

HOUSE No. 1325

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Andres X. Vargas and Marjorie C. Decker

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 to establish a task force to review housing production and equity in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

David M. Rogers
Bruce E. Tarr

24th Middlesex
First Essex and Middlesex

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By Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1325) of Andres X. Vargas, Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to establish a task force (including members of the General Court) to review housing production and equity in the Commonwealth. Housing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to establish a task force to review housing production and equity in the Commonwealth.

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

1 There shall be a task force to examine and make recommendations on promoting housing
2 production, preservation and land use planning in the commonwealth. The task force shall
3 consist of: the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on housing, who shall serve as co-
4 chairs; 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority
5 leader; 2 members of the senate, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader. The
6 undersecretary of housing and community development or designee shall serve as an “ex officio”
7 member and the task force may ask for assistance as needed from the department and the
8 commonwealth’s quasi-public housing agencies. The chairs may, at their discretion, name
9 additional members representing stakeholder organizations and/or consult informally with such
10 stakeholders.

11 The task force’s scope shall include, but not be limited to: housing production and
12 preservation for a full range of incomes and of all housing types; strategies for addressing the

13 displacement of lower income households; modernizing the commonwealth's zoning, planning
14 and permitting statutes; and promoting such development consistent with commonwealth's smart
15 growth principles and environmental goals. The task force shall file a report containing its
16 findings and recommendations, including draft legislation necessary to carry out its
17 recommendations, with the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the senate and
18 house chairs of the joint committee on housing and the chairs of the house and senate committees
19 on ways and means not later than 180 days after enactment.