**CHAPA’S VIRTUAL HOUSING DAY
Advocacy Toolkit**

*April 6, 2021*

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# Virtual Housing Day

Thank you for joining CHAPA for **our first Virtual Housing Day**! While we wish we could be meeting in person with you at the State House, we're excited to come together virtually with housing advocates across the state to support the policies and resources needed for everyone in Massachusetts to have a safe, healthy, and affordable home.

For an agenda of the day’s program, please see [our website](https://www.chapa.org/sites/default/files/2021%20Housing%20Day%20Agenda.pdf).

**Please remember to fill out our** [**post-event survey**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsXBdgBchjHJu9xIR2mfS4wJIdChfFm4mtf3zDa3P3cFLYTw/viewform) **after participating in the CHAPA Hour of Action and/or meeting with your legislators.** We know not everyone who plans to meet with their legislators will be doing so on April 6th, so please wait until after you have your meeting to fill out the survey. If you do not plan on meeting with your legislators, please fill out the survey after the Hour of Action.

# CHAPA Hour of Action

We hope you enjoyed our Virtual Housing Day program – **now it’s time to take action**!

During the CHAPA Hour of Action, please join us from 11 AM – 12 PM in tweeting, posting on social media, emailing, and calling your legislators in support of our state legislative affordable housing priorities.

All of CHAPA’s priorities as well as fact sheets and social media graphics can be found on [our website](https://www.chapa.org/housing-news/chapas-virtual-housing-day-2021-materials). [Sample Tweets](#_TWITTER_ADVOCACY) can be found later in this toolkit as well as [a script](#_EMAIL_&_PHONE) for calling and emailing your legislators. Don’t hesitate to personalize these or create your own messages too!

# TWITTER ADVOCACY

Thank you for taking your advocacy for affordable housing to Twitter!

You’ll find social graphics you can use with your posts on [our website](https://www.chapa.org/housing-news/chapas-virtual-housing-day-2021-materials) as well as sample Tweets below. Don’t hesitate to personalize these or create your own messages too.

A table with legislator Twitter handles, organized alphabetically by last name, can be found at the end of this document, so you can tweet at your legislators directly.

Remember, if you’re not sure who your State Senator or State Representative is, you can [look up your legislators on the Massachusetts Legislature website](https://malegislature.gov/search/findmylegislator) by entering your address.

If you’re starting your Tweet with your legislator’s handle, make sure to put a period before the @ symbol or it will post more like a direct message than a Tweet. For example, tweet “***.****@CHAPAdotorg believes everyone deserves a safe, healthy, and affordable home”* instead of “*@CHAPAdotorg believes everyone deserves a safe, healthy, and affordable home.”* This period makes a big difference in how your post will show up on other people’s feeds, and we want as many people to see your posts as possible!

**Helpful Hashtags**
#MAHousingDay
#mapoli
#affordablehousing
#ProducePreservePlanProsper

**Affordable Housing Production**

* We don't have enough affordable and available homes for those who need them most, and we need creative solutions. [your legislators' handles], please support HD.3945 & SD.2313 so we can create healthy, stable homes and communities for everyone. #MAHousingDay

**MRVP**

* Protect, improve, and grow #MRVP for the nearly 9,000 households that live in safe, healthy, and affordable homes because of this program. I support HD.3277 & SD.1899 and I’m asking [your legislators’ handles] to too! #MAHousingDay

**Public Housing**

* Restore our public housing and preserve safe, healthy, and affordable homes for thousands of families with kids, older adults, and persons with disabilities. I support HD.3891 & SD.2469. I hope [your legislators' handles] will too! #MAHousingDay

**Fair Housing**

* Help create more diverse & inclusive communities! [your legislators' handles], please support bills HD.1990 & SD.2200 that would prohibit discriminatory zoning bylaws & land-use decisions! #MAHousingDay
* Every community has a duty to affirmatively further fair housing. Let’s start by reshaping the policies that contribute to segregated communities. [your legislators' handles], please support HD.3733 & SD.1990 for more inclusive communities. #MAHousingDay
* Protect residents from ALL housing discrimination, intentional or not, by creating a framework to better protect against fair housing violations. [your legislators' handles], please support HD.3669 & SD.1765. #MAHousingDay
* No one should be denied housing because of their race, gender identity, disability, or family status. [your legislators' handles], help people challenge policies and programs that have a discriminatory impact on them by supporting HD.3669 & SD.1765. #MAHousingDay

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# EMAIL & PHONE ADVOCACY

Thank you for contacting your legislator by email and/or phone in support of CHAPA’s Housing Day priorities! In addition to your call or email, don’t forget to include or follow up with the [link to CHAPA’s Fact Sheets](https://www.chapa.org/housing-news/chapas-virtual-housing-day-2021-materials) so your legislator can have all of the information about these bills.

You can find your state legislators’ email and phone number [on the Massachusetts Legislature website](https://malegislature.gov/search/findmylegislator) by entering your address.

See below for a sample script:

*As your constituent, I ask that you please support the following bills and budget programs related to affordable housing, community development, and homelessness prevention. These policies and resources will help us begin to recover from the virus while also moving forward on long-term solutions to the tremendous affordable housing challenges we were facing long before the pandemic. We need to* [*pass these bills this session*](https://www.chapa.org/sites/default/files/2021%20Housing%20Day%20One%20Pager-Original%20Text.pdf) *and* [*fund these budget programs*](https://www.chapa.org/sites/default/files/Table_CHAPA%20FY2022%20Budget%20Request%202.15.21.pdf) *to help everyone have a safe, healthy, and affordable home. Thank you!*

**HOUSING PRODUCTION (HD.3945 & SD.2313)**
*Sponsors: Reps. Honan & Vargas and Sen. Crighton*
Increases affordable housing production, removes restrictive zoning barriers, and proposes innovative land-use solutions to create more affordable housing.

**RESTORING PUBLIC HOUSING (HD.3891 & SD.2469)**
*Sponsors: Rep. Honan and Sen. Crighton*
Helps restore our state's public housing by allowing housing authorities to leverage new and additional resources for rehabilitation and redevelopment.

**PROHIBITING EXCLUSIONARY ZONING (HD.1990 & SD.2200)**
*Sponsors: Rep. Barber and Sen. Chang-D*í*az*
Prohibits restrictive land use, zoning, and permitting decisions that perpetuate segregation.

**AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING (HD.3733 & SD.1990)**
*Sponsors: Reps. Dave Rogers & Santiago and Sen. Boncore*
Creates a statewide duty to affirmatively further fair housing and create inclusive communities.

**FAIR HOUSING DISPARATE IMPACT STANDARD (HD.3669 & SD.1765)**
*Sponsors: Rep. Dave Rogers and Sen. Boncore*
Creates a statewide disparate impact standard to protect people against housing discrimination.

**STRENGTHENING MRVP (HD.3277 & SD.1899)**
*Sponsors: Rep. Madaro and Sen. Lovely*
Strengthens the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) by codifying the program and making improvements.

**REVENUE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING & CLIMATE (HD.1252 & SD.611)**
*Sponsors: Rep. Elugardo and Sen. Eldridge*
Increases the deeds excise tax on the sale of real property and dedicates the revenue towards affordable housing and climate sustainability.

**RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR EVICTIONS (HD.2441 & SD.1906)**
*Sponsors: Reps. Day & Dave Rogers and Sen. DiDomenico*
Provides legal representation for low-income tenants and owner-occupants in eviction proceedings.

**EVICTION RECORD SEALING (HD.1899 & SD.798)**
*Sponsors: Rep. Mike Moran and Sen. Boncore*
Seals certain eviction records to protect tenants if there is no judgment against them or if they were not evicted.

**REDUCING CPA RECORDING FEES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING (HD.1851)**
*Sponsors: Rep. Ferrante*
Reduces CPA recording fees for affordable housing.

# MEETING WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

Thank you for scheduling a meeting to discuss CHAPA’s state legislative priorities with your legislator. Remember, **you don’t need to be an expert on the legislation or budget programs!** Think about why having a safe, healthy, and affordable home is so important to you and share:

* Personal or professional stories about trying to find an affordable home
* Affordable housing challenges from your community
* Stories about what access to an affordable home can mean to you

**Share these stories during your meeting!**

Connect the stories back to the CHAPA’s Housing Day priorities – these policies and resources will create more affordable homes to help individuals, families, and communities thrive.

**General Meeting Tips**

* Meetings will be with your legislator or staff member
* Send along the [link with CHAPA’s Fact Sheets](https://www.chapa.org/housing-news/chapas-virtual-housing-day-2021-materials) to your legislator
* If several people are attending the meeting, discuss among yourselves the points you plan to make and who will share them
* Expect meetings to last for **15–20 minutes**

**At the Meeting**

* **Introduce yourself**
* **Explain why you’re meeting**
	+ *We’re meeting for CHAPA’s Housing Day to ask you to support affordable housing, homelessness prevention, and community development policies and resources.*
* **Frame the issue**
	+ *Massachusetts is one of the most expensive states in the nation to live in. Too many people struggle to afford rent, leaving them at risk of homelessness. This hurts everyone but especially families with extremely low-incomes, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.*
	+ *Access to a safe and healthy home is more important than ever as we recover from the pandemic.*
* **Share your story –** share your personal stories about why having an affordable home is important
* **Share the priorities –** share the Housing Day Priorities by referencing the [link to the fact sheets](https://www.chapa.org/housing-news/chapas-virtual-housing-day-2021-materials).
* **Make the ask – *will you support these legislative and budget priorities to help address the housing challenges facing our community?***
* **Legislator’s Priorities & Questions** – ask about what affordable housing issues are important to the legislator and if they have any questions.
* **Thank the legislator or staff!**

**After the Meeting**

Please remember to fill out our [**post-event survey**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsXBdgBchjHJu9xIR2mfS4wJIdChfFm4mtf3zDa3P3cFLYTw/viewform) after each meeting. You can write any questions or follow-up steps from the meeting. A CHAPA staff member will be sure to follow-up with the office.