



Production & Preservation Committee Meeting September 18, 2019, 2019, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Notes

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- **Welcome & Introductions**

- **Housing Choice & Production Legislation**

Eric Shupin led a discussion on the status of CHAPA's Housing Production legislation (H.1288/S.775) and the Housing Choices Bill (H.3507). Both bills are still awaiting action by the Housing Committee. There is concern about why the legislation has not moved out of the Committee yet after a hearing in May. CHAPA will continue to work to make progress on the legislation, engaging with legislators and the Speaker to ask them to move the bills.

- **Bid Protest Update**

As of the meeting date, the Attorney General's Office has not issued its decision in the bid protest case involving the privately-owned affordable housing development in Springfield, Chestnut Park Apartments.

CHAPA filed a brief opposing the bid protest, saying that public construction bidding laws should not apply, with over 40 organizations signing on - for a copy of the brief, [click here](#).

Once the decision is released, CHAPA will share with the Committee as well as organize for possible next steps.

- **QAP Comments**

Eric Shupin shared the draft of comments that CHAPA shared with DHCD in anticipation of the Draft 2020-2021 QAP, which is expected to be released in the coming weeks. For a copy of CHAPA's draft comments, [click here](#).

CHAPA's comments focused on:

- Expanding the supply of ELI housing. This includes not only amending the QAP to require a higher percentage set-aside for ELI units but also having

developers help advocate for increased funding for MRVP to be able to build ELI units.

- Preservation - including a penalty for owners who allow affordability restrictions to expire
- Incorporating VAWA protections
- Supporting and incentivizing green design
- Raising project and per unit caps

We will let the Committee know when the Draft QAP is released.

- **Supplemental Budget**

On September 6, Governor Baker filed a supplemental budget to close out FY2019, which ended with a major revenue surplus. [Click here](#) to see the supplemental budget.

The Governor proposed \$10 million to support production of new affordable housing for those with extremely low incomes (ELI) and another \$10 million to support a down payment assistance program for first time homebuyers.

CHAPA will support adding \$5 million in funding for MassHousing's "Get the Lead Out" Program which is estimated to extend the program for 3 years for lead remediation.

The Legislature is expected to take up the supplemental budget this October. Please Contact House & Senate to ask them to include funding for these priorities!

- **Member Updates**

- Metro Housing|Boston will host its [Champions of Housing Event](#), featuring Rep. Ayanna Pressley on November 7, 2019.
- CEDAC will host a [RAD for PRAC Forum on October 7, 2019](#).

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 1:00–2:30 p.m.