

April 12, 2023

BY HAND

Honorable Steven James  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State House, Room 145  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. James:

In compliance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 3, §7 as amended, I am returning herewith the requested memorandum, petition and accompanying docket.

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IN RESPECT TO THE PETITION OF MICHELLE L. CICCOLO, CINDY F. FRIEDMAN AND MICHAEL J. BARRETT  
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cc: John Rosenberry, Legislative Director, Room 337, State House

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To: The Honorable Senate and  
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On March 22, 2023 the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmitted the above-referenced petition to me with a request for a memorandum pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 3 § 7.

The Lexington Housing Assistance Board, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") was organized by Chapter 521 of the Act of 1983 creating it as a nonprofit housing corporation.

The docket before you seeks to repeal and replace Chapter 521 entirely. The language included in the docket would allow for more than five (5) members to the board of directors. The docket further seeks to permit the board to exercise its powers independent of the Lexington select board. Finally, the docket would permit the property and assets of the board to transfer to either the town of Lexington or another qualified non-profit housing development corporation designated by the town of Lexington.

Special legislation is necessary to accomplish the amendments. No fee is required by a corporation of this type. This office has no opinion on the merits of the legislation.

Respectfully submitted, William Francis Galvin  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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