

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

To approve and submit a letter to the U.S. Economic Development Administration from the Mayor on behalf of the City Council in support of the designation of the Greater Lowell region as the Northern Middlesex Economic Development District.

As part of the application process Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) is required to submit support letters from member communities.

BE IT VOTED:

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Draft EDD Municipal Support Letter

May x, 2021

Ms. Debra Beavin
Economic Development Representative (EDR) for Massachusetts
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
Philadelphia Regional Office
Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building
900 Market Street, Room 602
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: Designation of the Greater Lowell Region as the Northern Middlesex Economic Development District

Dear Ms. Beavin,

The Lowell City Council is writing to convey its support for designating the Greater Lowell region as the Northern Middlesex Economic Development District (NMEDD) by your agency. We applaud the efforts of the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) in requesting this designation. At a duly notice public meeting held on May x, 2021, the Lowell City Council voted to support the establishment of the Northern Middlesex Economic Development District.

We are particularly pleased that the City of Lowell and the entire region will benefit from the increased private investment and better paying jobs anticipated as a result of this designation. As a region, we submitted our most recent Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to EDA in May 2020. This submission was certified by your agency on September 2, 2020. We will continue to work with NMCOG to implement the economic development priorities outlined in the *Greater Lowell Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for 2020-2024*. As the regional planning agency for the Greater Lowell region, NMCOG will continue to provide Annual Updates to the Five-Year CEDS.

Thank you for your support and we ask that your agency grant this request to approve the designation of the NMEDD.

Sincerely,

John J. Leahy, Mayor



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin
Assistant City Manager

May 20, 2021

Mayor John J. Leahy
and
Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Support for Greater Lowell Economic Development District Designation

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council,

Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) is in the process of submitting an application for Economic Development District Designation to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). Designation of the Greater Lowell region as the Northern Middlesex Economic Development District (NMEDD) will qualify the region as a whole for EDA funds and will provide NMCOG with a three-year planning contract to support economic development activities in the region. As part of their application, they are required to submit support letters from member communities. A draft support letter from the Mayor on behalf of the Council is attached for your review and approval.

I respectfully request that the City Council approve and submit the draft support letter for the designation of Greater Lowell as the Northern Middlesex Economic Development District.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

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Attachment

cc: Christine McCall, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director
Craig Thomas, Deputy Director