



IV. A PLAN FOR ACTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Boston's Housing Strategy calls upon the City and its partners to accomplish many significant objectives over the next three years. To achieve these objectives, specific timelines and performance goals must be established that can clearly measure progress. As part of this report, the City has put together start-up goals and timelines. It is expected that the Housing Advisory Panel will work with the Mayor to establish a three-year plan and to monitor its progress.

It can be guaranteed that over a three-year period many circumstances will change, and new opportunities and issues will arise that require this Strategy to be revised, updated and expanded. To prevent this document from becoming obsolete, it incorporates an ongoing system to establish and revise goals and monitor performance against those goals.

MAYOR'S HOUSING ADVISORY PANEL

Boston's Housing Strategy was created with significant effort on the part of the many housing experts that volunteered to serve on the Mayor's Housing Advisory Panel. Their efforts have created a blueprint for action that will guide the City for several years. They will continue to serve by becoming a standing body that will advise the City on an ongoing basis. Every six months, the Housing Advisory Panel will meet to accomplish the following objectives:

- Assist the City in developing or reassessing the performance objectives for each element of the strategy. These performance objectives will define specific outcome goals with measurable milestones.
- Review and assess the City's performance in the last six months toward achieving these performance objectives. To support this effort, the City will prepare a *Semi-Annual Progress Report* for use by the members of the Housing Advisory Panel.
- Advise the Mayor as to how the Strategy should be amended to keep it up-to-date and reflective of current conditions, issues and opportunities. Based on this input, the City will issue periodic *Leading The Way: Update Reports* that provide the public with information about how the City is revisiting its Housing Strategy to keep pace with the times.



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Jeanne Pinado, Aaron Gornstein, Charleen Regan
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This system of continuing goal-setting, performance monitoring, and reassessment is what will separate this Housing Strategy from so many multi-year plans that often become increasingly irrelevant as circumstances change. This Strategy is a living document that will remain relevant because it creates its own system to evaluate and update itself.

START-UP ACTION PLAN

The City has established a set of start-up goals to begin action on all of the key initiatives in this Strategy. At its first six-month review meeting, the Mayor's Housing Advisory Panel will review the City's progress and will make recommendations regarding next steps.