

Include Housing Policy in Economic Development Legislation



Housing is the best investment we can make in the future of Massachusetts. We need **222,000 new homes** over the next decade to stabilize our housing market. Passing housing policies that will make it easier to build these homes will help pave the way to a thriving economy for the Commonwealth.

CODIFY SITE PLAN REVIEW

Each city and town in Massachusetts has a different Site Plan Review process, making it challenging and unpredictable for those working to build homes. Codifying Site Plan Review in statute will make the process uniform, objective, predictable and time limited. It maintains local municipal oversight while making reviews administrative rather than political, more efficient, and less costly for everyone involved.

MAKE IT EASIER TO USE RELIGIOUSLY-OWNED LAND FOR HOUSING

Across Massachusetts, nearly 5,000 parcels of developable land are owned by faith-based organizations. YIGBY (Yes In God's Back Yard) would allow as-of-right multifamily housing with at least 20% of homes affordable to low and moderate income households. This policy has the potential to create as many as 250,000 new homes and generate tens of millions in new tax revenue for cities and towns.

LIMIT LOCAL PARKING MINIMUMS

Outdated municipal parking rules are making Massachusetts' housing challenges more difficult. These requirements force homebuilders to construct parking spaces that often sit empty. These spaces add an estimated \$200 a month to every tenant's rent. Allowing parking flexibility will allow for the number of parking spaces dictated by the local market needs.

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