

Implementing Statewide Housing Court Expansion

Co-Sponsor by Noon on Friday April 13th

- **Rep Walsh’s FY19 Budget Amendment to Fully Fund Housing Court Expansion Implementation**
- **Rep Rushing’s FY19 Budget Amendment to Fully Fund the Tenancy Preservation Program**

Last year, as a result of broad based support both inside and outside the State House, statewide Housing Court expansion was achieved through the FY18 budget and \$1 million was appropriated to start the expansion. The implementation process immediately began.

- **Case filings have been steadily increasing.** Landlords are filing evictions and tenants are beginning to transfer their cases into Housing Court.
- **Two new sittings were established** – one for the Northeast and one for Eastern Division. The search for suitable space continues in other areas.
- **Expansion has put increased demand on the Tenancy Preservation Program.** TPP - based only in Housing Court - successfully works with landlords to preserve tenancies and prevent homeless among some of the most vulnerable tenants.

House Ways and Means Committee included in FY19 budget	Advocates are seeking
\$1.5 million for Housing Court expansion	Full funding of \$2.6 million , which was proposed in the Governor’s FY19 budget
\$500,000 (level funding) for the Tenancy Preservation Program	Full funding of \$1.3 million , an increase of \$800,000 to expand TPP to serve the 84 additional cities and towns covered by the Housing Court’s statewide expansion

Sign-on to Rep Chris Walsh’s budget amendment for \$2.6 million to fully fund housing court expansion (line item 0336-0003).

Sign-on to Rep Rushing’s FY19 Budget Amendment for \$1.3 million to fully fund the Tenancy Preservation Program (line item 7004-3045)

Deadline: Friday. April 13 at Noon pm.

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Over 150 Organizations Called for Housing Court Statewide

Adams & Sammon
Advocates, Inc - Framingham
American Friends Service Cmt – Cambridge
Avon Board of Health
Barnstable Cnty Dept of Health & Environment
Barnstable Town Council (Resolution)
Bay Cove Human Services, Inc
Belmont Board of Health
Belmont Board of Selectman (Resolution)
Belmont Fire Depart, Fire Prevention Bureau
Berkshire Housing Development Corp.
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
Boston Bar Association
Boston Center for Independent Living
Bourne Housing Authority
Brazilian Women's Group, Brighton
Broadway Glenn Tenant Council, Chelsea
Brokerick Bankcroft, Attorneys at Law, Newton
Brookline Council on Aging
Brookline Public Health Depart - Environmental Health Division
Cambridge City Council
Cape Cod & Islands Commission on the Status of Women
Cape & Island Health Agents Coalition
Cape & Islands Regional Network on Homelessness
Cape Cod Council of Churches
Cape Cod Women for Change
Casa Myrna Vazquez
Centro Latino, Chelsea
Chatham Health Division
Chelsea City Council (Resolution)
Chelsea City Manager, Thomas G. Ambrosino
Chelsea Collaborative
Chelsea Community Connection Coalition
Chelsea Fire Department
Chelsea Fire Fighter Local 937
Chelsea Inspectional Services Department
Chelsea Police Department
Chelsea Public Schools
Chelsea Senior Center
Citizens Housing and Planning Association
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc
Community Action Programs Inter-City in Revere, Winthrop & Chelsea
Community Labor United
Community Teamwork, Inc.
Duffy Health Center, Hyannis
Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands
Eliot Community Human Services
Everett, Mayor Carl DeMaria
Falmouth Human Services
Falmouth SWIFT: Supporting Women in Financial Transition
Father Bill's and Mainspring, Brockton
Feldman Law
Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts
Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts
Framingham Board of Selectman
Framingham Disability Commission
Framingham Town Meeting Resolution
Greater Boston Legal Services
HarborCOV: Communities Overcoming Violence
HAPHousing
Harvard Legal Aid Bureau
Harwich Fire Department
Homelessness Prevention Council of Lower Cape Cod
Homes for Families
HomeStart, Inc.
Housing Assistance Corp.
Housing Families, Inc
Housing for All Corporation
Housing Solutions for Southeastern Massachusetts
Irene Bagdoian, Attorney at Law, Brockton
Jane Doe, Inc.
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action
Jewish Family Service of Metrowest
Just-A-Start Corporation
Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts
La Comunidad, Everett
Law Office of Christopher T. Saccardi
Law Office of Gary Allen
Law Office of Heather M. Ward
Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness
Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School
Lexington, Office of Selectman
Mace Tenant Council, Chelsea
Major City Police Chiefs Association
Malden Mayor Christenson
Margolis Tenant Council, Chelsea
Mass. Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
Mass. Association of Hispanic Attorneys
Mass. Association of Public Health Nurses
Mass. Black Lawyers Association
Mass. Chapter of NAHRO (National Assoc. of Housing and Redevelopment Officials)
Mass. Environmental Health Association
Mass. Municipal Association
Mass. Municipal Lawyers Association
Mass. Association of Health Boards
Mass. Bar Association
Mass. Coalition for the Homeless
Mass. Communities Action Network
Mass. Health Officers Association
Mass. Jobs With Justice
Mass. Law Reform Institute
Mass. Union of Public Housing Tenants
Medfield Board of Selectman
Metro Credit Union, Chelsea
Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership
MetroWest Legal Services
MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women
Metrowest Workers Center, Framingham
Milton Board of Health
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys – Massachusetts Chapter
Neighbor to Neighbor, Massachusetts
New Chelsea Realty
Newton City Council (Resolution)
People's A.M.E. Church, Chelsea
Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts
Project Hope
Quincy Health Department
RCAP Solutions, Inc.
Regional Housing Network of Massachusetts
ROCA
Rosie's Place, Boston
Sandwich Housing Authority
SEUI 32BJ New England District 615
Somerville Board of Aldermen
Somerville Homeless Coalition
Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services
South Middlesex Opportunity Council
Spencer Board of Health
Springfield Housing Authority
Springwell - Waltham
St. Luke's-San Lucas, Episcopal Church, Chelsea
Suffolk University Legal Services
The Neighborhood Developers, Chelsea
The Second Step – Newton
Town of Bedford, Town Manager
Town of Halifax, Health Agent
Town of Lexington, Town Manager's Office
Town of Norwood, Board of Health
UNITE HERE Local 26
Watertown Health Department
Watertown Town Council (Resolution)
Wellfleet Board of Selectman (Resolution)
Wellfleet Housing Authority
Westford Health Department
Winchester Board of Health
Winchester Board of Selectman
Winchester Housing Partnership Board
Yarmouth Fire Department
Yarmouth Health Department
Youth & Young Adult Coalition, Inc.
Youth Options Unlimited Boston

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