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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GOVERNOR BAKER TO ATTEND LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST WITH ROXBURY RESIDENT LEADERS TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY AGENDA

ROXBURY, MA – Governor Baker and other elected officials will participate in an annual “Donuts with Delegates” breakfast hosted by Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation and Madison Park Development Corporation to discuss a community development policy agenda and provide organization updates with neighborhood resident leaders. The meeting will take place on **Tuesday, March 3 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am** at the Thomas I. Atkins Community Room, located at 215 Blue Hill Avenue in Roxbury.

Roxbury leaders will lay out a six-point community development policy agenda, developed by the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations (MACDC), which includes:

- Increasing **affordable housing production and preservation** by increasing the state capital budget for housing from \$190.5 million to \$222 million and by increasing other affordable housing financing mechanisms;
- Increasing funding to support **community-based rental programs**;
- Increasing **homeownership** for low- and moderate-income families by investing at least \$10 million a year to help 2,000 home-buyers annually access state-supported mortgages;
- Securing \$2 million annually for the **Small Business Technical Assistance Program**;
- Securing \$15 million in funding for the **Brownfields Redevelopment Fund**;
- Renewing the **Community Investment Tax Credit**.

Massachusetts Legislators who have confirmed their attendance include Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz; Senator Linda Dorcea-Forry; Representative Russell Holmes; Representative Liz Malia; and Representative Byron Rushing.



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Boston City Councilors in attendance will include City Councilor Michael Flaherty; City Councilor Charles Yancey; and City Councilor Tito Jackson.

Senator Markey, Senator Warren, and Congressman Capuano will send representatives from their district offices.

Schedule

- 8:30 – 9:00 Breakfast and networking
- 9:00 – 9:15 Remarks by executive directors of Nuestra Comunidad and Madison Park
- 9:15 – 9:25 Presentation of the policy agenda
- 9:25 – 9:50 Remarks by representatives from congressional offices, Massachusetts Legislators, and Boston City Councilors
- 9:50 – 10:00 Questions from Roxbury resident leaders
- 10:00 Governor Baker arrives
- 10:00 – 10:15 Madison Park and Nuestra Comunidad Update for Governor Baker
- 10:15 – 10:26 Discussion with Governor Baker
- 10:26 – 10:30 Governor Baker and other officials invited to indicate their endorsement for the agenda

About Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation

Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation is a nonprofit small business working in the Roxbury community and nearby Boston neighborhoods for over 34 years. One of Boston's oldest and most successful community development organizations, Nuestra CDC has developed nearly 700 affordable rental homes and 200 affordable homeownership opportunities. With roots in Roxbury's Latino community, Nuestra CDC has helped to lead the ongoing revitalization of Roxbury's Dudley Square.

About Madison Park Development Corporation

Madison Park Development Corporation (MPDC) was founded in 1966 when a group of community activists said no to the threatened destruction of their neighborhood. Over the past 46 years, MPDC has become a champion in revitalizing Lower Roxbury and saying yes to resident-led development and community empowerment. MPDC's mission is to create quality, mixed-income housing, and to promote the renaissance of Dudley Square as a thriving neighborhood business district, recognized as a center of commerce and culture.

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