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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to zoning density.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Viriato Manuel deMacedo | 1st Plymouth |
| Bradley H. Jones, Jr. | 20th Middlesex |
| George N. Peterson, Jr. | 9th Worcester |
| Elizabeth Poirier | 14th Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1261 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to zoning density.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the second paragraph the following new paragraph:—

Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a zoning ordinance or by-law may allow, without a special permit, increases in the permissible density or intensity of residential use in a proposed development to the maximum extent stated in the ordinance or by-law, pursuant to provisions that authorize such increases for the purpose of promoting the creation of additional units of affordable housing in mixed income housing developments or mixed-use developments, or for the purpose of promoting other public purposes specifically stated in the zoning ordinance or by-law.