



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MARTIN J. WALSH

November 27, 2017

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of \$285,393 for the administrative and operating expenses of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) for Fiscal Year 2018, and an appropriation order in the amount of \$17,894,608 from the Community Preservation Fund (“the Fund”) estimated annual revenues for Fiscal Year 2018, to be appropriated and reserved for future appropriation in Fiscal Year 2018.

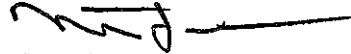
The Fund was created upon the adoption of the Community Preservation Act in November 2016 and is funded in part by the 1% property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that took effect in July 2017. General Laws chapter 44B, § 6 provides that in each fiscal year, the Council shall make annual appropriations from the Fund as it deems necessary for the administrative and operating expenses of the CPC, and such appropriations shall not exceed 5% of the Fund’s annual revenues. The Fund’s estimated annual revenues for Fiscal Year 2018 are \$18,180,000. In order for the CPC, once selected, to spend funds for its operations in Fiscal Year 2018, funds must be appropriated before the tax rate is set for Fiscal Year 2018. An appropriation in the amount of \$285,393 is therefore requested to fund CPC operations for Fiscal Year 2018, or 1.6% of Fiscal Year 2018 estimated annual revenues.

In addition, G.L. c. 44B, § 6 provides that in each fiscal year and upon recommendation of the CPC, the Council shall spend, or shall reserve for later spending, not less than 10% of Fund annual revenues for each of open space, historic resources, and community housing. Until such time as the CPC is selected and can make recommendations to the Council for such expenditures, the Fund’s estimated annual revenues for Fiscal Year 2018, less estimated administrative expenses, must be appropriated and reserved for future appropriation. This must occur before the tax rate is

set for Fiscal Year 2018. An appropriation in the amount of \$17,894,608 is therefore requested to be appropriated and reserved for future appropriation.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass these orders expeditiously so that the CPC, once selected, may fund its operations for Fiscal Year 2018 and may make recommendations to the Council for expenditures from the Fund in Fiscal Year 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin J. Walsh', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Martin J. Walsh
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED: That, to meet the administrative and operating expenses of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the amount of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE DOLLARS (\$285,393) be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues.

AND FURTHER ORDERED: That the sum of SEVENTEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHT DOLLARS (\$17,894,608) be appropriated and reserved from the City of Boston Community Preservation Fund annual revenues for further appropriation for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

BY


EUGENE L. O'FLAHERTY
CORPORATION COUNSEL