

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2284**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kevin G. Honan***

*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 encouraging public-private partnerships to create affordable housing at public sites.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Honan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2284) of Kevin G. Honan relative to the conveyance of municipal property for the construction of mixed-use developments that include housing. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2066 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act encouraging public-private partnerships to create affordable housing at public sites.

*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. Subject to section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws, a City or Town  
2   may convey property by a ground lease, or any interest therein, to a private developer, urban  
3   redevelopment corporation organized under chapter 121A of the General Laws, or nonprofit  
4   corporation for the purpose of having that entity construct a mixed-use development that  
5   includes housing and a municipal facility, including a public library, police station, or fire  
6   station; provided, however, that the City or Town shall convey such property or other interest  
7   therein on the condition that the City retain, or be entitled to reacquire, the portion of the  
8   development that contains a municipal facility, whether in fee simple, as a condominium, or  
9   through any other such interest as shall provide to the public the use of the municipal facility in  
10  perpetuity until such time as the City or Town shall no longer need it for a municipal purpose

11 and dispose of it in accordance with law. At least 40 percent of the housing units in any such  
12 mixed-use development shall have an affordable housing restriction, as defined in section 31 of  
13 chapter 184 of the General Laws, and be made affordable to low or moderate income households  
14 with a maximum income of no more than 80 percent of Area Median Income, as defined by the  
15 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

16 SECTION 2. Subject to section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws, any City or Town  
17 may acquire property, or any interest therein, for the purpose of transferring the property  
18 pursuant to section 1 for the construction by a third-party of a mixed-use development that  
19 includes a municipal facility and housing, of which at least 40 percent of the housing units would  
20 have an affordable housing restriction, as defined in section 31 of chapter 184 of the General  
21 Laws, and be made affordable to low or moderate income households with a maximum income  
22 of no more than 80 percent of Area Median Income, as defined by the U.S. Department of  
23 Housing and Urban Development.

24 SECTION 3. Construction and development activity related to the construction,  
25 relocation, and redevelopment of a mixed-use development that includes a municipal facility  
26 shall not be subject to any general or special law related to the procurement and award of  
27 contracts for the construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance or repair of  
28 buildings by a public agency, except that all such work shall be subject to sections 26 to 27H,  
29 inclusive, of chapter 149 of the General Laws.

30 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.