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Re: October 31, 2016 Calendar/Charter#4

Dear City Councilors,

I am here tonight to add my voice to the voices of my neighbors who spoke earlier and those who attended the October 17 Council meeting and spoke in support of the policy order regarding the health impacts of commercial wood-fired ovens in Cambridge.

I have lived in Cambridge for almost 30 years and 22 years on Shepard St. I have never experienced anything like this before.

The health, well-being, and quality of life of my neighbors and myself are being negatively impacted by the commercial wood smoke we are currently subjected to. Those who have spoken previously have cited solid research that points to harm caused by this type of pollution.

I urge you to approve this policy order so that the city can determine a permanent solution to the public health threats and detriments to residents' quality of life caused by commercial establishments operating wood-fired ovens.

Sincerely,

Patricia Whelan