

Request #	City Councilor	Request	DND Response
1	Campbell	A list of all the lots DND is working on.	List of active parcel/project attached.
2	O'Malley	Information on how close DND got to the 4,554 middle income units built?	The 4,554 figure quoted in the hearing was a pre-covid projection for FY20 of "Total number of net new Housing Units permitted" which includes middle income units. As of 4/30/20, we have permitted 3,100. The construction pause has stalled that number, but ISD has moved almost 1,000 units to the Ready-To-Issue stage so it's possible that we will reach approximately 4,100 by fiscal year end, which would be 90% of projected total.
3	Mejia	Information on the number of calls fielded by the Office of Housing stability that required interpretation and how many are they expecting this year?	In addition to having 2 full time staff that speak Spanish, OHS has access to the City's Language Line. OHS did not start tracking Language Line calls until 4/21/20 and only has data from 4/21/20 through 4/30/20. During that period OHS fielded over 700 calls. Of those, 82 required translation through the language line. We project that 10% of the annual calls will require use of the language line.
4	Arroyo	Information on the number of BPS student vouchers that were handed out to families and how many are still available?	There are 500 vouchers in total. As of 2020, BPS has referred 357 families to Family Aid to prepare the applications to the BHA. Family Aid has prepared and submitted 258 applications to the BHA. The BHA has pulled 46 applications for screening; 6 applications are currently in supervisor review, which is the final step before the voucher is issued.
5	Arroyo	A list of DND lots and projects the City is working on including those that work have been put on hold.	List of active parcel/project attached (same as Request #1). REMS does not have any projects on hold.
6	Baker	Information on the number of NHI units being built including the projects that are currently on hold and of these units how many are for homeownership?	All NHI units are homeownership. Currently there are 40 NHI units under construction. No units are on hold with the recent re-opening.
7	Baker	What is the percentage of affordability of Boston housing stock?	There are 55,122 income restricted units in Boston, 19.1% of the City's overall housing stock. Of those, 88% are for low-income households. In addition there are over 17,000 tenant-based rental vouchers in Boston that can be used to afford market housing.
8	Baker	Are DND's external funds in jeopardy?	No, our FY21 entitlement and CoC grants from HUD, which make up over 90% of our external funds, have been awarded for FY21 with no chance of being reduced or eliminated this fiscal year. In addition, we expect both IDP and Linkage funds to hold steady through the next two years, as these funds are from projects that had already begun construction prior to COVID-19. An economic downturn would however reduce these funds in outlying years.
9	Baker	Information on DND's yearly printing costs.	As of 5/20/20, DND has expended \$3,935 on printing in FY20.
10	Janey	Information on the percentage of new units that is dedicated to affordable housing and what percentage is dedicated to affordable homeownership?	Since the start of the Housing 2030 plan, 19% of all new production (6,348 units) has been income-restricted affordable production. Of those, 748 are affordable ownership units.
11	Breadon	Information on the numbers of Fair Housing Vouchers used in the Allston/Brighton area.	There are approximately 507 Housing Choice Vouchers being used in Allston/Brighton according to HUD Data.
12	Edwards	Information on the number of housing units that are in tax lien in DND's portfolio, particularly in the COVID moment?	We currently have 9 housing units in 5 buildings in our portfolio that are in the tax foreclosure process. Of those, 6 units (2 buildings) are occupied and we are working with the owners to redeem the property in on one case and sell in the other. All were tax foreclosed well before the pandemic.
13	Edwards	Breakdown of DND's performance goals as it relates to the affordable homeownership assistance program.	With the doubling of down payment assistance resources in the FY21 budget, DND estimates 213 new first-time homebuyers will be now be created each year in order to achieve over 1,000 the next five years.
14	Multiple Councilors	Information on what DND is spending on procurement and contracts that are going to WMBE's and to the residents of Boston?	65% of DND's contracts go to nonprofits who provide services to low and moderate income Bostonians. 35% go to for-profits. Of the 50 for-profit contracts, it is true that only 1 is a certified MWBE but there are 19 who we know are MWBEs but not certified, so a total of 20 or 40% are MWBEs. We encourage all of our MWBE vendors to get certified with the City and we are working with OED on simplifying the certification process. Also, while we don't hold the contracts, we are working hard to ensure that our approved list of contractors for our homeownership projects include good representation of MWBEs. We currently have 38 pre-approved contractors that can bid on CDBG funded senior home repair projects. 50% are Boston based and 16 or 42% are minority owned. We provide this list to any non-senior homeowner interested in undertaking a project with us. Non-seniors are not required to use our approved contractors.