

April 21, 2023

BY HAND

Honorable Steven James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. James:

In compliance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 3, §7 as amended, I am returning herewith the requested memorandum, petition and accompanying docket.

**MEMORANDUM
OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
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Respectfully,

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cc: John Rosenberry, Legislative Director, Room 337, State House

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To: The Honorable Senate and
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On March 23, 2023 the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmitted the above-referenced petition to me with a request for a memorandum pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 3 § 7.

The docket before you seeks to establish the Massachusetts Municipal Building Authority, a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality (hereinafter “the Corporation”). If enacted, the Corporation will be an independent public authority not subject to the supervision and control of any other executive office, department, commission, board, bureau, agency or political subdivision of the commonwealth except as specifically provided in any general or special law. The Corporation objective are “effective management and planning of the commonwealth’s investments in municipal building assets, ensuring the health, safety, security, and well-being of residents and staff, easing and preventing overcrowding, maintaining good repair, efficient and economical construction and maintenance, financial sustainability of the municipal building assistance program, thoughtful community development, smart growth, and accessibility.

Special legislation is necessary to create this corporation. This office has no opinion on the merits of the proposed docket. No fee is required to be paid the Commonwealth by a corporation of this type.

Respectfully submitted,

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth
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