



## Executive Message /

Dear Friends,

Happy Spring! These past few months have been a particularly exciting time for CEDAC, as we've had a chance to look back at 40 years of strengthening communities in Massachusetts. We culminated this milestone at CEDAC's 40th Anniversary Celebration on March 14th at MIT's Samberg Conference Center, where we honored Mel King for his foundational work in the 1970s that led to CEDAC's creation.

The celebration also featured lightning talks with representatives from the state's community development sector on CEDAC's three key program areas: affordable housing preservation; supportive housing; and early education facility development, through our affiliate, the Children's Investment Fund. And we shared our 40-year Annual Report, which features an interactive timeline highlighting the people and events that have led us to where we are today. You can read more about how this anniversary served as an important reminder of why we remain dedicated to building the foundation for strong communities, as well as the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, in this newsletter.

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## News

### **CEDAC Celebrates Its 40th Anniversary at Event Honoring Mel King /**



"Teamwork makes the dream work." Mel King, legendary community activist and former state representative, invoked this phrase as he concluded his remarks at our 40th anniversary celebration on March 14th. And Mel did not just speak these words, but rather inspired the audience to chant them together with him. This phrase sums up his philosophy on community development and the commitment of residents to organize themselves to build strong and resilient communities.

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## **Mike Gondek Offers Tribute to Community Development Leader Amy Anthony /**



In December 2018, former Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development (a precursor to the state's current Department of Housing and Community Development) Amy Anthony passed away suddenly. We've asked Mike Gondek, CEDAC's former executive director, to share with us why Amy's commitment was so important to CEDAC and the community development sector in Massachusetts.

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## **Celebrating 40 Years Of Strengthening Communities: 2018 CEDAC Annual Report /**



CEDAC is proud to celebrate 40 years of strengthening communities across the Commonwealth. This year's annual report reflects on how the vision expressed in CEDAC's enabling statute of 1978 has evolved into a robust pipeline of affordable housing and community development projects sponsored by a thriving non-profit sector.  
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## **Baker-Polito Administration Awards Funding to Produce and Preserve Supportive Housing Units /**



CEDAC staff attended an event on May 7th at the Worcester YWCA, where Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announced that the Baker-Polito Administration is awarding funding for the production and preservation of 147 new units of supportive housing in communities across Massachusetts.  
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## **Baker-Polito Administration Commits to Funding New Affordable Housing Production /**



In late February, CEDAC attended the Baker-Polito Administration's announcement of funding awards for nine projects that will support the creation of over 600 new rental units across the state, including nearly 400 units of affordable housing. The administration has invested over \$45 million directly and allocated over \$22 million in state and federal low-income housing tax credits for these projects.

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## **New Survey Tool Offers Insight Into Tenant Outcomes in Permanent Supportive Housing Projects /**



We are proud to present the final report from our first-ever project survey using the CEDAC Supportive Housing Data Collection (SHDC) Survey Tool. Last year, CEDAC designed and administered this survey in order to understand tenant outcomes in permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects, specifically projects funded through the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Supportive Housing for Vulnerable Populations rounds.

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## **CEDAC is Hiring! /**

CEDAC seeks a Preservation Database Researcher on a temporary basis for the summer of 2019. This is an excellent opportunity to gain exposure to the mission-based non-profit lending field, specifically with Database and Housing Preservation activity.

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