

## **MAYOR NICHOLSON INVITED TO WHITE HOUSE TO DISCUSS INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AND PROGRAMS**

*Nicholson Selected as part of a delegation from Massachusetts for discussions with President's Staff and Cabinet Secretaries*

April 17, 2023 – Gardner, MA – Gardner Mayor Michael J. Nicholson has been invited by the Office of the President of the United States to be part of a delegation from the Commonwealth for discussions with the Biden – Harris Administration regarding infrastructure and community investment funding and programs.

In recent years, Gardner has received several infrastructure grants from the Federal Government including Community Development Block Grant Funding, \$1 million to fund the replacement of the City's Water Transmission line, \$1.5 million for upgrades to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility, and other projects.

Aside from this, the City has also invested tens of millions of dollars in state and local funding into different infrastructure and community investment projects which have been credited for the new economic interest that the City has seen in recent months.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12:30pm at the White House.

“I am proud to be able to represent the City of Gardner in Washington and give the Chair City a seat at the table on a national level,” said Mayor Nicholson. “I’m proud of the work we’ve accomplished in Gardner and I look forward to sharing the progress we’ve made with the President’s Office and the Cabinet. In my first inaugural address, I stated that by investing in ourselves, we set the example and give others a reason to invest back into our community. I hope this shows that we’ve stayed true to that promise and will continue to keep that momentum going.”

State Representative Jonathan Zlotnik (D-Gardner), who also serves as the Vice Chair of the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business, was also invited to be part of this delegation and will be attending as well.

A formal release from the Offices of Mayor Mike Nicholson and Representative Jon Zlotnik will be issued following the event.

The Executive Office of the President has defined the event as: "*Communities in Action: Building a Better Massachusetts* is part of a White House series that will feature local elected officials and community leaders working on behalf of their communities to create opportunities and improve people's everyday lives."