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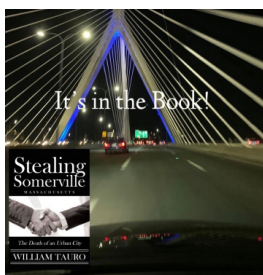
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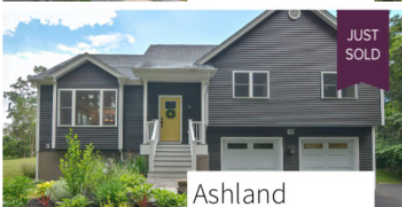
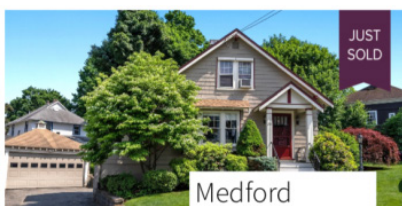
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## Join the Mystic River Outfall and Sewer Separation Community Open House on Wednesday, November 13



Open House Will Showcase Efforts to Reduce Flooding, Maintain Water Quality, and Improve Safety on City Streets

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 4 Councilor Jesse Clingan, and City staff invite you to an open house to learn more about flood relief and water quality improvement efforts planned for Winter Hill, Ten Hills, and the surrounding neighborhood.

When? Wednesday, November 13, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Where? Mystic Activity Center (530 Mystic Avenue).

Since our first community meeting in April, the project team has been performing initial field investigations, coordinating with state and federal partners, and developing preliminary designs.

The open house will feature multiple stations describing different aspects of the project. Drop-in anytime during the event to review the preliminary design, talk with project team members, ask questions, and share your feedback.

Following the event, information about the preliminary design will also be

available on the project website at [somerillema.gov/mysticoutfall](http://somerillema.gov/mysticoutfall).

Other opportunities for community members to share feedback will include an online survey, virtual office hours with city staff (times and dates to come), on-street outreach/tabling, and more.

### More About This Project

The City of Somerville is making substantial systemwide investments to modernize its sewer and stormwater infrastructure. As part of this effort, the City will be rehabilitating the existing utilities in Winter Hill, Ten Hills, and the neighborhood west of Foss Park. To support stormwater management in this area and beyond, the

City is also installing new drainage infrastructure and constructing a new stormwater outfall pipe that will discharge to the Mystic River. This project will reduce flood risk in the surrounding area and help maintain the water quality of local rivers.

In addition to the underground utility improvements, this project will also include street safety improvements and green infrastructure (drainage features designed to mimic natural processes such as irrigated planting areas, bioretention basins with select soils and plants that catch and filter stormwater, new trees, etc.) throughout the neighborhood.

This project is one of a series of actions the City is undertaking to reduce

water pollution, address flooding, and modernize Somerville's infrastructure.

Final design is anticipated to be complete during 2025. All schedules are preliminary and subject to change. Construction will follow design and is tentatively expected to be in 2026.



## \$300,000 FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP (H 4800)

By Bob Katzen

The House 156-2, overrode Gov. Healey's veto of \$300,000 (reducing funding from \$2 million to \$1.7 million) for the Massachusetts Manufacturing

Extension Partnership to maintain and promote manufacturing as an integral part of the economy, and for programs designed to assist small and mid-sized manufacturing companies.

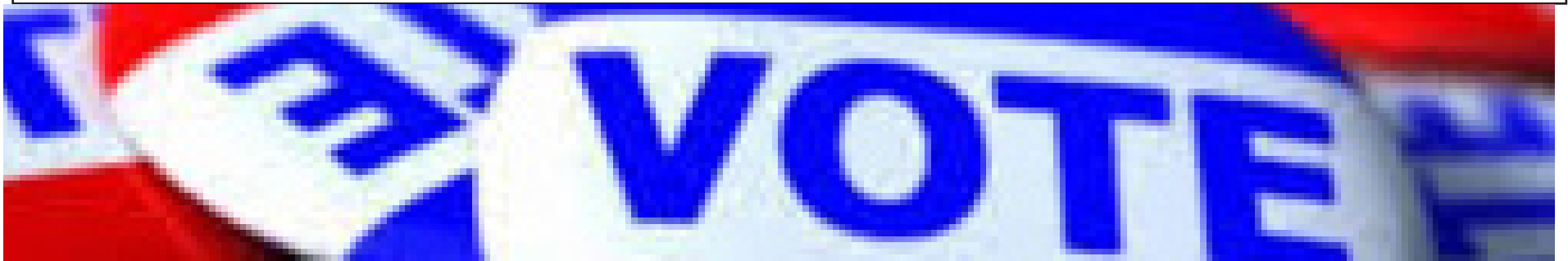
The Senate did not act on the veto so the veto stands and the \$300,000 was eliminated.

"I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my [budget] recom-

mendation," said Gov. Healey in her veto message.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$300,000. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes  
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes  
Rep. Paul Donato Yes  
Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes



## VOTE WILLIAM "BILLY" TAURO REGISTER OF DEEDS NOV 5TH 2024





# Southern Middlesex Register of Deeds Candidate William “Billy” Tauro, Family and Staff Threatened Online, Suspect Arraigned Trial By Jury Date Set

Continued from front page

By News Staff

Think twice before you post something stupid and think that you're invisible and invincible!

For over two years William Tauro, his family and campaign staff were dealing with two cyber terrorist who were threatening and harassing Tauro and his family online and on certain social media platforms and online news websites to interfere with his election campaign and more important he was harassing Tauro's family including his wife, his children, his nine grandchildren and his campaign staff, but they took it too far! It continued for over 2 1/2 years until Tauro contacted federal authorities and the Somerville Police Department.

The police subpoenaed Google, tracked down the suspects in April where one of the suspects admitted committing the crimes. The suspect was arraigned in Somerville District Court and even though in April he admitted committing the crime, he is now asking for a jury trial. The Commonwealth's jury trial date against Ron Craven is set for November 20th in Somerville District Court.

The sad part is that the suspect was a local Somerville guy who wanted to hide behind a keyboard, a keyboard coward! You may know him from his photo the keyboard coward! Suspect number two is coming up shortly!

When you threaten violence for political reasons it constitutes domestic terrorism. The penalty for political violence against a political candidate is five years in prison.

This story is still developing...

The Department of Justice partners with state and local law enforcement to investigate and prosecute such case incidents, which also involve the making of hoax emergency calls to 911 or other emergency service providers and the false reporting of imminent or ongoing crimes in order to solicit an armed SWAT response. (Law enforcement tactical units are often called "special weapons and tactics," or SWAT, teams.) These incidents create real risks, not simply by manufacturing an emergency at the targeted location, but also by diverting law enforcement resources from their important public safety duties.

In recent years, a number of election workers have been targeted in swatting incidents. The guidance document below is intended to provide both election workers and law enforcement with additional background about swatting and recommended practices for preventing and responding to such.



## APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY TO OVERSEE ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

By Bob Katzen

Acting United States Attorney Joshua Levy appointed Assistant United States Attorney Lucy Sun as the District Election

Officer who will oversee the handling of election day criminal complaints, threats of violence to election officials or staff and election fraud efforts.

"Every citizen must be able to vote without fear, intimidation or interference and to have that vote counted in a fair and free election," said Levy. "Similarly, election officials and

staff must be able to serve without being subject to unlawful threats of violence. The Department of Justice will always work tirelessly to protect the integrity of the election

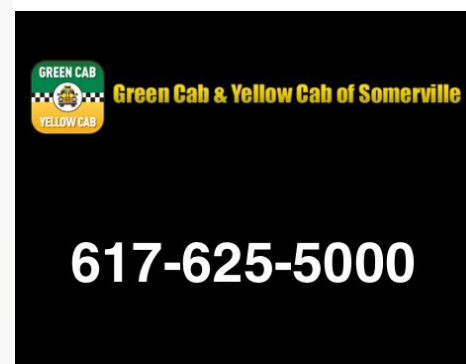
process."

Anyone who sees a problem can call Levy's office in Boston at (833) 634-8669.

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### Somerville Community Invited to Henry Hansen Park Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, November 7



Memorial park and wall honoring Sergeant Henry Hansen, the armed services and permeable features

for storm resilience among new features

SOMERVILLE- Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 5 City Councilor Naima Sait, and Director of Veterans Services Jerome Thomas invite the Somerville community to join a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Henry

Hansen Park on Thursday, November 7, at 9 a.m. The new park includes a memorial wall and plaques honoring Sgt. Henry Hansen and main branches of the armed services, a seating wall, water bottle filler, native landscape plantings, and more.

Henry Hansen Park is located at 70 Partridge Ave.,

on the corner of Medford St. and Partridge Ave. Sgt. Henry O. "Hank" Hansen, a Magoun Square resident, was killed in action just one week after participating in the first flag-raising on Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi. The new park design was driven by community process with funding provided by the Massachusetts

PARC program and the Somerville Community Preservation Act.

To learn more, please contact Arn Franzen, Senior Project Manager, OSPCD Public Space & Urban by emailing [Afranzen@somervillema.gov](mailto:Afranzen@somervillema.gov).

### \$7.8 MILLION TO ENHANCE SECURITY AT NONPROFITS

Gov. Healey announced the awarding of federal funds to 56 nonprofits that are at heightened risk of an extremist attack in the Bay State.

"These faith-based and community nonprofits play such a critical role in our communities, and we are proud to deliver this funding that will help them implement security measures to keep their

residents safe and ensure peace of mind," said Gov. Healey. "We're grateful to the Biden-Harris Administration for making this funding available to ensure these organizations can continue to serve those who depend on them, without fear or interruption."

"Protecting our communities means safeguarding the organizations that uplift, support and inspire us daily," said Public Safety

and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "This funding reaffirms our commitment to protecting these essential community spaces, ensuring they remain safe havens where people of all backgrounds can gather and feel secure."



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If there is anything in particular you would like to see from us or if you need help preparing food at home for your families please reach out and we will do

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### Letter to the Editor:Middlesex County Register of Deeds Maria Curtatone Mistreating Employees

Dear Editor and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

My source has told me the corruption, Bullying and abuse of power is so terrible that employees actually get physically sick at work and sometimes have to throw up in the bathrooms or go home early because Maria Curtatone's treatment of people is so abominable and disgusting.....Maria goes in to work and looks like she stayed up all night smoking Crack.....her makeup smeared all over her face, wearing dirty sneakers and yoga pants.....very professional.....

A quote from an employee:

"Ms. Maria Curtatone causes me anguish, Sadness. and scared to go to work because I dont know what will happen next..."

Another quote

"This is not a healthy environment I am working at and not being teated fairly..."

Another quote

"She, (Maria Curtatone), belittles me and made me feel very bad She gives me dirty looks every day,

she listens to my conversations. We are not even allowed to talk much to people coming in to record isn't that called GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE!?!?" This is what she does daily we are NOT ALLOWED to talk to other coworkers. This is not a healthy work environment! This is causing me sadness. Anxiety. I dont want to come here I get stomache pains, etc.... I feel sick coming in here..."

These are just a few examples of what it's like to work for Maria Curtatone.....

Her abuse is criminal.

Concerned voter....



### Repairs to Somerville City Hall Clock Tower and Roof Begin Saturday, November, 2



SOMERVILLE – At the direction of Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, the City's Capital Projects Division is leading efforts to repair Somerville City Hall's clock tower and install a new slate roof as well as new rubber roofing around the clock tower. These repairs will help protect the structure and architectural

details of the City's history city hall (originally construction in 1852).

Construction will be carried out in two phases by the City's contractor. The first phase, the clock tower repair, is expected to begin on Saturday, November 2.

The second phase, replacement of the slate roof, is currently planned for this upcoming spring 2025. More detailed information regarding this second phase will be shared early next year.

City Hall hours will not be

affected by work to repair the clock tower. The main entrance to City Hall will remain open as usual.

For more information and periodic updates, visit the project website at [somervillema.gov/clocktower](http://somervillema.gov/clocktower).

### William "Billy" Tauro Endorsments

Boston News Group endorses William "Billy" Tauro for Southern Middlesex County Registrar of Deeds

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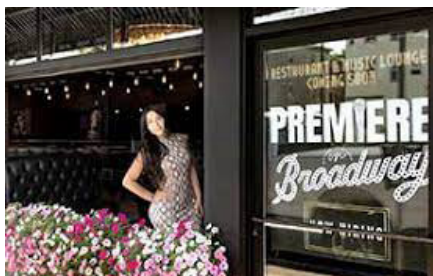
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**Somerville Sharing Four Home Ownership Opportunities at 26-28 South St. and 115 Thurston St.**



SOMERVILLE –Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and The Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), in cooperation with Southville Development Partners, LLC and 115 Thurston, LLC, are pleased to announce the sale of four (4) deed-restricted condominium to eligible, first-time homebuyer households at a below market price through the City’s Inclusionary Housing Program. The units will be offered to households with a yearly gross income at or below 80% Area Median Income (AMI) at price tier P1 and to households between 80% and 110% AMI at price tier P2.

The units will be offered to income eligible, ready buyers through a pre-lottery application, lottery and income certification process. Interested buyers should be prepared to proceed with an income certification. The Housing Division recommends households begin collecting their past three years of W2s, 1099s and federal tax returns, including all schedules and pages, and the most recent three (3) complete, consecutive months of all income and asset statements. The City reserves the right to request more income/asset information during the income certification.

The affordable units are Deed Restricted, and the sale prices are set by formula. Buyers of these units will be subject to equity and resale provisions and annual compliance monitoring. These units may not be used for Airbnb, Vrbo or other short term rentals platforms or services and cannot be leased or subleased. The units must be used as the primary and principal residence of the household.

Building Description & Unit Description  
28 South is a new, residential development in the Cobble Hill/Boynton Yards neighborhood consisting of nineteen (19) units with a parking garage. Units feature new, state of the art appliances, oversized windows, pendant and recessed lighting, and other modern finishes. Unit 202, a 2BR unit located on the 2nd floor, comes with deeded parking, which is included in the sales price. All units have access to a shared rooftop terrace. Limited bike parking spaces are available in the building. These units will be ready for occupancy upon closing, which is anticipated for Fall/Winter 2024.

115 Thurston St. is a new, residential development in the Winter Hill neighborhood consisting of nine (9) units with a parking garage. Unit 3 features new, state of the art appliances and other modern finishes. The buyer will have access to one (1) deeded parking space, which is included in the sales price. Units will be ready for occupancy upon closing, which is anticipated for Fall/Winter 2024.

How to Apply  
Pre-lottery applications are now available between Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 and Thursday, November 14th, 2024 at 12 PM electronically on the City of Somerville Inclusionary Housing Program website.

Complete applications include:

A valid Massachusetts Homeownership Collaborative approved first time homebuyer’s training class certificate or verification of current enrollment in a first time homebuyers course scheduled to be completed by November 21st, 2024  
A valid mortgage pre-approval letter for a 30 year fixed rate standard mortgage including an interest rate or interest rate range that is valid through November 21st, 2024.  
A completed application must be delivered to the Housing Division by 12 PM on Thursday, November 14th, 2024 (must be received by this date, not post-marked).

Applications may be mailed to the Inclusionary Housing Program (Housing Division) located at:  
City Hall Annex  
50 Evergreen Ave.  
Somerville, MA 02145

OR emailed to: inclusionary@somervillema.gov OR; faxed to:617-591-3235.

| Unit Number and Tier:                | Sale Price: | Minimum 3% Down Payment: | Estimated Initial Condo Fee: |
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| 28 South #101 (1-Bedroom @ 80% AMI)  | \$190,459   | \$5,714                  | \$104                        |
| 28 South #202 (2-Bedroom @ 80% AMI)  | \$222,493   | \$6,675                  | \$121                        |
| 28 South #305 (2-Bedroom @ 110% AMI) | \$316,831   | \$9,505                  | \$174                        |
| 15 Thurston #3 (1-Bedroom @ 80% AMI) | \$230,723   | \$6,922                  | \$38                         |



## Apply Today to Become a Budget Delegate Volunteer & Help Decide How to Spend \$1M in Participatory Budgeting Funds



Somerville residents ages 16 and older can apply now to review ideas submitted for the City's second round of Participatory Budgeting Applications due November 20, 2024

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is now

accepting applications from residents ages 16 and older to join the City's Participatory Budgeting process as Budget Delegate Volunteers. Budget Delegate Volunteers will work with City staff to review Participatory Budgeting idea submissions and determine which 20 ideas will be voted on by their fellow residents. No previous finance or budgeting experience is required; all residents will be given training and background as needed.

Delegate meetings will be mostly held virtually, with some in-person meetings

required. Delegates will attend a two-hour orientation, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 9, from 6-8 p.m. Weekly virtual meetings will take place on following Thursdays through March 13, 2025.

To apply, please complete the application here or call 617-625-6600 ext. 2107 with any questions or to receive a paper application. Applications are due Wednesday, November 20.

Budget Delegates will sit on at least one subcommittee: Community-Wide Re-

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Streets & Sidewalks  
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Once the subcommittees are formed, Budget Delegate Volunteers will review and research each idea, in consultation with City staff, and narrow down a smaller selection to research further and grade based on need, impact, and feasibility.

With these criteria in mind, as well as feedback from City staff on project cost, the subcommittees will select the final 20

allotted proposals for the ballot. All city residents will have the opportunity to vote on the selected proposals in April 2025.

The current list of ideas is available for the public to look at here. Residents can also stay up to date on one-time or seasonal volunteer opportunities, as well as process updates, via the Participatory Budgeting E-Newsletter. Sign up at somervillema.gov/PB.

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VOTE William "Billy" Tauro Middlesex County Registrar of Deeds Nov 5th

One of our most important institutions that is constantly forgotten is the Registry of Deeds. We are only reminded of this elected office when securing property or concluding a transaction involving real estate. Then, it becomes the most important focus in the business of the day..

I plan to restore the integrity and accountability, that the Registry of Deeds should have at all times. But, has faltered, even prior to the covid epidemic. It's time we make the changes needed to set us back on the right course and reestab-

lish conducting business in a proper way.

I need your help. With your vote,,, and that of friends, neighbors, and family , We can move forward and create a more positive future for everyone to have trust in..

Now I have been recently told horror stories of how ownership of real properties have been stripped away and reissued to undeserving parties from fudged paperwork or misfilings. Let me just tell you that the stories I have heard have been investigated to uncover the truth. It is appalling that someone entrusted in a seat of power can easily manipulate the system to benefit their friends and hurt innocent people.

It isn't just time for a change, it's time to step up and fix the problems that rotate daily in the Commonwealth and make things right for those deserving.

If elected Registrar of Deeds for Southern Middlesex County, I would implement the following changes to streamline the registry and enhance its efficiency and cost-effectiveness:

- 1 Address the Backlog: Prioritize correcting and updating the backlog of registered land records to ensure accuracy and accessibility.
- 2 Expand Staffing: Hire sufficient staff to ensure all departments operate effi-

ciently, reducing delays and improving service quality.

3 Enhance Training: Implement comprehensive training programs for any new software related to title searching, ensuring all staff are proficient and up-to-date.

4 Foster Collaboration: Organize monthly meetings with attorneys, title examiners, civil engineers, and land surveyors to gather feedback and address concerns, which will help improve online access and overall service.

5 Investigate Fraud: Establish an in-house department dedicated to investigating fraudulent recordings to safeguard the integrity of the registry.

6 I will protect your home, your property and I will fight public corruption.

This would be just the beginning of the many more things that we can accomplish together once in office.

I vow to set things right, and run a trustworthy office for all to keep faith in. Remember I need everyone here to help me.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on my personal cell phone at 617-293-2016.

Please consider voting for me this upcoming election. Thank you, Billy



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This Week's QUOTABLE QUOTES On Beacon Hill

By Bob Katzen

"We are asking for the ability to form a committee to start a captive insurance plan or start a plan that would allow us to get assistance to fix these foundations. We are mirroring a plan that's already in place and working in the state of Connecticut. They've replaced over 1,000 homes. They use a \$1 a month surcharge on homeowners' policies, no more than \$12 a year. The first year alone, if we were able to put that together in Massachusetts, we'd raise close to \$22 million."

—Cynthia Poirier, an assessor in Brimfield and Holland, urging Gov. Healey to issue an executive order to create a committee to develop recommendations on providing assistance to the many Bay State homeowners dealing with crumbling concrete foundations, caused by pyrite or pyrrhotite minerals, which could eventually render their houses unlivable.

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration recognizes the importance of providing support to homeowners whose concrete foundations are crumbling. We will continue to work together with our partners

in the Legislature to evaluate potential solutions that would provide relief to homeowners."

—Karissa Hand, spokesperson for Gov. Healey, responding to a State House News Service question asking whether the governor is willing to issue the executive order to create a committee to explore providing assistance to homeowners dealing with crumbling concrete foundations.

"The public should expect strong, clear and specific recommendations when our work is complete. We will approach thorny questions humbly, diligently and with an open

mind. We will do our best to draw in voices that are not already represented on this commission, including but not limited to, Orthodox Jews, Israeli Jews and those who may have differing opinions about what counts as antisemitism."

—Rep. Simon Cataldo (D-Concord) co-chair of the newly established Special State Commission for Addressing Antisemitism, which held its first meeting last week.

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—Chris Anderson, president of the Massachusetts High Technology Council, on the release of the Tax Foundation 2025 State Tax Competitiveness Index, which ranked Massachusetts among the 10 worst states in the country (41st out of 50).



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### \$2.5 MILLION FOR PROGRAMS TO TREAT PRISONERS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS (H 4800)

By Bob Katzen

House 133-25, overrode Gov. Healey's veto of the entire \$2.5 million for a prison program to treat prisoners, suffering from serious mental illness, with clinically appro-

priate long-acting injectable medications.

The Senate did not act on the veto so the veto stands and the \$2.5 million was eliminated.

"I am vetoing this item

due to the availability of alternative resources," said Gov. Healey in her veto message.

"This operating funding overlaps with alternative funding intended to support this purpose."

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$2.5 million. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Conolly Yes Rep. Paul Donato Yes Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven Yes



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## BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS (H 4918)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would require health insurance companies to provide coverage for diagnostic examinations for breast cancer, digital breast tomosynthesis screening and medically necessary and appropriate screening with breast magnetic resonance imaging.

Supporters noted that although access to routine preventive screening mammograms is currently covered under the Affordable Care Act, this legislation would go further and require coverage

for certain screenings and exams currently not uniformly covered by law.

“I am grateful to see this legislation, which I have worked on for nearly a decade, move forward,” said sponsor Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem). “Early detection of breast cancer saves lives. This legislation makes those diagnostic exams used for early detection accessible and affordable, giving women the vital resources needed to catch breast cancer in its earliest stages. With this bill we are bolstering the commonwealth’s commitment to providing higher quality, more equitable and more accessible

healthcare for women.”

“We know that in the fight against cancer, early detection is absolutely vital for the long-term success of the patients,” said Sen. Michael Rush (D-Boston). “We also know that for one out of every ten women, initial mammogram screenings are not sufficient to detect possible indicators of breast cancer. This legislation passed by the Senate ... ensures that all women in the commonwealth have access to the digital breast tomosynthesis and MRI screening they need to catch cancer early without facing financial barriers.”



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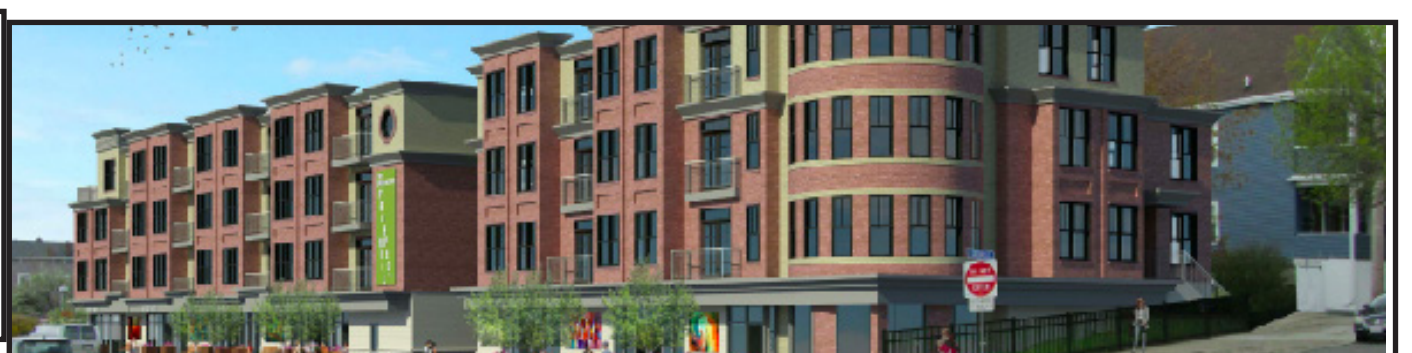
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### \$750,000 FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND (H 4800)

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| <p>By Bob Katzen</p> <p>The House 134-24, overrode Gov. Healey's veto of \$750,000 (reducing funding from \$1 million to \$250,000) for the Transformative Development Fund which is designed to accelerate economic development in focused districts that are walkable and have dense environments; and that have the potential to attract investment, inspire a wave of growth and transform</p> | <p>Gateway Cities and beyond.</p> <p>The Senate did not act on the veto so the veto stands and the \$750,000 was eliminated.</p> <p>"I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my [budget] recommendation due to the availability of alternative resources," said Gov. Healey in her veto message. "MassHousing will maximize available alter-</p> | <p>native capital funding in the fiscal year 2025 Capital Investment Plan for the Neighborhood Hub Program that will serve the same purpose as the funding being vetoed."</p> <p>(A "Yes" vote is for the \$750,000. A "No" vote is against it.)</p> <p>Rep. Christine Barber Yes<br/>Rep. Mike Connolly Yes<br/>Rep. Paul Donato Yes<br/>Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes</p> |  |
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### \$1.75 MILLION IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION GRANTS

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| <p>By Bob Katzen</p> <p>Gov. Healey announced the awarding of \$1.75 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants to 45 municipalities across Massachusetts to fund 29 clean energy initiatives that help municipalities meet their own climate goals and share</p> | <p>the benefits of climate action equitably.</p> <p>"Massachusetts' cities and towns are on the front lines fighting climate change, and we are committed to supporting their efforts through funding like Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants and more broadly</p> | <p>through our Green Communities Program," said Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "These grants will help municipalities reduce their use of harmful fossil fuels, protect local governments from energy price volatility and help build more resilient communi-</p> | <p>ties."</p> <p>"Energy efficiency and building decarbonization is core to our strategy to combat climate change and lower energy costs," said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony. "With this funding, 45 communities will get</p> | <p>another chance to reduce their energy needs and municipal budgets. The energy manager seed funds will help many communities who want to act but lack the resources to plan expansive energy projects leverage additional funding."</p> |
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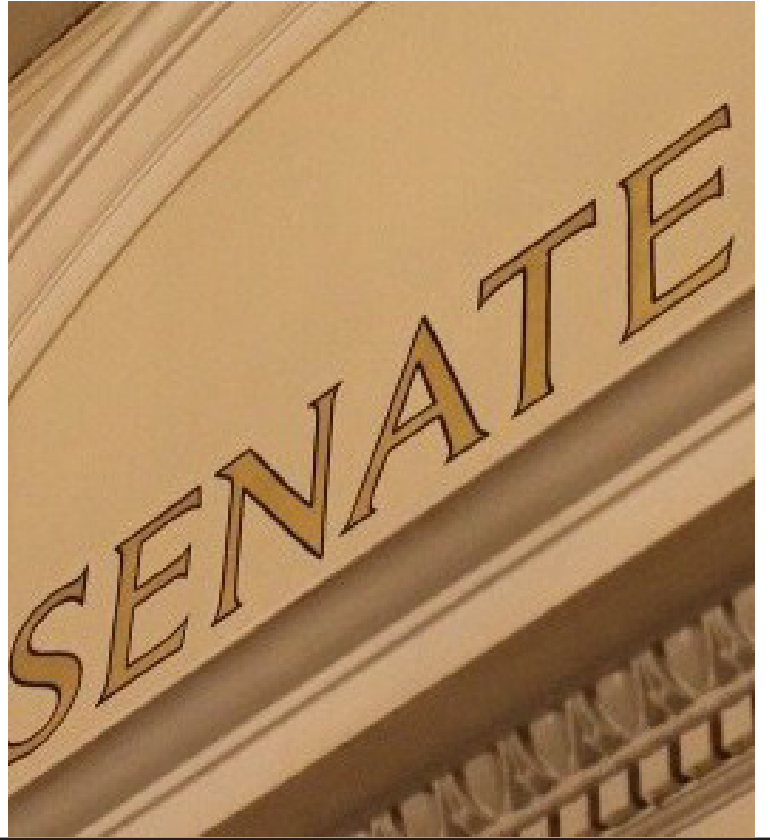
By Bob Katzen

The Senate approved and sent to the House legislation that would require health insurance companies to provide coverage for the treatment of Down syndrome through speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and applied behavior analysis services.

“Every child deserves a fair shot at learning, growing and thriving in their community—and that includes children with Down syndrome,” said sponsor Sen. Julian Cyr

(D-Provincetown). “Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy has proven transformative for so many, yet too often, access to this essential support is out of reach for those who need it most. By ensuring insurance coverage for at-home ABA therapy, this legislation will make a powerful difference for families across the commonwealth, lifting a burden that has existed for too long. It’s about time we make this gold-standard care accessible to all, so every child has the chance to realize their fullest potential.”

An estimated 5,000 people in Massachusetts live with Down syndrome. According to studies performed by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, speech therapy intervention improved decoding skills for word reading and had a positive impact on articulation in children with Down syndrome.



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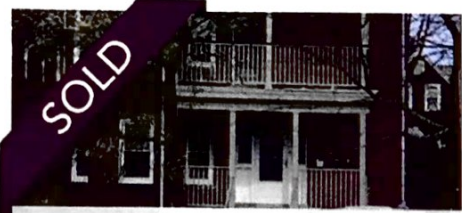
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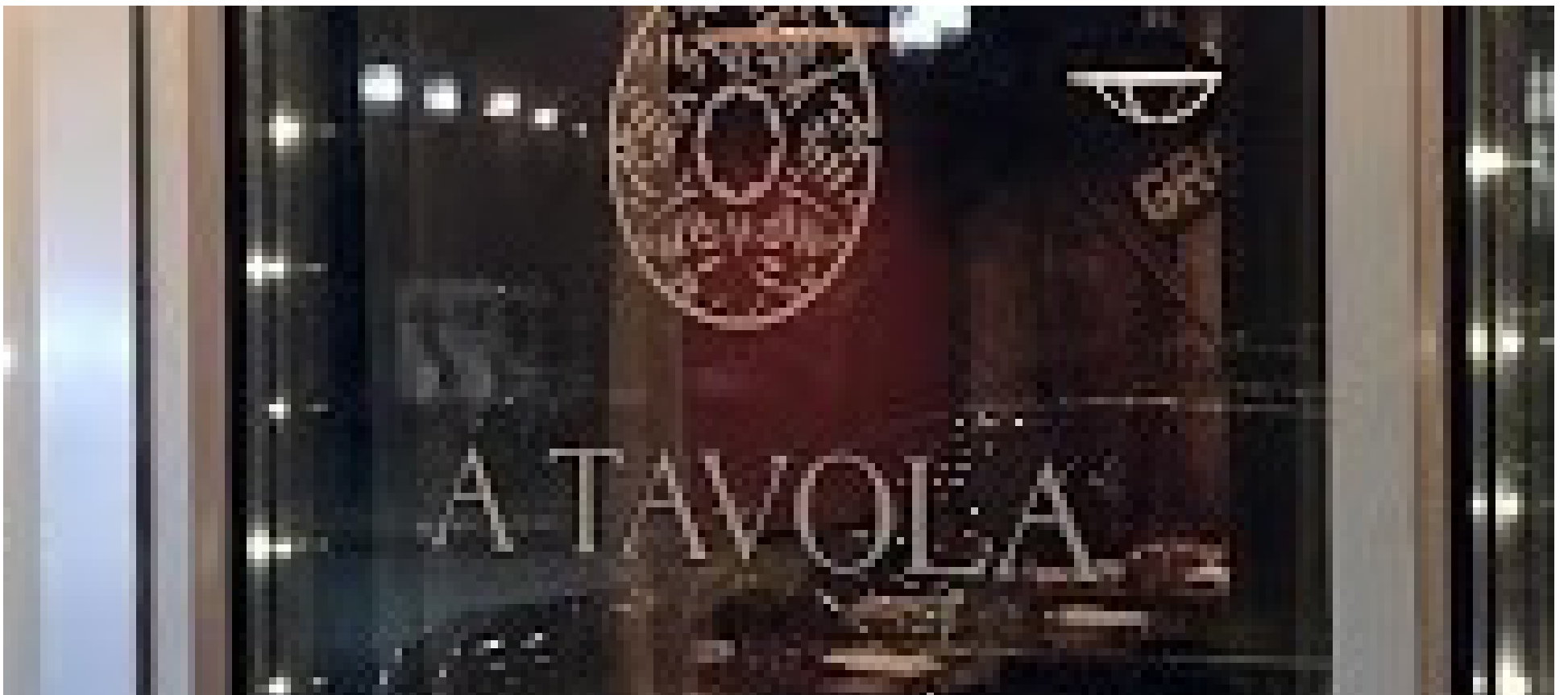
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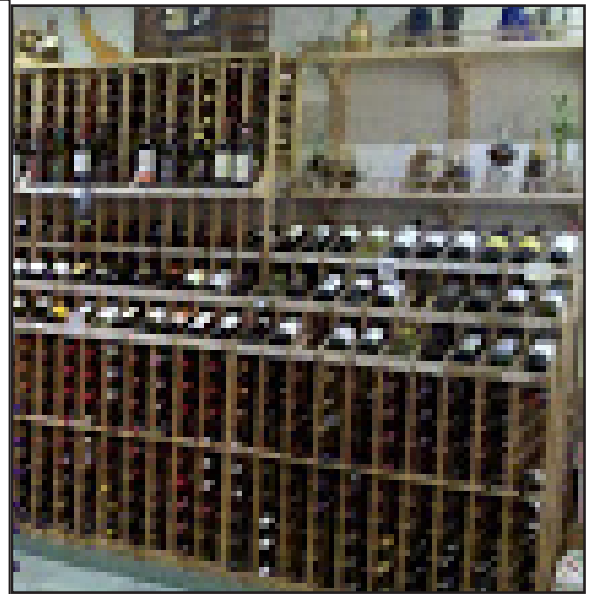


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