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Just A Start Leads the Way for Zoning Reform



Architectural rendering of 52 New Street

Called a poster project for the Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO), Just A Start leads the way in leveraging the reform to add 106 affordable apartments at 52 New Street. The project was the first permitted for the AHO.

[Read our Executive Director Carl Nagy-Koechlin's op-ed in Banker & Tradesman on how AHO can be an effective tool for affordable housing developers to compete with market-rate developers.](#)

Future of Work: Bridging the Opportunity Gap in the Innovation Sectors



The [Future of Work 2022 report](#) emphasizes the [need for more skilled workers in the technology sector](#). Helping to bridge the opportunity divide that is pervasive in low-income communities, Just A Start's [Biomedical and IT Careers Programs](#) provide job training for adult students to enter sustainable career pathways.

Miriam Ortiz, Just A Start's Director of Education & Training, serves on the Future of Work Commission and [recently spoke on WBUR on access and equity in the workforce.](#)

**Nate Bae Kupel, YouthBuild Just A Start Director,
Appointed to Malden Racial Equity Commission**



Congratulations to Nate James Bae Kupel, Director of Youth Programs, on his appointment to the Malden Racial

Equity Commission by Mayor Gary Christenson. We are proud to have Nate as an advocate and changemaker to lead the way in creating systems change to eliminate the inequalities that persist in our communities.

"[Nate] has a passion for the City's responsibility to better understand our diverse residents, their cultures, and socioeconomic status so they may access the resources they need to lead productive and health lives." - Mayor Gary Christenson, City of Malden

2022 MA YOUTHBUILD STATE HOUSE DAY!



100 YouthBuild students and staff from across the Commonwealth met with legislators on the annual State House Day to advocate for YouthBuild sustainability and share the transformational impact YouthBuild has had on their lives and career paths.

Welcoming New Staff



Welcome Mayolina Seguy, Just A Start's new Career Readiness Instructor! Mayolina teaches the Career Exploration curriculum in our Biomedical and IT Careers Programs, prepping students with many of the skills they will need to develop and grow their careers. Mayolina brings with her decades of experience in education, as well as a passion for working with young adults and immigrants.

Just A Start is Hiring!

Join our team to make a difference every day in the lives of our residents, students, program participants, and the broader community.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



Our mission is to promote equity by creating access to stable housing and building pathways to economic opportunity.



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