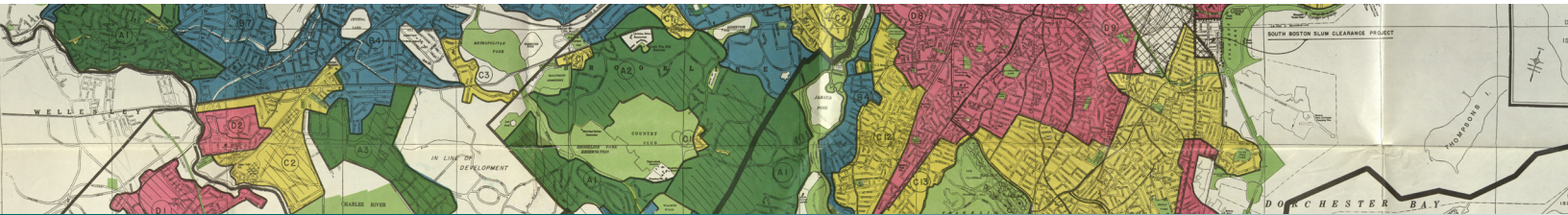


# AN ACT PROMOTING FAIR HOUSING BY PREVENTING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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Sponsors: Representative Christine Barber & Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz



## WHY IS ENSURING FAIR HOUSING CRITICAL?

Restrictive local zoning and permitting decisions that decide who gets to live where have created and perpetuated segregation based on race, socioeconomic status, and familial status in Massachusetts. Per The Greater Boston Housing Report Card 2019, the majority of the area's Latino and Black households live in just 10 municipalities across the state.

Too often, families with children, people with low incomes, and people of color are intentionally excluded when new housing is created by limiting housing type and affordability. By creating only studio apartments or only age-restricted homes in new development, for example, communities are furthering segregation and perpetuating exclusion.

## WHAT WILL THIS BILL DO?

**MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES**

**ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY**

**FAIR HOUSING**

This legislation will strengthen our fair housing laws and foster more inclusive communities by prohibiting municipal and state discriminatory zoning bylaws, ordinances, and land use decisions.



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