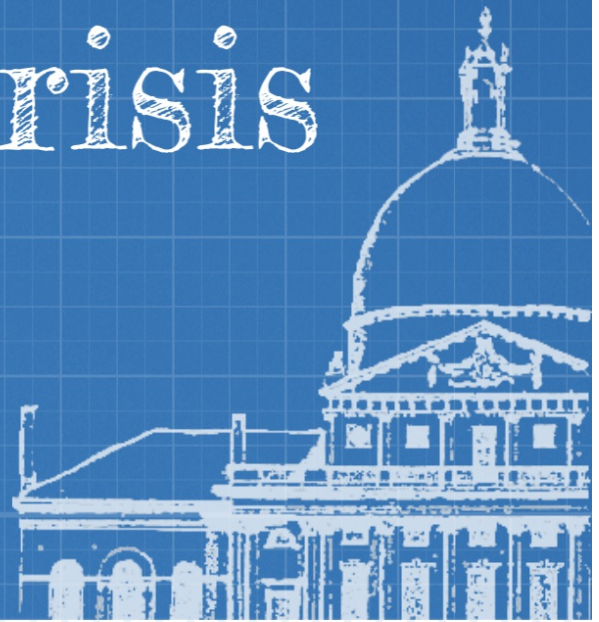


Housing Crisis

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Foreclosure

Current Problem

50% 

In 2015, foreclosures have risen by as much as 50% since 2014.

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Report Proposal

Mortgage Debt Relief

Allow homeowners to complete loan modifications, short sales, foreclosures without making them liable to pay state taxes on that debt.

Learn More, read the full report!



Gentrification

Current Problem

In Greater Boston, more than

1/2 of Renters
Spend 30%

Of their income on housing. As a result of this growing gap between wages & property values, low & moderate income families are being priced out

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Report Proposal

State Surplus Property

Support Existing Legislation that would allow the State to designate certain state-owned properties as surplus and dispose of those properties below market value.

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Homelessness

Current Problem

In 2015 Massachusetts saw the

5th 
Highest Increase in homelessness in the U.S.

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Report Proposal

Expanding Eligibility of RAFT

It is recommended that the State budget contain a more inclusive definition of "Family", allowing more people to stay in their homes and off the streets.

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Preservation/Rehabilitation

Current Problem

Nearly
20,000

Privately owned affordable apartments could go market rate by the end of the decade.

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13A Preservation

Allocate \$15 million in additional state low income housing tax credits to ensure housing that could lose affordability restrictions, remains affordable.

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Production

Current Problem

17,000

New homes are needed each year to maintain our current job base.

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Multi-family Zoning

Support legislation that that would allow multi-family zoning as of right to address the housing shortage but also provide for suitable housing for families.

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Public Housing

Current Problem

The average wait time for Affordable Housing in MA is currently:



4x Years

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Surplus Public Housing Authority Owned Land

Allow for the development of local housing authority (LHA) surplus land to be used for mixed income housing.

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Support Services

Current Problem

There are currently

4,300

Families living in shelters & motels each night.

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Report Proposal

Interagency Coordination

Propose legislation to empower the Interagency Task Force to coordinate government agencies to ensure consistency and reliability for people who need government assistance programs.

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Zoning

Current Problem

In Massachusetts, many Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals members do not have formal training associated with their role as regulators



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Local Planning Board Trainings

Appropriate funds to expand training for Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals to ensure that these board members are well trained in state zoning laws.

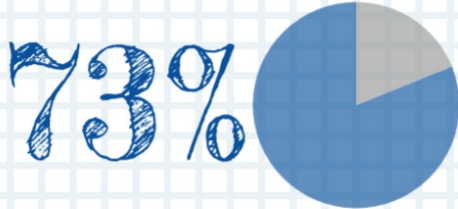
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New Housing Models

Current Problem

Between 2000 - 2012,
20-34 year olds were responsible for



Of the population growth in the inner core
region of Boston, Cambridge, & Somerville

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Report Proposal

Millennial Villages

Develop a substantial amount of
appropriate-sized and priced housing for
20-34 year olds, to help free up housing
stock for working families.

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