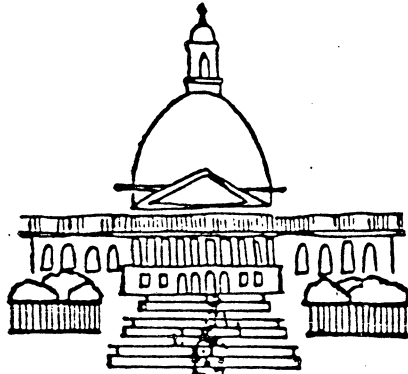


PUBLIC HEARING

for Affordable Rental Housing Funds for Public Housing Repair Funds

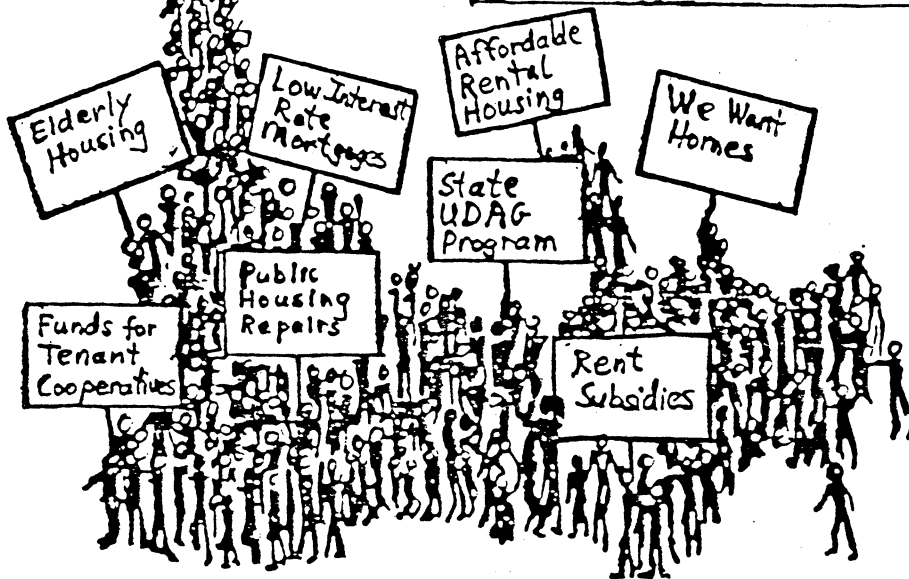


Wednesday

Feb. 11 9:30

at the State House

Second Floor Room 222



In 1986, the Legislature and Governor failed to pass the major rental housing and homeownership bills. In 1987, Senate President Bulger, House Speaker Keverian, and Governor Dukakis have all pledged to pass a major housing bill (our version is Senate 506 and House 552).

*** BUT, it can't happen without your help, COME TO THE HEARING on Wednesday February 11 at 9:30 AM at the State House, Room 222. We will also use some of the time that morning to visit the offices of your legislators so you can get them to support these bills.

The outline of the bill includes \$186.5 million for building new family, elderly, and handicapped housing, \$170 million for public housing renovations, \$25 million for transitional housing for the homeless, \$10 million for a State UDAG program for developing affordable rental housing, and \$1.5 million for public housing security. For more info.: Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance 262-3285

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January 31, 1987

To: Groups and Individuals concerned About Affordable Housing
From: MAHA
Re: Legislative hearing on housng bills Wednesday February 11 at (:30

As we said in our last mailing, the legislative leaders promised action on a housing bill early in 1987. Things are moving already.... The Housing and Urban Development Committee has set the hearing on our housing bill, that we filed with 35 legislators, for Wednesday February 11 at 9:30 AM at the State House in Room 222. They feel a final vote on the bills could come as early as March.

**We need as many of you as possible to come to the hearing to keep the pressure on the Legislature and Governor to pass this bill. We will also use that morning for people to stop by their own legislator's office to push them to work for passage of these bills.

The outlines of the rental housing bill for 1987 that the committee seem willing to vote for includes: [our more expanded version is House 552&Senate 506]
\$100 million for Chapter 705 new family public housing
\$66.6 million for Ch. 689 new elderly housing
\$20 million for Ch. 689 handicapped /special needs housing
\$95 million for Modernization/Rehab of State financed public housing
\$60 million for Modernization/Rehab of Federal financed public housing
\$15 million for Chapter 884 public housing renovation
\$25 million for Housing Innovations/Housing Trust Fund for transitional housing for the homeless
\$10 million for a State UDAG program for "gap financing" for developing affordable rental housing
\$1.5 million for security programs in public housing

Separately from this will be hearings and budget campaigns on funding for the affordable homeownership program including tenant coops, re-writing the SHARP program to increase % of low income units, lead paint removal funds, a real estate transfer tax/housing trust/land bank to fund affordable housing and land conservation, increase in CEED budget for CDC's.

On housing funding, Governor Dukakis' budget released Wednesday was disappointing in most areas. However, we have opportunities to get the Legislature to make it a higher priority when they vote on the budget this spring. Partly positive parts of the Governor's budget were inclusion of some parts of the above housing bond and some increases for Section 707 rent subsidies. Negative parts are zero for a State UDAG program to finance developing affordable housing, nothing for tenant cooperatives, and a tiny increase in the CEED budget that supports CDC's.

Try to be there on February 11 and notify others about it. On the back is a flier to xerox for use in notifying others. Also, remember to send in you 1987 membership/survey/housing bill endorsement questionnaire we sent you in the last mailing. Thank you.

\$393m bond sought for public housing

By Andrew J. Dabilis
Globe Staff

Gov. Dukakis and a legislative committee yesterday asked the Legislature to authorize a \$393.1 million bond to build more than 2,000 units of family and elderly housing and finish renovation of 30,000 apartments in public projects.

The bond issue, which if approved would be the largest ever in the state, was proposed in a bill agreed upon by Secretary of Communities and Development Amy S. Anthony and legislative leaders after a \$200 million emergency bond died in the Legislature late last year.

The proposal comes at a time when the state faces a serious housing shortage and soaring prices for rental units that housing advocates say have helped cre-

ate more homeless families and led to long waiting lists for public housing.

Rep. Kevin W. Fitzgerald (D-Jamaica Plain), House chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Committee, called the bond one of the most important proposals to help low- and moderate-income families and the elderly.

He said the bond is a composite of a \$301.5 million bond issue Dukakis and Anthony had proposed and the committee's recommendations from the bond issue that died last year. A public hearing will be held at the State House Feb. 11.

When he announced his \$11.4 billion fiscal 1988 state budget recommendations last week, Dukakis hinted he would soon propose a massive housing plan.

The bill, called the 1987 Housing Production Act, requests \$100 million for 1,000 new units of scattered-site family housing, including many in the suburbs.

In addition, there is \$66.6 million for 1,000 units for the elderly, \$20 million for 45 apartments for the handicapped, and \$155 million for modernization of public housing projects that have been abandoned or need massive repairs, including \$60 million for federal projects.

Work on the projects began six years ago and in some cases, as in some of Boston's sprawling complexes, will not be finished until 1992. If the bond is approved, state housing officials said, every public housing project in the state in need of repair will be worked on.

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City Council Clerk,

Would you please include a copy of
the enclosed information with each City
Councillor's packet, this week.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Neil Rohr

Lead Community
Organizer

Comm. from Neil Rohr, Lead Community Organizer, CEOC, transmitting for informational purposes a copy of a hearing notice by the Mass. House Committee on Housing & Urban Development to be held on Wednesday, February 11, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. at the State House Re: affordable rental housing funds & public housing repair funds.

In City Council,

February 9, 1987

*Placed on file
Copies to all Councilors*