

October 2010 Newsletter

Vote No On 2 – Protect Affordable Housing!

Ballot question 2 this November 2nd would repeal our state's primary affordable housing law, (Chapter 40B) which helps make homes affordable to seniors and working families in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts is an expensive place to live. The affordable housing law is the primary statewide law that promotes the creation of affordable housing across the state. It has been responsible for 80% of the affordable housing created in Massachusetts over the past decade, outside the major cities.

- It allows seniors to stay in the communities where they have built their lives.
- It allows young professionals to stay in the communities where they grew up.
- It allows working families to afford to own a home near where they work.
- It creates construction jobs.
- It promotes smart growth.

All of the candidates in the race for governor agree to Vote No on 2 to protect seniors and working families! Repealing this law would make homes less affordable in Massachusetts. The economic benefits are too large to ignore: we would lose 50,000 jobs and over \$10 billion in economic activity if the law is repealed in November.

We can't let this housing law be taken away from the seniors and working families who need it!

Vote No on 2 on Nov. 2!

Fund Raising For A Good Cause

We're entering the time of year for SCC's Annual Appeal, the major way that business and individual donors support SCC's work. If you're interested in learning more about SCC's critical work in the community, helping us to raise funds, and having some fun in the process, join the team working on our Annual Appeal. Contact Shannon at 617-776-5931 x238 or sleblanc@somervillecdc.org.

Welcoming Two Interns and a Baby!



On September 18th, Thais, who is SCC's Program Coordinator for Community Asset Building, and her partner Kathy welcomed their new son James into the world. All three are home and enjoying the wonders of life!



Amanda is an intern this year with the Community Power and Resources Team at SCC. She is in her second year of the Macro MSW Program at BU's Graduate School of Social Work. Prior to joining SCC, Amanda spent several years living and working abroad in Latin America as well as working with community members in the greater Boston area on issues of intimate partner violence and immigrant rights. At SCC, Amanda is focusing primarily on organizing and mapping within the Community Corridor Planning project and in particular engaging community members through the use of our new *inTera*ctive Somerville mapping tool.

Besides fighting for social justice and equality for all, Amanda loves anything and everything related to music, dancing, soccer, travel, being outside and her ever-expanding family.



Sam joined the SCC staff in September 2010 as Program Assistant for Homelessness Prevention and Asset Building. He grew up in Somerville, attended the Somerville Public Schools and graduated in May, 2010 from Columbia University. Sam majored in music in college and loves performing and studying music of various styles. He has worked in music and preschool summer programs in the Somerville Public Schools and looks forward to continuing to exercise his love of teaching, in financial education classes and workshops at SCC. Sam is enthusiastic about helping to implement SCC's vision of guiding Somerville residents in situations of personal crisis towards economic stability, so that they can further enrich our community.