



SOUTH SHORE 2030 UPDATE

FROM PETER FORMAN'S DESK

I want to bring you up to date on some of the Chamber's work on housing. As more attention is drawn to the connection between housing and economic growth our housing agenda has gained more exposure. If you missed it, the recent story in [GLOBE SOUTH](#) carried a nice piece on the South Shore housing squeeze.

The Boston Club, one of the largest associations of women executives and professionals in New England holds a forum this Friday on housing and the economy. I will be one of the panelists. [READ MORE ABOUT THIS EVENT.](#)

FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

We continue to push for the Governor's housing bill which reduces local approval for some housing from a 2/3's vote in local committees to a simple majority vote. The Governor met with business leaders a couple weeks ago to discuss the bill and hear their concerns about housing.

We were well represented with input offered to the Governor from **Chris Oddleifson**, President of Rockland Trust and the Chair of our original Housing Work Group, **Carol Bulman** of Jack Conway & Co. who was one of the Tri-Chairs of our group that developed our South Shore 2030 plan and **Rita Coffey** of Tullish & Clancy in Weymouth who is also this year's President of the Mass. Association of Realtors. [READ MORE...](#)

ZONING

Locally, we have been supporting several housing opportunities. Last week I spoke to the **Kingston Planning Board** in favor of a proposal to extend a 40R housing initiative district to the MBTA property. There is no immediate proposal before the town but if approved this will encourage the T to develop ideas for the town to consider. The Planning Board recommended favorable action and it will have to go before the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting. To view the presentation, see the PACTV video from the 3/26/18 Planning Board meeting. It starts at 59 minutes into the meeting.

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Last month I joined **Vin Albanese** of Eastern Commercial Properties and the Weymouth Chamber in speaking before the **Weymouth Town Council** in favor of some proposed zoning changes. Developed by Mayor Hedlund's Administration, this will allow consideration for more mixed uses including some residential development in certain commercial/retail zones. I also appeared before the **Braintree Zoning Board of Appeals** on a small housing proposal almost equidistant from Braintree center and the MBTA station. This project leverages transit oriented development to create multi-family housing in a way that strengthens an existing downtown center.

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

Housing of course is important to drive commercial development and we hit that as well last week. Partnering with the **New England Real Estate Journal** we saw a successful commercial real estate program on Wednesday with over 250 people, many from outside the region interested in knowing more about the South Shore's development opportunities. South Shore Chamber speakers included **Jim Dunphy** of South Shore Bank, **Richard Beal** of A. W. Perry, **Matt Barry** of LStar Ventures, **Frank Giglio** of F.P. Giglio Enterprise, **Tyler Hilson** of Perry Brokerage, **Jeffery Tocchio** of Drohan, Tocchio & Morgan and **Mayor Joe Sullivan** of Braintree.



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