



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear Friends:

Boston stands as a city of great talent and opportunity. Today more than ever, we are making strides in seizing both. Our workforce is one of the most educated in the country and our diverse economic base lays a broad foundation upon which we continue to build success. And build we have.

Our reputation as a world-renowned center for academic and medical research continues to advance, bolstered by an emerging life sciences industry that is taking full advantage of Boston's greatest benefit—its workforce. On that score, Boston is also gaining ground as we continue to attract and retain young professionals, an ever-important segment of any city's population. By engaging these young people in the life of the city, we cultivate a powerful resource and ready a new generation of leadership.

With all of this positive evidence of our city pressing forward, we are increasingly mindful of the significant challenges we face—as a city and as a region. Housing is a prime example of an issue that poses a significant hurdle for the city and the region. To that end, my Administration has taken important and creative steps to address the crisis. Now in its second phase, our Leading the Way housing strategy builds upon our initial success, aiming to create 10,000 new units in four years.

We well know that our city's efforts alone cannot solve all the challenges the region faces. We look to our partners in government and civic life throughout the city of Boston and the region as a whole to help us address these challenges thoughtfully and comprehensively.

The Indicators Report is a significant voice among many in our civic dialogue. The progress it charts and the challenges it identifies encourage us to consider and to cultivate Boston's Civic Agenda. We look to the Report as an opportunity to delve deeper into the complex issues that affect the city and the region.

In recent years, change has embraced our city. What results is a more dynamic and diverse Boston than ever. We look forward to building upon these extraordinary assets and working with our partners, the Boston Foundation, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the other stakeholders in our common cause to keep pace with these changes and collaboratively address the challenges they pose.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor of Boston