



Chelsea City Council

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RESOLUTION

Whereas, there is currently pending before the General Court an, "An Act relative to the geographical jurisdiction of the Housing Court Department," which would expand the Court's jurisdiction to the entire Commonwealth

Whereas, the jurisdiction of the Housing Court now covers about 80% of the Commonwealth geographically, but does not currently cover the City of Chelsea, in addition to two other municipalities in Suffolk County, Revere and Winthrop, as well as other areas of the state

Whereas, the Housing Court has developed a high level of specialized expertise and specialized resources, including housing specialists, to handle the multitude of housing issues that come to the Court

Whereas, the Housing Court is set up to quickly and efficiently respond to emergencies, as well as building, fire, zoning, and sanitary code violations

Whereas, expanding the jurisdiction of the Housing Court statewide will promote and protect a variety of housing interests, whose access to the court system is currently limited by competing caseloads in the District Courts

Resolved, That the Chelsea City Council recognizes the need for a Housing Court in Chelsea and does hereby requests the City's legislative delegation to support the expansion of the housing court department to jurisdiction statewide.



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Councilor Leo Robinson and all

Members of the Chelsea City Council