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## **MAYOR RIVERA TO HOST REVENUE WORKING GROUP IN LAWRENCE**

*State Senate group charged with undertaking a systematic review of the Commonwealth's revenue system will convene at Northern Essex Community College on June 25th; Forum is open to the public*

**June 18, 2019, LAWRENCE, MA** – Mayor Dan Rivera announces today that he will host the Senate Revenue Working Group for its next meeting in Lawrence, on **Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. The Working Group will convene from **2:00pm-4:00pm** at **Northern Essex Community College, in Room LC-301 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the El Hefni Center, located at 414 Common Street.**

**Event Details:**

**Who:** Senate Revenue Working Group  
**What:** Public Forum  
**When:** Tuesday, June 25, 2019 from 2:00pm-4:00pm  
**Where:** Northern Essex Community College  
Room LC-301, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, El Hefni Center  
414 Common Street, Lawrence, MA 01840

**Media:** *Mayor Dan Rivera and Senator Adam Hinds will be available for interviews prior to the start of the meeting, at 1:30PM.* The Revenue working group meeting is open to the press and public.

Mayor Rivera is a member of the Senate Revenue Working Group, which is chaired by State Senator Adam G. Hinds (D- Pittsfield), who also serves as the Senate chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue. The group was established in April, fulfilling a vision first outlined by Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D- Ashland) during her inaugural address to Senate members on January 2, 2019.

The Revenue Working Group is charged with assessing the existing Massachusetts revenue system and exploring ways to update and improve it, with the primary goal of ensuring the Commonwealth's system of revenue collection generates sufficient funds in a predictable, sustainable and fair manner while contributing to a vibrant and competitive economy and ensuring taxpayer accountability.

The Working Group will meet throughout the 2019-2020 legislative session, convene public forums in various locations across the state and recommend policy changes for future consideration by the Massachusetts Legislature.

On June 25<sup>th</sup> the Working Group members will be briefed on the Commonwealth's existing tax system by state Revenue Commissioner Christopher Harding. The Commissioner will focus on revenue sources, how they have changed over time, avoidance and compliance, tax volatility and modernization. The Commissioner will also outline how the Department of Revenue (DOR) operates, and answer questions from the Working Group members.

After the Commissioner's presentation the Working Group will take public comment. Those who cannot attend but wish to submit testimony to the Senate Revenue Working Group can email their comments to Senator Hinds at [Adam.Hinds@masenate.gov](mailto:Adam.Hinds@masenate.gov) or mail them to his attention at State House, Room 109-E, Boston, MA 02133.

The 21 members of the Senate Revenue Working Group are:

1. Senator Adam G. Hinds, Chair, Senate Revenue Working Group
2. Senator William Brownsberger (D- Belmont), Senate Vice Chair of the Committee on Revenue
3. Frank Callahan, President, Massachusetts Building Trades Council AFL-CIO
4. JD Chesloff, Executive Director, Mass Business Roundtable
5. Nancy Creed, President, Springfield Regional Chamber
6. Peter Enrich, Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law
7. Deb Fastino, Executive Director, Coalition for Social Justice
8. Senator Ryan Fattman (R- Sutton), Member, Joint Committee on Revenue
9. Christina Fisher, Executive Director for Massachusetts and the Northeast, TechNet
10. Hilary Bacon Gabrieli, Tax Policy Attorney
11. Harris Gruman, Executive Director of the SEIU Massachusetts State Council
12. Beth Huang, Director, Massachusetts Voter Table
13. Eileen McAnney, President, Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation
14. Tim Murray, President & CEO, Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce
15. Amy Pitter, President & CEO, Massachusetts Society of CPAs
16. John Regan, Executive Vice President of Government Affairs, Associated Industries of Massachusetts
17. Mayor Dan Rivera, City of Lawrence
18. Marie-Frances Rivera, President, Massachusetts Budget & Policy Center
19. James E. Rooney, President & CEO, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce
20. David E. Sullivan, Attorney
21. Steven A. Tolman, President, Massachusetts AFL-CIO

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