



THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
REPRESENTATIVE KATE HOGAN
THIRD MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
STATE HOUSE, ROOM 130, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02133-1053

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 6, 2017

Contact:
Kelsey Schiller
Communications Director
Office of Representative Kate Hogan
617-722-2130
kelsey.schiller@mahouse.gov

Rep. Hogan, chambers host Sec. Jay Ash for “Egg-onomics” breakfast talk



State Representatives Carmine Gentile (left), Kate Hogan (second to right), and Danielle Gregoire (right) join Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Jay Ash at the Hudson Portuguese Club for “Egg-onomics,” a breakfast discussion on economic development in the 495/MetroWest region.



Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Jay Ash addresses local business and community leaders at the Hudson Portuguese Club during “Egg-onomics,” a breakfast discussion on economic development in the 495/MetroWest region.

HUDSON - Representative Kate Hogan (D-Stow), the Assabet Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce invited Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Jay Ash to join them at the Hudson Portuguese Club on October 27th for “Egg-onomics,” a breakfast discussion on economic development in the 495/MetroWest region. More than 100 individuals attended, including local elected officials and business and community leaders from across the region.

Rep. Kate Hogan introduced Secretary Ash to the crowd by highlighting the Baker-Polito Administration’s partnership on local economic development initiatives, particularly through state grants from programs like the MassWorks Infrastructure Program and the Workforce Training Fund. Additionally, she noted Secretary Ash’s continued support for the “495/MetroWest Suburban Edge Communities Commission,” which Rep. Hogan created and co-chairs, and which is currently studying the development challenges experienced by the 33 communities in 495/MetroWest and developing policy responses to ensure our region can participate more fully in state development initiatives and benefit from state resources.

During his keynote remarks, Secretary Ash spoke about his experiences as chief economic development officer for the Baker-Polito Administration and noted that his office often looks to towns in this region, like Hudson, as examples of successful revitalization. He shared data about the strength and competitiveness of the Massachusetts economy and emphasized his belief that a productive relationship between the administration, the legislature, private investment, and local partners is key to continuing to spur economic development in communities across the state.