

**Devens Jurisdiction Framework Committee
33 Devens Parkway
Devens, MA 01434**

April 21, 2022

Mike Kennealy, Chairman
MassDevelopment
99 High Street
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Chairman Kennealy,

On April 6, 2022, the members of the Devens Jurisdiction Framework Committee (DJFC) received an email from Jessica Strunkin, Devens EVP (attached) informing us that MassDevelopment will no longer be participating in the work of the Committee. The DJFC has been meeting for more than two years on the very important matter of determining the future permanent government at Devens and we were surprised to learn now that the work of the committee was no longer considered part of the primary mission of MassDevelopment at Devens. The Framework Committee appreciates the opportunity to open a dialogue to discuss this development.

It will be difficult for the DJFC to move forward constructively without the involvement of all stakeholders. MassDevelopment's knowledge and expertise on all things Devens is unsurpassed and we are at a loss as to why MassDevelopment is not continuing to work with us in this planning process.

Finally, we ask your assistance in bringing the agency back to the table. CEO Dan Rivera has been generally unresponsive to requests for assistance by the DJFC and others. It is unfortunate that the matter has risen to this level, however, we feel strongly that our failure to act in this fashion would be contrary to the expectations of the communities we represent.

We look forward to your response in advance of our upcoming meeting on May 11, 2022.

Sincerely,

Victor Normand, Co-Chair
Devens Jurisdiction Framework Committee

Approved by the following members of the DJFC voting at our meeting on April 21, 2022.

Town of Ayer:

Jannice Livingston, Vice-Chair, DJFC

Alan Manoian

Robert Pontbriand

Devens Enterprise Commission:

Bill Marshall

Jim DeZutter

Peter Lowitt

Town of Harvard:

Victor Normand

Lucy Wallace

Tim Bragan

Town of Shirley:

Bryan Sawyer

Michael McGovern

cc: MassDevelopment Board Members (Boston)
Dan Rivera, MassDevelopment (Boston)
Jessica Strunkin, MassDevelopment (Devens)
Representative Dan Sena, State House, Boston
Senator Jamie Eldridge, State House, Boston
William Marshall, Devens Enterprise Commission
Ayer Select Board
Harvard Select Board
Shirley Select Board
Members of the DJFC