

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3743**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Christine P. Barber*

*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 further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>3/29/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/30/2023</i>

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By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3743) of Christine P. Barber, Patricia D. Jehlen and Erika Uytterhoeven (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville. Housing. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1371 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville.

*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. In addition to those powers conferred by G. L. c. 44, section 55 ( C ) (a), the  
2 purpose of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust is 1) to fund housing related social service  
3 programs, including but not limited to, landlord-tenant mediation, legal services for tenants, case  
4 management, homelessness prevention, and housing counseling, and 2) to fund start-up costs for  
5 new affordable housing production initiatives. For the purpose of this section, such social service  
6 programs do not need to be associated with a physical asset consisting of housing for income  
7 eligible households, nor do such social services programs need to add a housing unit to the  
8 municipality’s affordable housing stock.

9           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.