



## Call to Action and Endorsement of Principles:

We urge the Legislature to pass a bill this session that will strengthen “Great Neighborhoods” across the state by reforming the Commonwealth’s planning, zoning and permitting laws. We call for state leaders to make this legislation a top priority of the 2017-18 legislation session.

A successful bill must meet the following principles:

- Make it easier for young families and seniors to stay in their communities by providing housing choices. These could include more multifamily housing, accessory apartments, and artist live/work spaces. Families should have the opportunity to live in the community they prefer without discrimination. State rules and incentives should encourage vibrant places that are welcoming to all generations.
- Promote healthy, active communities with good access to open space and protections for critical natural resources. Local zoning must encourage compact development patterns that are more walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly. By planning where we grow, we can reduce sprawl and protect our farms, forests and waterways to ensure that future generations can enjoy them.
- Provide cities and towns with the tools they need to plan for the future so they can take on their fair share of the region’s growth while improving local finances and quality of life. More resources, clear authority and sensible procedures are needed to support local planning and zoning.
- Establish predictable permitting rules that will help small businesses, property owners, and municipalities make investments to keep our economy and communities strong. Important goals include minimizing court battles, reducing the cost of development, and responsibly and transparently sharing the costs and benefits of growth.

Sincerely,

A Better Cambridge (H 2420, S 81)  
Advocacy Network to End Family Homelessness  
American Institute of Architects, MA Chapter (H 2420, S 81)  
American Planning Association, MA Chapter (H 2420)  
Asian Community Development Corporation  
Association to Preserve Cape Cod (H 2420)  
Cape Cod Community Development Partnership

Charles River Watershed Association  
Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (H 2420, S 81)  
Congress for the New Urbanism/New England  
Conservation Law Foundation  
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.  
Environmental League of Massachusetts  
Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston  
Fenway Community Development Corporation  
Green Cambridge  
Groundwork Lawrence  
Groundwork Somerville  
Harborlight Community Partners (H 2420, S 81)  
Jane Jacobs in the Woo  
Livable Streets Alliance (H 2420, S 81)  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MASSCAP)  
Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations (H 2420, S 81)  
Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions  
Massachusetts Association of Consulting Planners  
Massachusetts Association of Health Boards  
Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors (H 2420)  
Massachusetts Public Health Association  
Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance (H 2420, S 81)  
Mass Audubon  
MassBike (H 2420)  
Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership  
Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) (H 2420, S 81)  
Metro West Collaborative Development, Inc. (H 2420, S 81)  
NeighborWorks Southern Mass  
North Shore CDC  
Oak Hill CDC  
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission  
Preservation of Affordable Housing (H 2420, S 81)  
Progressive Massachusetts  
Progressive Newton  
Somerville Community Corporation  
Southwest Boston CDC  
The Trustees of Reservations  
Transportation for Massachusetts (H 2420, S 81)  
WalkBoston  
Zoning Reform Working Group (H 2420)\*  
When organizations have endorsed a particular bill, that bill number is listed.  
\* Do not support exclusionary zoning provision

### **Business Leaders**

Alliance for Business Leadership  
B&B Micro Manufacturing  
Dan Wolf, Founder and CEO, Cape Air

McGregor & Legere, P.C.  
Metro South Chamber of Commerce  
New Bedford Economic Development Council  
Newton-Needham Regional Chamber  
Smart Growth Economics, Cambridge  
South Shore Chamber of Commerce

**Local Officials**

Aaron Clausen, Director of Planning & Development, City of Beverly  
Barney Heath, Director of Community Development, City of Newton  
Bill Carpenter, Mayor, City of Brockton  
Bill Scanlon, former Mayor, City of Beverly  
Dennis DiZoglio, former Mayor, City of Methuen  
Dottie Fulginiti, Member, Board of Selectmen, Town of Easton  
George Proakis, AICP, Director of Planning, City of Somerville  
James Freas, Deputy Director of Community Development, City of Newton  
Joseph Curtatone, Mayor, City of Somerville  
Kathryn Ellis, Director of Economic Development, City of Newton  
Kim Driscoll, Mayor, City of Salem  
Michelle Ciccolo, Member, Board of Selectmen, Town of Lexington  
Peter Lowitt, FAICP, Director, Devens Enterprise Commission  
Robin Craver, Town Administrator, Town of Charlton  
Setti Warren, Mayor, City of Newton  
Stephen DiNatale, Mayor, City of Fitchburg  
Tom Ambrosino, City Manager, City of Chelsea  
Wayne Feiden, FAICP, Director of Planning & Sustainability City of Northampton

**ENDORSEMENTS IN PROGRESS—list as of December 7, 2017**  
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