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Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus Members Set Legislative Priorities for 2019-2020 Legislative Session

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus has a new set of priorities heading into the legislative session following a biennial priority discussion last week.

Leading the Caucus as its new Chairman, Representative Carlos Gonzalez (D-Springfield) stated, “Our priorities reflect our voices in symphony to address specific issues impacting our communities of color.”

The legislative agenda features eight categories that have remained a part of the Caucus agenda over the years, as well as three new categories including revenue, consumer protection, and climate / environmental justice. With twenty seven proposals in total, the legislative agenda included below features new and old bills alike with six of the bills led by new Caucus members.

The Caucus’ work to advance the agenda over the next two years will come in the form of discussions with legislative leaders, coalescing with advocates and policy experts, engaging constituencies, and building on the momentum of past Caucus efforts.

CIVIL RIGHTS

HD1903 - An Act relative to parole
(Vargas, Andres / Miranda, Liz HOU)

HD3259 / SD1248 - An Act relative to the collection and transmission of certain traffic and pedestrian stop data / An Act relative to traffic and pedestrian stop data
(Tyler, Chynah / Williams, Bud HOU) (Chang-Díaz, Sonia SEN)

HD1520/SD926 - An Act to protect the civil rights and safety of all Massachusetts residents
(Balsler, Ruth / Miranda, Liz HOU) (Eldridge, James SEN)

PUBLIC SAFETY

SD1416/HD3143 - An Act to prevent illegal trafficking and gun violence among youth in the Commonwealth
(Chang-Díaz, Sonia SEN) (Linsky, David HOU)

HD1096 - An Act relative to access to community corrections
(Moran, Frank HOU)

HEALTH

HD3404 - An Act eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities in the Commonwealth
(Tyler, Chynah HOU)

HD1547 - An Act Relative to Medicaid Coverage for Doula Services.
(Miranda, Liz / Sabadosa, Lindsay HOU)

EDUCATION

HD3410 / SD770 - An Act to promote student nutrition
(Vargas, Andres HOU) (Creem, Cynthia Stone SEN)

SD101/ HD434 - Education PROMISE Act
(Chang-Díaz, Sonia SEN) (Vega, Aaron HOU)

JOBS

SD1686 / HD601 - An Act Relative to Equity in Public Contracting in Honor of Bruce C. Bolling
(Chang-Díaz, Sonia SEN) (Holmes, Russell HOU)

HD3203 - An Act relative to equity in public workforce
(Tyler, Chynah HOU)

HD1599 - An Act relative to programs to promote self-sufficiency and decrease dependence on government provided assistance
(González, Carlos HOU)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / JUSTICE

HD2808 - An Act to reform the distribution of unrestricted local aid
(Cabral, Antonio / Vargas, Andres HOU)

HD1291 - An Act relative to community reinvestment goals for banks
(González, Carlos HOU)

HD289 - An Act relative to the development of a strategy supporting micro businesses in inner city communities
(González, Carlos HOU)

HOUSING

HD3385 - An Act to ensure right to counsel in eviction proceedings
(Tyler, Chynah HOU)

HD3379 - An Act relative to housing reform
(Honan, Kevin / Vargas, Andres HOU)

HD1292 - An act establishing a foreclosure review division of the Superior Court
(González, Carlos HOU)

HD3654 - An Act enable public housing authorities to borrow against real estate equity of publicly-owned properties
(Elugardo, Nika HOU)

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

HD1132 / SD1949 - An Act ensuring municipal participation of the widest eligible range (EMPOWER Act)
(Vargas, Andres / Fernandes, Dylan HOU) (Chandler, Harriette SEN)

HD1107 / SD1814 - An Act to increase voter registration, participation, and to help prevent recidivism
(Holmes, Russell HOU) (Chang-Diaz, Sonia SEN)

REVENUE

HD2898 / SD822 - An Act to promote healthy alternatives to sugary drinks
(Khan, Kay / Santiago, Jon HOU) (Lewis, Jason SEN)

HD3091 - An Act to minimize youth vaping and support addiction prevention services
(Vargas, Andres HOU)

CONSUMER PROTECTION

HD1204 - An Act relative to protecting residential electric customers
(Moran, Frank HOU)

HD1002 - An Act relative to auto insurance costs for traditionally low and moderate income communities

(Moran, Frank HOU)

CLIMATE / ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

HD602/SD756 - An Act Relative to Solar Power in Environmental Justice and Urban Communities

(Holmes, Russell HOU) (Chang-Diaz, Sonia SEN)

HD3523 - An Act relative to Environmental Justice and Toxics Reduction in the Commonwealth

(DuBois, Michelle / Miranda, Liz HOU)

The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus is a group of state legislators seeking to define, highlight and analyze those issues and concerns affecting people of color in the Commonwealth. For more information, please visit: www.mablacklatinocaucus.com

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