

Open Letter from Chief Executives of CPA Communities to Conference Committee  
**Supporting an Increased State Match for CPA communities in the FY18 State Budget**

June 28, 2017

The Honorable Karen Spilka  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
The State House, Room 212  
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Brian Dempsey  
House Committee on Ways and Means  
The State House, Room 243  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator Spilka and Representative Dempsey:

As the Chief Executives of communities that have adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA), we urge you to include an outside section in the FY18 budget that will support an increased state match for CPA communities. Without immediate action to adjust the recording fees at the state's Registries of Deeds, the CPA Trust Fund distribution for the 172 participating communities will plunge to an all-time low of approximately 11% of locally-raised revenues in 2018.

When CPA was signed into law by Governor Cellucci in 2000, it was heralded as a true partnership between the Commonwealth and local communities. Today however, a large gap has developed between the approximately \$150 million invested annually by the 172 CPA cities and towns and the \$26 million contributed by the state. A nominal \$25 adjustment in recording fees would increase the base CPA state match to approximately 32%, which is the historic average distribution over the last eight years.

We see CPA success stories every day in our communities. These projects create jobs, contribute to tourism and a strong local economy, build much-needed community housing, and rehabilitate our municipal parks, playgrounds and athletic fields, while at the same time preserving our history and culture.

Your quick action is needed to ensure the viability of this innovative and highly successful program.

Signed,

*(see signatories on following page)*

cc: Senator Stanley Rosenberg  
Senator Sal N. DiDomenico  
Senator Viriato M. deMacedo  
Representative Robert A. DeLeo  
Representative Stephen Kulik  
Representative Todd M. Smola

Signed,

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**Paul Bockelman**, Town Manager

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