

HOUSE No. 2306

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka

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 relative to the Garden of Peace.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2306) of Louis L. Kafka and others that the Victim and Witness Assistance Board assume the management and administration of the Garden of Peace memorial garden in the city of Boston . The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to the Garden of Peace.

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. Section 4 of chapter 258B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following subsection:-

3 Subsection (e). Assume the management and administration of the Garden of Peace, a
4 public memorial garden located on the Plaza of 100 Cambridge Street in Boston to honor victims
5 of homicide.

6 Receive any gifts or grants of money or property for the purpose of assisting the board in
7 the maintenance and operation of the memorial.

8 Establish an advisory committee consisting of individuals who have served on the Garden
9 of Peace board or other interested citizens appointed by the board to provide ongoing advice to
10 the VWAB.

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12 SECTION 2. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
13 section 35DDD the following section:-

14 Section 35EEE. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth
15 a separate fund to be known as the Garden of Peace Trust Fund to be used, without further
16 appropriation, for the operation of the Garden of Peace. The fund shall consist of the existing
17 balance held by the Garden of Peace, Inc. and future donations received from the public for the
18 Garden of Peace. Any balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the
19 General Fund, but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent years. No expenditure
20 made from the fund shall cause the fund to become deficient at any point during a fiscal year.