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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### Hearing to Establish a “Business Owner 101” Program for Grant Recipients

**WHEREAS:** The City of Boston provides grants to help support new businesses throughout the City; *and*

**WHEREAS:** New entrepreneurs are often left to “figure it out” on their own without appropriate venues to receive education, mentorship, and support; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Simple errors can significantly impact new small businesses, potentially resulting in business failure; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Entrepreneurs frequently lack knowledge on the proper process, often leaving them unable to proactively engage with City-offered technical assistance and support programs

**WHEREAS:** Homebuyers who receive City assistance are required to complete a “Homebuyer 101” class, providing necessary information to allow new homeowners to understand their investment, identify potential future issues, and plan for success; *and*

**WHEREAS:** This educational component has successfully helped renters who become homeowners; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Entrepreneurs would similarly benefit from increased access to information and resources; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The City of Boston should work to ensure that the businesses we support financially have access to myriad resources to ensure their success; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the establishment of a “Business Owner 101” program in the City of Boston, and that representatives from the Boston Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Department and other interested parties be invited to testify.