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Dear Friends,

As you will see in our Summer newsletter, the hard work and dedication of our community development partners in the Commonwealth has resulted in numerous events held to highlight project accomplishments over the last few months. We were also able to celebrate an important milestone on May 31st, when Governor Baker signed the \$1.8 billion Housing Bond Bill, which will provide significant funding for three supportive housing programs we manage, along with the Home Modification Loan Program and the Early Education and Out of School Time (EOST) Capital Fund.

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Governor Baker Signs \$1.8 Billion Housing Bond Bill /



Massachusetts is fortunate in that over the last several decades, the Commonwealth has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to community development in a bipartisan way. On Thursday, May 31st, we saw the most recent example of this support when Governor Charlie Baker signed the \$1.8 billion Housing Bond Bill into law. The bill will allow for new capital spending on affordable housing production and preservation in cities and towns across Massachusetts.

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Building Stronger Centers Through the Children's Investment Fund /

The Children's Investment Fund ("the Fund") offers technical assistance, training and financial support to non-profit early education care (ECE) and out of school time (OST) programs across Massachusetts. In late May, the Fund administered the tenth Building Stronger Centers Training Institute (BSC), a comprehensive four-day program for ECE and OST providers.

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Strengthening Communities Through the Kuehn Planning Grants /



In 2016, CEDAC was awarded \$180,000 of funding by the Kuehn Charitable Foundation (KCF) to establish a new planning grant program to help the nonprofit community development sector across Massachusetts. Last year, KCF committed a second grant to CEDAC in the same amount. Named for the foundation's creator Robert H. Kuehn, Jr., the Kuehn Planning Grants help nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts explore the feasibility at the earliest stages of project development.

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Spring is the Celebration Season /



It's no surprise that as the weather turns warmer and sunnier, we get a chance to join our non-profit community development partners to celebrate milestone events in the project development process. But it is always gratifying to attend groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies and see these affordable housing, supportive housing, and child care projects go from ideas into reality.

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CEDAC Welcomes New Board Chair, Undersecretary For Housing And Community Development Janelle Chan /

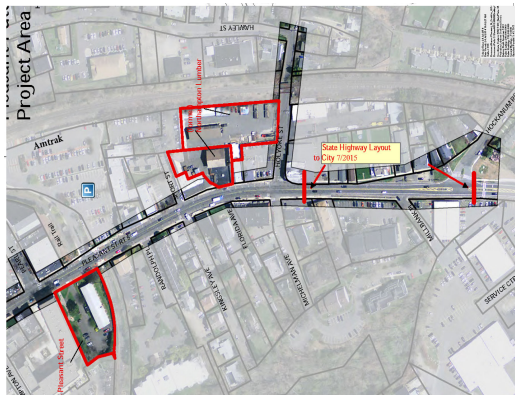
CEDAC is pleased to welcome our new board chair and Undersecretary for Housing and Community Development,

Janelle Chan, to our organization. Undersecretary Chan began her new position in April, but in many ways, this is a coming home for her. Prior to joining the Baker-Polito Administration in 2016, Janelle had led the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) as executive director for a number of years and understands the importance of community development to strengthening neighborhoods.

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Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Beyond Boston /



While it is largely recognized that there is a strong demand for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) housing in Boston, there is also growing demand in outlying communities that offer commuter rail and active bus systems. The high cost of housing in Boston is pushing households to seek less expensive locations, but many still want the benefits of living in an urban area, including access to public transit.

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Creating CDC Capacity In Worcester /

Massachusetts has a well-developed – and well-regarded – community development sector but not all areas in the State are as strongly developed as others. In the Gateway Cities, the community development corporations (CDCs) work in the context of struggling economies, greater poverty, and tighter fiscal constraints than the Boston metro area. Over the last several years, the Gateway City CDCs have had to weather the recession, reductions in federal funding, and decreasing philanthropic contributions.

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Who Builds the Ecosystem? /



Massachusetts has a strong ecosystem of interrelated organizations supporting the needs of vulnerable individuals and families. Most of these organizations are visible in the community, providing direct services to clients to solve their pressing challenges that include obtaining affordable housing, taking care of their children, or participating in job training. Other agencies, like CEDAC, play a “behind-the-scenes” role, in essence providing the infrastructure to enable the ecosystem to function.

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Five Things You May Not Know About FCF-Funded Group Homes /

In February, Roger Herzog described CEDAC's long history of supporting our non-profit partners as they produce and preserve supportive housing units through three distinct capital programs, including the Facilities Consolidation Fund (FCF). FCF was created in response to an advocate-driven effort to close institutions serving Department of Mental Health (DMH) or Department of Developmental Services (DDS) consumers and transition services to community-based settings.

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