



# BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice  
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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

August 4, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice was referred the following docket for consideration:

***Docket #0893, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) in the form of a grant for the CJP Communal Security Initiative, awarded by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the installation of CCTV cameras outside the Jewish institutions, to be monitored by the Police Department, in hopes of protecting faith based institutions.***

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu, and was referred to the Committee on April 16, 2025.

### ***Summary of Legislation***

***Docket #0893*** authorizes the City of Boston to accept and expend the CJP Communal Security Initiative in the amount of \$120,000, awarded by Combined Jewish Philanthropies to be administered by the Boston Police Department. This grant would fund the installation of CCTV cameras outside of Jewish institutions and will be monitored by the Boston Police Department, in hopes of protecting faith-based institutions.

### ***Information Received***

The Committee received information from the Administration regarding Docket #0893 stating that this docket authorizes the City of Boston to accept and expend the CJP Communal Security Initiative in the amount of \$120,000. This grant was awarded to the Boston Police Department (BPD) and is designated to install CCTV cameras outside ten identified Jewish institutions in the City of Boston to be monitored by BPD. The CJP Communal Security Initiative will provide a list of the institutions, addresses, and further details. The CJP Communal Security Initiative requests that installation proceeds upon acceptance of the grant, and that the cameras be fully operational and connected on or before December 1, 2025 as well as confirmation of installation and activation. BPD will be responsible for procurement, installation, operation and recording of the cameras during their useful life.

### ***Committee Chair Recommended Action***

As Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.

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