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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING ON HEALTH ACCESS IN HYDE PARK

**WHEREAS,** Hyde Park is home to nearly 40,000 residents, who disproportionately suffer high rates of diabetes, hypertension, congestive heart failure, hyperthyroidism, and kidney disease among other chronic and acute illnesses; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Hyde Park and Mattapan are the in the top 3 Boston neighborhoods with the highest percentage of adults with diabetes and diabetes-related hospitalization rates followed by Dorchester that just recently lost Carney Hospital; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Mattapan and Hyde Park have the top two highest asthma emergency visits among residents aged 0-17 years; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In its FY 22 - 26 Capital Plan, the City of Boston dedicated \$2 million dollars in an effort to leverage city assets and community partners to create a community health center and related infrastructure for Hyde Park residents; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Community leaders wish to leverage the city's resources to create new health options that meet people's unique health, cultural, and transportation needs; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston should renew and prioritize efforts to expand healthcare access in Hyde Park with all community partners, evaluating multiple pathways to achieve the goal of improving residents' health; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on expanding community health access in Hyde Park. Representatives from appropriate departments of the administration will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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