



MA AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention

September 25-27, 2019

Resolution on Housing Justice

WHEREAS all workers need affordable places to live for themselves and their families;

WHEREAS there is a housing crisis in Massachusetts with rising rent and ownership costs and stagnation of wages;

WHEREAS, for every 100 extremely low-income households in Massachusetts, just 48.6 units are affordable and available;

WHEREAS public housing is constructed using public money and should therefore benefit those in our society who need it most, both tenants and workers;

WHEREAS workers should be paid enough to afford to live in the places where they are working; therefore be it;

RESOLVED the MA AFL-CIO supports increased public investments in affordable housing; and be it further

RESOLVED that the MA AFL-CIO is in favor of tenant protections, rent stabilization and anti-displacement efforts that will preserve affordability in existing neighborhoods and promote housing security for low-income and working families; and be it further

RESOLVED the MA AFL-CIO is committed to fighting for community benefits agreements whenever possible to ensure wherever new development is happening the community will benefit rather than only investors; and be it further

RESOLVED that housing justice includes worker protections including, but not limited to, safe working conditions, local and diverse workforces, and prevailing wage standards for all workers building housing; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Massachusetts AFL-CIO will build relationships with housing justice groups and advocates in an effort to build our collective power to find solutions to our housing crisis and adequately house working families.

Respectfully submitted,

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