

HOUSE No. 00368

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin G. Honan

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to community housing and services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Brian Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Alice K. Wolf</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>David B. Sullivan</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>John J. Binienda</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Petrolati</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael F. Kane</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>

HOUSE No. 00368

By Mr. Kevin G. Honan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00368) of Jeffrey Sánchez and others relative to community housing and services. Joint Committee on Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 4342 OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to community housing and services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Executive Office of Housing and
2 Economic Development, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the Executive Office of Veterans
3 Services, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of
4 Transitional Assistance, the Department of Developmental Services, the Department of Mental
5 Health, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Public Health, the
6 Department of Correction, the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Massachusetts
7 Commission for the Blind, Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the
8 Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, the Massachusetts Housing Partnership and the
9 Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation shall develop and execute a
10 memorandum of understanding which shall include an action plan to coordinate the procurement

11 and availability of community based supportive services, capital subsidies, and operating
12 subsidies for new and existing housing available to low and extremely low income residents to
13 be known as the community housing and services memorandum of understanding. The
14 memorandum of understanding shall identify and resolve barriers and reduce fragmentation for
15 the provision of community based supportive services and affordable housing.

16 The community housing and services memorandum of understanding shall be filed with the
17 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Joint Committee on Housing, the Joint Committee on Elder
18 Affairs, the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, the Senate
19 Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee on Ways and Means no later than
20 March 15, 2010.

21 Said memorandum shall facilitate the creation of a demonstration program that creates no less
22 than one thousand units of permanent supported housing that includes coordinated operating,
23 capital subsidies and voluntary community based supportive services within three years of
24 enactment of this act, provided that the aforementioned agencies shall assess the need for
25 permanent supportive housing to serve the Commonwealth's homeless, people with disabilities,
26 and elders and shall establish a long range target to produce new supportive housing
27 opportunities to meet the Commonwealth's need.

28 Community based supportive services shall include, but need not be limited to: resident service
29 coordinators, housing support teams and other models to link low and extremely low income
30 tenants with any services necessary to maintain their tenancy, or direct community-based social
31 services or other services necessary to maintain a successful tenancy, provided that a tenant's

32 receipt of services shall not be an eligibility requirement or a requirement of maintaining a
33 tenancy under the plan.

34 The plan shall establish benchmarks to assess financial savings to the Commonwealth resulting
35 from the avoidance of institutionalization, shelter, or nursing care due to the availability of
36 community based housing support services.