

SENATE No. 2421

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Patricia D. Jehlen

Second Middlesex

Christine P. Barber

34th Middlesex

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2421) of Patricia D. Jehlen and Christine P. Barber (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville. Housing. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. In addition to those powers conferred by G. L. c. 44, section 55 (C) (a), the
2 purpose of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust is 1) to fund housing related social service
3 programs, including but not limited to, landlord-tenant mediation, legal services for tenants, case
4 management, homelessness prevention, and housing counseling, and 2) to fund start-up costs for
5 new affordable housing production initiatives. For the purpose of this section, such social service
6 programs do not need to be associated with a physical asset consisting of housing for income
7 eligible households, nor do such social services programs need to add a housing unit to the
8 municipality’s affordable housing stock.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.