

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1972**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Ann-Margaret Ferrante*

*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 establishing an office of Massachusetts main streets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	

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By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1972) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Jason M. Lewis and Sean Garballey for legislation to establish an office of Massachusetts main streets to promote and protect the downtown and commercial districts within the Commonwealth. Community Development and Small Businesses.

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

An Act establishing an office of Massachusetts main streets.

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

1 Chapter 23A of the 2014 Official Edition of the Massachusetts General Laws his hereby  
2 amended after section 13 by inserting the following new section:-

3 131/2 MOBD—Office of Massachusetts Main Streets

4 Within MOBD there shall be established an Office of Massachusetts Main Streets  
5 (OMMS). OMMS shall serve as the principal agency for promoting and protecting the  
6 downtown and commercial districts of the commonwealth’s cities and towns. OMMS shall  
7 provide informational, marketing, and technical assistance to federal, state and local Main Street  
8 groups and coordinate federal, state and local Main Street efforts to further accomplish the goal  
9 of promoting and protecting downtown and commercial districts of the commonwealth.