

## *What's wrong with this picture?*



*She can teach your children,  
but she can't be your neighbor.*

She may have grown up here.  
But, she can't afford to live here.

The Bolton Affordable Housing Partnership is hosting a  
**PUBLIC FORUM** to ask your opinion about:

1. Who needs affordable housing in town?
2. What balance of housing do we want?
3. What types of housing do we need?
4. Low cost strategies for creating affordable housing.

**Thursday June 19, 2003**  
**Town Hall, 663 Main St.**  
**7:30 pm**

## *An Affordable Bolton Affects Us All!*

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Median Salary*</u>
Registered Nurse	\$49,400
Elementary School Teacher	\$47,510
Accountant or Auditor	\$45,190
Electrical Engineer	\$51,597
Police Officer	\$52,000
Auto Mechanic	\$34,923
Computer Programmer	\$65,950

\* Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training, April 2002.

### **Where will she live?**

- **MLS Homes for sale in Bolton – May 2003**

<\$300	1	\$600 - \$800	14
\$300 - \$400	4	\$800 - \$1M	9
\$400 - \$600	14	> \$1M	11

The median priced home for Bolton MLS listings is \$699,900.

*An annual income of \$124,430 is needed to afford the  
median priced single family home (\$699,900) in Bolton.*  
*(20% down, 5.25%, 30 year)*

### **Who do you love that can't afford to live in Bolton?**

A daughter or son and their new family?  
A mother or father who wants to downsize and still be close  
to their grandchildren?  
Maybe it's you?

# *Why Bolton Needs Affordable Housing*

## **Affordable housing builds our economy.**

It creates a positive climate for employers to locate and expand. Many of the people who need affordable housing perform services vital to our community: teachers, police officers and firefighters, day care providers, mechanics, health aides, librarians, and other Town workers.

## **Affordable housing creates stable neighborhoods,**

Where people can live and participate in their community.

## **Affordable housing enhances education.**

Children perform better in school when their physical environment at home is conducive to learning. Frequent moves and school transfers undermine academic development.

## **Affordable housing encourages diversity.**

People who need affordable housing come from a variety of backgrounds and circumstances, including working families, senior citizens, people with disabilities, and people facing a temporary crisis in their lives. It transcends demographics of race, age, and gender. Healthy neighborhoods rely on that diversity.

*The Bolton Affordable Housing Partnership is a formal vehicle for residents of Bolton to support efforts to meet the affordable housing needs of our community.*

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