

HOUSE No. 3443

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 relative to the creation of a branch of the Boston Public Library within an affordable housing development in the Dorchester section of the City of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christopher J. Worrell</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3443) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the procurement and award of contracts for construction of a certain subsidized affordable housing project, including space for a branch library to be procured by the Boston Public Library, in the city of Boston. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act relative to the creation of a branch of the Boston Public Library within an affordable housing development in the Dorchester section of the City of Boston.

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. Construction and development activity related to redevelopment by the
2 developer selected by the Boston Planning & Development Agency of subsidized affordable
3 housing, including space for a branch library to be procured by the Boston Public Library, to be
4 built on BPDA-owned land under a ground lease, or any part thereof, shall not be subject to any
5 general or special law related to the procurement and award of contracts for the planning, design,
6 construction management, construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance, or
7 repair of buildings by a public agency, but shall be subject to sections 26 to 27H, inclusive, of
8 chapter 149 of the General Laws. Contracts for the construction, reconstruction, alteration,
9 remodeling, or repair of any publicly owned public works that service this project and would
10 otherwise be subject to section 39M of chapter 30 of the General Laws shall be subject to said
11 section 39M if the redevelopment of the project is funded in part by state or federal government

12 low-income housing tax credit, grant, or loan, or pursuant to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds
13 authorized by general law. A conveyance of the project, whether by leasehold or fee estate, to an
14 urban redevelopment corporation organized under chapter 121A of the General Laws or to a
15 nonprofit state and federally tax-exempt corporation organized for the purpose of revitalizing the
16 project, shall be subject to chapter 30B of the General Laws to the extent that the project is
17 conveyed to an entity that is not owned, controlled, or managed by the Boston Public Library on
18 the date of the conveyance.

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