

HOUSE No. 1314

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Aaron Vega

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 resolve:

Resolve establishing a special commission to investigate and study relative to the application of building codes when existing structures in gateway cities are converted to a mixed-use development.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1314) of Aaron Vega and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the application of building codes when existing structures in gateway municipalities are converted to a mixed-use development. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2189 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

Resolve establishing a special commission to investigate and study relative to the application of building codes when existing structures in gateway cities are converted to a mixed-use development.

1 **Resolved**, There is hereby established a special commission to investigate and study
2 relative to the application of building codes when existing structures in gateway cities are
3 converted to a mixed-use development. The eleven member commission shall consist of: the
4 Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee; 1 member of the Board of Building Regulations
5 and Standard; 3 members who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives, including 1 member of the joint committee on Economic Development and
7 Emerging Technologies, and 1 member of the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland
8 Security; 3 members who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, including 1 member
9 of the joint committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, and 1 member of
10 the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security; 3 members to be appointed by the

11 Governor, 1 of whom shall be a member of the American Institute of Architects, 1 of whom shall
12 be a member of the Massachusetts Building Commissioners and Inspectors Association, and 1 of
13 whom shall be an developer with experience converting existing structures to mixed-use.

14 The commission shall investigate strategies to overcome obstacles in existing building
15 codes when converting existing structures to a mixed-use development, while maintaining
16 adequate access and public safety, and shall submit a report containing its findings and
17 recommendations to the joint committee on Economic Development and Emerging
18 Technologies, and the joint committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, and to the
19 House and Senate Chairs of the Gateway City Caucus by July 1, 2018.