#### **METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL**

#### **Economic Development Division Betsy Cowan** September 19, 2018



# **Economic Development in the Inner Core**

- How do we incentivize growth while also preserving affordability for small/medium businesses?
- How can we frame housing as an economic development tool? How do we meet our housing needs while balancing the needs of other uses (industrial, commercial)?
- How do we <u>support an increasingly diverse workforce</u> and facilitate access to workforce opportunities throughout the region?





# **Economic Development at MAPC**

- MAPC's economic development group provides stakeholders in the region (municipalities, regional organizations, state entities) with
  - equitable economic development plans
  - policy analyses
  - and wealth creation strategies

#### with the goal of expanding access to

- quality employment
- entrepreneurship
- and real estate

and works to facilitate the inclusion of these plans, analyses and tools in government processes.





- Economic Development Plans:
  - Visioning sessions
  - Market Analysis
  - Land Use Analysis
  - Final report with key next steps





#### **Grow Smart Norwell**

A Forum on Strategic Economic Development





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- <u>Red Line Life Sciences Project:</u>
  - Market analysis
  - Stakeholder interviews
  - Recommendations for recruitment, retention strategies







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- <u>Creative Economy Project in Uphams Corner, Boston:</u>
  - Strategies to create an Arts & Innovation District to manage neighborhood change & mitigate displacement
  - Research on commercial displacement
  - Stakeholder interviews
  - Policy and program recommendations





#### • Lynn Hospital Re-Use Project:

- Market Analysis (using CoStar)
- Scenario Testing based on current and potential zoning
- Final recommendations





- <u>Economic Development Administration Grant Assistance:</u>
  - Labor market projections to demonstrate project impact
  - Assistance with grant development and communication with EDA staff
  - \$3M Chelsea Roadway Improvement Project





- Potential Projects:
  - Commercial affordability
  - Industrial Land Use Analysis
  - Housing as Economic Development Tool
  - Economic Development network to share best practices, provide training
- <u>Long-Term</u>
  - Equitable Economic Development project

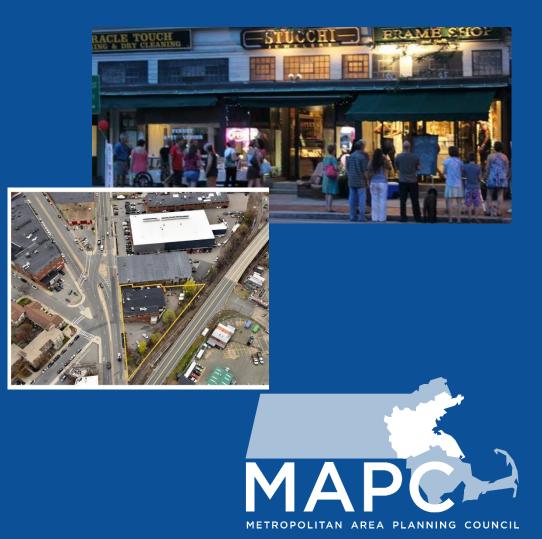
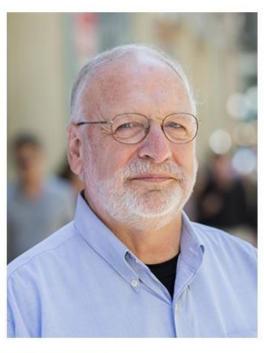


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