



June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of the Arlington Community Trabajando in Lawrence, MA and board member of MACDC. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427), which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our community development corporation provides foreclosure prevention counseling to assist homeowners avoid foreclosure, First Time Homebuyer Education to help people buy their first home and Youth Leadership program to train new youth leaders in our community.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in the Arlington Neighborhood area and Lawrence through the creation and preservation of homes, jobs, and local businesses.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to reduce foreclosures, prevent homelessness, create jobs, and grow new businesses, develop community leaders. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 978 685 6274 or aluna@actinc.org.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

CC: Rep. David Torrisi, Rep. Marcos Devers, Rep. Adams
Senator Barry Finegold



Working Together, Building Community

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Executive Director

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

As the Executive Director of the Allston Brighton CDC in Boston and board member of MACDC, I write to support The Community Development Partnership Act (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

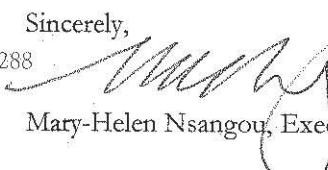
The Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation (ABCDC) engages neighborhood residents in an on-going process of shaping and carrying out a common vision of a diverse and stable community in the face of sustained economic pressures. For over 30 years, that vision has been evident in community-led projects that protect and build affordable housing, create green space, foster a healthy local economy, provide avenues for economic self sufficiency and increase understanding among our neighborhood's diverse residents.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Allston Brighton through the preservation of affordable homes, provision of financial education and stable homeownership opportunities for residents of all income levels, environmental programs that engage neighbors and build community stability, and leadership development pathways for low-income and immigrant residents that foster their investment in our neighborhood and increase the cohort of civic leaders.

The bill will support Allston Brighton residents, businesses, and other local stakeholders to develop and implement locally-devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of our specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to our community's efforts to promote neighborhood stability and counteract transience -- supporting long-term residency through affordable rentals and homeownership, increasing the financial capacity of community residents, and developing strong community leaders. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

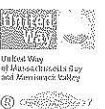
Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about The Community Development Partnership Act. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-787-3874 x202 or mhn@allstonbrightoncdc.org.

Sincerely,


Mary-Helen Nsangou, Executive Director

CC: Senator Steven Tolman, Representative Kevin Honan, Representative Michael Moran

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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) in Boston, MA. I write to support The Community Development Partnership Act (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our community development corporation develops physical community assets, including affordable homes for rent and ownership; promotes economic development; fosters youth leadership; and builds the capacity of community members to effectively engage in planning their neighborhood. We have been based in Boston's Chinatown neighborhood for 24 years, focusing on its revitalization and preservation, and serve the Asian American community and the Greater Boston neighborhoods in which they live and work.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in ACDC's area through the creation and preservation of high-quality affordable homes in transit-oriented, sustainable, desirable locations and create both construction period and permanent jobs.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to prevent homelessness and provide access to affordable housing, create jobs for immigrants and mid-skilled individuals, and grow new businesses, develop multi-generational community leaders that include fostering youth development. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about The Community Development Partnership Act. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-482-2380 ext. 209 or Janelle.chan@asiancdc.org.

Sincerely,



Janelle Chan

CC: Allison Staton, MACDC

BOSTON PRIVATE BANK
& TRUST COMPANY

May 20, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am writing to express my support for *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427), which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Boston Private Bank & Trust Company has a strong commitment to community investment and community development. Boston Private Bank offers a wide range of community investment programs, products and services in its efforts to be responsive to the community. These include lending to community development initiatives, businesses, and low- and moderate-income homebuyers. The Bank also invests in entities that focus on serving lower income people and communities.

Over the past ten years, the Bank has invested approximately \$700 million to support low- and moderate-income people and neighborhoods through its community investment program. The Bank has maintained an *Outstanding Rating* under the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Massachusetts Division of Banks since 2000.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity across the state through the creation and preservation of homes, jobs, and businesses. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because CDCs, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit their community and their constituents. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Boston Private Bank has a long track record of investment in CDCs and this program will help us to increase our efforts. Some examples of our recent partnerships with CDCs include

providing mortgage financing for eight first-time homebuyers at Madison Park Development Corporation's new homeownership development in Dudley Square; providing a commitment to Dorchester Bay EDC for permanent financing for a 4-unit residential property acquired from foreclosure for use as affordable rental housing; and refinancing a mixed-use property for the South Boston NDC. We are also an active supporter of a variety of programs offered by CDCs throughout Greater Boston's with charitable giving. These programs include first-time homebuyer classes, affordable housing development and preservation, economic development initiatives, youth programs and others.

We know from experience that there are positive results when the public sector, the private sector and the local community work together. This bill leverages this proven model and takes it to a new level of scale and impact.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Esther Schlorholtz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Esther Schlorholtz
Senior Vice President &
Director of Community Investment

**TOWN OF BUCKLAND
MASSACHUSETTS**



Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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May 27, 2011

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am Andrea Llamas the Town Administrator for the Town of Buckland and I am a community leader who works with The Franklin County Community Development Corporation. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

The Franklin County Community Development Corporation (FCCDC) provides business counseling, training and business lending to new and existing businesses and they collaborate on economic development projects that work to create and retain jobs. The FCCDC has 30 years of building and sustaining communities in our region. Recently the FCCDC was engaged in research on area vacant buildings that are poised for economic development projects, and collaboration with the Shelburne Falls Area Partnership that focuses on economic development projects to create jobs and improve activities in the Towns of Shelburne and Buckland.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Franklin County Community Development Corporation's area through the creation and preservation of jobs, and local businesses.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by Franklin County. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because Franklin County Community Development Corporation, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

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Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (413) 625-6167.

Sincerely,



Andrea Llamas
Town Administrator
Town of Buckland

CC: Sen. Ben Downing
Rep. Paul Mark

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May 12, 2011

Representative Linda Dorena Ferry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair

Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business

Dear Chairwoman Dorena Ferry and Chairman DiDomenico,

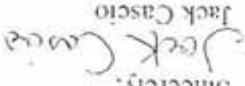
My name is Jack Cascio. I am the Construction Manager for YouthBuild Springfield who has had the opportunity to work closely with Western Mass Development Collaborative. I am writing to

enthusiastically support The Community Development Partnership Act which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public/private partnerships. My work with WMDC has brought an incredible learning experience and placed it within the reach of scores of myriad inner city, at risk youth from the Springfield area. For those young adults who have chosen to accept the challenge of personal growth and improvement, WMDC has proven to be a life line. It has promoted education in team building, academics, business management, social consciousness, community service, construction math, construction techniques and even public speaking. The WMDC experience has been touted by so many of our students who have had the opportunity to be included in this incredible learning adventure.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for rebuilding neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in WMDC's area through the creation and preservation of jobs, learning experiences, business acumen, life skills training etc.

The bill will attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our region in general and our community and neighborhood in particular. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue, thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because WMDC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

I thank you for holding the hearings to learn more about The Community Development Partnership Act. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 413 733-9172 X107 or jcasccio@ywworks.org.

Sincerely,

Jack Cascio
Construction Manager
YouthBuild Springfield



June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of the Chelsea Neighborhood Developers/ Revere Neighborhood Developers (CND/ RND) serving Chelsea and Revere. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* [H.988/S.1427] which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Chelsea Neighborhood Developers is grateful for your sponsorship of the Community Development Partnership Act. For 31 years CND has worked to build vibrant and diverse neighborhoods with homes that are affordable to families with a mix of incomes, and where people choose to invest in the neighborhoods social fabric, economic opportunities, and built environments. To this end, CND/RND employs three investment strategies to build vibrant and sustainable neighborhoods: real estate development to strengthen housing markets and to expand affordable housing inventory; community engagement to foster a resilient social fabric and civic infrastructure; and resident asset development to increase family prosperity.

In the past two years we have constructed 80 new affordable family apartments, and purchased and redeveloped 21 apartments in foreclosure, creating community assets from potential problems. Our Community Engagement team is working with residents to build strong neighbor-to-neighbor connections that lead to community and civic engagement. Over 1300 participated (nearly 500 individuals) in CND activities last year, including a successful trash campaign that increased recycling in one of Chelsea's toughest neighborhoods from 12% to 38%, well above the City average. This year we completed taxes for 680 households in our VITA tax center, returning over \$1.2 million to low and moderate income families. We provided financial literacy training to nearly 200 people. As we work with families to increase their incomes and manage their finances, we have confronted the challenges low and moderate income people on the north shore face in cobbling together the services that will allow them to advance. In response, we have partnered with employment and training providers, financial institutions, Bunker Hill Community College and other educators, to create a Family Economic Center. It will provide a set of integrated services to address the financial, educational and employment needs of participating community residents, while nurturing the growth of social networks





that provide the glue and sustenance for each individual and family's journey toward economic security.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in CND/RND's area through the creation and preservation of housing, and support of the new Family Economic Center. In this era of reduced resources, a Community Investment Tax Credit could provide critical resources to insure innovative partnerships like the Family Economic Center are able to provide high-impact services to the residents of our communities.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-889-1375 ext. 12 or ahouston@ChelseaND.org.

Sincerely,

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Ann Houston
Executive Director

CC: Speaker Robert DeLeo
Representative Eugene O'Flaherty
Representative Kathi-Anne Reinstein





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Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of the Coalition For A Better Acre (CBA) in Lowell, Massachusetts. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships. CBA has been actively involved in the development of affordable housing and commercial development for the past 28 years. In that time, the agency has been responsible for the development of 402 residential rental units, 50 homeownership units, plus retail, office, community center, and light industrial space.

At our Home Preservation Center we partner with our local cap agency, Community Teamwork Inc., to provide foreclosure education workshops, one-on-one foreclosure prevention counseling, budget counseling, post purchase education and access to additional resources to keep people in their homes. We assist over 300 families annually at the Home Preservation Center and have a more than 65% success rate with helping counseled families avoid foreclosure.

Through our 28 year history, CBA has made a real difference in the City of Lowell by joining together two powerful elements: community economic development and resident empowerment. CBA's Community Organizing Program provides leadership training and empowers residents to take hold of their futures and the future of their neighborhoods. CBA's community organizers also work closely with real estate development staff to ensure that these two crucial functions support each other and result in tangible outcomes for community residents.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in CBA's area through the creation and preservation of homes, jobs, and neighborhood amenities and improvements.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to reduce foreclosures, prevent homelessness, create jobs, grow new businesses, and develop community leaders. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process

administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 978-452-7523 or Emily.Rosenbaum@cbacre.org.

Sincerely,

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Emily Rosenbaum
Executive Director

CC: Senator Eileen Donoghue, Representative Kevin Murphy, Representative Tom Golden,
Representative David Nangle



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Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

As the Executive Director of Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp (NDC) in Dorchester and as the Secretary of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations, I am writing to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our community development corporation has, for the last 30 years, been engaged in rebuilding the Codman Square community, bringing it back from the brink of blight and disinvestment that had occurred over two decades. Our primary focus has been on improving the community, physically. That work has resulted in major renovation of key commercial blocks in the heart of Codman Square, and the development of over 1,200 units of affordable housing, both rental and homeownership. We also have undertaken major initiatives designed to engage residents and businesses in rebuilding the social fabric of our neighborhood.

An example of this is our Millennium Ten initiative. Through Millennium Ten, we are in the midst of working with residents and other community stakeholders on the development of a ten year comprehensive community plan that focuses on key resident/stakeholder priorities and sets forth visions and recommendations for concrete and measurable positive outcomes. Residents will also be putting together their own 1-3 year family plans, designed to support them in achieving clear and concrete socioeconomic outcomes for themselves and their families.

We view the comprehensive community plan to be developed as a prospectus and basis for investment in our community. *The Community Development Partnership Act* would support the achievement of this resident-driven plan.

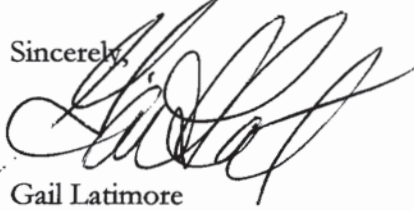
The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in our area of Dorchester as outlined in the Millennium Ten plan.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local

community's efforts to prevent and reduce foreclosures, prevent homelessness, create jobs, and grow new businesses and new community leaders. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-825-4224 x132 or gail@csndc.com.

Sincerely,

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Gail Latimore
Executive Director

cc: Senator Jack Hart
Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz
Representative Marty Walsh
Representative Russell Holmes
Representative Carlos Henriquez
Representative Liz Malia



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Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

My name is Lucy Corchado and I am the President of the Point Neighborhood Association in Salem and work closely with North Shore Community Development Coalition (North Shore CDC). I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunities across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

As a former tenant of North Shore CDC housing, having a safe, affordable home allowed me to grow as a community leader by letting me focus on other things besides paying rent. As the President of the Point Neighborhood Association, I now work closely with North Shore CDC to increase civic engagement in my neighborhood.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in the North Shore CDC's area through the creation and preservation of affordable homes, good jobs, safe, attractive neighborhoods and community leadership. Organizations such as the North Shore CDC work closely with cities and towns within the region to meet these goals in a number of ways. These can include new construction, revitalization projects, civic engagement programs and resident services.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our neighborhood. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because North Shore CDC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at (978) 210-8233 or lucycorchado@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Lucy Corchado



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May 10, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427] which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Cross Insurance Wakefield has a long commitment to and involvement in community development. Over the past 11 years, we have worked closely with Community Development Corporations and other not-for-profit organizations in Massachusetts, and we have seen, first hand, the positive influence that they have had in their communities.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity through the creation and preservation of homes, jobs, and businesses. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's contribution. All of these funds will stay in the community because CDCs, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit their community and their constituents. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit. And it will be a highly competitive and transparent program.

We believe this program would enable our company and others to expand and deepen our involvement in community development while also helping to bring new partners to the table. We know from experience that good things happen when the public sector, the private sector and the local community work together. This bill leverages this proven model and takes it to a new level of scale and impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably.

Sincerely,

Mary Lamberti
President, Cross Insurance - Wakefield

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

June 1, 2011

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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Mayor of the City of Somerville and work closely with the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC). I am writing to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

SCC's work in partnership with the City of Somerville involves a variety of activities that contribute to our goal to improve the quality of life for Somerville residents, including:

- Development of over 200 affordable housing units through the city
- Homelessness prevention, including emergency funds and mediation/advocacy
- Efforts to encourage local hiring and job creation
- First Time Homebuyer and Financial Education
- City-wide planning initiatives such as the SomerVision Comprehensive Plan

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Somerville through the creation and preservation of homes, jobs and local leaders.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our community. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because SCC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our community. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.





Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-625-6600 x2100 or mayor@somervillema.gov.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Curtatone
Mayor

CC: Delegation



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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427] which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Dellbrook Construction, LLC has a long commitment to and involvement in community development. Over the past 5 years, we have constructed over 3,000 units of affordable housing which has resulted in real jobs which has helped provide for thousands of families throughout Massachusetts.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity through the creation and preservation of homes, jobs, and businesses. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's contribution. All of these funds will stay in the community because CDCs, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit their community and their constituents. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit. And it will be a highly competitive and transparent program.

We believe this program would enable our company and others to expand and deepen our involvement in community development while also helping to bring new partners to the table. We know from experience that good things happen when the public sector, the private sector and the local community work together. This bill leverages this proven model and takes it to a new level of scale and impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably.

Sincerely,

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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of Dorchester Bay EDC in Dorchester and am a past board member of MACDC, Board member of the Mass Development Brownfields Advisory Board, past board co-chair of Roslindale Village Mainstreet, and elder at Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our community development corporation, at 32 years old, has **completed 935 home ownership and rental housing units**—including 5 of 19 foreclosed three deckers sold to homeowners; created **1450 jobs** through our small business lending program, job linkage programs, and commercial projects, trained **1440 adults and youth in computer skills**, and trained over **850 adults and teens** in community organizing and leadership skills.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in our North Dorchester area in just two years by 1) creation and preservation of over **200 new or renovated homes**--including an **additional 12 foreclosed three-deckers** for rehab and resale to first time home buyers, 2) **17 new homeless set aside rental units**, 3) create over **80 new jobs through 2 job generating factories**, 4) place **55 ex-offenders in jobs**, 5) support **20 new and growing small businesses**, and 6) develop an additional **60 youth & adult leaders**.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-825-4200 x 217 or jdubois@dbedc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeanne Dubois'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CC: Rep. Martin Walsh
Rep. Carlos Henriquez
Rep. Angelo Scaccia



June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the President & CEO of the Father Bill's & MainSpring in Southeastern Massachusetts and work closely with Neighborhood Housing Services of the South Shore. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our work with Neighborhood Housing Services involves housing and homelessness prevention.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Neighborhood Housing Service's area through the creation and preservation of homes.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our region. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because Neighborhood Housing Services, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at (617)376-2255 x230 or jyazwinski@helpfbms.org.

Sincerely,

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June 13, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of the Fenway CDC in Boston and board member of the Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH). I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Fenway CDC is a neighborhood-based membership organization devoted to enhancing the stability, sustainability and diversity of the Fenway neighborhood of Boston by providing opportunities for all residents, particularly those of limited means, to thrive. We accomplish this by developing affordable housing, linking neighbors with jobs and training, providing services to families and elders, and organizing residents to have a strong voice in their community's future. We have developed a highly participatory planning model, our Urban Village Committee, through which residents advocate for development that enhances affordable housing, job opportunities, community spaces, transit, and the environment.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns. This legislation will spur economic activity in Fenway CDC's area through the creation and preservation of affordable homes, job placement in local hospitals and businesses, and partnerships between the Fenway CDC and universities to provide family and elder services.

The bill will help residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to preserve subsidized housing and address institutional expansion so that the Fenway can remain an

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economically diverse and sustainable community. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 267-4637 x14 or ddowney@fenwaycdc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dharmena Downey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dharmena" and last name "Downey" clearly distinguishable.

Dharmena Downey
Executive Director

CC: Representatives Byron Rushing and Gloria Fox
Senators Steven Tolman and Sonia Chang-Diaz



June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of the Franklin County Community Development Corporation (FCCDC), and I am writing to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

For 31 years, the FCCDC has been providing business lending, business technical assistance, and commercial space in our Venture Center. We have also received \$200,000 in grants and \$3 million in tax credits to renovate a historic building in downtown Greenfield. And for the last ten years we have been home to the Western MA Food Processing Center which more than 200 food businesses have used. In 2010, the FCCDC counseled 60 businesses, trained 236 participants, made 16 loans valued at \$542, 928, and graduated 2 businesses from the Venture Center incubator. The FCCDC has built strong relationships throughout the region and has fostered economic development initiatives that continue to sustain communities.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Franklin County CDC's area by creating and retaining jobs that strengthen communities.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities in their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to create jobs, and grow new businesses and develop community leaders. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 413-774-7204, ext. 102 or johnw@fccdc.org.

Sincerely,

John Waite
Executive Director

CC: Sen. Stan Rosenberg
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Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am Amy Shapiro, Business Assistance Director of the Franklin County Community Development Corporation (FCCDC), board members for Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporation, the Shelburne Falls Area Business Association and Rural Development Inc. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Between my work at the FCCDC and community involvement, there is strong interest to support our communities in order to retain and create jobs along with providing affordable housing. Our small businesses need resources that help create and maintain a competitive advantage as they start and grow. I have seen firsthand how ongoing support creates strong communities and future leaders.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in the FCCDC's area through the creation and preservation of jobs and local businesses.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to create jobs, grow new businesses, and develop community leaders. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 413- 774-7204 or amys@fccdc.org.

Sincerely,

Amy Shapiro
Business Assistance Director

cc: Sen. Ben Downing Rep. Paul Mark Sen. Stan Rosenberg
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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

My name is Bob Hachey and I have been a resident of Waltham for over 25 years. Waltham is a wonderful place to live with a great combination of city living and green space. IT offers close proximity to Boston and other urban areas as well as access to restaurants, and open spaces along the Charles River. But Waltham is a very expensive place to live. I have been working in collaboration with the Waltham alliance to Create Housing, (WATCH) since 2003. I am writing today to ask for your support of the Community Development Partnership Act (H.988/S.1427). If passed, this act would promote private/public partnerships designed to promote economic opportunities which will, among other things, create more affordable housing in communities such as Waltham.

WATCH promotes the creation of affordable housing and provides important assistance to tenants and to persons for whom English is a second language. Through its first time home buyer classes, WATCH promotes sound money management skills and home ownership. I have participated directly in multiple campaigns designed to convert no-longer used properties and buildings into affordable housing. Many who work in Waltham cannot afford to live here and would love the opportunity to move into affordable housing. Increased affordable housing would make Waltham a better place to live for both renters and home owners. I have also worked with WATCH to garner grants that completely refurbished Thompson Park, a neighborhood playground.

The Community development Partnership Act would create a tax credit designed to foster increased private philanthropy for everything from affordable housing to open spaces. This tax credit would do wonders to rebuild neighborhoods and make Waltham and all of our cities and town better places to live. With funds derived from this tax credit, WATCH could substantially enhance its efforts to make Waltham a more affordable place to live.

I am hopeful that the Joint Committee on Community development and Small Business will report this bill out favorably. I wish to thank you in advance for your support of the community Development Partnership Act.

Sincerely,
Bob Hachey



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of the Hilltown Community Development Corporation in Chesterfield, Massachusetts located in Hampshire County and a board member of the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness and a member of the Department of Transitional Assistance Advisory Board. The Hilltown CDC is a member of MACDC. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* [H.988/S.1427] which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our community development corporation provides services to the hilltown region of western Massachusetts. The Hilltown CDC provides housing rehabilitation services, economic development and small business assistance, affordable housing acquisition, development and management, first time home buyer services, community facilities development, and an array of social service support to residents of up to 20 towns.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Hilltown CDC's area through the creation and preservation of housing, small business opportunities and other services that contribute to the overall economy of the region.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet identified community needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to reduce foreclosures, prevent homelessness, create jobs, and grow new businesses while developing new community leaders. It will also promote new ways for CDC's to collaborate and promote regional cooperation. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 413-296-4536 ext 118 or Davec@hilltowncdc.org.

Sincerely,



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CC:

Representative Steven Kulik
Senator Benjamin Downing



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. (HRI) in Cambridge and a board member of the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust, NeighborWorks Capital, CEDAC, and the Investment Committee of MHIC. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. (HRI) was founded in 1972 by a group of concerned residents who recognized the need to stabilize their community. With an initial focus on homeownership, HRI strived to support mixed income communities, rich in ethnic and racial diversity. Since then, HRI has shifted its focus from homeownership to include rental properties as a means to create new opportunities for families that cannot compete in Cambridge's housing market. HRI's continuing mission is to provide safe, sustainable, and decent housing for families. While our developments are typically mixed income, the significant majority of the units are rented at rates affordable to low-income and moderate-income families. To date, HRI has developed over 1,500 units of housing, and owns nearly 1,100 apartments with more than 45,000 square feet of commercial space in Cambridge. In addition to our real estate development line of business, HRI runs successful rehab loan programs to low- to moderate-income Cambridge homeowners, a vibrant resident services program for those who live in our properties, and a foreclosure prevention for area homeowners in conjunction with Cambridge Neighborhood Apartment Housing Services.

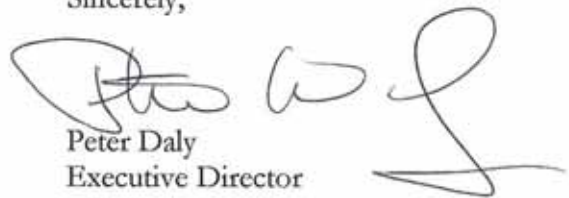
The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in HRI's area through the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to increase the affordable housing stock available to our city's residents and to

reduce foreclosures in the greater Boston area. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about The Community Development Partnership Act. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-868-4858 x207 or pdaly@homeownersrehab.org.

Sincerely,



Peter Daly
Executive Director

CC: Rep. Martha Walz
Sen. Anthony Petrucci



The Charles Hope Companies, LLP

May 16, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairmen:

I am writing as Managing Partner of the Charles Hope companies LLP in support of the new state tax credit legislation that will assist community development corporations in achieving their goals of stabilizing and improving the quality of life in economically depressed areas. Lawrence Community Works (LCW), the local CDC in Lawrence, has made wonderful contributions in the City, many of which have supported the work I do as a private businessman and investor in Lawrence.

LCW provides classes for first time home buyers as well as courses that are certified by CHAPA, HUD and MHIC. These courses educate and provide information to citizens of Lawrence that enables them to make informed decisions. An informed consumer becomes a better citizen. It is because of these programs and courses that I was able to rely on the LCW First Time Home Owners Program to sell two duplexes to their graduates. The funds that The Charles Hope Company built these houses with grants received from HUD. Programs and projects of this nature promote home ownership. With ownership comes responsibilities and pride of ownership. LCW has done an excellent job in this regard. Additional forms of financing are necessary for them to continue with these programs.

LCW is known in the Merrimack Valley as an important contributor to improving the housing stock. LCW has rehabilitated single and duplex houses, old factories and mills. They provide energy efficient accommodation for first time as well existing home owners, for families that have been displaced by the foreclosure crises as well as to handicapped citizens. Not only does LCW bring the properties up to code and make them available to qualified renters and owners but at the same time they stabilizing neighborhoods. LCW would require additional financial tools in order for them to continue as well as improve these services that they provide to the community.

Besides the positive impact that LCW has made on neighborhoods due to their real estate programs and projects, they also provide training for citizens to improve their computer, and financial skills as well as training to become effective trades people. In addition, LCW offers support, education and teenage development programs and skills improvement aimed to have a positive impact on the community. LCW has played and continues to play an important part in fostering economic as well as personal growth in communities that have been devastated by current economic conditions.

I strongly believe that the proposed tax credit incentives will provide LCW with the ability to consolidate as well as improve the positive affect that they have on the local community. Should you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to e mail me at charleshope@comcast.net

Sincerely,

Alan Hope MBA, MA, Managing Partner for the Charles Hope Companies LLP.



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the President and CEO of the Housing Assistance Corporation serving Barnstable Dukes and Nantucket Counties.. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.


Our community development corporation is involved in many community activities including operating homeless shelters, running a rental assistance program, providing information and one to one help to those in need, mortgage foreclosure counseling, development of new units of housing, energy conservation activities and conducting educational workshops year round. We also place lots of people in housing and jobs.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity on the Cape and Islands through the creation and preservation of both housing and jobs.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to preserve our community character while making it possible for everyone to have a decent place to live and gainful employment. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at rpresbrey@haconcapecod.org

Sincerely,


Frederic B. Presbrey
President/CEO

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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of the Housing Corporation of Arlington (HCA) in Arlington. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

HCA develops and manages affordable housing for low-income families and individuals. These units have given shelter to single parents, domestic violence victims, veterans, seniors, disabled individuals, and other vulnerable populations. Through our Homelessness Prevention Programs we have provided emergency assistance to prevent homelessness to over 345 households, totaling over \$600,000 in small grants.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to prevent homelessness and create affordable housing. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 781-316-3429 or dlevy@housingcorporation.org.

Sincerely,



David J. Levy
Executive Director

CC: State Senator Kenneth Donnelly
State Representative William Brownsberger
State Representative Sean Garballey
State Representative Jay Kaufman

HYDE PARK SAVINGS BANK

May 19, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am writing to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Hyde Park Savings Bank has a long commitment to community investment and community development. Over the past years, we have invested in programs that benefit low and moderate income borrowers through Mass Business Development, MHIC and Massachusetts Housing Equity Fund.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and provide greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity across the state through the creation and preservation of homes, jobs, and businesses. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because CDCs, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit their community and their constituents. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit, and it will be a highly competitive and transparent program.

The Bank understands the important role that CDCs play in providing people with diverse incomes and backgrounds the opportunity to access housing that is affordable. *The Community Development Partnership Act* would provide our organization additional avenues to provide the financial backing the CDCs need to continue their work.

We know from experience that good things happen when the public sector, the private sector and the local community work together. This bill leverages this proven model and takes it to a new level of scale and impact.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report this important to the full legislature favorably.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Thompson
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INQUILINOS BORICUAS EN ACCIÓN

May 4, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Chief Executive Officer of Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) in Boston and a member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. I write to support The Community Development Partnership Act (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our community development corporation is dedicated to increasing the social and economic power of individuals and families through education, economic development, technology and arts programming that builds safe, vibrant and culturally diverse affordable housing communities.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in IBA's area through the creation and preservation of jobs and local businesses.

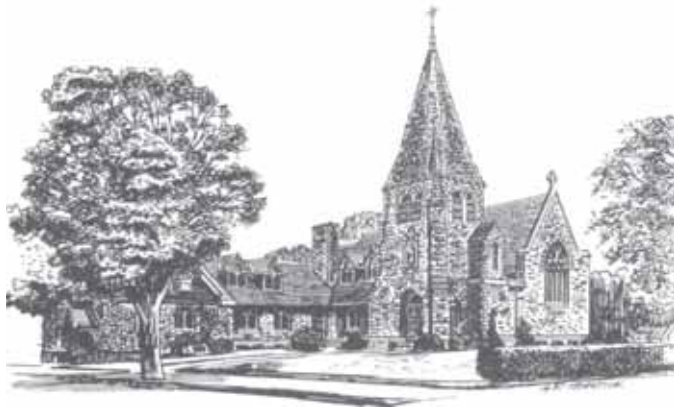
The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to prevent homelessness, create jobs, grow new minority businesses, and develop community leaders. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about The Community Development Partnership Act. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-927-1711 or vcrosado@iba-etc.org.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Representative Byron Rushing
Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz



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May 16, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,
I am the rector of Christ Church Episcopal in Waltham, Massachusetts. We work closely with WATCH (Waltham Alliance to Create Housing) on matters of importance to our members and the work of peace and justice in our city. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

We are thankful for the work WATCH does in Waltham in creating and supporting affordable housing in our town. Housing is a human right, and as such is a faith issue. As Episcopalians, in our baptismal covenant we promise to “strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being.” WATCH is an important community partner in bringing about a world where people’s basic human needs are met.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in WATCH’s area through the creation and preservation of homes, jobs, and the work of an informed and active citizenry. The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions for the city of Waltham. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state’s investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because WATCH, like all CDC’s by law must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Sara H. Irwin

Christ Church Waltham is a welcoming Episcopal community brought together in
our common worship of God and united in our desire to seek and serve
Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.



May 27, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

On behalf of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDCC), we are writing to thank you for your efforts to introduce **The Community Development Partnership Act** (H.988/S.1427) and to urge you and your colleagues to do everything within your power to advance this legislation that has great potential to increase economic and social opportunity across the Commonwealth.

The timing of this letter is especially propitious for our organization, as we just celebrated our annual meeting last evening. At that meeting, we had cause to reflect on JPNDCC's achievements since our last annual meeting one year ago. We have taken the liberty to enclose the list of highlights we enumerated at our annual meeting and are confident that you will share our sense of accomplishment.

Nevertheless, we are sobered by the amount of work that remains to be done, particularly for the most vulnerable members of our community, and by the challenges in obtaining the resources needed to sustain this work. The resource challenge is particularly relevant to JPNDCC's efforts in the realm of economic development, whether in attempting to provide follow-up services to the more than 900 residents who attended our recent career fair, working with the record number of participants in our small business training workshops, assisting local entrepreneurs to move into newly-built retail spaces, or connecting residents to jobs in the construction industry.

The introduction of the new Community Investment Tax Credit as part of The Community Development Partnership Act has great potential to leverage new resources that will help promote greater economic opportunity for individuals and families and individuals in Jamaica Plain and across Massachusetts. The creation and preservation of jobs and business opportunities will be a great boon and we hope that the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business will report the bill out favorably. Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leslie Bos, President

Richard Thal, Executive Director

CC: Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz
Representative Liz Malia
Representative Jeffrey Sanchez

MAY 2011- HIGHLIGHTS OF JPNDC'S WORK SINCE LAST ANNUAL MEETING

36 families move into affordable apartments in the new **Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez Cooperative**, part of the redevelopment of the 3.1-acre former Blessed Sacrament church campus.

53 low-income individuals coached and assisted to obtain **jobs** with an average wage of \$13.17—despite the recession, higher than any previous year. Another 35 accessed training, English classes or support services that allow them to sustain their families or build a career.

Construction of **270 Centre** (30 affordable apartments and ground-floor retail) kicks off the multi-partner, multi-phase revitalization of Jackson Square.

170 jobs created with construction at Blessed Sacrament, 270 Centre and Jackson Square.

More than 120 children received affordable, high quality childcare through the JPNDC **Family Childcare system**.

95% of home-based providers in the JPNDC **Family Childcare System** have fulfilled or are in the process of fulfilling the requirements for rigorous credentialing as childcare professionals.

Local **small businesses** secure \$205,000 in financing for start-up and expansion, investments that will create 15 new local jobs.

100% of the formerly abandoned Haffenreffer **Brewery** is now occupied. More than 500 people work at The Brewery, recognized as a national model for adaptive re-use of historic buildings.

23 JP residents from diverse backgrounds complete the first-ever **JP Community Leadership Academy**.

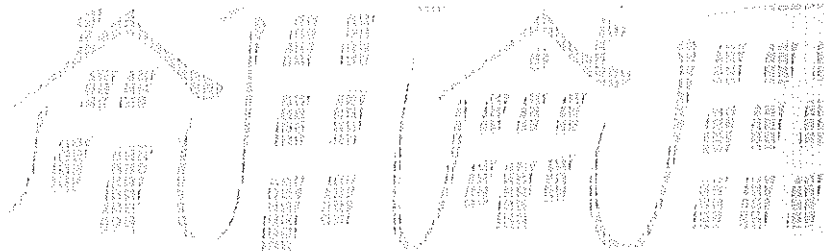
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program selects JPNDC to redevelop **461 Walnut Avenue** as a new model for combining permanent housing and health care for medically frail homeless individuals. The project receives all necessary approvals from the JP Neighborhood Council and Boston Redevelopment Authority.

The first phase of **infrastructure improvements in Jackson Square** paves the way for construction of new homes and retail space in 2011.

Nearly 60% of the **construction workers** on our sites are people of color, far exceeding the City-set goal of 25%. By working very closely with contractors and unions and rigorous monitoring, the JPNDC out-performed most developers in Boston.

1,523 households applied for a spot in the **Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez Cooperative** and 1,395 submitted applications for an apartment at our **270 Centre project**—a ratio of approximately 45 families for each affordable home.

The JPNDC's **Creighton Commons** homeownership project on the Blessed Sacrament campus stood out among developments across the US to win a **2010 Award of Excellence for Affordable Housing Built Responsibly** from the Home Depot Foundation.



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Chairperson of Neighborhood Housing Services of the South Shore in Quincy, Massachusetts and work closely with MACDC. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in MACDC's area through the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions for the Southeastern region of Massachusetts in which we operate. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because MACDC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 781-264-2712 (cell) or David.Kilnapp@Citizensbank.com.

Sincerely,

David Kilnapp
Chair, Board of Directors
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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I write this letter to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships. As a Boston Police Officer based in Jamaica Plain I have had the opportunity to work together with Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation organizing community events and promoting community safety. We value the work we have done through an effective collaboration resulting in more community participation.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Jamaica Plain NDC's area through the creation and preservation of community organizing activities involving community leaders, local businesses, and JPNDNC residents.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our JP community. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because JPNDNC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 343-5624 or by email at larac.bpd@cityofboston.gov.

Sincerely,

Police Officer Carlos Lara
District E-13, CSO



Lawrence

COMMUNITYWORKS

www.lcworks.org

May 6, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Co-Executive Director of Lawrence CommunityWorks in Lawrence, MA and a board member of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations (MACDC). I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

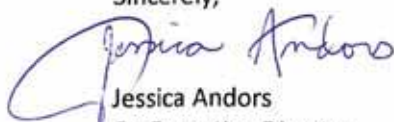
Lawrence CommunityWorks (LCW) is a community development corporation dedicated to transforming Lawrence and helping it to be a place where families and neighborhoods thrive. We do this by empowering members to advance economically and invest in their community through high quality real estate development, effective financial education, innovative youth programming and collaborative organizing efforts. With the help of private and public supporters, we are a major force for revitalization of the city. We have successfully invested nearly \$40 million in investment into Lawrence and its neighborhoods.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that would enable us to be even more effective in revitalizing Lawrence, by enabling us to increase the private philanthropy we are able to raise to re-build our neighborhoods and to provide greater economic opportunity for families and individuals. This legislation will spur economic activity in Lawrence, helping us with economic development projects like the creation of commercial space and community facilities, and allowing us to help families save for the purchase of homes and education.

LCW does extensive planning work to determine our revitalization plans. This planning includes local government, area stakeholder and large employers, and thousands of community residents. This bill will be an invaluable tool, helping us to implement these locally determined strategies tailored to our local needs and strengths. It will allow us to create community and expand access to jobs and adult education.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about The Community Development Partnership Act. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at (978) 722-2604 or jandors@lcworks.org

Sincerely,



Jessica Andors
Co-Executive Director

CC: Senator Barry Finegold, Rep. Marcos Devers, Rep. David Torrisi, Rep. Marcos Devers

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June 1, 2011

The Honorable Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Forry:

As a board member of the North Shore Community Development Coalition (CDC), I am writing to express my support of H.988, *The Community Development Partnership Act*, which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and will provide greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in the North Shore CDC's area through the creation and preservation of affordable homes, good jobs, community leadership, and safe, attractive neighborhoods. The North Shore CDC already works closely with cities and towns within the region to meet the goals of this legislation in a number of ways. These efforts include new construction, revitalization projects, civic engagement programs and resident services.

This bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our neighborhood. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue, thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because the North Shore CDC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhoods. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

As a board member and Salem resident, I have been able to witness first-hand the benefits of the CDC's work within the community and how their efforts generate collaborations with local residents and community stakeholders. The Community Investment Plan in this legislation will allow the CDC to expand on these efforts by developing a strategic plan that engages partners in a greater community development program that will truly expand economic opportunities for the low to moderate income households of Salem and neighborhoods throughout the CDC's coverage area.

I applaud your efforts in furthering the discussion about *The Community Development Partnership Act* in a hearing. It is my hope that this legislation is reported out of your committee favorably.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

Adria Leach

cc: Senate Majority Leader Frederick Berry



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June 1, 2011

The Honorable Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman DiDomenico:

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Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

Adria Leach

cc: Representative John Keenan



Madison Park Development Corporation

184 Dudley Street, Suite 102/Roxbury, MA 02119

May 9, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Chief Executive Director of the Madison Park Development Corporation in Roxbury, the largest and oldest CDC in Massachusetts. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

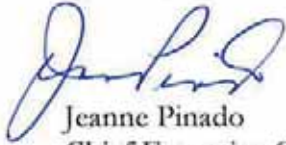
Our community development corporation has developed over 1300 units of affordable housing, redeveloped 85,000 square feet of commercial space, increased voter-turnout in our precincts by 12% in the 2010 general election compared with the 2006 general election. Each year we employ 25 youth through summer and afterschool employment programs and draw thousands of visitors to Dudley Square through the arts and cultural programming we offer at our Roxbury Center for Arts.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Madison Park Development Corporation's area through the creation and preservation of affordable homes, minority-owned businesses, jobs, and ultimately a strong and healthy community.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their locality. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to revitalize Dudley Square by improving the housing stock, increasing urgently needed affordable housing, promoting public safety, spurring cultural tourism, and mobilizing citizens to advocate for positive change. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 671-849-6220 or jpinado@madison-park.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeanne Pinado', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jeanne Pinado
Chief Executive Officer

cc:

Sonia Chang-Diaz, State Senator

Gloria Fox, State Representative

Byron Rushing, State Representative

Main South Community Development Corporation

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J. Stephen Teasdale, Executive Director

Mark Waters, President

June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Darcena Forry, Chair

Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair

Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business

State House, Room 26

Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Darcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of the Main South CDC in Worcester, MA, and serve on the Investment Committee of the LIFE Initiative. I am writing to voice our agency's support for *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our community development corporation has developed over 306 units of affordable housing in Worcester's Main South neighborhood since its incorporation in 1988. We currently maintain and manage over 180 units of affordable rental housing. Our recent work has involved the redevelopment of a distressed 30 acre parcel of land. This necessitated acquiring over 30 vacant lots from the City tax title custodian, acquiring 13 substandard properties and acquiring, demolishing and remediating 7 acres of old industrial plant. The cleaned real estate became the site of a new Boys & Girls Club and a track and field complex for Clark University. The CDC has brought over \$30 million of development work into the Kilby, Gardner, Hammond neighborhood over the last ten years. The impact on this distressed community has been noticeable.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in the Main South CDC's area through the creation and preservation of new homes, jobs, and local businesses.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to [mention challenges in your area e.g. reduce foreclosures, prevent homelessness, create jobs, and grow new businesses, develop community leaders]. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and

Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at (508) 752-6181 or steasdale@mainssouthcdc.org

Sincerely,



J.S. Teasdale, Executive Director
Main South CDC

CC: Senator Harriette Chandler
Senator Michael Moore
Rep. John Binienda
Rep. John Mahoney
Rep. Vincent Pedone
Rep. John Fresolo



MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY & BANKING COUNCIL

May 19, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Community & Banking Council (MCBC), I am writing to affirm MCBC's support for *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427), which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

MCBC was established in 1990 to bring together community organizations and financial institutions to affect positive change in the availability of credit and financial services across Massachusetts by encouraging community investment in low- and moderate-income and minority group neighborhoods and providing research, other information, assistance and direction in understanding and addressing the credit and financial needs of low- and moderate-income individuals and neighborhoods.

For more than 20 years, MCBC has supported a wide array of initiatives designed to foster a closer collaboration between the financial services industry and community-based organizations and we believe that the Community Development Partnership Act would be a wonderful new tool that could significantly deepen and expand this effort.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by local communities. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because community development corporations, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit their community and their constituents. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

MCBC knows from experience that good things happen when the public sector, the private sector and the local community work together. This bill leverages this proven model and takes it

to a new level of scale and impact. We would expect that many of our member financial institutions would be eager to participate in this program as most already invest in community development programs and some of our members participate in similar tax credit programs in other states.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kathleen Tullberg', written in dark ink.

Kathleen Tullberg

Manager

Massachusetts Community & Banking Council

Cc: Joe Kriesberg, MACDC

MASSACHUSETTS SMART GROWTH ALLIANCE

June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

On behalf of the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance, I am writing to support The Community Development Partnership Act (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

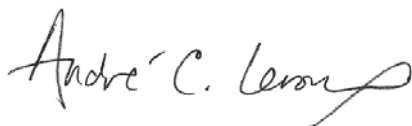
The Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance (MSGA) promotes healthy and diverse communities, protects critical environmental resources and working landscapes, advocates for housing and transportation choices, and supports equitable community development and urban reinvestment. The members of the MSGA are: Boston Society of Architects, Citizens' Housing and Planning Association, Conservation Law Foundation, Environmental League of Massachusetts, Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston, Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

As part of our Great Neighborhoods Initiative we are working with seven CDCs that are implementing community plans that will transform the lives of more than 100,000 residents of the state by developing housing, creating jobs and connecting those to transportation and green space.

The Community Development Partnership Act will help more CDCs across the state do this important community transformation work. In our view, CDCs are the best positioned to bring together community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders needed to make smart growth a reality and to make it equitable.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about The Community Development Partnership Act. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 263-1257 or andre@ma-smartgrowth.org.

Sincerely,



André Leroux
Executive Director

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Executive Director

Boston Society of
Architects — Civic Initiative
for Smart Growth

Citizens' Housing and Planning
Association

Conservation Law Foundation

Environmental League
of Massachusetts

Fair Housing Center
of Greater Boston

Massachusetts Association
of Community Development
Corporations

Metropolitan Area Planning
Council

June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of Neighborhood housing Services of the South Shore. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Neighborhood Housing Services provides housing for low and moderate income individuals and families, educates and supports first time homebuyers and offers affordable housing sustainability options in the form of loans and grants for homeowners

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Neighborhood Housing Services' area through the creation and preservation of community leaders, homes, jobs, and local businesses.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our entire South Shore region. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because NHS by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-770-2227 ext 21 or r.corley@neighborhoodhousing.org.

Sincerely,



Robert Corley

CC: Sen. Robert Hedlund, Sen. Brian Joyce, Sen. John Keenan, Sen. Therese Murray, Sen. Bruce Ayers, Rep. Garret Bradley, Rep. Tackey Chan, Rep. Geoff Diehl, Rep. William Galvin, Rep. Louis Kafka, Rep. John Keenan, Rep. Ron Mariano, Rep. James Murphy, Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Daniel Webster



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Associate Planner for the City of Beverly and I work closely with North Shore Community Development Coalition (North Shore CDC). I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427), which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

North Shore CDC has worked closely with the City of Beverly to revitalize neighborhoods long in need of attention. North Shore CDC's housing developments have not only provided much needed affordable homes for communities in need, they have changed the face of our cityscape to be more welcoming for residents, businesses and visitors alike.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and provide greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the Commonwealth. This legislation will spur economic activity in North Shore CDC's region through the creation and preservation of affordable homes, good jobs, safe and attractive neighborhoods and community leadership. Organizations such as the North Shore CDC work closely with cities and towns within the region to meet these goals in a number of ways. These can include new construction, revitalization projects, civic engagement programs and resident services.

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Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at knewhall@beverlyma.gov or (978)-921-6000 x2346.

Sincerely,

Kate Newhall



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

My name is Mickey Northcutt and I am the Executive Director of the North Shore Community Development Coalition (North Shore CDC). I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

The North Shore CDC has made great strides in increasing the availability of affordable housing to over 300 families in Beverly and Salem with 282 affordable housing units. Our work is leveraging \$30 million to create 108 new units of affordable housing, revitalize neighborhoods, and respond to our region's affordable housing crisis. Our team just completed the construction of 325 Cabot Street, transforming the gateway of downtown Beverly with an attractive three-story 43-unit building that will house a special needs population and is the first low-rise multi-family affordable development in Massachusetts to achieve LEED-Platinum Certification. Our work is a critical component to the future of economic development on the North Shore, and CDC's across Massachusetts play a vital role in the economy of the Commonwealth.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in North Shore CDC's area through the creation and preservation of affordable homes, good jobs, safe, attractive neighborhoods and community leadership. Organizations such as the North Shore CDC work closely with cities and towns within the region to meet these goals in a collaborative way which engages community members and local leaders.

This innovative bill would attract new private philanthropy to support local solutions to local challenges. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue, thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because North Shore CDC, by law, must invest all of our funds in activities that benefit the neighborhoods we serve. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. I would like to invite you and other members of your committee to tour our communities and see firsthand the dramatic impact our developments have had in neighborhoods on the North Shore. If you would like to join us on the North Shore, or have any questions, please contact me directly at mickey@northshorecdc.org or (978) 745-8071.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Northcutt



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico:

As a member of the North Shore Community Development Coalition (North Shore CDC) Board of Directors I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and will provide greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in the North Shore CDC's area through the creation and preservation of affordable homes, good jobs, community leadership, and safe, attractive neighborhoods. The North Shore CDC already works closely with cities and towns within the region to meet the goals of this legislation in a number of ways. These efforts include new construction, revitalization projects, civic engagement programs and resident services.

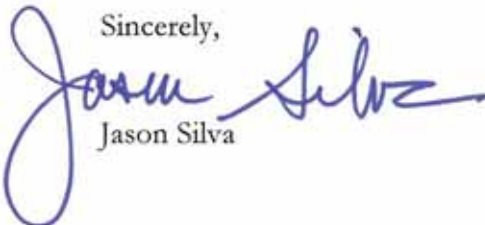
This bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our neighborhood. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue, thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because the North Shore CDC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhoods. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

As a board member and Beverly resident, I have been able to witness first-hand the benefits of the CDC's work within the community and how their efforts generate collaborations with local residents and community stakeholders. The Community Investment Plan in this legislation will allow the CDC to expand on these efforts by developing a strategic plan that engages partners in a greater community development program that will truly expand economic opportunities for the low to moderate income households of neighborhoods throughout the CDC's coverage area.

I applaud your efforts in furthering the discussion about *The Community Development Partnership Act* in a hearing. It is my hope that this legislation is reported out of your committee favorably.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jsilva34@hotmail.com or (978) 810-1479.

Sincerely,



Jason Silva



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation based in the Roxbury-Dorchester-Mattapan neighborhoods of Boston. I am also a personal stakeholder in this community through my family's ownership of a retail store in Dudley Square in Roxbury. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Nuestra has various community development lines of business which could be enhanced significantly by this act. These activities include:

- Affordable housing development – Nuestra has produced and preserved 753 affordable apartments and built and sold 132 homes to owner-occupants.
- Commercial district revitalization – Nuestar has renovated and leased some 50,000 SF of formerly vacant office and retail space.
- Homeownership promotion and preservation – Nuestra has graduated 2,000 residents from our first time homebuyer classes; made \$28m in home purchase and rehab loans to local homeowners; and, in recent years, counseled 350 homeowners on foreclosure prevention with a 65% success rate.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan through the creation and preservation of mixed-income rental and homeownership housing, small business preservation and creation, and preservation of homeownership housing now at risk. The bill will help local residents, businesses, and other stakeholders design and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of our specific context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to reduce foreclosures, create workforce housing, create construction and permanent jobs for local workers, preserve and create new small businesses, and develop community leaders. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-989-1223 or dprice@nuestracdc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Price". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Price" clearly legible.

David Price
Executive Director

cc: State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz
State Representative Carlos Henriquez
State Representative Gloria Fox



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of Oak Hill CDC and the NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center of Worcester County serving Worcester County. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

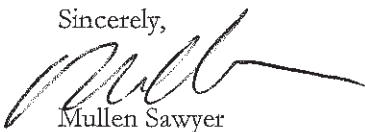
Our community development corporation serves as our community's front line for developing affordable housing, housing counseling, foreclosure prevention and economic development.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Oak Hill CDC's area through the creation and preservation of affordable housing opportunities, jobs and in assisting local businesses.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to stabilize our community from the ravages of foreclosure and serve as a basis for community stabilization efforts. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 508 754-2858 or msawyer@oakhillcdc.org.

Sincerely,



Mullen Sawyer

CC: Sen. Moore & Chander, Reps. Fresolo, Pedone, Bineinda, O'Day





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Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Business Manager for Palmer Trailer Sales Company located in Palmer, Massachusetts and work closely with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation located in Ware, Massachusetts.

I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

The QVCDC provided us with strategic technical assistance and computer training to help us navigate through a critical transition process within our company. Quite frankly without their help and assistance we would not have had a successful transition and progress to date. The QVCDC serves as an ***invaluable resource*** that is so ***critically needed for small businesses*** especially in the current economic environment.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in the Quaboag Valley CDC area through the creation and preservation of a ***CRITICAL RESOURCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS***.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our local growth and environment. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in our community because the QVCDC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about ***The Community Development Partnership Act***. ***We at PTS sincerely hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably.*** If you have any questions, please contact me at 413.283.3773 or at pts01069@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am a small business owner in Beverly and I work closely with North Shore Community Development Coalition (North Shore CDC). I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

The housing provided by North Shore CDC has been a boon to my neighborhood. Their Cabot St. project has revitalized the gateway to downtown Beverly, where my business is located, and has helped my business thrive.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in North Shore CDC's area through the creation and preservation of affordable homes, good jobs, safe, attractive neighborhoods and community leadership. Organizations such as the North Shore CDC work closely with cities and towns within the region to meet these goals in a number of ways. These can include new construction, revitalization projects, civic engagement programs and resident services.

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Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at prestond@comcast.net or (978)-922-8100.

Sincerely,


Don Preston



Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation & Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation

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May 25, 2011

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Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
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Dear Chairpersons Dorcena Forry and DiDomenico,

This letter is to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427), currently under consideration.

As the Executive Director of the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation, I know how important it is to have resources for the continuation of our small business assistance programs that include loans, training and individual business consulting. The proposed public-private partnership seems a creative way to achieve this end.

As a resident of Ware where many resources are either limited or difficult to access, I know how significant all community development activities can be. For instance, the CDC building, owned by our nonprofit, also houses a local adult education center and daycare for lower income families. Our combined efforts benefit hundreds of local residents every year.

As a trustee of Country Bank, I see that, no matter how many nonprofits the bank supports, it is never sufficient to meet all ongoing needs within poorer communities, such as those in western and parts of central Massachusetts.

The CD Partnership Act will create a new Community Investment Tax Credit. This will encourage increased donations from the private sector for the benefit of our communities. In our case, it will bolster us in our quest for sustainability and further our work with the scores of small businesses, employers, and individuals seeking improved business skills that we encounter every year.

The proposed Act includes provisions not only for raising funds but also for distributing them, based on competitive proof of community need and development of worthwhile strategies. It (the Act) appears to be a well designed and worthy tool to meet these ends.

I hope that your committee will be convinced of the value of this bill and report it out favorably. Please feel free to contact me at 413-967-3001 or susan@qvcdc.com if you seek additional documentation about the potential impact of its passage to those of us in rural Massachusetts.

Sincerely,


Susan S. Rutherford,
Executive Director

cc: Senator Stephen Brewer
Representative Anne M. Gobi
Representative Todd Smola



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May 26, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc. located in Waltham and serving 27 cities and towns in Greater Boston. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* [H.988/S.1427] which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

REACH is a multiservice agency working to build healthy communities by ending domestic violence. We do this with individuals, families, neighborhoods and communities. Our intervention services including shelter, support groups and individual advocacy, are available to anyone experiencing abuse in a relationship. Our prevention programs include education and training, working with youth, and community mobilization strategies. We work closely with WATCH and with many people from Waltham and surrounding towns who benefit from the expertise and resources offered by WATCH.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in our area through the creation and preservation of quality housing, good jobs and local businesses that invest in community programs and services.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our community. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because WATCH, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me on 781-891-0724 x106 or laura@reachma.org.

Sincerely,


Laura R. Van Zandt
Executive Director

CC: Representative Thomas Stanley
Senator Susan Fargo

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June 1, 2011

The Honorable Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman DiDomenico:

I am writing in support of S.1427, *The Community Development Partnership Act*, which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

This bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions in low income neighborhoods in the North Shore of Massachusetts, driven by efforts of the North Shore Community Development Coalition (CDC). The North Shore CDC already works closely with cities and towns within the region to meet the goals of this legislation in a number of ways. Their efforts include new construction, revitalization projects, civic engagement programs, and resident services. *The Community Development Partnership Act* will spur the economic activity in the CDC's coverage area through the creation and preservation of affordable homes, good jobs, community leadership, and safe, attractive neighborhoods.

The North Shore CDC has played an essential role in helping Salem State University enhance its strong ties with the low income neighborhoods of Salem. Our interns have gained a breadth of real-world experience working at the CDC, and the organization's relationships with neighborhoods in need have provided great insight for the development of our service-learning programs in this area of Salem.

It is my hope that this legislation is reported out of your committee favorably.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patricia Maguire Meservey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patricia" being the most prominent.

Patricia Maguire Meservey
President

cc: Senate Majority Leader Frederick Berry



Patricia Maguire Meservey, *President*

June 1, 2011

The Honorable Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Forry:

I am writing in support of H.988, *The Community Development Partnership Act*, which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

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Patricia Maguire Meservey
President

cc: Representative John Keenan

Reverend Valarie Seabrook
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June 12, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

My name is Reverend Valarie Seabrook, and I live in housing developed by the Fenway CDC and I am also an active community leader in the Fenway. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

My work with Fenway CDC involves mobilizing my neighbors to preserve affordable housing, providing much-needed youth programming, and serving on the Urban Village Committee that monitors institutional and private development in the neighborhood. The housing provided by the Fenway CDC has allowed me to contribute to my neighborhood in many ways, including starting a local crime watch.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Fenway CDC's area through the creation and preservation of affordable homes, job placement in local hospitals and businesses, and expanded services for families and seniors.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our community. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because Fenway CDC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at val_seabrook@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,



Reverend Valarie Seabrook

CC: Representatives Byron Rushing and Gloria Fox
Senators Steven Tolman and Sonia Chang-Diaz

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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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State House, Room 26
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am Mary Vilbon, Executive Director of the Shelburne Falls Area Business Association (SFABA) and I am a community leader who works with The Franklin County Community Development Corporation. I represent businesses in the western region of Franklin County.

I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our work with the Franklin County Community Development Corporation involves business counseling, training and business lending to new and existing businesses, research on area vacant buildings that are poised for economic development projects, and collaboration with the Shelburne Falls Area Partnership that focuses on economic development projects to create jobs and improve activities.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Franklin County Community Development Corporation's area through the creation and preservation of jobs, and local businesses.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our Shelburne Falls Area. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because Franklin County Community Development Corporation, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 413- 625-2526 or info@shelburnefalls.com.

Sincerely,



Mary Vilbon
Executive Director
Shelburne Falls Area Business Association

CC: Sen. Ben Downing Rep. Paul Mark
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June 1, 2011



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Representative Linda Dorcea Forry, Chair
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State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcea Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

My name is Steven Smith and I am a community leader who works closely with North Shore Community Development Coalition (North Shore CDC). I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

I have been proud to work closely with North Shore CDC to increase awareness for homelessness prevention and affordable housing in our communities on the North Shore.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in North Shore CDC's area through the creation and preservation of affordable homes, good jobs, safe, attractive neighborhoods and community leadership. Organizations such as the North Shore CDC work closely with cities and towns within the region to meet these goals in a number of ways. These can include new construction, revitalization projects, civic engagement programs and resident services.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our neighborhood. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because North Shore CDC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at s.p.99smith@gmail.com or (781)-334-4915.

Sincerely,

Steven Smith



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
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State House, Room 26
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico:

I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Somerville Community Corporation, the only community development corporation and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) in Somerville. I also serve on the Board of Directors of the Mass. Association of CDCs and as co-chair of MACDC's Policy Committee. I write in strong support of *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Somerville is historically a working class community that, in recent years, has seen both the benefits and challenges of transforming to a very desirable, transit-oriented urban hub, with the MBTA Red Line extension in the 1980s and now anticipating the Green Line extension in coming years. Aiming to maintain Somerville's economic diversity, SCC develops affordable housing, engages Somerville residents in community planning and organizing for policies to support our rich diversity, and provides homelessness prevention and family asset building services to assist residents to be financially secure in Somerville.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for investing in our communities and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Somerville through the creation and preservation affordable rental and ownership housing, job creation and access, and family asset building that will help Somerville residents in their own economic pursuits.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to generate housing options and access to decent-paying jobs that will enable low and moderate income people to thrive in Somerville's robust, but challenging market. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. I'd be happy to speak with you or a member of your staff further on this bill. Please contact me at 617-776-5931 x223 or dleblanc@somervillecdc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel LeBlanc".

Daniel LeBlanc
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Senator Patricia Jehlen
Representative Timothy Toomey
Representative Denise Provost
Representative Carl Sciortino



Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation
Building Communities, Building Partnerships
in Hyde Park and Roslindale

May 17, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

Thank you for your sponsorship of the *Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427). I am writing to convey my strong support for the legislation, which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships. I am pleased to be able to write in my capacity as Executive Director of the Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation – serving the Hyde Park neighborhood that Representative Forry represents part of (and also as a native of Cambridge, where my mother is a constituent of Senator DiDomenico).

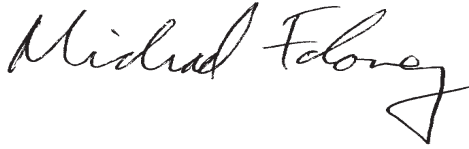
Southwest Boston CDC works to develop and preserve housing accessible to households with a range of incomes; prevent displacement of neighborhood residents; and strengthen the commercial base of the neighborhoods we serve. We are currently engaged in several efforts to advance these goals, including creation of mixed-income housing as part of a mixed-used, transit-oriented development in Hyde Park and acquisition of foreclosed properties for rehabilitation and sale to moderate income buyers. We're working to prevent displacement through promotion of foreclosure prevention counseling services, and strengthening the commercial base of Hyde Park by employing local youth to clean the business district and beautify nearby urban wilds in Hyde Park through our award-winning Hyde Park Green Team program.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Southwest Boston CDC's area through the creation and preservation of homes, jobs, and local businesses. The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context.

The legislation would generate market-based, strategic initiatives adapted to local communities' efforts to address challenges before them, whether they are foreclosures, homelessness prevention, job creation, new business development or increasing civic engagement. As you are aware, the credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development, with the total amount of credits to be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you in advance for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 617-364-7300 or mfeloney@swbcdc.org.

Sincerely,

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Michael Feloney
Executive Director

cc: Senator Michael Rush
Rep. Angelo Scaccia
Rep. Russell Holmes
Rep. Edward Coppinger
Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez



Buying a Home...
Keeping a Home...
Building a Neighborhood...

June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc (NHS) in Springfield and Chair of the Board of Directors of MACDC. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

The mission of Springfield NHS is to transform families and revitalize distressed target neighborhood. It achieves sustainable homeownership through the Full-Cycle™ Lending model that includes:

- Targeted neighborhood revitalization,
- Financial fitness and homebuyer education and credit repair,
- Purchase money and repair mortgage financing,
- Lead abatement services, and
- Foreclosure intervention services.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in the Springfield NHS area through the creation and preservation of homes, jobs, and local businesses.

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The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's stabilization efforts to reduce foreclosures and create jobs. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 413-739-4737 or rucks@springfieldnhs.org

Sincerely,



Charles H. Rucks, Esq.
Executive Director



May 31, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcea Fory, Chair
 Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
 Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
 State House, Room 26
 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcea Fory and Chairman DiDomenico:

I am writing to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427), which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

TD Bank has a strong commitment to community investment and community development. TD Bank offers numerous loan products including consumer products such as auto loans and lines of credit; as well as mortgage, commercial and small business products such as construction loans, real estate secured loans and letters of credit. We participate in many federal and state lending programs including FHA, VA, SBA, USDA etc. In addition to the above lending products, TD Bank makes available a wide variety of consumer and commercial banking services, including deposit products and specialized services, to meet the needs of the marketplace. We are committed to providing mortgage, small business and consumer loans to potential borrowers in all low- to moderate-income areas.

TD Bank has established and will continue to maintain on-going relationships with community leaders, local and state government officials and agencies, as well as various business groups and non-profit agencies to ascertain community credit and banking service needs. TD Bank invests in many entities, programs and projects that support community investment.

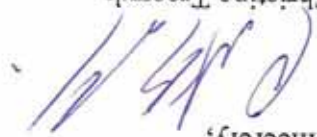
The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by local communities. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because community development corporations, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities

that benefit their community and their constituents. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

TD Bank committed \$100,000 to a similar program in New Jersey last year and would review our ability to do the same in Massachusetts. Our positive experience from similar public sector, the private sector and the local community work partnerships makes this legislative appealing. This bill leverages this proven model and takes it to a new level of scale and impact.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably.

Sincerely,



Christine Traczyk

Community Development Manager CT, MA & RI



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of the Twin Cities CDC in Fitchburg and Leominster a former board member of the Massachusetts Community Development Finance Corporation.. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our community development corporation is heavily involved in building affordable housing, revitalizing our neighborhoods that have been devastated by the foreclosure crisis, providing homeownership counseling, assist small businesses with counseling and organize neighborhoods.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in the Fitchburg and Leominster area through the creation and preservation of homes, jobs, neighborhoods, and local businesses.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to reduce foreclosures, prevent homelessness, create jobs, and grow new businesses, develop community leaders. These challenges are particularly difficult for the Gateway Neighborhoods in Gateway Cities like Fitchburg and Leominster. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at (978) 342-9561.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Dohan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marc Dohan

CC: Senator Jennifer Flanagan
Representative Stephen DiNatale
Representative Dennis Rosa



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May 9, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of WATCH CDC in Waltham. I'm also an active member of Somerville Community Corporation in Somerville, where I live. I am writing with strong support of *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which provides a powerful opportunity to leverage private corporate dollars and nonprofit energy in order to support strategic community building throughout Massachusetts.

Since its founding in 1988, WATCH has been nimble and responsive to the greatest needs and interests of our low-income and immigrant constituencies. Today our programs include English classes, English tutoring & leadership development based on topics of deepest relevance to immigrant adults; community organizing to preserve and create affordable housing in Waltham, a housing clinic to train tenants on tenant-landlord law and resolve housing crises, and a CHAPA-certified first time homebuyer's class. We are also a member of the Metro West Collaborative Developers – a partnership between WATCH and groups in Watertown, Belmont and Lexington focused exclusively on developing top quality affordable housing in our area.

Our programs are strategically integrated to enable WATCH to build a network of strong leaders. These leaders take action individually and communally in order to help themselves and help other families in Waltham to access the resources they need to live productive and satisfying lives and to engage positively in their community.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will enable community-based groups like WATCH to increase private philanthropy in the outcomes-oriented, community responsive, dynamic and thoughtful work that we do to strengthen neighborhoods and provide greater economic opportunity people across the state. This legislation could spur economic activity in the Waltham area through the creation of affordable housing on now vacant or blighted sites in Waltham's downtown, improve dangerous living conditions and retain housing for over 250 very low-income families a year, support hundreds of local immigrants in improving their basic English skills so that they can find new or better jobs, and develop the leadership skills of a range of local residents so that they may become more deeply involved in the activities of their community. In the end, WATCH's work

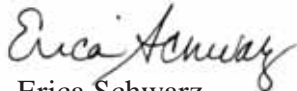
and the work of others like us, grows the ability of residents in our communities to do great things and improve the quality of life for everyone.

This bill will enable residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to create and implement long-term plans that meet their local needs and respond to the unique opportunities in their community. It will generate market-based, strategic efforts designed to support the local community's efforts to, for example, create more affordable homes for local families or support workers in building skills to help them secure better jobs.

Only the organizations with the strongest, most thoughtful, and most well-designed strategies will participate in the program each year. The tax credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing so that legislators can learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I ask that you do all you can to report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 781-891-6689 x200 or erica@watchcdc.org.

Sincerely,

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Erica Schwarz
Executive Director

CC: Senator Susan Fargo
Representative Tom Stanley
Candidate for State Representative Jim Dixon
Candidate for State Representative John Lawn



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Community Organizer of WATCH CDC in Waltham, MA and as well as a part time staff member at Watertown Community Housing, a consultant for a Mount Auburn community health grant, and a consultant for a start up non-profit that seeks to prepare college students for leadership roles in the non-profit sector. I am also a member of the MACDC Policy Committee. I write to support The Community Development Partnership Act (H.988/S.1427] which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our community development corporation provides affordable housing, adult education opportunities for English learners, a clinic to assist community members find housing and any other help they may need, tenant organizing and leadership opportunities, energy efficiency skills training events we call "Barnraisings," and first time homebuyer classes. Even with a small staff, we are constantly growing and adapting to fit the unique needs of our Waltham community.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in WATCH CDC's area through the creation and preservation of affordable housing, English programs, and leadership development.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to prevent homelessness, spur smart energy choices, and address the needs of all of our community members, regardless of income. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about The Community Development Partnership Act. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 781.891.6689 x 206 or organizer@watchcdc.org.

Sincerely,

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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of Watertown Community Housing and the interim Executive Director of the Metro West Collaborative Developers. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting new public-private partnerships.

Over the past ten years I have worked in many Metro West communities where housing advocates are eager to both a) build affordable housing and b) create and sustain communities where low and moderate income people can be welcomed, supported and successful. This work requires the presence of strong community-based organizations.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for strengthening neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in our area through the creation and preservation of affordable housing, mixed-use developments, downtown districts and other community development efforts.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders develop, and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-923-3505 x 4 or at jvc@watertowncommunityhousing.org

Sincerely,

Jennifer Van Campen
Executive Director

cc: Senator Steven Tolman and Representative Jonathan Hecht

27 Acton Street, Apt. 2
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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

My name is Deirdre Westcott, and I live in housing developed by the Housing Corporation of Arlington. Three years ago, my husband and I were scrambling to find an apartment after we received notification that the condo we were renting in Salem had been sold. My husband works for a non-profit organization that supports children with developmental disabilities and their families, so we needed to find an apartment that fit our tight budget. We also needed a certified deledaded apartment that would be safe for our children, ages two and four at the time, and access to public transportation. Apartments that met those criteria were almost non-existent in the Boston area. We were hopeful when we found out about the Housing Corporation's affordable apartments and thrilled when we were approved as tenants. We moved to Arlington in March 2008, and count our blessings everyday. Having safe and affordable housing has given our family stability and peace of mind.

I am writing to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427] which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships. Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at dswestcott@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,



Deirdre Westcott



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

My name is Laine Wilder and I live in housing developed by the Hilltown CDC. I am also a single mother who has recently rejoined the work force. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships. The housing provided by the Hilltown CDC has allowed me to obtain appropriate and affordable housing for myself and my son who is disabled.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Hilltown CDC's area through the creation and preservation of housing, small business opportunities and other services that contribute to the overall economy of the region.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our hilltown region. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because Hilltown CDC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our region. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at (413)296-0128 or by email: Lwilder101@aol.com.

Sincerely,


Laine W. Wilder



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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
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Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of Worcester Common ground, Inc. in Worcester. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

Our organization, a Community Development Corporation serving the most challenged neighborhoods of Worcester by providing quality, affordable housing in addition to working with neighbors to address concerns about safety, recreation and education.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Worcester Common Ground's area through the creation and preservation of affordable, quality homes and apartments.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our neighborhood. . The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because Worcester Common Ground, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 508 754 0908 or spatton@wcg-cdc.com.

Sincerely,

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Steve Patton
Executive Director

The Community Development Corporation of Piedmont

Worcester East Side Community Development Corporation

Community Improvements through Community Efforts



Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

June 1, 2011

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of the Worcester East Side CDC. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427), which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

The CDC's mission is to stabilize and revitalize the East Side neighborhoods that it serves in order to improve the quality of life for all those who reside or work here. It aims to reduce neighborhood blight; preserve current housing stock; increase the availability of quality home ownership opportunities and affordable well-managed rental units; provide economic and educational programs; promote the activities of new and existing businesses; and create a safer, healthier community for all. It seeks to foster open channels of communication among those within the community and the government. It involves all that have an interest and encourages their leadership and growth to achieve these goals.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Worcester East Side CDC's area through the creation of new affordable home and the preservation of existing ones.

The bill will help community residents, local businesses, and other local stakeholders to develop and implement locally devised strategies that meet the needs and take advantage of the opportunities of their specific local context. It will generate market-based, strategic initiatives tailored to the local community's efforts to stabilize housing, reduce foreclosures, prevent homelessness, and create jobs. The credits will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the total amount of credits will be capped at \$6 million by the third year of the program.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 508-799-6942 or dnrm@verizon.net.

Sincerely,

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Dominick Marcigliano
Executive Director

Susan Worgahtik
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June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am a member of the Greening Greenfield Energy Committee which works closely with the Franklin County Community Development Corporation. Among our many concerns is the development of green employment within Greenfield, in particular, and Franklin County, in general.

I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

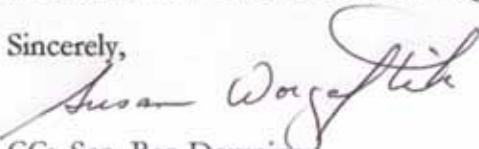
Our work with Franklin County CDC involves opening opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship in relation to green jobs, an essential element of economic development activities here in this county.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Franklin County CDC's area through the creation and preservation of community leaders, jobs, and local businesses.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our Franklin County region. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because Franklin County CDC, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at 413-773-0228 or suworg@comcast.net.

Sincerely,



CC: Sen. Ben Downing
Rep. Gail Cariddi
Rep. Denise Andrews

Rep. Paul Mark
Rep. Steve Kulik

Sen. Stan Rosenberg
Rep. Stephen Brewer

June 1, 2011

Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair
Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chair
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business
State House, Room 26
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Dorcena Forry and Chairman DiDomenico,

I am the Executive Director of YouthBuild Boston and work closely with Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation. I write to support *The Community Development Partnership Act* (H.988/S.1427) which will expand economic opportunity across the Commonwealth by promoting public-private partnerships.

The Community Development Partnership Act would create a new Community Investment Tax Credit that will increase private philanthropy for re-building neighborhoods and towns and providing greater economic opportunity for families and individuals across the state. This legislation will spur economic activity in Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation's area through the creation and preservation of community leaders, homes, jobs, and local businesses.

The bill would attract new private philanthropy to support solutions driven by our community. The new state tax credit will generate two dollars of private investment while costing the state just one dollar in foregone tax revenue thereby doubling the impact of the state's investment. All of these funds will stay in the community because Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation, by law, must invest all of their funds in activities that benefit our neighborhood. These tax credits will stay in the Commonwealth and be continually recycled for additional economic benefit.

Thank you for holding the hearing to learn more about *The Community Development Partnership Act*. I hope that you will report the bill out of your committee favorably. If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 445-8887 or ksmith@ybboston.org.

Sincerely,



Ken Smith
Executive Director, YouthBuild Boston