

HOUSE No. 4042

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch and Cynthia Stone Creem

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 facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Wellesley.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i> | <i>14th Norfolk</i> | <i>7/24/2023</i> |
| <i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i> | <i>Norfolk and Middlesex</i> | <i>7/31/2023</i> |

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By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Creem, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4042) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Cynthia Stone Creem (by vote of the town) relative to the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Wellesley. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Wellesley.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5 of chapter 44B of the
2 Massachusetts General Laws, the town of Wellesley, upon recommendation of its community
3 preservation committee, is hereby authorized to appropriate or expend community preservation
4 funds to the Wellesley Housing Authority, an independent body politic and corporate established
5 pursuant to chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the acquisition, creation,
6 preservation, rehabilitation or restoration, and support of community housing, as such terms are
7 defined in said chapter 44B.

8 SECTION 2. Funds appropriated or expended for the rehabilitation or restoration of
9 community housing that was not acquired or created pursuant to said chapter 44B shall not count
10 towards the requirement in section 6 of said chapter 44B to spend, or set aside for later spending,
11 not less than a certain percent of the annual revenues for community housing.

12 SECTION 3. The town shall not appropriate or expend any funds for the rehabilitation or
13 restoration of community housing that was not acquired or created pursuant to said chapter 44B
14 that were set aside for later spending on community housing projects under section 6 of said
15 chapter 44B.

16 SECTION 4. The town of Wellesley, acting by and through its community preservation
17 committee, shall execute a grant agreement with the Wellesley Housing Authority concurrent
18 with any appropriation and expenditure of funds under this Act to ensure that all community
19 preservation funds are expended appropriately.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.