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## CITY OF BOSTON

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IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

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### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF THE BOSTON REPARATIONS TASK FORCE

**WHEREAS,** The Boston Reparations Task Force was established to examine the City of Boston's historical ties to slavery, assess the continuing impacts of enslavement and discrimination, and develop recommendations for truth, reconciliation, and reparative justice; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The work of the Task Force has included historical research, community engagement, public education, grassroots partnerships, and the development of recommendations intended to address longstanding racial inequities affecting Black residents and descendants of enslaved people; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The publication of research reports and recommendations marks an important step in Boston's reparations process, but meaningful progress will depend upon the City's willingness and capacity to implement, monitor, and evaluate those recommendations over time; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The FY27 budget narrative states that the reduction in funding for the Office of Equity reflects the conclusion of the Reparations Task Force phase of the project, raising questions regarding the City's plans, staffing capacity, and funding commitments for implementation of the Task Force's recommendations; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City Council has a responsibility to examine what structures, resources, funding, public engagement processes, and accountability mechanisms will be necessary to ensure that the work of the Boston Reparations Task Force continues beyond the publication of its final report; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing regarding the continuation of the Boston Reparations Task Force, and to evaluate the adequacy of staffing and funding to support ongoing reparations work, and that representatives of the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet, members of the Boston Reparations Task Force and other interested parties be invited to attend.

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