



MASSACHUSETTS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

# LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY



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## **Anticipated Schedule for the April 7, 2025 Plenary Session in the Great Hall**

9:30 a.m. **Registration and Light Breakfast**

10:00 a.m. **Welcome**

Kelly Turley, Associate Director, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

10:05 a.m. **Remarks from Legislators**

Representative Jim O'Day, House of Representatives Fourth Division Chair, lead sponsor of An Act to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness (a.k.a. Mass ID access bill) and An Act relative to assisting elders and people with disabilities in the Commonwealth, and sponsor of Legislative Action Day (14th Worcester District)

Representative Sean Garballey, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development and lead sponsor of An Act to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness (a.k.a. Mass ID access bill) (23rd Middlesex District)

Senator Liz Miranda, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Racial Equity, Civil Rights, and Inclusion and lead sponsor of An Act promoting housing stability for families by strengthening the HomeBASE program (Second Suffolk District)

10:20 a.m. **Brief Overview of Key Legislative Priorities**

Kelly Turley, Associate Director, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

Julia Garvey, Community Organizer/Legislative Advocate, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

10:25 a.m. **Remarks and Recommendations from Families, Youth, Adults, and Coalition Members on the Importance of Passing Key Legislation and Budget Language on Housing, Homelessness, and Benefits Programs**

Annmarie, Participant, On the Rise

D. Ellyane Klein, Participant, AgeSpan

Marian Leblanc, Participant, AgeSpan

Andrea Park, Director of Community Driven Advocacy, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute

Lashaunda Watson, Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)

Shandra Waller, Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)

Michael Shelton, Resident, 2Life Communities

Elisabeth Jackson, President/CEO, Bridge Over Troubled Waters

11:00 a.m.

### **Remarks from Legislators**

Representative Christine Barber, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and lead sponsor of An Act promoting housing stability for families by strengthening the HomeBASE program and An Act establishing a Massachusetts foreclosure prevention program (34th Middlesex District)

Senator Adam Gomez, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Cannabis Policy, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, and lead sponsor of An Act improving emergency housing assistance for children and families experiencing homelessness, An Act establishing a bill of rights for people experiencing homelessness, and An Act establishing a Massachusetts foreclosure prevention program (Hampden District)

11:10 a.m.

### **Remarks and Recommendations from Families, Youth, Adults, and Coalition Members on the Importance of Passing Key Legislation and Budget Language on Housing, Homelessness, and Benefits Programs**

Mo, Associate, Breaktime

Brandy Brooks, Executive Director, Boston's Higher Ground

Levi, Young Adult Advocate, Boston Alliance of LGBTQ+ Youth (BAGLY)

Craig, Young Adult Advocate, Boston Alliance of LGBTQ+ Youth (BAGLY)

11:30 a.m.

### **Remarks from Legislators**

Senator Pat Jehlen, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs and lead sponsor of An Act relative to assisting elders and people with disabilities in the Commonwealth, An Act enabling cities and towns to stabilize rents and protect tenants, and An Act promoting housing stability for older adults across the Commonwealth (Second Middlesex District)

Senator Brendan Crighton, Chair of the Senate Committee on Juvenile and Emerging Adult Justice, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, and lead sponsor of An Act providing upstream homelessness prevention assistance to families, youth, and adults (Third Essex District)

11:40 a.m.

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Dely, Associate, Breaktime

Judie VanKooiman, Founder/President, Those Who Can for Those in Need

11:50 a.m.

### **Tips for Meeting with Legislative Offices**

Nathaniel McLeroy, Public Policy Intern, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

11:55 a.m.

### **Closing Remarks and Send-Off for Legislative Visits**

Julia Garvey, Community Organizer/Legislative Advocate, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

### **Schedule for the Afternoon**

12:00–4:00 p.m. **Meetings with Legislators and Staffers**

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