CCA supports liberal policy

"Are you OK to drive?" "What's a few beers?"

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (Page 19) - Cambridge's Citizens Coalition '85 is putting its money where its mouth is. The anti-development group is targeting the City Council for the Jan. 19, 1986, election. "Cambridge deserves outstanding leadership," states one of the campaign's brochures.

The group's platform supports a number of issue-related positions, including the following:

- Ensuring diversity in the housing market in Cambridge.
- Protecting existing neighborhoods through regulating development.
- Maintaining the deficit of municipal employees' pensions.
- Restarting the city's decaying commercial districts.
- Limiting the development of high tech and office space.
- Encouraging controlled, appropriate development.
- Increasing the quality of life through promoting controlled, appropriate development.
- Improving the quality of water, purification techniques, and the water shed as items on the coalition's agenda.
- Traffic and parking concerns also.

Coalition '85 party will try for seats

Russell noted that such programs exist in "some states" but "don't work in Cambridge." The city only allowed land located in East Cambridge to be developed for housing.

Russell also favors allowing tenants to buy their rent-controlled apartments, an option currently not existing. "Thirty-eight percent of rent-controlled tenants want to purchase their apartments but can't," he said.

"There was a significant problem around [the] clubs," Russell said. "One of the bars closed was a gay bar, and the other was a Latino bar," Russell noted. The licensing commission consists of three white male conservatives. Russell has long been active in the gay and lesbian community and was one of the founders of the Harvard Gay and Lesbian Caucus.

Malenfant, experienced in Cambridge politics, including serving in executive positions on the CCA, and Swaim, a local independent businesswoman and a member of the Cambridge Community Network's Steering Committee since 1976, could not be contacted for comment.

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