

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 775**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Nika C. Elugardo*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act enabling the conservation commissions to consider climate change within their conservation plans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Elugardo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 775) of Nika C. Elugardo and others relative to enabling conservation commissions to consider climate change within conservation plans. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act enabling the conservation commissions to consider climate change within their conservation plans.

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

1           Section 8C of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the fifth sentence the following 2 sentences:- The  
3 commission may include in its conservation plan an analysis of climate change effects and also  
4 may evaluate environmental justice and climate justice elements of climate change, including  
5 effects of extreme weather and flooding within areas subject to protection. A conservation  
6 commission may adopt guidelines and policies for environmental justice and climate justice.