



City of Gardner - *Executive Department*

Mayor Michael J. Nicholson

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Boston, MA – January 25, 2025 – Gardner Mayor Michael Nicholson has been unanimously elected as the President of the Massachusetts Mayors’ Association.

Mayor Nicholson, who has served as the Mayor of Gardner since 2020, and had served as the Massachusetts Mayors’ Association District 2 Representative, brings a wealth of experience and a strong track record of leadership to his new role.

Mayor Nicholson has been instrumental in bringing significant developments to Gardner, including the Gardner Elementary School project that came in \$8 million under budget, the creation of two vacant storefront revitalization districts, an increase of double the amount of grant awards over the last two years, and increased private investment across the city. Mayor Nicholson’s dedication to improving the City of Gardner and creating lasting partnerships that will lead to increased investments in the future have earned him respect among his peers and widespread recognition across the state.

As President of the Massachusetts Mayors’ Association, Mayor Nicholson will lead advocacy efforts around housing, economic development and other issues facing municipalities across the Commonwealth. In this role, Mayor Nicholson will work with state leaders, industry experts and his colleagues to advocate for the needs of municipalities and to promote efficient, effective and thriving local government.

“I am honored to have been elected by my peers as the President of the Massachusetts Mayors’ Association,” said Nicholson. “I look forward to continuing a collaboration with my fellow mayors and state leaders as we continue to advocate for the many pressing issues facing municipal government. Local government plays a significant role in increasing the quality of life for residents throughout the Commonwealth and I look forward to working together to ensure our cities thrive.”

The Massachusetts Mayors’ Association, established in 1945, provides opportunities for mayors to network and share ideas, pursue educational opportunities, meet with state leaders and subject-matter experts, and participate in the advocacy work of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Its membership is made up of the 48 mayors of the cities of Massachusetts.

Mayor Nicholson was nominated by Mayor Dean Mazarella of Leominster and Mayor Nicole LaChapelle of Easthampton at the association's annual business meeting held in Boston on January 25, 2025. Also present at the meeting was former Salem Mayor, Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll.