

HOUSE No. 2159

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey

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 requiring the master plans of cities and towns to address climate change and renewable energy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/22/2021</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2159) of Sean Garballey that master plans by planning boards in cities and towns address climate change and renewable energy. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3723 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act requiring the master plans of cities and towns to address climate change and renewable energy.

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

1 The second paragraph of section 81D of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:-

3 (10) Climate change and renewable energy element which shall: (a) forecast the potential
4 impact that climate change may have on the municipality; (b) identify populations,
5 neighborhoods and infrastructure within the municipality that may be vulnerable to the effects of
6 climate change; (c) develop responses and strategies for reducing vulnerabilities created by
7 climate change; and (d) establish goals and policies for reducing causes of climate change.