

## LETTERS

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the workers who challenged Polaroid's development and sale of products that provided the mechanisms for the pass book system and others means to surveil and control the Black population. As parents we cheered when our kids at CRLS took up the Polaroid fight and the South African anti-apartheid campaign played a major role in their education. They talk about it to this day.

In that spirit of the Polaroid campaign, and as people committed to human rights, we must now challenge the corporation that is providing Israel with the surveillance and security tools to maintain the occupation of the Palestinian people. Cambridge must take a stand for human rights by refusing to support the Hewlett Packard Corporation.

**John W. Roberts, Huron Avenue**

### Vote for Ayanna Pressley

In the dead of winter, when we were counting down the days until spring, Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley turned up some much-needed heat by announcing she was running for Congress in the 7th Congressional District — and I am elated she did!

So often, highly competent women with ambition in public life are faced with a dilemma: should they wait

patiently for that seat to open or engage the electorate with their leadership, hopes, and aspirations for a government that works for all people? I'm glad Councilor Pressley's decision was the latter.

I see how Ayanna has improved lives through partnering with residents and organizations from the ground up. A strong advocate for women and girls, Ayanna has put previously neglected issues like human trafficking, sex education, gender-responsive programming and trauma support at the center of government.

As a School Committee member in Cambridge, I know Ayanna will be among the loudest voices in Congress working to improve academic outcomes for all of our students. Our city continues to struggle with housing affordability and its direct impact on the socioeconomic makeup of our schools. I know Ayanna will push the Department of Housing and Urban Development to revise its measurements of what constitutes an "affordable" unit.

Even though Cambridge is one of the most progressive cities in the country, we too should take the time to reimagine what leadership looks like in this divisive Trump era. When it comes to what leadership looks like in the 7th Congressional District, we now have a choice. My choice will be Ayanna Pressley.

At this time in our country's history, Cambridge needs a strong advocate in Congress, and I have little doubt that Ayanna Pressley

is that advocate. I'm proud to stand with her.

**Manikka Bowman, Cambridge School Committee member**

### Closure of Pilgrim Power Plant would result in additional CO2 emissions

In 2008, Massachusetts passed "The Global Warming Solutions Act" that requires Massachusetts cut its greenhouse gas emissions 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050. The only way the law can be complied with is by not closing NRC licensed (2032) Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in 2019.

When the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant closed, fossil-fueled generation rose in New England by almost exactly the amount of lost nuclear output, and regional greenhouse emissions, after many years of decline, rose by 5 percent. The closure of Pilgrim would likewise result in additional carbon dioxide emissions of at least 2 million metric tons per year. Pilgrim Nuclear provides 63 percent of Massachusetts non-emission electrical power.

Proposed off-shore wind procurement will cost in the neighborhood of 18.7 cents per kilowatt-hour, to judge by the contract price for the state's now-suspended Cape Wind project. Pilgrim's zero-emissions power, by contrast, could be procured at 5 to 6 cents per kilowatt-hour, just one-third the cost of offshore wind procurements. By preserving 600 jobs and millions in tax revenue, the credit would likely have substantial

net economic benefits. Heavily subsidized Hydro-Quebec's now has to come from more expensive Maine versus Northern Pass in New Hampshire. This is not green power; the source is destroying an ecosystem, the once beautiful, pristine and free-flowing Romaine River.

New York and Connecticut have passed laws to preserve their nuclear power plants, as clean air is important. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker Booker believes innovative nuclear energy technologies is one key to solving this air quality public health crisis, "The real problem is that the economy doesn't recognize the true value of nuclear technology right now. The negative externalities from fossil fuel-generated electricity are not reflected in the price of electricity. And this is hurting children like those in Patterson, Passaic, Camden and Newark." Doing so will make millions of Americans, including the children of Newark, Patterson and other U.S. cities, breathe easier.

**Brian Campbell, Pearl Street**

### Thank you for celebrating Elder Fair

Elder Fair 2018 has come and gone, and on behalf of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, I want to thank everyone who helped make our annual health and wellness expo a joyous occasion.

Now in its 19th year, Elder Fair drew more than 300 local older adults for a morning of socializing and learning about

organizations that support independence and well-being.

Connecting people with useful resources is a huge part of what we do at SCES, but there's something special about bringing everyone together, as both a celebration of our mission and the people we serve. Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who was a part of that.

In that same spirit, I want to recognize the 66 exhibitors who participated — partnering with us to offer such a wide range of information at Elder Fair — and our 54 donors, whose generous support allows us to offer Elder Fair as a free event for the public. While the complete sponsor list is too long for one letter, I would like to single out our Grand Sponsors — Anodyne Homemaker Services, Cambridge Trust Company, Multicultural Home Care and Senior Home Health. Special thanks to Harvard University and the Massachusetts of Institute of Technology for joining with SCES to donate lunch for the event.

Finally, a huge word of thanks to SCES Operations Manager Margarida Mendonca, for a fantastic job organizing Elder Fair (and making it look easy), along with SCES Office Manager Betty Mitchell (for providing key logistical support) and to the many volunteers who helped host the event.

Thank you again for joining with us to celebrate Elder Fair 2018. I hope to see all of you again at Elder Fair 2019!

**Nathan Lamb, director of outreach and community relations for Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services**