

# PLAN: East Boston

## Advisory Group Roles + Responsibilities

The Advisory Group (AG) will assist the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) and other City agencies in creating a long-term vision for the PLAN: East Boston initiative. The PLAN will provide recommendations for updated zoning for the East Boston neighborhood. This initiative will assess existing neighborhood conditions and propose viable recommendations that will address community concerns and issues, exploring themes outlined in Imagine Boston 2030 in greater detail. The rezoning of the neighborhood will follow the planning phase that the BPDA facilitates.

Members of the AG should attend all public working sessions and meetings for both the planning and rezoning phases. Between public working sessions and meetings, there will be AG-specific meetings that all members should attend and take part in. Advisory Group meetings are open to the public but are an opportunity for deeper conversation with members.

### Advisory Group Roles + Responsibilities

- Advise on planning process and neighborhood-specific issues
- Encourage excitement and participation around planning for the future
- Be an engine for ideas and innovation
- Bring topical expertise and perspective to discussions, work sessions and meetings
- Communicate information back to neighborhood groups and other affiliations
- Assist with outreach and spreading the word about the planning initiative
- Assist with facilitation of PLAN: East Boston events

### Advisory Group Objectives

- To be an ambassador for the community
- To promote excellence in planning, urban design and development
- To provide deep understanding and expertise about planning issues specific to the community
- To be a sounding-board for the community's needs and aspirations
- To be a solution generator

### Advisory Group Time Commitment and Term of Service

- This Advisory Group is specific to the PLAN: East Boston process
- Members will remain active for the entirety of the planning and rezoning processes
- Time commitment is approximately 1-2 meetings per month over a multi-year period; members are expected to be active participants at all PLAN: East Boston events

### Rules of Engagement

- All meetings are open to the public and are sponsored by the BPDA
- Members agree to treat all participants of the study with respect and actively listen
- Actively support all voices so that they may be heard
- State comments and questions plainly and up-front followed by any necessary commentary
- The BPDA encourages rigorous dialogue of differing opinions