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ACTION ALERT

ACTION REQUESTED

Faith in Housing in the Commonwealth Act

SUPPORT [SB 233](#) Faith in Housing in the Commonwealth Act

Patron: Senator Ghazala Hashmi

IN BRIEF

SB 233 will allow faith communities to build affordable housing on their land through a streamlined process.

Many religious organizations have excess land that they could make available for affordable housing developments, but it is not zoned to permit multi-family housing.

SB 233 would remove these barriers and allow planning staff to approve needed housing that meets the criteria identified in the legislation without requiring a complex rezoning process.

Homes developed under this code section must be affordable to low-income residents with up to 20% for moderate income and up to 5% for staff.

The housing developed could not exceed a density that is no greater than 150% of maximum density allowed by the locality.

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