

Brighton Allston Community Coalition

Mission Statement

Given the pace and scale of residential housing development in Allston-Brighton, the Brighton Allston Community Coalition advocates for:

- A city planning process that is open, fair and responsive to the needs of the Allston-Brighton community;
- An increase in the creation of affordable housing in Allston-Brighton, a significant concern given that Brighton's median household income is \$56,729 and Allston's is \$42,722. The City of Boston should mandate that all new large residential developments in Allston-Brighton make 20 percent of their units affordable (instead of the now-required 13%);
- An increase in home-ownership units in new developments, with new condominium projects required to have high percentages of owner-occupancy to prevent them from being treated solely as rentals. Owner-occupancy would help stabilize an increasingly transient neighborhood. Allston's owner-occupancy rate is 10 % -- among the lowest in the city. Brighton's owner-occupancy rate fell from 26.8% in 2010 to 22.5 % in 2015, and is now rapidly spiraling downward. These rates are significantly lower than the citywide average of 34%;
- Improvements in Allston-Brighton's quality of life, including the preservation and expansion of parks and green space, and enhancing access to these spaces;
- A binding commitment by Boston-based universities, particularly Boston College, Boston University and Harvard University, to house their students to help address our community's housing crisis;
- Improvements in public transportation given Allston-Brighton's expanding population;
- A city planning process that is comprehensive, rather than the current project-by-project approach;
- A community characterized by economic, racial, ethnic and age diversity.

The Brighton Allston Community Coalition seeks to forge a diverse and intergenerational coalition, uniting homeowners and renters, committed to creating a vibrant community. The Brighton Allston Community Coalition will act in a democratic and civil manner.

TO JOIN THE BACC'S MORE THAN 470 MEMBERS AND HELP THE BACC GAIN INFLUENCE, SEND YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND EMAIL TO bacommunitycoalition@gmail.com or TEXT YOUR INFO TO 617.548.5542. There are currently no dues.