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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UPDATE BODY CAMERA AND DASH CAMERA FOOTAGE RELEASE PROTOCOLS TO INCLUDE ACCESS TO OVERSIGHT ENTITIES FOLLOWING POLICE-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, MASS SHOOTINGS, AND MAJOR EVENTS

WHEREAS, The City of Boston and its residents continue to grapple with the recent tragic loss of life resulting from an incident involving a police-involved shooting in Roxbury; *and*

WHEREAS, The death of Stephenson King and the subsequent criminal charges brought forward, have raised urgent questions from the community regarding transparency and accountability; *and*

WHEREAS, Community members have demonstrated courage in coming forward to demand answers and clarity during a period of grief and uncertainty; *and*

WHEREAS, Transparency between law enforcement and the public is essential to building and maintaining trust, particularly in communities with longstanding concerns regarding policing practices; *and*

WHEREAS, Oversight entities have a responsibility to serve as a bridge between the community and law enforcement and to ensure that processes are transparent, fair, and accountable; *and*

WHEREAS, Body-worn cameras serve not only to protect communities, but also to protect law enforcement by providing an objective record of interactions, enabling better assessment of incidents and supporting both accountability and fairness for officers and residents alike; *and*

WHEREAS, Access to body camera and dashboard camera footage following police-involved shootings, mass shootings, and major events is critical to understanding the facts, supporting accountability, and maintaining public confidence; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council calls on the Boston Police Department to update its protocols for the release of body camera and dashboard camera footage to include timely access for oversight entities following police-involved shootings, mass shootings, and major events, in a manner consistent with due process, ongoing investigations, and the principles of transparency and accountability.

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