member of and major contributor to both groups, Mayor Marc C. McGovern has played a significant role in these achievements in furthering the discussion on addiction and on the opioid crisis and overdose epidemic; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in expressing its gratitude to Mayor McGovern and all members of the Harm Reduction Commission and the Cambridge Opioid Working Group for their leadership and service; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Human Services and Veterans Committee hold a future hearing to receive an update on these reports and on efforts in Cambridge to address substance use disorder and the opioid crisis.