

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher J. Worrell

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 creating a commission establishing a Massachusetts Caribbean American Cultural Center.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christopher J. Worrell</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>

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By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher J. Worrell for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to establishing a statewide Massachusetts Caribbean American cultural center in the city of Boston. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act creating a commission establishing a Massachusetts Caribbean American Cultural Center.

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 special legislative commission established pursuant to section 2A of
2 chapter 4 of the General Laws to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a statewide
3 Massachusetts Caribbean American Cultural Center in the City of Boston. The commission shall
4 investigate and study various methods for establishing a Massachusetts Caribbean American
5 Cultural Center in the City of Boston including, but not limited to, the creation of a nonprofit
6 organization to oversee the construction and management of the Massachusetts Caribbean
7 American Cultural Center to represent the over 300 year history of Caribbeans in the
8 Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall consider the costs of each method.

9 Members of the commission shall represent cities or towns with Caribbean people or
10 heritage and consist of 3 members of the house of representatives, 3 of whom shall be of
11 Caribbean descent or represent a district with a significant population of Caribbean people, and 2

12 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and 1 of whom shall
13 be appointed by the house minority leader; 3 members of the senate, 3 of whom shall be of
14 Caribbean descent or represent a district with a significant population of Caribbean people, 2 of
15 whom shall be appointed by the senate president, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate
16 minority leader; 1 person to be appointed by the mayor of the city of Boston; 1 person to be
17 appointed by the governor; and not more than 15 additional members from across the
18 Commonwealth of Massachusetts. 3 members of the House of Representatives and 3 members of
19 the Massachusetts Senate shall consider and approve the appointments of not more than 15
20 additional members of the commission, who shall elect two co-chairs.

21 All appointments to the commission shall be made no later than June 30, 2023. The
22 commission shall report its findings, including any recommendations for legislation, to the clerks
23 of the house of representatives and the senate no later than December 31, 2024.