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CHAPA Housing eBriefs

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State Updates

CHAPA Mourns Passing of Amy Anthony

[CHAPA mourns the recent passing of Amy Anthony](#), a former member of CHAPA's Board and Policy Leadership Council and one of the nation's foremost affordable housing experts. Amy served as Secretary of the Executive Office of Communities and Development in Massachusetts from 1983 to 1990; founded the non-profit affordable housing developer, Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH); and helped create the MA Housing Partnership,

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 14, 2018

[Housing and Economic Development as Levers of Health Symposium](#)

December 17, 2018

[ABL Think Tank](#)
[Brown Bag Lunch: Is Housing a Business Issue?](#)

December 19, 2018

[Meeting on Affordable Housing Impact of Natural Gas Hookup Delay](#)

the MA Housing Investment Corporation, and others. Her legacy lives on through the policies she crafted, the organizations she launched, and the affordable homes built and preserved under her guidance and leadership. CHAPA sends its sincerest condolences to Amy's family.

State Distributions for CPA Announced

In November, the [Department of Revenue announced a 19% match to CPA communities](#) from the state's Community Preservation Trust Fund. Advocates were concerned the match would reach a record low of about 14% this year, but a \$10 million infusion from the state's budget surplus resulted in a slight increase from last year's distribution.

Save the Date for CHAPA's Housing Day: March 11th

Save the date for [CHAPA's Housing Day at the State House](#) on Monday, March 11, 2019, an event that brings housing advocates and legislators together to discuss the need for more affordable housing in Massachusetts!

#MAHousingDay



Federal Updates

CHAPA Submits "Public Charge" Comments

On December 10, [CHAPA submitted a letter](#) opposing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) proposed ["Public Charge" rule change](#). DHS uses the public charge rule to determine if low-income immigrants are allowed to enter or stay in the U.S. based on whether they are "likely to become primarily dependent on the government for subsistence" or not. The proposed change would affect households applying for or receiving federal public

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We are so grateful to everyone who joined us last week for our 51st Annual Dinner! Check out [our Facebook page](#) for photos of the night.



Thank you to 2Life Communities for stopping by our Young Professionals Dialogue Series to discuss affordable senior housing! [Join our YP Group](#) and join us for our next event.

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Federal Budget Funded through December 21

On December 7, [Congress and the President avoided a partial government shutdown](#) that would have affected HUD programs by agreeing to a second continuing resolution, funding the government for two more weeks.



CHAPA Submits Comments on Community Reinvestment Act

[CHAPA submitted a letter](#) to the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) on November 19th in response to the office's [Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) for the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). This is a first step in what is likely to be at least a yearlong process for CRA reform. While the OCC has initiated the regulatory review process, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation also regulate the CRA.



Recent Research

MCBC Releases Annual Mortgage Lending Report

In its 25th annual report, the Massachusetts Community and Banking Council (MCBC) offers information on [patterns of mortgage lending](#) in the City of Boston, Greater Boston, Massachusetts, and thirty-six large cities and towns.

NYC Reports on First Year of Right-to-Counsel Law

New York City was the first U.S. city to pass right-to-counsel for low-income tenants in housing court. A new report shows that in the first year, nearly [22,000 residents \(7,800 households\) threatened with eviction were able to](#)

[remain in their homes](#) after securing legal representation.

Freddie Mac's Insights on Inadequate Housing Supply

Freddie Mac found the [U.S. economy is about 2.5 million housing units short](#) of meeting long-term demand. In fact, from 1968 to 2008, there was only one year in which fewer new housing units were built than in 2017, despite rising demand in a growing economy.

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