



## **LWVM Affordable Housing Study Consensus Question**

What changes to Massachusetts laws are needed to more successfully encourage the production and retention of affordable housing? In discussing this question, please consider the following:

- a. Reasonableness and fairness of current eligibility requirements for purchase or rental of affordable housing in Massachusetts
- b. Methods for counting affordable housing units under Chapter 40B
- c. Duration of affordability restrictions on housing units – in perpetuity, in perpetuity with some provision for reversion to market rate, or for a specified time
- d. Effectiveness of state incentive programs for smart growth and affordable housing, including Chapters 40R and 40S