

Cambridge Democratic City Committee
Resolution
October 19, 2023

WHEREAS the Massachusetts Democratic Party is at a point of historic strength;

WHEREAS the Massachusetts Democratic Party stands for healthy democracy;

WHEREAS healthy democracy depends on the values of inclusion, engagement, and competitiveness;

WHEREAS democracy in Massachusetts could be improved with regard to all those values;

WHEREAS participation in the Massachusetts Democratic Party is at only 29% of voters in Massachusetts, and only 18% of new voters registered since 2020;

WHEREAS Massachusetts has one of the most restrictive candidate ballot access processes in the nation;

WHEREAS Massachusetts ranks near the bottom with respect to contested elections;

WHEREAS Steve Kerrigan, Chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, has the power and authority to establish a commission to look at how the party's practices, strategies, rules, and charter could further advance the fundamental democracy values of inclusion, engagement, and competitiveness;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Cambridge Democratic City Committee supports the proposal for a Massachusetts Democratic Party Commission on Healthy Democracy proposed by Democratic Party members, Danielle Allen, Steve Grossman, and Nicole LaChapelle;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cambridge Democratic City Committee will transmit a copy of this resolution Chair Kerrigan and to State Committee members representing Cambridge precincts in support of the establishment of a Commission on Healthy Democracy in 2024.

ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023