

HOUSE No. 2925

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Moran and Aaron Michlewitz

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 promoting transparency and accountability for hosting the 2024 summer games.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
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<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>

<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
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<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
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<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
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<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
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<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
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<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Petrolati</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
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HOUSE No. 2925

By Messrs. Moran of Boston and Michlewitz of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2925) of Byron Rushing and others for the establishment of a Massachusetts 2024 commission on the Summer Olympic Games. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act promoting transparency and accountability for hosting the 2024 summer games.

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. The General Court finds and declares that:

2 (1) the city of Boston has been accepted by the United States Olympic Committee on
3 January 8, 2015 as a candidate city to host the 2024 summer games. Boston 2024 Partnership,
4 Inc., has participated in planning and Boston 2024 Organizing Committee, Inc. has been
5 appointed by the city of Boston to act as the organizing committee for Boston’s bid to host the
6 2024 summer games.

7 (2) as part of the bid process, Boston 2024 is competing with other organizing
8 committees around the world for the 2024 summer games.

9 (3) the commonwealth of Massachusetts welcomes the opportunity to participate in
10 planning the application for the 2024 summer games to maximize opportunities for the city of
11 Boston, its region and the commonwealth to promote our athletic, cultural and social resources.

12 (4) a commission shall be established by this act to ensure that the process for
13 applying to become a host city for the 2024 summer games be transparent and accountable to the
14 people of the commonwealth.

15 SECTION 2. For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall, unless the context
16 clearly appears otherwise, have the following meanings:-

17 “Bid committee”, Boston 2024 Organizing Committee, Inc., or a local organizing
18 committee that has been incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation, that is authorized by the
19 candidate city to submit a bid on the candidate city's behalf to the IOC for selection as the host
20 city for the games, and that may serve as or help form the organizing committee if the candidate
21 city is selected as the host city for the games.

22 “Candidate city”, the city of Boston, which has been selected as a candidate by
23 USOC and the IOC to be host city of the games.

24 “Commission”, the Massachusetts 2024 commission on the summer games.

25 “Competition venues” means, collectively, the venues or facilities to be used for
26 competition and related activities; including, without limitation, training activities, for the games
27 as may be determined by the IOC, the USOC, or the organizing committee or the candidate city.

28 “IOC” means the International Olympic Committee.

29 “Non-competition venues”, collectively, the venues or facilities to be used for non-
30 competition activities; including, without limitation, live sites, hospitality sites, and
31 administrative and operational offices for the games as determined by the organizing committee
32 or the candidate city, or both, and subject to the reasonable approval of the commonwealth.

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34 “Olympic properties”, collectively, (1) the properties on which the venues will be
35 located and that are owned or controlled by the commonwealth and (2) the Olympic ancillary
36 properties.

37 “Olympic ancillary properties”, all public rights-of-ways or public areas that are
38 owned or controlled by the commonwealth, or over which it has jurisdiction, including but not
39 limited to streets, highways, sidewalks, alleys, waterways, parks, and bridges necessary and
40 appropriate to the staging of the games as determined by the organizing committee or the
41 candidate city, or both, and subject to the reasonable approval of the commonwealth.

42 “Organizing committee”, the bid committee, as the same may be reorganized or
43 reconstituted if the candidate city is selected as the host city for the games, or another not-for-
44 profit corporation that serves as the organizing committee for the games and to be established by
45 the candidate city and the bid committee.

46 “USOC”, the United States Olympic Committee.

47 “Venues”, collectively, the competition venues and non-competition venues.

48 SECTION 3. (a) There shall be a Massachusetts 2024 commission on the summer games
49 which shall consist of 7 commissioners: 1 of whom shall be appointed by the governor; 1 of
50 whom shall be appointed by the attorney general; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the treasurer
51 and receiver general; 1 of whom shall be appointed the inspector general; 1 of whom shall be
52 appointed by the senate president; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house; and
53 1 of whom shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Boston. The governor shall designate

54 the chair of the commission. The chair shall serve in that capacity throughout the term of
55 appointment and until a successor shall be appointed.

56 (b) The commission may appoint an executive director. The executive director shall serve
57 at the pleasure of the commission, shall receive such salary as may be determined by the
58 commission, and shall devote full time and attention to the duties of the office.

59 SECTION 4. The commission shall have the following powers and duties:-

60 (1) gather facts and information relative to the public safety, economic and social
61 impacts of siting the 2024 games in the candidate city; including but not limited to:

62 a) analyzing affordable and sustainable Olympic properties, Olympic ancillary
63 properties and venues;

64 b) the creation of new sporting venues which have potential for post-Games
65 community use;

66 c) enhancing public process to provide transparency and opportunities for public
67 input;

68 d) measure and comment on the impact of the summer games on every
69 neighborhood in the candidate city;

70 e) approve any orders of land taking by the right of eminent domain;

71 f) review the potential effect on the candidate city and the region post-games;

72 g) review security protocols;

- 73 h) provide a standard for transparent procurement standards and cost accounting for
74 the games;
- 75 i) review any alterations in the design of the candidate city; such as changes to the
76 physical and the built environment;
- 77 j) the representation of the candidate city and country and its culture;
- 78 k) improvements, or detriments, in air, road and rail transport;
- 79 l) project increased costs and taxes;
- 80 m) determine potential increased tourism and business activity;
- 81 n) analyze the potential of greater community consultation, involvement and even
82 protest; and
- 83 o) oversee the involvement of the community as volunteers and torch-bearers.
- 84 p) review the overall economic, infrastructural, environmental, and budgetary impact
85 on the entire commonwealth and all of its cities and towns.
- 86 (2) be the primary point of contact for the commonwealth to the candidate city and
87 the organizing committee for purposes of intergovernmental coordination in connection with the
88 games;
- 89 (3) maintain an official internet website for the commission which shall include, but
90 not be limited to, the Massachusetts Open Checkbook for the public to track any spending that
91 could benefit the bid committee, the organizing committee, or candidate city. Said Open

92 Checkbook registry shall publicly provide all public and private funds that would be expended
93 for the games, including explicit reference to the source of said funds;

94 (4) prepare, public and distribute such studies, reports and other materials as the
95 commission considers appropriate; and

96 (5) file a report and recommendations for legislation with the clerks of the house of
97 representatives and the senate on or before July 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, of its findings
98 and review.

99 SECTION 5. As a precondition for receiving any public funds, the bid committee and the
100 organizing committee shall provide any information formally requested by the commission to
101 assist in reviewing the provisions of and performance under this act. Failure to comply with
102 Section 5 of this Act may result in the withdrawal of any and all public funds related to the
103 Olympic bid.

104 SECTION 6. The bid committee and the organizing committee shall, prior to its
105 submission to the IOC of its application to be a host community, submit its bid book to the
106 commission. The governor shall have final approval of the bid should the commission determine
107 that any expenditure of commonwealth funds is required to host the 2024 Olympic games by the
108 candidate city.

109 SECTION 7. The commission, candidate city and the organizing committee shall enter
110 into a memorandum of understanding on or before September 14, 2015 incorporating the
111 recommendations of the commission.

112 SECTION 8. This act shall be repealed as follows: if the city of Boston terminates its
113 candidacy to become the host city for the 2024 Olympic Games; if the IOC does not select the
114 city of Boston as the host city for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games on or before
115 December 1, 2017, then this act is inoperable on and after that date; or if the city of Boston is
116 chosen as the host city for the 2024 Olympic Games on or before December 1, 2017, then this act
117 shall be repealed on June 30, 2025.