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Friday morning, I attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Morton Station Village in Mattapan.



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This new housing development is being sponsored by our Planning Office for Urban Affairs in conjunction with Caribbean Integration Community Development. It will provide 40 mixed-income housing units, some of which will be rental and some available for affordable homeownership.

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We were so happy to be joined by Governor Charlie Baker for the ceremony.

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During his remarks, the director of the Planning Office, Bill Grogan, cited a number of very telling statistics about the state of housing in the Commonwealth and why developments such as this are so necessary.



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He noted that Massachusetts is one of the most expensive states in which to live and that a minimum wage worker would have to work over 100 hours each week to afford an average, two-bedroom apartment. He also talked about the tremendous increase in house costs saying that the median rent for an apartment in Boston has gone up by 25 percent in the last year and that the median home price in Mattapan is \$600,000, a 50 percent increase since 2016.