

HIGHLAND PARK DEVELOPMENT VALUES STATEMENT

In order to safeguard its unique character of racial and economic diversity and shared open space, the Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition has identified five main values for developers to respect:

- 1) to protect and develop affordable housing,
- 2) to conserve communal open space and trees,
- 3) to honor Highland Park's historic sites,
- 4) to prevent displacement of longtime residents, and
- 5) to give priority to projects that provide significant worker and business opportunities that address the wealth gap.

In assessing whether a project is beneficial to Highland Park, we consider the following:

- the impact on neighbors currently residing in homes targeted for development
- number of affordable homes lost or gained
- the number of rental units lost or gained
- the amount of communal land lost or gained
- the developer's compliance with Boston job policy of equity in hiring and pay
- the extent to which wealth imbalance is redressed through opportunities for building equity
- the maintenance of safe streets and pedestrian safety
- the balance of parking and housing density
- the creation of energy efficient homes
- the quality of restoration planned for historic sites
- the likelihood of student housing arising from high bedroom count
- the support offered to vibrant business opportunities