

### **Mayor Walsh**

On April 27, Mayor Martin J. Walsh endorsed CPA for Boston. In his endorsement, Mayor Walsh shared, "I believe the Community Preservation Act offers a balanced and timely strategy for helping Boston build affordable housing, invest in our parks, and preserve Boston's historic and inclusive character."

### **City Council**

In February, Boston At-Large City Councilors Michael Flaherty and Andrea Campbell filed An Order Accepting the Provisions of the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act. The Council subsequently held a public hearing and a working session exploring CPA for Boston, and on May 11, the Council voted 12-1 in favor of putting CPA on the November ballot.



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# YES FOR A BETTER BOSTON

On November 8, vote **YES** for CPA for Boston

# Skyrocketing housing costs

are making it harder for families to stay in Boston and enjoy the quality of life they deserve.

# CPA is the right solution

to help solve Boston's housing challenges and revitalize our neighborhoods with new parks, historic projects, and jobs.



# Why CPA:

The YES for a Better Boston Campaign is in support of the Community

Preservation Act (CPA) for Boston. This November, Boston voters should say YES
to the Boston City Council's ballot measure of a 1% property tax surcharge, with
exemptions for low-income homeowners, low- and-moderate-income senior
homeowners, and for the first \$100,000 of residential and business' property value.

The average Boston homeowner would pay \$24 per year for CPA.

The typical Boston homeowner whose home is assessed at \$500,000 would pay approximately \$24 per year towards this investment, and in turn, the City would generate \$20 million or more every year for CPA projects.

Fully transparent so you know exactly where the money is going. If adopted, Boston would exercise local control over its CPA funds. With input from the public, and city boards and agencies, a new committee of local residents would review and recommend projects to the city for funding each year. All CPA funds will receive a full public disclosure of how the funds are spent, so taxpayers know exactly where their money is going.

## These dedicated funds would allow Boston to:

- Create thousands of new, affordable homes for seniors, families, and veterans
- Restore and preserve historic buildings, and rehabilitate underutilized resources
- Develop and improve parks, playgrounds, trails, and gardens
- Acquire land to protect water quality and reduce climate change impacts

CPA is a smart growth tool designed to help Massachusetts cities and towns create affordable housing, preserve open space and historic sites, and develop outdoor recreational opportunities. CPA funds are generated by a small surcharge on local property tax bills matched by a statewide trust fund to maximize their impact.

