

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3617**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Gloria L. Fox*

*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 relative to certain affordable housing in the city of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Fox of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3617) of Gloria L. Fox, Daniel J. Ryan and Russell E. Holmes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the procurement and awarding of contracts for public housing construction projects in the city of Boston. Labor and Workforce Development. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to certain affordable housing in the city of Boston.

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

1           ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special  
2 law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is,  
3 approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to  
4 the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted  
5 precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

6           PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:

7           AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

8           IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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

11           SECTION 1. Construction and development activity related to redevelopment by the  
12 Boston Housing Authority of the federally-funded Whittier public housing project, or any part  
13 thereof, shall not be subject to any general or special law related to the procurement and award of  
14 contracts for the construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance, or repair of  
15 buildings by a public agency, but shall be subject to sections 26 to 27H, inclusive, of chapter 149  
16 of the General Laws. Contracts for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling, or  
17 repair of any publicly owned public works that service this project and would otherwise be  
18 subject to section 39M of chapter 30 of the General Laws shall be subject to said section 39M if  
19 the redevelopment of the project is funded in part by state or federal government low-income  
20 housing tax credit, grant, or loan, or pursuant to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds authorized by  
21 general law. A conveyance of the project, whether by leasehold or fee estate, to an urban  
22 redevelopment corporation organized under chapter 121A of the General Laws or to a nonprofit  
23 state and federally tax-exempt corporation organized for the purpose of revitalizing the project,  
24 shall be subject to chapter 30B of the General Laws to the extent that the project is conveyed to  
25 an entity that is not owned, controlled, or managed by the Boston Housing Authority on the date  
26 of the conveyance.

27           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.