

Table showing CAC votes in leading and/or supporting initiatives across topic areas

Topic Area	CAC would like to lead (# votes)	CAC would like to support (# votes)	Total (# votes)	Topic interest / All	For Lead: Topic interest / All topics	For Support: Topic interest / All topics
Transportation + Mobility	2	1	3	3%	3%	2%
Buildings + Energy	15	23	38	32%	25%	40%
Natural Resources + Waste	6	12	18	15%	10%	21%
Community Health + Resiliency	11	8	19	16%	19%	14%
Leadership	12	7	19	16%	20%	12%
Non-specific / General	13	7	20	17%	22%	12%
Total	59	58	117	100%	100%	100%

What does this tell us:

- Greatest interest in Buildings + Energy (~33% of the votes to lead / support)
- Least interest in Transportation (<5% of votes to lead / support)
- Strong interest across other topics (~15%)
- Looking at topics with substantial interest: in Buildings + Energy and Natural Resources + Waste.

Table showing split of initiatives by source across topic areas

Topic Area	City projects in FY 27	City ideas for CAC initiatives	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	Total	Topic / % of Total	For CAC ideas for CAC initiatives: Topic / % of Total for CAC ideas only
Transportation + Mobility	3	0	4	7	6%	7%
Buildings + Energy	13	3	16	32	29%	26%
Natural Resources + Waste	6	1	12	19	17%	20%
Community Health + Resiliency	3	2	10	15	14%	16%
Leadership	5	4	11	20	18%	18%
Non-specific / General	3	7	8	18	16%	13%
Total	33	17	61	111	100%	100%
% of Total	30%	15%	55%	100%		

What does this tell us:

- ~25% of the CAC ideas for initiatives were in Buildings + Energy
- ~20% were in Natural Resources + Waste and Leadership
- Only topic that did not receive many ideas was Transportation

Table showing every initiative with corresponding lead and support vote count, organized by topic area

Initiatives that had 2 total votes (across lead and support)

Initiatives that had 3+ total votes (across lead and support)

Topic Area	Initiative Name	Initiative Type	CAC	CAC would	Total (#)
Transportation + Mobility	Vehicles Review Board EV strategy	City projects in FY 27			0
Transportation + Mobility	Many elderly fear bicycles and cannot get attention for their	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Transportation + Mobility	Resident parking surcharge for gas-powered cars	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Transportation + Mobility	E-Bike Municipal Fleet Pilot Program TM-32.B	City projects in FY 27			0
Transportation + Mobility	EV fleet for city employees	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Transportation + Mobility	Track EV adoption alongside public transport usage to identify and respond to barriers for access	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	2	1	3
Transportation + Mobility	Installation of EV charging stations TM-4.1	City projects in FY 27			0
Buildings + Energy	Ongoing energy advising (being a resource to residents)	City projects in FY 27	1	1	2
Buildings + Energy	Outreach and education about residential energy efficiency (Mass Save, etc)	City projects in FY 27			0
Buildings + Energy	Encourage building owners to work with the Energy Advisor to develop a decarbonization plan for each building they own	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		1	1
Buildings + Energy	Help the City to establish strategic communication with individual building owners	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1		1
Buildings + Energy	Community Choice Electricity awareness campaign & utility bill check-ups	City ideas for CAC initiatives	3	2	5
Buildings + Energy	Education on winter heat resources and tenant rights (HEARTWAP, WAP, HEAP, utility assistance)	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1		1
Buildings + Energy	Have the Mayor personally commend building owners who replace aging heating systems with carbon free heating systems in their buildings	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1		1
Buildings + Energy	Zoning - subsidize and incentivize density; does more than just most other things	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		2	2
Buildings + Energy	Sustainability zoning amendments (BE-1.1.A)	City projects in FY 27			0
Buildings + Energy	Greenhouse Gas inventory verification and city wide dashboard	City projects in FY 27			0
Buildings + Energy	Air quality monitoring and tracking in schools (Awair monitors)	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Buildings + Energy	Require building owners to tell the City when their current HVAC systems were installed	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		2	2
Buildings + Energy	Push for plug-in (balcony) solar legislation in MA	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1		1
Buildings + Energy	Sustainability participation in long-range planning projects (BE-1)	City projects in FY 27			0
Buildings + Energy	Grid updates to allow for equitable residential decarbonization	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		2	2
Buildings + Energy	Trun and Dilhoy Fields LED lighting replacement	City projects in FY 27			0
Buildings + Energy	Schools modular decarbonization strategy and costing	City projects in FY 27			0
Buildings + Energy	Advocacy for school decarbonization ballot measures	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	2	2	4
Buildings + Energy	Tracking municipal schools (and/or residential or multifamily buildings) energy and water use for 12 months	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Buildings + Energy	School classroom energy use deep dive and quantification (investigate every classroom during school hours)	City ideas for CAC initiatives		1	1
Buildings + Energy	Comprehensive capital needs assessment for all city-owned building followed by a decarbonization and electrification over time plan	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		1	1
Buildings + Energy	Submit comments in Department of Public of Utilities proceedings that impact Somerville residents	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1		1
Buildings + Energy	Submit comments to the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council about the Mass Save 2028-2030 3-Year planning process	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Buildings + Energy	Replacement of older MMS controls at Department of Public Work and City Hall with new accessible controls and additional zones	City projects in FY 27			0
Buildings + Energy	Indoor heat max policy: work happening here in the region. Could be of interest to members and tie into a heat advisory subcommittee	City projects in FY 27	1		1
Buildings + Energy	Residential decarbonization strategy (+focus group?)	City ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Buildings + Energy	Traffic and parking building HVAC decarbonization and solar install	City projects in FY 27			0
Buildings + Energy	Implementing emissions limits/requirements for residential buildings (BERDO for all buildings)	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		3	3
Buildings + Energy	BERDO policy research	City projects in FY 27	1	1	2
Buildings + Energy	Support district geothermal advancement	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	2	3	5
Buildings + Energy	Solar net metering credit rebalancing and opportunities for additional allocations	City projects in FY 27		1	1
Buildings + Energy	Save Energy Somerville Microgrants	City projects in FY 27		1	1
Natural Resources + Waste	Air quality work: this topic area is usually left behind - if they have interests that could drive some work here, that could be helpful	City projects in FY 27	2		2
Natural Resources + Waste	Groundwork Somerville we support restarting our air quality monitors across the city project	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Natural Resources + Waste	Advisory group to support progress esp. on NRW.1.1 (stormwater infrastructure) and NRW.1.2 (citywide canopy cover)	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Natural Resources + Waste	Mystic watershed resiliency and invasives management	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		1	1

Natural Resources + Waste	Land use in Somerville, e.g. green space, native vs. invasive plant work, depaving → cooling + carbon capture benefits, accelerating regreening of abandoned property	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	5	5
Natural Resources + Waste	Pumpkin smash x 2 (<i>note: two sticky notes</i>)	City projects in FY 27, CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1	1
Natural Resources + Waste	Potential to pass/bring the Plant Based Treaty to Somerville & Somerville Public Schools → related to bringing more plant-based & sustainable meals	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		0
Natural Resources + Waste	Carbon friendly K-12 meal programs (local, red meat reduction, etc)	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		0
Natural Resources + Waste	Reducing food → landfill while increasing food security (food rescue initiative / food waste reduction)	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		0
Natural Resources + Waste	East Somerville Curbside Food Waste Collection Pilot	City projects in FY 27	2	2
Natural Resources + Waste	Food waste drop off bins	City projects in FY 27		0
Natural Resources + Waste	Seed Library	City projects in FY 27		0
Natural Resources + Waste	Programs for hard-to-recycle	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	2	2
Natural Resources + Waste	Multilingual recycling / composting education	City ideas for CAC initiatives	2	2
Natural Resources + Waste	Climate Cardinals is an organization with a network of volunteers who can translate materials into many different languages	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		0
Natural Resources + Waste	MVP tree pit project	City projects in FY 27		0
Natural Resources + Waste	Continue with separation of combined sewer / stormwater	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		0
Natural Resources + Waste	Outreach and education on combined sewer overflows	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	2	2
Natural Resources + Waste	Repair cafe / support	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1	1
Community Health + Resiliency	Having a heat advisory council	City projects in FY 27, City ideas for CAC initiatives	1	1
Community Health + Resiliency	Comparative neighborhood-based study/community health survey on air quality	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1	1
Community Health + Resiliency	Cooling/warming centers	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	2	3
Community Health + Resiliency	Subcommittee on climate health resilience, support city actions for flooding, extreme heat, public health	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	2	2
Community Health + Resiliency	Gamified climate resilience exercises	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		0
Community Health + Resiliency	Sustainville book club	City projects in FY 27		0
Community Health + Resiliency	Connected network of climate activism/resiliency clubs and hubs	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	4	5
Community Health + Resiliency	Sustainville sips → host regular gatherings for climate activists	City projects in FY 27, City ideas for CAC initiatives	1	1
Community Health + Resiliency	Fundraising for depaving grants	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1	3
Community Health + Resiliency	Build/host events for more micro-forests, pollinator gardens, green spaces, green infrastructure	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	3	3
Community Health + Resiliency	Keep Cool Somerville Strategies Toolkit (CR-1.1.B)	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		0
Community Health + Resiliency	Resilience Corridor in East Somerville	City projects in FY 27		0
Community Health + Resiliency	Guide for small businesses/Climate ambassador project for small businesses	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		0
Community Health + Resiliency	Engage community with games, i.e. climate trivia	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		0
Community Health + Resiliency	Cooling East Somerville Extension	City projects in FY 27		0
Leadership	Sustainable purchasing policy	City projects in FY 27		0
Leadership	Expansion of EVs in purchasing fleet LE-1.1.C	City projects in FY 27		0
Leadership	Youth Climate Action Fund / SPS Climate Curriculum	City projects in FY 27	1	1
Leadership	BosTEN	City projects in FY 27		0
Leadership	Advocacy	City ideas for CAC initiatives	2	2
Leadership	State level advocacy on climate-related policies ex. LE-2.2	City ideas for CAC initiatives	1	2
Leadership	Community solar farm on shared public resources, ex. solar shades on the bike path	City ideas for CAC initiatives	3	3
Leadership	Green workforce + economic focus group	City ideas for CAC initiatives		0
Leadership	Post volunteer opportunities on the OSE website	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		0
Leadership	Subcommittee that compiles and maintains list of climate-related volunteer opportunities for public to access/engage with	City ideas for CAC initiatives, CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	2	2
Leadership	Easier-to-digest updates on the Climate Forward plan's progress	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	2	3
Leadership	More accessible, youth-friendly version of the Climate Forward plan	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	2	2

Leadership	Create a beginning-to-end guide on how to get a heat pump installed in Somerville	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Leadership	Support for writing applications and grants for research	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Leadership	Collaborate with CHA's Teen Health Connection at SHS to incorporate planetary health education into health-ed	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Leadership	Climate Corps that trains/prepares people to support projects and networks	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	3	1	4
Leadership	Direct/indirect mentorship of youth projects on climate change/action	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Leadership	Mentorship for SHS science fair (MSEF) projects related to climate science	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Leadership	Work with MA cross-campus climate coalition to build a stronger network of youth climate advocates	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Leadership	Collaborating/partnering with Cambridge office of sustainability and youth initiatives to address climate issues that affect both cities	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Non-specific / General	Regulation / prohibition of law enforcement surveillance technology and the energy-intensive data centers that power them (to create an environment in which climate activists can do their thing)	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1	1	2
Non-specific / General	Advocacy letters to Mayor, City Council, State legislature, EEAC	City ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Non-specific / General	Advance initiatives where there are time-sensitive opportunities (e.g., school construction)	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Non-specific / General	Host panel, convening, or speaker series	City ideas for CAC initiatives	1		1
Non-specific / General	Expand S&E reach via internet presence	City ideas for CAC initiatives		1	1
Non-specific / General	Support initiatives through neighborhood-specific outreach / group-specific outreach	City ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Non-specific / General	Sustainville Week	City projects in FY 27		1	1
Non-specific / General	Plan or support activities and outreach (for Sustainville Week)	City ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Non-specific / General	Sustainville Newsletter	City projects in FY 27		1	1
Non-specific / General	Elevate past climate ambassador projects in conjunction with outreach for various city initiatives	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1	1	2
Non-specific / General	Youth summer jobs expansion	City projects in FY 27	1		1
Non-specific / General	CAC meetings or subcommittee meetings with other Somerville commissions where there are overlapping priorities	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	5		5
Non-specific / General	Establishment of CF "priority" actions	City ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Non-specific / General	Provide suggestions for grant opportunities - Eco One Stop EOI discussion?	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Non-specific / General	Table with existing City of Somerville / CAC / Climate Ambassador materials at community events	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives	1		1
Non-specific / General	Transparency and accountability on implementation of Climate Forward plan	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives		2	2
Non-specific / General	Quarterly review of CF progress. Where are we on the 77 actions and more importantly the outcomes?	CAC ideas for CAC initiatives			0
Non-specific / General	CAC process / structure / objectives	City ideas for CAC initiatives	3		3