



CHAPA's 2019-2020 Legislative Agenda

FOR INCREASING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Please co-sponsor the following bills to help everyone in the Commonwealth have a safe, healthy, and affordable home!

Docket no.	Title	Sponsor	Description
HD.3379 SD.1640	An act relative to housing reform	Rep. Honan Sen. Boncore	These bills will increase housing production by using the Governor's Housing Choice bill as a foundation and including additional provisions like requiring multifamily zoning around public transit, abutter appeals reform, and setting affordable housing production goals
HD.3872 SD.864	An Act relative to the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program	Rep. Madaro Sen. Eldridge	These bills improve MRVP by codifying the program, raising fair market rent standard for vouchers and making other programmatic fixes
HD.1472 SD.1099	An Act promoting fair housing by preventing discrimination against affordable housing	Rep. Barber Sen. Chang-Diaz	These bills will promote fair housing by prohibiting cities and towns from making discriminatory land use decisions against affordable housing or developments that are suitable for families with children
HD.2718	An Act relative to smart growth multifamily housing production	Rep. Barber	The bill will help produce more housing by requiring multifamily zoning in cities and towns served by public transit
HD.2911 SD.2021	An Act to streamline housing production through abutter appeals reform	Rep. McGonagle Sen. Cyr	These bills will streamline housing production by helping to prevent frivolous abutter appeals against development
HD.3784	An Act setting a housing production goal for the Commonwealth	Rep. Dave Rogers	The bill sets a statewide housing production goal of 427,000 homes by 2040 with 20% reserved as affordable, allowing us to measure progress towards meeting our housing needs
HD.3781 SD.1987	An Act relative to local housing authority board member elections	Rep. Honan Sen. Boncore	These bills will increase resident engagement by creating a process for appointing tenant members to housing authority boards in towns

HD.3652 SD.1332	An Act leveraging additional resources for local housing authorities	Rep. Dave Rogers Sen. Crighton	These bills will leverage new resources for public housing by allowing housing authorities to borrow against their capital funds and retain the proceeds from the sale of their property
HD.3385 HD.1618 SD.625	An Act to ensure right to counsel in eviction proceedings	Rep. Tyler Rep. Dave Rogers Sen. DiDomenico	These bills will help preserve tenancies and prevent homelessness by providing low-income tenants facing eviction with a right to counsel
HD.2639 SD.723	An Act relative to landlord tenant tax credits	Rep. Honan Sen. Boncore	These bills will help prevent displacement by creating a \$1,500 tax credit to small residential property owners who maintain their rents at or below market rent
HD.2519 SD.910	An Act relative to economic mobility for families with low-income	Rep. Vega Sen. Lewis	These bills will further economic mobility and address cliff effects for families in Massachusetts
SD.1433	An Act providing for coordinated data and assistance to address family homelessness	Sen. Comerford	The bill increases transparency by directing state agencies to improve access to data on certain homelessness related measures and to make benefit program information more accessible to families
HD.2600	An act relative to housing service coordinators	Rep. Honan	This bill creates a program to assist residents in subsidized housing to help mediate disputes between landlords and tenants and coordinate economic self-sufficiency services
HD.2835 SD.746	An Act to sustain community preservation revenue	Rep. Ferrante Sen. Creem	These bills will increase the deeds recording fee to provide additional funds for the Community Preservation Trust Fund

Citizens' Housing and Planning Association's mission is to encourage the production and preservation of housing that is affordable to low and moderate income families and individuals and to foster diverse and sustainable communities through planning and community development.



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