

CHAPA Membership Form

Yes, I would like to join CHAPA at the following level:

- \$10** Student or Limited-Income Individual
- \$75** Individual Member
- \$125** Patron
- \$300** Sponsor
- \$750** Organizational Member*

*organizational membership entitles each employee of the organization to be a member and receive additional discounts on CHAPA events.

**Register on-line at
www.chapa.org**

Or complete and return the following:

Name

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Organization

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Street

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City/Town

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State

Zip

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Phone ()

Fax ()

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E-mail

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Form of payment

- Check MasterCard Visa Amex

Credit card number

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Expiration date

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Please return to:

CHAPA, 18 Tremont Street, Suite 401, Boston, MA 02108

All dues and contributions are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your support!

Citizens' Housing and Planning Association

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Citizens' Housing and

Planning Association

(CHAPA) is the non-profit

membership organization

for affordable housing and

community development

activities throughout

Massachusetts. CHAPA's

mission is to encourage the

production and preservation

of housing which is

affordable to low-income

families and individuals.



C H A P A

Advancing

Affordable Housing and Community Development



United Way
of Massachusetts Bay
and Merrimack Valley

CHAPA's Core Strategies

Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) **strengthens the affordable housing community by:**

advocating with local, state and federal authorities regarding housing legislation and funding

educating and training practitioners in the public, private and non-profit sectors

providing **information and referral** services to low and moderate income tenants and first-time homebuyers

conducting high-quality **research** and producing nationally recognized reports on housing needs and solutions

building **coalitions and consensus**, seeking common ground and uniting parties to advocate for policy reform



Recent Accomplishments

Since its founding in 1967, CHAPA has played a central role in some of the most important developments affecting housing policy in the state and the region. Our recent accomplishments include:

- **Successful Legislative Advocacy:** Won \$2.85 billion in affordable housing capital funding (1993-2008) and a 48% increase in funding for state housing programs (2005-2009); drafted legislation and successfully advocated for passage of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, State Low Income Housing Tax Credit and many others; and secured comprehensive foreclosure prevention legislation at the state and federal levels
- **Coalition Building:** Initiated numerous coalitions and collaborations, including the Building Blocks Coalition, Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance, Community Preservation Coalition, New England Housing Network, and Coalition for Senior Housing
- **Program Innovation:** Created the Massachusetts Accessible Housing Registry, the Massachusetts Homeownership Collaborative, the "home@last" Housing Awareness Campaigns, and the Affordable Housing Development Competition
- **Access and Information:** Developed the premier statewide affordable housing web site, attracting more than 50,000 "unique visitors" monthly, as well as "housing briefs," our widely read electronic newsletter



Why Join CHAPA

Make an Impact on Affordable Housing Advocacy and Strategy

CHAPA represents your interests before state and federal legislators and key administrative agencies on housing legislation and funding

Track Changes in the Housing and Planning Field

Frequent housing briefs, legislative alerts, and other CHAPA emails and mailings

Obtain Timely Research

Free or discounted CHAPA publications, such as research reports, legislative recommendations, and statistical analyses

Receive Training and Technical Assistance

Access to frequent training opportunities and to CHAPA staff and consultants who serve as a central exchange and clearinghouse for housing and planning information

Participate in Coalition Building and Professional Development

Opportunity to participate on CHAPA committees, which seek to make real changes on housing and planning problems in Massachusetts and the nation

Save Money

Discounts to forums, conferences, and trainings

The cornerstone of CHAPA's success is our active and diverse membership of 1,500 individuals and hundreds of organizations.

Please join us!