

SENATE No. 86

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis, (BY REQUEST)

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 for community housing packages.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Vincent Lawrence Dixon

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 86) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation for community housing packages. Community Development and Small Businesses.

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

An Act for community housing packages.

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 Massachusetts General Laws are hereby amended by inserting the
2 following new chapter:

3 An Act for Community Housing Packages.

4 1.) The Department of Communities and Development, shall be authorized to create, after
5 due consideration, Community Housing Packages (CHPs), for helping to create, and recruit,
6 improved economics, across the 351 municipalities of Massachusetts, to expand, and strengthen
7 local communities, and especially affordable, safe, and durable housing units. These CHPs, shall
8 be part of a comprehensive state planning, and coordination process, intersecting with Master
9 Planning processes, as needed, and appropriate.

10 2.) Such Community Housing Packages shall be based on encouraging, where possible,
11 mixed-use development, and by consulting a recognized list of pre-screened, neighborhood, and

12 community-friendly developers, and contractors, with high-quality lasting construction
13 standards.

14 3.) The Department of Housing and Community Development, shall establish, keep, and
15 annually renew, a listing of high-quality, neighborhood, and community-friendly developers, by
16 welcoming, pre-screening, of such companies, interviewing them, and publicizing such
17 businesses, in various appropriate positive publicity, by public announcement, and general
18 media.

19 4.) Community Housing Packages, shall take into account relevant modest, to medium-
20 intensity regional transit options, in helping newer local economic development; and intersect
21 with state transportation planning.