



## MAYOR WU ANNOUNCES MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TO END FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

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## Nubian Square Night Outreach to Homeless

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"As the Chair of Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery, I am proud to be a member of the Commission on Family Homelessness," said **Erin Murphy, Boston City Councilor At-Large**. "I look forward to our work ahead as we collaborate together to create a coordinated plan to end family homelessness in Boston. There is such a negative impact on the health and educational progress of children who are homeless, so we need to come up with a concrete action plan to end this crisis. I am ready to partner with the other members on this Commission to make ending family homelessness a reality."

In her ongoing efforts to address the issue of homelessness in Boston, today Mayor Michelle Wu announced the formation of a Special Commission to End Family Homelessness made up of non-profit leaders and experts from both city and state agencies. The commission will study local family homelessness and will be tasked with developing a plan to prevent and end family homelessness in Boston.

"Boston's housing crisis has been pushing families out of our city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to the members of this Commission and look forward to their work to prevent and end family homelessness in Boston."

In 2020, a city ordinance was passed to establish a Special Commission to End Family Homelessness. The purpose of the Special Commission is to develop an actionable and measurable plan to end family homelessness in Boston. The ordinance names members for the commission including the Mayor of Boston, the City's Chief of Housing, the City's Chief of Health and Human Services, the Boston Public Schools Superintendent, as well as state seats including the Governor of Massachusetts, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development, representatives from the Boston Legislative Delegation, homeless service providers and individuals with lived

experience of homelessness or housing insecurity.

“Mayor Wu’s Special Commission is a tremendous leap forward for Boston in understanding, planning, and tackling the unique housing and support needs of homeless children and their parents,” said **Larry Seamans, President of FamilyAid Boston**. “As one of the city’s oldest and largest providers of housing supports for homeless families, we look forward to working with the commission to further the goal of ending family homelessness in Boston.”

#### Commission Members

- City Councilor Erin Murphy
- Jim Greene, Assistant Director for Street Homelessness Initiatives, Mayor’s Office of Housing, City of Boston
- Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing, City of Boston
- Brian Marques, Senior Director of Opportunity Youth, Boston Public Schools
- Kate Bennett, Boston Housing Authority Administrator
- Alvina Brevard, Associate Director for Division of Housing Stabilization, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Kate Barrand, President and CEO, Horizons for Homeless Children
- Catherine D’Amato, President and CEO, Greater Boston Food Bank
- Shiela Moore, CEO, Hildebrand Family Self Help Center, Inc.
- Larry Seamans, President, Family Aid Boston
- Danielle Ferrier, CEO, Heading Home Inc.
- Linn Torto, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness
- State Senator Lydia Edwards
- State Representative Brandy Fluker Oakley

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