



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 AT 12:00 P.M.

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## **ROLL CALL**

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:**

**1796** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirteen Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$13,317,200.00) in the form of a grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA. Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management. The grant will fund planning, exercise, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to and recover from threats of acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.

**1797** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Community First Partnership, awarded by Mass Save to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund outreach and engagement with environmental justice communities to drive increased awareness and measurable participation in energy efficiency programs.

## **PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES**

## **REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:**

[1798](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Kate England as an Ex Officio Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust.

#### **MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

[0410](#) Petition for a Special Law re: An Act increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances and authorizing the City of Boston to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the City of Boston for nonpayment of any local charges, fees or fines.

[0626](#) Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 16-1.9G, to prohibit the sale of guinea pigs in pet shops.

[1794](#) An order relative to the Adoption of Classification in the City of Boston in FY 2024.

[1721](#) Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Voting For All Legal Residents in the City of Boston.

[1367](#) Order for a hearing on the viability, transparency and community engagement process regarding the proposed plan to move the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science from Roxbury to West Roxbury.

#### **MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

[1799](#) **Councilor Lara and Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing support for H.872 & S.481, an act establishing a climate change superfund and promoting polluter responsibility.

[1800](#) **Councilor Worrell and Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Hanukkah in the City of Boston.

#### **GREEN SHEETS:**

[/6/23](#) Legislative Calendar for December 6, 2023.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

[1801](#) **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing John Steies.

[1802](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jie Long and U.S.- China Cultural and Sports Exchange Day.

[1803](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Thomas A. Kershaw.

- 1804 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement.
- 1805 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing fifteen Boston Police Officers on their Retirement.
- 1806 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Olivia Hay Nichols.
- 1807 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Michael Gene Haines.
- 1808 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Highland Street Foundation.
- 1809 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Boston Symphony Orchestra Board of Trustees.
- 1810 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kameela Blackmon and Aliyah Mohamed.



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
Michelle Wu**

12-04-2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$13,317,200.00**) in the form of a grant, FY2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative, awarded by United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Emergency Management.

The grant would fund planning, exercises, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston



## City Council Order

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**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND** FY2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Homeland Security AND MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Homeland Security and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Emergency Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds in the amount of THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$13,317,200.00**) would fund planning, exercises, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents. Therefore be it

**ORDERED:** that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of Homeland Security, and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security' FY2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative award not to exceed the amount of THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$13,317,200.00**).

**Docket #**  
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**In City Council  
Passed**  
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**City Clerk**

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**Mayor**

**Approved**  
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I hereby certify that  
the foregoing, if passed in  
the above form, will be in  
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum  
Adam Cederbaum  
Corporation Counsel



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Office of the Mayor  
Michelle Wu**

12-04-2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$40,000.00)** in the form of a grant, Community First Partnership, awarded by Mass Save to be administered by the Environment Department.

The grant would fund outreach and engagement with environmental justice communities to drive increased awareness and measurable participation in energy efficiency programs.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston



## City Council Order

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**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND** Community First Partnership FUNDS, AWARDED BY Mass Save.

**WHEREAS**, the Mass Save, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Environment Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds in the amount of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$40,000.00**) would fund outreach and engagement with environmental justice communities to drive increased awareness and measurable participation in energy efficiency programs. Therefore be it

**ORDERED:** that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Mass Save, Community First Partnership award not to exceed the amount of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$40,000.00**).

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**In City Council  
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**City Clerk**

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**Mayor**

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City of Boston, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
**Michelle Wu**

November 28, 2023

Boston Groundwater Trust  
229 Berkeley St. Suite 410  
Boston, MA 02116

Re: Trustee Appointment

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Per the Declaration of Trust for the Boston Groundwater Trust, Article III, Section 3.1.11, and to fill a vacancy, I hereby appoint Kate England, of 251 Reservation Road, Boston, MA 02136, as a Trustee. Kate England will serve in the seat designated for the Mayor's Office, as an ex officio trustee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston



Offered by Councilors Liz Breadon, Ruthzee Louijeune, Kenzie Bok, Coletta, Arroyo, Flaherty, Lara, Mejia, Murphy, Worrell and Flynn



**CITY OF BOSTON**  

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**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE**  

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**HOME RULE PETITION**

- WHEREAS,* The Massachusetts Legislature through section 35 of chapter 448 of the Acts of 1854 (the “1854 Charter”) empowered the City of Boston by its charter to enact ordinances and annex penalties for violations not exceeding \$50; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The City of Boston by home rule petition approved as chapter 78 of the Acts of 1976 amended the 1854 Charter to increase the maximum amount of fines imposed for ordinance violations to \$200; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Chapter 401 of the Acts of 1977 inserted section 21D of chapter 40 of the General Laws to establish noncriminal disposition of ordinance, by-law, rule, or regulation violations with fines not to exceed \$200, later amended by chapter 609 of the Acts of 1987 to raise the maximum fines allowed by section 21D to \$300; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Subsequent to the Legislature’s 1987 amendment of section 21D to raise the maximum fine to \$300, the City of Boston through a home rule petition accepted as chapter 48 of the Acts of 1989 and amended by section 102 of chapter 341 of the Acts of 1989 further amended the 1854 Charter to separately increase the maximum amount of fines for ordinance violations to \$300; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The City of Boston twice unsuccessfully petitioned the General Court, through House Bill 4418 of the year 2005 and House Bill 4168 of the year 2007, to increase the maximum fines for ordinance violations to \$1,000; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The \$50 maximum fine enacted in 1854 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$1,766 in 2023 dollars; the \$200 maximum fine enacted in 1976 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$1,043 in 2023 dollars; the present \$300 maximum fine enacted in 1989 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$718 in 2023 dollars; and the \$1,000 maximum fine petitioned for by the City of Boston in 2007 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$1,419 in 2023 dollars; *and*

*WHEREAS,* That the maximum allowable fine imposed by the City of Boston for the noncriminal disposition of ordinance violations has remained \$300 for more than thirty years, without adjustment for inflation, has disincentivized chronic violators of the City's ordinances, particularly corporations, from compliance and instead has emboldened scofflaws to view the low fines as the cost of doing business; *and*

*WHEREAS,* Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1987 inserted section 58 of chapter 40 of the General Laws to authorize cities and towns to place liens on certain properties for any unpaid local charge or fee, but does not include unpaid fines; *and*

*WHEREAS,* The Massachusetts Legislature has approved several home rule petitions to grant additional powers for cities to place municipal charges liens than those presently provided for in section 58, authorizing liens for unpaid local fines in Somerville through chapter 252 of the Acts of 1996, Lowell through chapter 390 of the Acts of 2002, and Framingham through chapter 19 of the Acts of 2013; *and*

*WHEREAS,* Several Massachusetts cities have unsuccessfully petitioned the Legislature between 1990 to 2010 for authority to add unpaid fines to their municipal charges liens, including the cities of Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, and Revere; *and*

*WHEREAS,* According to the legislative history of the 189th General Court for chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, An Act modernizing municipal finance and government, a proposed amendment of section 58 to include local fines in the municipal charges liens of all cities and towns was included in the House bill but not in the Senate bill or conference committee report, and the language was not incorporated; *and*

*WHEREAS,* Section 9 of Article 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution provides that special laws relating to the City of Boston existing as of November 8, 1966 shall have the force of an existing charter; *and*

*WHEREAS,* The City of Boston must possess and exercise the police powers necessary to ensure effective enforcement of its ordinances to deter willful or negligent violations and to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents and for the good of the public; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2, as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only: –

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:  
AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FINES WHICH MAY  
BE IMPOSED FOR VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES AND AUTHORIZING  
THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PLACE MUNICIPAL CHARGE LIENS ON  
CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR NONPAYMENT OF  
ANY LOCAL CHARGES, FEE OR FINE**

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for the effective enforcement of ordinances to deter willful or negligent violations in the City of Boston, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

**SECTION 1.**

Section 35 of chapter 448 of the acts of 1854, as amended by chapter 78 of the acts of 1976, as further amended by section 1 of chapter 48 of the acts of 1989, and further amended by section 102 of chapter 341 of the acts of 1989, is hereby further amended by striking in the second sentence the words “three hundred” and inserting in place thereof the words:– “two thousand”.

**SECTION 2.**

Section 35 of chapter 448 of the acts of 1854, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting thereafter the following new paragraph:

The maximum fine set forth in this section shall be adjusted for inflation, round to the nearest hundred dollars, on January 1, 2025, and on January 1 every five years thereafter based on the annual percentage change in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Mass.-N.H. Core Based Statistical Area, all items, or its successor index.

**SECTION 3.**

Chapter 222 of the acts of 1949 is hereby amended by striking out section 5 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:–

Section 5. The City of Boston may impose a lien on real property located within the city for any local charge, fee or fine that has not been paid by the due date; provided, that prior to any lien

being imposed for any local charge, fee or fine, an ordinance shall be established by a vote of the city council specifying each type of charge, fee or fine to be collected. The lien shall be known as a “municipal charges lien.” For purposes of this act, “local charge”, “municipal charge,” “fee” or “fine” shall mean any charge, fee or fine imposed by the city by ordinance, rule or regulation, statute or state regulation, or imposed by a court of the commonwealth payable to the city as a result of any action initiated by city officials to enforce city ordinances, rules, regulations, statutes, or state regulations.

A municipal charges lien authorized under this section shall take effect upon the recording of a list of unpaid municipal charges, fees or fines by parcel of land and by the name of the property owner assessed for the charge, fee or fine in the registry of deeds of Suffolk County.

If a charge, fee or fine which is secured by a municipal charges lien remains unpaid when the assessors are preparing a real estate tax list and warrant to be committed pursuant to section 53 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, then the board or officer in charge of the collection of the municipal charge, fee or fine shall certify such charge or fee to the assessors, who shall add the charge, fee or fine to the tax on the property to which it relates and commit it with the warrant to the collector of taxes as part of the tax.

If the property to which such charge, fee or fine relates is tax exempt, the charge, fee or fine shall be committed as the tax. A lien under this section may be discharged by filing in the registry of deeds of Suffolk County a certificate from the tax collector that all municipal charges, fees or fines constituting the lien, together with any interest and costs thereon, have been paid or legally abated. All costs of recording or discharging a lien under this act shall be borne by the owner of the property.

Section 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

#### SECTION 4.

The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

#### SECTION 5.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: February 10, 2023

Offered by Councilors Liz Breadon, Arroyo, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Worrell, Flynn and Bok



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF BOSTON CODE, ORDINANCES, SECTION 16-1.9G, TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF GUINEA PIGS IN PET SHOPS

- WHEREAS,* The City of Boston enacted chapter 1 of the Ordinances of 2016 establishing City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 16-1.9G to prohibit the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits, except in cooperation with an animal shelter or animal rescue organization, enforced with a \$300 fine per violation by the Animal Care and Control Division of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Boston was the first of twelve Massachusetts municipalities to pass a “pet shop ordinance” banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits, being followed by Cambridge, Springfield, Lenox, Attleboro, Lexington, North Adams, Plymouth, Pittsfield, Marshfield, Holliston, and Stoneham, while the Cambridge and Attleboro ordinances include guinea pigs in prohibited pet shop sales; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The City’s current pet shop ordinance does not prohibit the sale of guinea pigs, and a significant share of guinea pigs sold at pet shops come from large-scale, out-of-state commercial breeding facilities and brokers; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Pet shelters across the country have seen an influx of guinea pigs being surrendered since the COVID-19 pandemic, with Animal Care Centers of New York City reporting that guinea pig surrenders have doubled since 2019; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Boston Animal Care and Control has reported intake statistics for guinea pigs demonstrating significant increases year over year from 2020 through 2022, and Boston 311 data reveals a growth in cases regarding guinea pigs since 2021; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Boston-area shelters are experiencing a surge in guinea pig surrenders over previous years, with the MSPCA-Angell in July 2022 reporting that it received more than 210 guinea pigs and rabbits over a three month span; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The MSPCA reports that over 60% of its guinea pigs surrendered by owners were originally acquired at pet stores, and that the length of time guinea pigs remain in shelters is nearly twice as long as cats and dogs; *and*
- WHEREAS,* According to the Humane Society of the United States, guinea pigs have an average lifespan of five to seven years, longer than many other small pets such as hamsters, gerbils, mice or rats; *and*
- WHEREAS,* It is difficult to determine the sex of a guinea pig without a sonogram, and procedures to spay and neuter them are complex and costly; *and*

*WHEREAS*, Amending the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, for the inclusion of guinea pigs in prohibited pet shop sales would improve animal welfare by helping to address the rising scale of small pet surrenders; *NOW, THEREFORE*

***Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:***

**SECTION 1.**

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 16-1.9G.1 is hereby amended by striking the definitions for “Animal Shelter,” “Animal Rescue Organization,” “Breeder,” and “Broker,” and inserting in place thereof the following four definitions: –

*Animal shelter* means an animal control facility operated by a governmental entity for the purpose of impounding seized, stray, homeless, abandoned, unwanted, or surrendered animals, or a facility operated by an individual or organization for the same purposes under a written contract with a governmental entity, and, if required, is registered with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and which does not obtain animals from a breeder or broker for payment or compensation.

*Animal rescue organization* means a not-for-profit organization that is registered with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, if required, whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of dogs, cats, guinea pigs, or rabbits into permanent homes, and which does not obtain animals from a breeder or broker for payment or compensation.

*Breeder* means a person who maintains dogs, cats, guinea pigs, or rabbits for the purposes of breeding and selling their offspring.

*Broker* means a person who transfers dogs, cats, guinea pigs, or rabbits at wholesale for resale by another.

**SECTION 2.**

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 16-1.9G is hereby amended by striking subsection 16-1.9G.2 and inserting in place thereof the following:–

***16-1.9G.2 Sale of Dogs, Cats, Guinea Pigs, or Rabbits by Pet Shops Prohibited.***

- a. No pet shop shall display, sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction, give away, broker or otherwise transfer or dispose of a dog, cat, guinea pig, or rabbit, except that pet shop may provide space for the display of dogs, cats, guinea pigs, or rabbits available for adoption by a public animal control agency or shelter or an animal rescue organization so long as the pet shop receives no part of any fees associated with the display or adoption of the animals and has no ownership interest in any of the animals displayed or made available for adoption.
- b. Subsection a. shall not apply to a pet shop that offers for sale guinea pigs as of the effective date of this ordinance until December 31, 2023, unless such a pet shop:
  1. Expands the species of animals offered for sale, beyond those offered for sale on the effective date of this ordinance, to include guinea pigs; or

2. Changes in ownership, location, or the required business licenses are transferred.
3. A pet shop that violates the provisions outlined in subsections 16-1.9G.2(b)(1) or b.2. is thereafter immediately subject to the sales restriction in subsection a.
  - c. Each pet shop shall maintain records sufficient to document the source of each dog, cat, guinea pig, or rabbit the pet shop acquires for at least one year following the date of acquisition. Such records shall be made available, immediately upon request, to any officer of the Parks and Recreation Department, its Animal Care and Control Unit, and/or the Boston Police Department.
  - d. No person shall sell, exchange, trade, barter, lease, or display for a commercial purpose any dog, cat, guinea pig, or rabbit on or in any street, public grounds, commercial parking lot, flea market, or other market, except for a dog, cat, guinea pig, or rabbit displayed:
    1. By a shelter or animal rescue organization; or
    2. As part of a 4-H program or similar exhibition or educational program.

### SECTION 3.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 16-1.9G.3 is hereby amended by striking the words “a dog, cat or rabbit” and inserting in place thereof: – “a dog, cat, guinea pig, or rabbit”

### SECTION 4.

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

### SECTION 5.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Filed on: March 17, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON, BREADON,  
COLETTA, DURKAN, LOUIJEUNE, MEJIA AND WORRELL



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### AN ORDER RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF CLASSIFICATION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON IN FY 2024

- WHEREAS,** The residents of Boston led the successful effort to amend our state Constitution to allow Classification for the purpose of taxation ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston was again at the forefront of the Legislature's enactment of Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2007, providing further relief to residential taxpayers; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Since adoption of the Constitutional Amendment, this Council has established a policy of utilizing Classification to tax residential properties at the lowest level permitted by state statute; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Council has historically approved a residential exemption at the maximum level of savings for homeowners, which is thirty-five percent (35%) of Class One-Residential parcels per Chapter 59, section 5C, as amended; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Classification policy and the Council's annual action to declare a residential exemption in the greatest amount permitted by the General Laws has resulted in substantial protection and savings for homeowners from the effects of revaluation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Action in this regard for Fiscal Year 2024 must be taken prior to certification of the tax rate by the Department of Revenue; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That pursuant to the General Laws, Chapter 40, section 56, the residential factor in the City of Boston for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be the minimum residential factor as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 1A; ***AND, BE IT FURTHER***
- ORDERED:** That pursuant to the General Laws, Chapter 59, section 5C, as amended, a residential exemption in the amount of value equal to thirty-five percent (35%) of the average assessed value of all Class One-Residential parcels in the City of Boston be, and hereby is, approved for Fiscal Year 2024.

Filed on: November 29, 2023



OFFERED BY COUNCILORS KENDRA LARA, ARROYO, FURKAN, LOUIJEUNE,  
BREADON, COLETTA AND WORRELL



**CITY OF BOSTON**  

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**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE**  

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**HOME RULE PETITION**

- WHEREAS,** The narrative that immigrants built this country is often used as a calling card for diversity, yet continuous roadblocks and red tape are used to further strip down the rights of those who have built a life in this city; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Immigrants with “legal status” constitute over 28% of the city population, pay on average 2.3 billion dollars in taxes annually, hold roughly 6 billion dollars in collective spending power; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The disenfranchisement of any tax-payer from the electoral process is inconsistent with the fundamental American principle of “No taxation without representation” and undermines our City’s ideological foundation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The process to obtain full citizenship carries many financial and time-related barriers, and while this process moves slowly, new Bostonians are unable to vote for the municipal representatives who are making policy decisions that affect their everyday lives; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As of January 2022, fifteen municipalities across the country have restored municipal voting rights to non-citizens, including eleven in Maryland, two in Vermont, San Francisco, California, and New York City; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council believes that all legal residents, regardless of citizenship status, deserve the ability to decide who represents them on issues that affect them; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Excluding such a significant portion of our City’s population from full political participation threatens the health of our democracy and prevents us from building a sustainable and prosperous government; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:  
AN ACT RELATIVE TO VOTING FOR ALL LEGAL RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

**SECTION 1. Right to Vote in City of Boston Elections.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of section one of chapter fifty-one of the general laws, or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, every legal resident that is eighteen (18) years of age or older who resides in the city of Boston may, upon application have their names entered on a list of voters established by the board of election commissioners for the City of Boston. Such individuals on the list of voters may vote in any election for local offices and local ballot questions in accordance with this Act. For the purposes of this Act, "*local voters*" are anyone eligible to vote pursuant to this Act in a local election or upon a local ballot question in the City of Boston.

**SECTION 2. Regulatory Authority**

Said board of election commissioners shall promulgate all necessary regulations, guidelines, and registration forms to implement the purposes of this act. The voter registration forms shall include a declaration to be signed under pains and penalties of perjury by the applying non-citizen voter that: (1) the individual is a legal resident of the city of Boston and the United States; (2) the individual, in good faith, intends to become a U. S. citizen and intends to begin that process, if eligible. Every non-citizen voter who signed this declaration shall remain eligible to vote in any municipal election as long as they remain a legal resident in the city of Boston.

**SECTION 3. State and Federal Elections.**

Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon non-citizens the right to vote regarding any candidate for state office, federal office, or federal ballot questions. If a local ballot question appears on a state election ballot, the board shall print a separate ballot for the local ballot question at the expense of the City of Boston.

**SECTION 4. Severability.**

The provisions of this act are severable, and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5.**

The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pass ordinances to implement the purpose of this act subject to all the provisions of the Boston City Charter.

**SECTION 6.**

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: November 13th, 2023

Offered by City Councilors Julia Mejia, Tania Fernandes Anderson, Arroyo, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING ON THE VIABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PLAN TO MOVE THE JOHN D. O'BRYANT SCHOOL OF MATH AND SCIENCE FROM ROXBURY TO WEST ROXBURY

- WHEREAS,** On June 6, 2023, Mayor Michelle Wu and Superintendent Mary Skipper announced a proposal to move the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science from Roxbury to the West Roxbury Educational Complex in West Roxbury, with the promise that the facility will be renovated; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The success of any educational relocation project depends on careful planning, resource allocation and community engagement to ensure there is a seamless transition and minimal disruptions to students' education and extracurricular activities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On June 20, 2023, over 200 students, parents and educators rejected the proposal at a community meeting held via zoom. Community members and stakeholders have expressed a lack of clarity and transparency in the decision as well as concerns on the impact this relocation will have on the school community and neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The O'Bryant is the most diverse of Boston's three exam schools, with about two-thirds of its students identifying as either Black or Latino. The diversity of Roxbury offers students and their families culturally responsive support, resources and services, such as after school programs and the wealth of community partnerships ranging from the surrounding colleges and universities to the hospitals and technology facilities who provide internships, dual enrollment courses and jobs for students; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Transportation concerns have been raised as estimates suggest that the average student would face an increase of 75 minutes of travel time on the MBTA, and fewer families from East Boston, Charlestown, Roxbury, South Boston, and Dorchester will choose to enroll their students if the school moves to West

Roxbury, given the additional travel time. The city's reassurances about shuttle buses do not account for the MBTA's current hiring difficulties, a nationwide bus driver shortage, long-term financial and environmental costs or the increasing traffic in the city; *and*

***WHEREAS,***

The viability of the proposed plan should be thoroughly examined, considering factors such as funding availability, construction timelines, transportation logistics and the long-term sustainability of relocating. Boston Public Schools should also conduct a comprehensive facilities plan to ensure school building decisions are based on community needs by assessing the racial demographics of the area in order to support an inclusive and welcoming environment that is in the best interest of the students, parents and educators; *and*

***WHEREAS,***

Alternative solutions and options should be explored to determine if the same objectives of expansion and renovation can be achieved while also preserving the strengths and attributes of the neighborhood; *and*

***WHEREAS,***

It is the responsibility of the Boston City Council to prioritize the needs of students, parents/guardians, and educators in school building decisions that directly impact residents and their neighborhood. Moreover, decisions should not be rendered without an equitable community engagement process; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

***ORDERED:*** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to assess the viability, transparency and community engagement process regarding the proposed plan to move the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science from Roxbury to West Roxbury. Representatives from the administration, including the Mayor's Office, Boston Public Schools and Boston Public Schools Transportation Department. O'Bryant students, parents and educators, as well as the Madison Park School community and members of the public are also encouraged to testify.

Filed in Council: August 9, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS LARA AND DURKAN



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SUPPORT FOR H.872 & S.481, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CLIMATE CHANGE SUPERFUND AND PROMOTING POLLUTER RESPONSIBILITY

**WHEREAS,** This legislative session, a companion bill S.481 to H.872 was filed by Senator James Eldridge, which, if passed, would establish a climate change superfund and require the largest oil and gas companies to pay \$75 billion over 25 years; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Climate change poses multiple threats to the City of Boston, including extreme heat, flooding, poor air quality, and other extreme weather and secondary impacts; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Oil and gas companies bear responsibility for exacerbating the climate crisis and have consistently misrepresented the destructive impacts of fossil fuel combustion on the global climate; *and*

**WHEREAS,** To pay for climate adaptation and resilience projects, our city will require external funding, and the passage of these bills in the State House and Senate would generate \$75 billion over 25 years, providing the means for Boston to adapt to climate impacts in a just and meaningful manner; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The proposed legislation mandates that 40% of the funding be allocated to projects benefiting environmental justice communities while also strongly encouraging adherence to prevailing wage laws and the utilization of apprenticeship programs; ***NOW, THEREFORE***

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council proceeds jointly in support of H.872 and S.481;  
***AND BE IT FURTHER***

**RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to our entire State delegation

Filed on: December 4th, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL AND SHARON DURKAN



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RECOGNIZING HANUKKAH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

**WHEREAS,** Hanukkah begins on the 25th of the Jewish month of Kislev; *and*

**WHEREAS,** This date aligns with sundown on December 7th, 2023; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple by Maccabean Jews in the second century BCE; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Talmud instructs Jews across the diaspora to light hanukiahs and to share their light with the world; *and*

**WHEREAS,** This practice reminds us that we are stronger when we take pride in our cultures, our histories, & our communities ; *and*

**WHEREAS,** From Salem Street in the North End to Harrison Street in the South End to Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan & Dorchester, Jewish communities have found freedom, security, and community throughout Boston for generations; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Jewish communities and individuals continue to shape our city's cultural fabric & strengthen our institutions; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council recognizes the celebration of Hanukkah and celebrates the diversity that strengthens our City.

Filed on: December 6th, 2023



# Boston City Council

## *Legislative Calendar for the Dec. 6, 2023 Session*

### **Sixty Day Orders**

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The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon<sup>1</sup>

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**<sup>1</sup>Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):**

*The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.*

## **Assigned for Further Action**

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Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Seventeen Million One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$17,165,000.00) for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the boiler, roof, windows and doors replacement projects as the following schools: The Jeremiah E. Burke High School, The English High School, Dennis C. Haley Pilot School and the Dr. William W. Henderson Inclusion Upper School. The City of Boston has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). (Docket #1574)





## Unanswered Section 17F Orders<sup>2</sup>

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Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: Moakley Bridge light poles and infrastructure. (Docket #0793)

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F: re: the incident that occurred at the South Bay Center's AMC Theater on August 27th. (Docket #1508)

Order requesting certain information under section 17F RE: BPS Summer School Incidents. (Docket #1689)

Order requesting certain information under section 17F re: ADA Compliance at English High School. (Docket #1690)

Order requesting certain information under section 17F re: Constitution Inn in the Charlestown Navy Yard. (Docket #1773)

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### 2 - Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

*The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.*

## *Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor<sup>3</sup>*

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### *<sup>3</sup>Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:*

*Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.*

## *Matters in Committee*

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The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

- Ordinances:*** Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Loan Orders:*** Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
- Orders:*** Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Home Rule Petitions:*** Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
- Order for a Hearing:*** A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.
- Legislative Resolution:*** A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

# 2023 MATTERS IN COMMITTEE

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture & Special Events	0335	Worrell	Flynn, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring the 2026 NBA All-Star Weekend to Boston.	2 /1 /2023		
Arts, Culture & Special Events	0334	Lara		Order for a hearing regarding winter placemaking and Boston as a 'Winter City'.	2 /1 /2023	3/21/23	3/22/23 Remains in Committee
Arts, Culture & Special Events	0675	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Six Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$4,601,589.00) in the form of a grant for the Government Center Garage/Hub on Causeway Arts and Placemaking Fund, awarded by the Boston Planning Development Agency to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund public art and placemaking, including seed funding for City Hall Plaza programming.	3 /29/2023		8/23/23 Hearing (Canceled)
Arts, Culture, & Special Events	0260	Coletta	Breadon, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to address the loss of rehearsal spaces for musicians in the City of Boston.	1 /25/2023	3/7/23	3/8/23 remains in committee
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0159	Bok	Breadon, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 recovery funds.	1 /11/2023	3/6/23	3/8/23 remains in committee
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0162	Bok	Worrell, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding enhancing Boston's COVID recovery via competitive federal grants provided by the B.I.L. and I.R.A.	1 /11/2023	4/14/23	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	1449	Durkan		Order for a hearing to review the mental health and wellness resources available to City of Boston employees during the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond	9 /13/2023	10/24/23	10/25/2023- remains in Committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0144	Flynn	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss pest control in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/11/23	4/12/23 Remains in Committee

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0145	Flynn	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to discuss the safety of light poles, bridges, and other public infrastructure in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/4/23	4/5/23 Remains in Committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0146	Coletta	Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding the coordination of construction and utility permits.	1 /11/2023	4/19/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0154	Louijeune	Flaherty, Breadon	Order for a hearing on fire and emergency disaster relief services in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/3/23	4/5/23 Remains in Committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0160	Bok	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding the supplemental sidewalk clearance program during snowstorms in Boston.	1 /11/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0258	Fernandes Anderson	Arroyo, Worrell	Order for a hearing to explore a digital marketplace pilot program.	1 /25/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0259	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss renaming the Roxbury branch of the Boston Public Library to the Nubian Library.	1 /25/2023	4/19/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0340	Lara		Order for a hearing to discuss the rise in public consumer energy costs.	2 /1 /2023		3/28/23 Hearing (canceled) 3/29/23 remains in committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0378	Fernandes Anderson	Flaherty, Flynn	Order for a hearing to increase the pay for Municipal Officers.	2 /8 /2023	6/6/23	6/7/23 Remains in Committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0416	Bok	Breadon, Lara	Order for a hearing to discuss city services in regard to composting and the need of composting capacity in new construction and large buildings in Boston.	2 /15/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0417	Bok	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss digital equity and municipal broadband in relation to affordable housing in the City of Boston.	2 /15/2023	3/31/23	

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0629	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations.	3 /22/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0724	Coletta	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to discuss the digitization and tracking of parking regulations.	4 /5 /2023	7/11/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0725	Mejia		Order for a hearing on contract and payroll implementation for unions in Boston Public Schools.	4 /5 /2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0832	Flynn	Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of an Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.	4 /26/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1044	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to bring City of Boston Board Meetings, Abutters Meetings, City Council Meetings, and Related Business back in person with a hybrid option for accessibility.	6 /7 /2023	9/14/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	1213	Murphy	Mejia, Louijeune	Hearing Order to Address The Disparity in Pay Between our Boston Fire and Boston Police Cadets.	7 /19/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1386	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on ways to increase trash pickup for large buildings.	8 /30/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1526	Lara		Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a Municipal Bank for the City of Boston.	9 /27/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1578	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$145,545.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public Schools and the Boston School Department Plant Administrators Association. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on October 16, 2023.	10/18/2023		

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City Services & Innovation Technology	1579	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston School Department for FY24 in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty - Five Dollars (\$145,545.00) to cover the FY24 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston Public Schools and the Boston School Department Plant Administrators Association. The terms of the contract are September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2026. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2%, 2.5%, 2.5%, 2.5%, 2% and 2% to be given in September of each fiscal year of the contract terms. The agreement also includes increases to on call pay and comp-time policies.	10/18/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technoloty	0443	Bok	Louijeune, Flaherty	Order for hearing to discuss trash contracts and procedures in Boston.	2 /15/2023	4/11/23	4/12/23 Remains in Committee
City Services & Innovative Technology	0519	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing addressing data privacy, security, and control at City of Boston agencies.	3 /8 /2023		
City Services & Innovative Technology	1688	Arroyo		Order for a hearing to establish Parking Benefit Districts in the City of Boston.	11/1 /2023		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0155	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss an increase in racist incidents in Boston and the Human Rights Commission's role in tracking, reporting, and addressing discrimination and civil rights violations.	1 /11/2023		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0158	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for migrant populations.	1 /11/2023		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0164	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson, Bok	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1 /11/2023	3/23/23	
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0168	Louijeune	Worrell, Fernandes	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1 /11/2023		



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Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0943	Mejia	Worrell, Arroyo	Order for a hearing to explore the specific needs of Latino and Caribbean residents in the City of Boston	5 /17/2023	7/24/23	
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0975	Breadon		Communication was received from Councilor Liz Breadon submitting documents regarding analysis of proposed redistricting plans.	5 /24/2023		
Education	0142	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding a cradle-to-career educational data tracking system.	1 /11/2023		
Education	0147	Coletta	Lara, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	3/14/23	3/15/23 remains in committee
Education	0163	Mejia	Worrell	Order for a hearing addressing sexual harassment in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023		
Education	0167	Mejia		Order for hearing on government transparency and accountability towards COVID safety in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	2/14/23	2/15/23 Remains in Committee
Education	0173	Mejia	Lara	Order for a hearing on "Green New Deal for BPS" plans, specifically the plan to merge six schools into three and split each of them onto two campuses.	1 /11/2023		
Education	0244	Mejia		Order for a hearing on establishing a mental health curriculum in Boston Public Schools.	1 /25/2023	3/21/23	3/22/23 Remains in Committee
Education	0245	Mejia	Lara, Arroyo	Order for a hearing examining the implementation and outcomes of restorative justice practices in the Boston Public Schools	1 /25/2023	2/16/23	
Education	0247	Lara	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the Academic Performance and Social-Emotional Well-Being of LGBTQ+ Students in Boston Public Schools.	1 /25/2023	3/16/23	

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Education	0254	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss how the Boston Public Schools can more effectively support the needs of its Muslim students.	1 /25/2023		
Education	0255	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools are addressing the needs of the parents of English language learner students.	1 /25/2023	6/8/23	
Education	0380	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to address the mental health needs of our students with a focus on guidance counselors.	2 /8 /2023		
Education	0457	Arroyo	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' lack of religious and dietary requirements for Jewish, Muslim and plant based students.	3 /1 /2023		
Education	0722	Lara	Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the Good Food Purchasing Program for Boston Public Schools.	4 /5 /2023		
Education	1042	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address the correlation between BPS's spending and overall achievement.	6 /7 /2023		
Education	1142	Murphy	Arroyo	Order for a hearing to discuss the public safety concerns surrounding a 32-year-old woman enrolled in Boston Public Schools.	6 /28/2023		8/3/23 Hearing (Canceled)
Education	1367	Mejia		Order for a hearing on the viability, transparency and community engagement process regarding the proposed plan to move the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science from Roxbury to West Roxbury.	8 /9 /2023	12/5/23	10/11/23 Hearing (canceled)
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0149	Coletta	Bok, Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding a tree mitigation fund for the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023		3/10/23 Hearing (canceled)
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0250	Lara	Arroyo, Fernandes	Order for a hearing on Installing Adjustable Height Basketball Hoops in the City of Boston Parks.	1 /25/2023		3/23/23 Revised to WS

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0251	Lara	Bok, Coletta	Order for a hearing to Discuss Establishing A Walking City Trail Connecting Urban Green Spaces Across Boston Neighborhoods.	1 /25/2023	3/2/23	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0679	Worrell		Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	3 /29/2023		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0791	Lara	Arroyo	Order for a hearing regarding the Potential Usage of City-Owned Land For Off Leash-Dog Parks.	4 /12/2023	9/22/23	8/22/23 Hearing (Canceled)
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	1105	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$416,316.00) in the form of a grant for the Smart and Connected Communities, awarded by the National Sciences Foundation, passed through Northeastern University, to be administered by the Mayor's Office. The grant will fund the Common SENSES (Standards for Enacting Sensor Network for an Equitable Society) project, which is focused on climate resiliene and capital development along the Blu Hill Avenue corridor. The project partners are Northeastern University's Boston Area Research Initiative, Mayor's Office of New Mechanic, Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative and Project RIGHT.	6 /14/2023		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	1385	Breadon	Durkan	Order for a hearing on stormwater management and flood hazard mitigation in the City of Boston.	8 /30/2023	10/30/23	11/1/23 -remains in committee
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	1703	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000,.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), Division of Conservation Services' Parkland Acquisition and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program. This grant is awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for renovations to the Walsh Playground located in the neighborhood of Mattapan.	11/15/2023		

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Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0165	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards service provision and spending on ELL students.	1 /11/2023	6/8/23	
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0169	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision-making protocols in city government.	1 /11/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0170	Mejia	Coletta, Louijeune	Order for a hearing on government accountability and transparency around the Clougherty Pool closure in Charlestown.	1 /11/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0241	Mejia	Lara	Order for a hearing regarding the Boston Public Schools Transportation system.	1 /25/2023	12/7/23	
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0242	Mejia	Lara, Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on an audit for Boston Public School's Special Education services and return on investment.	1 /25/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0243	Mejia	Arroyo	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1 /25/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0253	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress.	1 /25/2023	3/27/23	2/23/23 Hearing Postponed 3/29/23 remains in committee
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0341	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the payroll concerns of many of our Boston Public School teachers who are owed back pay.	2 /1 /2023		3/24/23 Hearing (canceled)
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0520	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit how the Boston Police Department responds to Latino Spanish-speaking residents in the City of Boston.	3 /8 /2023	7/20/23	
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	1538	Mejia		Order for a hearing to evaluate the Community Engagement efforts of the various Neighborhood Planning Initiatives across the City of Boston.	9 /27/2023	10/27/23	10/6/23- hearing canceled

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<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, and</b>	1307	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	8 /9 /2023	9/21/23	9/5/23 Hearing (canceled)
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, and</b>	1488	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jaclyn Youngblood as a member of the Audit Committee for a term expiring September 11, 2028.	9 /20/2023		
<b>Government Accountabiliy, Transparency, &amp;</b>	0238	Mejia	Flynn, Arroyo	Order for a hearing on accountability and acessibility of language access services in the City of Boston.	1 /25/2023		
<b>Government Operations</b>	0100	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance establishing the Office of Participatory Budgeting, amending the City of Boston Code V, with the insertion of a new Section 5-1.11.	12/14/2022	1/30/23	2022-1520, 2/7/23 working session, 2/8/23 Not Passed
<b>Government Operations</b>	0135	Arroyo	Mejia	A Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1 /11/2023		1/24/23 working session, 1/25/23 Remains in Committee, 2/6/2023 working session, 2/8/23 Remains in Committee
<b>Government Operations</b>	0136	Arroyo		An Ordinance Creating a Municipal Identification Card in the City of Boston	1 /11/2023		4/3/23 hearing (canceled)
<b>Government Operations</b>	0137	Arroyo	Breadon, Lara	An Ordinance Esablishing Protections for the City of Boston Tree Canopy.	1 /11/2023	3/13/23	4/20/23 working session, 3/15/23 Remains in Committee
<b>Government Operations</b>	0138	Louijeune	Arroyo, Bok	An Ordinance regulation and enforcement of keeping honey bees.	1 /11/2023	3/20/23	3/22/23 Remains in Committee
<b>Government Operations</b>	0139	Louijeune	Bok, Arroyo	Text amendment to the Boston zoning code with respect to honey bees.	1 /11/2023	3/20/23	3/22/23 Remains in Committee
<b>Government Operations</b>	0237	Fernandes Anderson		Ordinance and Amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in Regard to Measuring Racial Equity in Affordable Housing.	1 /25/2023		

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Government Operations	0319	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Vivian Leonard as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	3/15/23 placed on file
Government Operations	0320	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Sammy Nabulsi as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	3/15/23 placed on file
Government Operations	0321	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Vivien Li as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	3/15/23 placed on file
Government Operations	0410	Breadon	Louijeune, Bok	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances and authorizing the City of Boston to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the City of Boston for nonpayment of any local charges, fees or fines.	2 /15/2023	10/23/23	10/25/2023-Remains in Committee, 12/4/23- WS
Government Operations	0452	Breadon	Louijeune	Ordinance providing remote access to meetings of municipal public bodies.	3 /1 /2023	3/30/23	
Government Operations	0454	Arroyo	Coletta	Ordinance formally creating the Office of Food Justice and establishing a food recovery program in the City of Boston.	3 /1 /2023	4/28/23	11/8/23-WS
Government Operations	0625	Breadon	Louijeune, Bok	Ordinance establishing a "Scofflaw Property Owner List".	3 /22/2023		
Government Operations	0626	Breadon		Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 16-1.9G, to prohibit the sale of guinea pigs in pet shops.	3 /22/2023	12/4/23	
Government Operations	1041	Murphy		Ordinance Amending the City of Boston Code, Ordinance Chapters XII, regarding Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).	6 /7 /2023		
Government Operations	1212	Coletta	Louijeune, Worrell	Establishing an Affordable Housing Demolition Fee by Amending The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XVIII, Section 18-1.2, "B" Fees and Charges, Regarding Building and Demolition Permits.	7 /19/2023		10/10/23 (WS)(canceled)

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Government Operations	1301	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: an act regarding military leave policy in the City of Boston pursuant to Chapter 33, Section 59 of the General Laws.	8 /9 /2023	9/21/23	
Government Operations	1369	Arroyo		Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Providing Certain Death Benefits for the Widow of a Former Firefighter of the City of Boston.	8 /9 /2023	10/19/23	
Government Operations	1384	Coletta	Mejia	An ordinance establishing street food enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of non-motorized street food carts.	8 /30/2023	11/28/23	11/29/23- remains in committee
Government Operations	1446	Arroyo	Mejia, Lara	Ordinance Preventing Wage Theft in the City of Boston.	9 /13/2023		
Government Operations	1721	Lara		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act relative to voting for all legal residents in the City of Boston.	11/15/2023	12/5/23	
Housing & Community Development	0157	Louijeune	Bok, Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1 /11/2023	2/9/23	
Housing & Community Development	0161	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding increasing public housing in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023		
Housing & Community Development	0240	Mejia	Lara, Worrell	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	1 /25/2023		
Housing & Community Development	0249	Lara	Fernandes Anderson	Oder for a hearing to discuss the Impact Of Inequitable Housing Code Enforcement of Boston's Proactive Rental Inspection Program.	1 /25/2023	3/14/23	3/15/23 remains in committee
Housing & Community Development	0337	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding efforts to increase housing affordability for long-term residents.	2 /1 /2023		

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Housing & Community Development	0412	Lara		Order for a hearing to create a Renters' Bill of Rights for the City of Boston.	2 /15/2023	3/30/23	
Housing & Community Development	0456	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune, Lara	Order for a hearing to restrict up-front rental costs for tenants.	3 /1 /2023		
Housing & Community Development	1141	Murphy	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and quality of life issues for our residents in Public Housing.	6 /28/2023	9/19/23	7/25/23 Hearing (Canceled), 9/20/23 Remains in Committee
Housing & Community Development	1747	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$352,270.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Fair Housing Assistance Program, awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Boston Fair Housing & Equity Commission. The grant will fund processing and training cost related to housing discrimination complaints received by the Boston Housing & Equity Commission.	11/29/2023		
Housing & Community Development	1748	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$304,430.00) in the form of a grant for the FY24 Fair Housing Assistance Program, awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Office of Fair Housing & Equity. The grant will fund processing and training cost related to housing discrimination complaints received by the Boston Fair Housing & Equity Commission.	11/29/2023		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0153	Louijeune	Worrell, Fernandes	Order or a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	1 /11/2023	4/7/23, 10/24/23	10/25/2023-Remains in Committee
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0628	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to explore workforce development via scholarships for BPS students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	3 /22/2023		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0338	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	2 /1 /2023		



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<b>PILOT Agreements, Institutional &amp; Intergovernmental</b>	0256	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss ways of creating a partnership between colleges and high schools to create jobs and academic support for children.	1 /25/2023		
<b>PILOT Agreements, Institutional &amp; Intergovernmental</b>	0414	Breadon	Bok, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding targeted coordination of community benefits in the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program.	2 /15/2023	4/21/23	
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0101	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Planning and Development Agency in the amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297.00) for the costs related to transportation improvement projects.	8 /10/2022		2022-0930
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0102	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Million Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7,501,200.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal Highway Administration Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Works Department. The grant will fund a portion of the design cost for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue project.	9 /28/2022		2022-1166
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0105	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Theodora Massouh as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2024.	9 /28/2022		2022-1175
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0150	Coletta		Order for a hearing regarding a comprehensive, district-wide planning process for Boston's waterfront.	1 /11/2023		9/19/23 (WS), 9/20/23 Remains in Committee
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0342	Lara	Baker	Order for a hearing to discuss the recovery and revitalization of the taxi industry.	2 /1 /2023	4/11/23	4/12/23 Remains in Committee
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0343	Fernandes Anderson	Lara	Order for a hearing regarding calling for a moratorium on all development on all city owned land in district seven prior to the request for proposal process.	2 /1 /2023	4/18/23	

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0379	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing calling for District Increment Financing (DIF) to be Utilized in District Seven.	2 /8 /2023	3/16/23	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0413	Baker		Order for a hearing to discuss District Improvement Financing (DIF) from Kosciuszko Circle through Morrissey Boulevard Corridor.	2 /15/2023	3/16/23	
Planning, Development & Transportation	1305	Lara		Order for a hearing Regarding he MBTA Arborway Yard Bus Facility and Depattment of Public Works "Pole Yard".	8 /9 /2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1440	City Clerk		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of Hotel Buckminster, 635-645 Beacon Street, Boston, MA, as a landmark.	9 /13/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1626	Mayor		Message and order confirming the appointment of Nakeeda Burns to the Zoning Commission as a residential organization member for a term expiring October 26, 2026.	10/25/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1700	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the MGH Clinical Building Project Grant, awarded by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant will fund studies to examine design changes and implement the reconstruction of Blossom Street from Cambridge Street to Charles Street.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1702	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in the form of a grant for the MGH-BTD Clinical Building Project Grant, awarded by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to be administered by the Policy and Planning in the Transportation Department. The grant will fund transportation studies to examine the design changes and improvements that can be made to Cambridge Street, Blossom, and North Grove/Cambridge Street intersection.	11/15/2023		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	1706	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Peter Sanborn, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1707	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of John Freeman, a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1708	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1709	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Russell, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1710	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jim Kutchin, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1711	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Douglas Miller, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1750	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Ready, as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1751	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Fadi Samaha, as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		

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<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	1034	City Clerk		Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding a Certificate of Vote of the Authority adopted on May 11, 2023 approving and adopting the "Report and Decision on the Application of Morrissey Boulevard 121A Limited Partnership for approval pursuant to General Laws Chapter 121A, Section 18C for consent to form an Urban Redevelopment Limited Partnership for the purpose of acquiring and rehabilitation of the property known as 900 Morrissey Boulevard for Affordable Housing."	6 /7 /2023		
<b>Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery</b>	1306	Murphy		Order for a hearing to Discuss the Health Risks Related to Street Cleaning Equipment that is Used in the Mass and Cass Area and Other Neighborhoods of Boston.	8 /9 /2023		
<b>Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery</b>	1447	Murphy		Resolution calling for a State of Emergency at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.	9 /13/2023	9/26/23	9/27/23-remains in committee
<b>Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery</b>	1450	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the humanitarian crisis at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.	9 /13/2023	9/26/23	9/27/23-remains in committee
<b>Public Health, Homelessness, &amp; Recovery</b>	0148	Coletta	Louijeune, Arroyo	Order for a hearing regarding contraception and menstrual product vending machines in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/4/23	4/5/23 Remains in Committee
<b>Public Health, Homelessness, &amp; Recovery</b>	0156	Louijeune	Mejia, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss regulation of limited service pregnancy centers and crisis pregnancy centers in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023		4/13/23 Hearing (canceled)
<b>Public Health, Homelessness, &amp; Recovery</b>	0248	Lara	Arroyo	Order for a hearing to discuss the Disproportionate Criminalization of the LGBTQ+ Community and Their Health And Well-Being While Incarcerated.	1 /25/2023		
<b>Public Health, Homelessness, &amp; Recovery</b>	0257	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the need for a health center in Nubian Square.	1 /25/2023	5/12/23	
<b>Public Health, Homelessness, &amp; Recovery</b>	0585	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to create more transparency into reporting and accessibility into addressing the drug overdose crises in the City of Boston.	3 /15/2023		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0151	Coletta	Louijeune, Bok	Order for a hearing to address contaminated beverages in clubs and bars.	1 /11/2023		3/7/23 WS Canceled, Rescheduled for 2/28/23 WS, 3/1/23 Remains in Committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0140	Murphy		Order for a hearing on efforts to proactively combat summer violence in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/6/23	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0143	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson,	Order for a hearing to address gun violence	1 /11/2023		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0166	Murphy	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to ensure that the Boston Police and Schools Safety officers work together to ensure a safe environment for all our students and staff in the Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	5/12/23	2/7/23 Hearing Canceled, 2/8/23 Remains in Committee, 3/30/23 Hearing Canceled, 5/5/23 Hearing Canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0252	Flaherty	Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding public safety measure recommendations for Boston Public Schools and Boston Police.	1 /25/2023	5/12/23	3/30/23 Hearing Canceled, 5/5/23 Hearing Canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0458	Worrell	Anderson, Murphy	Order for a hearing to Assess Expanded Hospital & Community-Centric Violence Prevention and Intervention.	3 /1 /2023		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1043	Coletta	Murphy, Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing emergency services in tandem with population growth.	6 /7 /2023	9/6/23	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1141	Murphy	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and quality of life issues for our residents in Public Housing.	6 /28/2023	9/19/23	7/25/23 Hearing (Canceled), 9/20/23 Remains in Committee

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<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1701	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,358,100.00) in the form of a grant for the FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Operation and Safety, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment/bailout systems and the training required to use this PPE safely, as well as fund cancer and cardiac screening programs to provide early clinical detection of members.	11/15/2023	12/11/23	
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1704	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 COPS Accreditation Project, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the accreditation process through the purchase of PowerDMS to document objective evidence of CALEA and MPAC requirements.	11/15/2023	12/11/23	
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1705	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$47,890.47) in the form of a grant, for the FY22 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S), awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the purchase of an evidence management system and necessary supporting items and provide one-time training to personnel of the Fire Investigation Unit on the use of the system.	11/15/2023	12/11/23	

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<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	1749	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) in the form of grant for the FY23 COPS CD Micro-Grant-Community Policing Development, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund Building Trust and Legitimacy with Community Building. With COPS Community Development Micro funding, the Boston Police Department will hire two full time BRIC Data Analysts to work with the Bureau of Field Services, and the 11 District Captains and Community Service Offices; the Bureau of Community Engagement to help connect with an even wider range of community partners; other Bureaus that will add data and information to the Community CompStat meetings; and the Office of Research and Development's civilian HUB Program Coordinator, who operates 6 District HUB Table convening per week throughout the neighborhoods of Boston.	11/29/2023	12/11/23	
<b>Redistricting</b>	0792	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address possible violations of the Redistricting Committee.	4 /12/2023		
<b>Rules &amp; Administration</b>	0339	Flynn		Order for a meeting to review he Boston City Council rules.	2 /1 /2023		
<b>Rules &amp; Administration</b>	0405	Fernandes Anderson		Order for an Ordinance to increase the Allocated Budget for City Council Staff.	2 /8 /2023		4/10 23 WS, 4/12/23 Remains in Committee
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0141	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to small businesses.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0171	Mejia		Order for a hearing diversifying cannabis business models.	1 /11/2023	4/20/23	
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0239	Mejia	Arroyo	Order for a hearing on expanding access for minority business enterprises into high volume commercial centers.	1 /25/2023		

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<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0263	Fernandes Anderson	Worrell	Resolution to request Walgreens to postpone all closures of Boston locations.	1 /25/2023		
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0459	Arroyo		Order for a hearing to discuss challenges Latino owned businesses and entrepreneurs face when accessing government and corporate contracts.	3 /1 /2023		
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0630	Arroyo		Order for a hearing to discuss the ban of miniature alcohol bottles (NIPS) in the City of Boston.	3 /22/2023	4/3/23	4/5/23 Remains in Committee
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	0246	Lara	Flaherty, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to assess the need for a Senior Center in the neighborhood of West Roxbury.	1 /25/2023	2/2/23	
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	0377	Flynn	Lara	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to swimming lessons and awareness of water safety.	2 /8 /2023		
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	0415	Murphy	Baker	Order for a hearing for the possible closing of several Boston public schools and BCYF community centers this summer.	2 /15/2023	3/7/23	3/8/23 remains in committee
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	0790	Mejia		Order for a hearing to discuss youth outreach and engagement in Boston Public Libraries.	4 /12/2023		
<b>Strong Women, Families, &amp; Communities</b>	0261	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the results of last year's youth summer jobs programs and the social emotional benefits of summer employment.	1 /25/2023	3/27/23	3/29/23 remains in committee
<b>Veteran, Military Families, &amp; Military Affairs</b>	1525	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of a government shutdown on Boston's Veteran and Military Members, and Military Families.	9 /27/2023		
<b>Veteran, Military Families, &amp; Military Affairs</b>	1527	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the unique needs of our veteran population in Boston.	9 /27/2023		



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Ways & Means	0152	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson, Bok	Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing and community investments.	1 /11/2023		
Ways & Means	0322	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding the City Budget.	1 /25/2023	3/28/23, 4/10/23	4/10/23-WS (10 am-revised), 4/10/23 WS (2pm-canceled), 4/13/23-WS (canceled), 3/29/23 remains in committee, 4/12/23 Remains in Committee
Ways & Means	1303	Murphy		Order for a hearing to Discuss Offering Property Tax Abatements to Business Owners in the New Market Area.	8 /9 /2023		
Ways & Means	1574	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Seventeen Million One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$17,165,000.00) for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the boiler, roof, windows and doors replacement projects at the following schools: The Jeremiah E. Burke High School, The English High School, Dennis C. Haley Pilot School, and the Dr. William W. Henderson Inclusion Upper School. The City of Boston has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA").	10/18/2023	11/16/23	11/29/23- Assigned for further action
Ways & Means	1722	Lara		Order for a hearing to discuss a guaranteed basic income program for families living below the poverty line in the City of Boston.	11/15/2023	11/27/23	11/29/23-remains in committee
Ways & Means	1794	Fernandes Anderson		An order relative to the adoption of classification in the City of Boston in FY 2024.	11/19/2023	12/5/23	
Whole	1088	Breadon		Communication was received from Councilor Liz Breadon regarding an intended motion to enter executive session on June 14, 2023 to discuss litigation.	6 /7 /2023		
Whole	1593	Flaherty		Resolution in support of the state of Israel and the Israeli people.	10/18/2023		

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Whole	1624	Fernandes Anderson		Resolution calling for an immediate deescalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine.	10/18/2023		

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
extended its Congratulations to:

John Steies

### In Recognition of:

The dedicated service of John Steies and his transformative roles in the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, including Deputy Director and later, Interim Executive Director, John has exemplified a level of commitment and compassion that goes beyond the call of duty. It is essential that we recognize and appreciate individuals like John, whose tireless efforts have undoubtedly shaped the fabric of our community.

; and

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



By: Edward M. Flynn  
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Spontes  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FLYNN

- WHEREAS:** November 2023 marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of sister state-province relations between Massachusetts and Guangdong Province  
2023年11月是麻州同廣東省建立友好州省關係40週年; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Boston City Council welcomes President Jie Long, an international epee champion, to visit Boston during Thanksgiving  
波士頓市議會歡迎國際重劍冠軍龍傑會長在感恩節期間訪問波士頓; *and*
- WHEREAS:** As the President of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Culture and Sports Association and the Vice-Chairman of the Guangdong Fencing Association, President Long has long been committed to promoting cultural and sports exchanges between the United States and China  
身為粵港澳大灣區文化體育協會會長及廣東省擊劍協會副主席, 龍傑會長長期致力於推動美中之間的文化體育交流; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Sports can promote the development of US-China relations, and the Ping-Pong diplomacy 52 years ago is the best example  
體育可以促進美中關係的發展, 52年前的乒乓外交就是最好的例證; *and therefore be it*
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council recognizes President Long's dedication and achievements  
為表彰龍傑會長在這方面所做的努力和取得的成績, *and Be It Further*
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council recognizes November 27, 2023 as "U.S.-China Cultural and Sports Exchange Day"  
波士頓市議會宣布2023年11月27日為“波士頓美中文化體育交流日”in the City of Boston.

By: Edward M. Flynn  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: 27 November 2023,

# City of Boston

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## CITY COUNCIL



### OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL  
EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**THOMAS A. KERSHAW**

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your lifetime of commitment and contributions to the City of Boston. We commend your steadfast belief in our City and your generous support of many worthy organizations. We recognize your invaluable leadership and inspiration to Boston's tourism, hospitality, and trade industries. We are so proud to call you a loyal friend and a true son of Boston.

Cheers and Happy 85th Birthday!

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RECOGNIZES DECEMBER 1ST, 2023 AS "TOM KERSHAW DAY" IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK OF CITY OF BOSTON.



By: Edward M. Flynn  
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Siantos  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Boston

IN

## CITY COUNCIL



### OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY  
**CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN**

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL  
EXTENDS ITS APPRECIATIONS TO:

**MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT  
(MAWLE)**

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**YOUR WORK IN PROVIDING RESOURCES TO WOMEN IN THE FIELD OF LAW  
ENFORCEMENT, PROMOTING PROFESSIONALISM AMONG YOUR MEMBERS, AND  
SUPPORTING WOMEN OFFICERS THROUGH TRAINING AND MENTORING; BE IT RESOLVED  
THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO YOUR ORGANIZATION  
IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF  
TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.**



By: Edward M. Flynn  
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Avon  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: Nov-29-2023

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### OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
Extends its Congratulations and Recognition to:

**SERGEANT JAMES NOLAN**

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your 34 years of dedicated public service to the City  
and the Commonwealth. We honor and thank you for  
hard work and commitment. Congratulations on your  
retirement!**



By: Edward M. Flynn  
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Santos  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: 11-21-2023

FIRST	LAST	ID#	Appointed	RETIRED
Joseph E.	Cheevers	010518	11/27/89	7/24/2023
Tlaloc	Cutroneo	012255	5/12/1999	7/13/2023
Paul E.	Delaney	009968	7/20/1987	1/6/2023
Daryle P.	Dwan	011521	10/16/95	4/1/2023
Sean	Flaherty	011105	6/22/1994	5/23/2023
Stephen W.	Green	008785	7/10/1985	4/30/2023
John J	Hardy	011119	6/28/1995	8/22/2023
Matthew A.	Kervin	009761	11/24/1986	6/30/2023
Joseph M	Maguire	010286	8/8/1988	1/6/2023
Joel C.	McCarthy	011434	6/28/1995	10/25/2023
Christopher	Morgan	011119	6/22/1994	8/22/2023
James P	Nolan	010435	2/27/1989	7/31/2023
Michael C.	O'Hara	008269	11/1/1982	4/28/2023
Gary J	Ryan	010737	01/14/1991	7/6/2023
William R.	Toner	011744	06/26/1996	6/7/2023



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## Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
extended its Congratulations to:

Olivia Hay Nichols

In Recognition of:

The provision of outstanding care in the field of nursing while displaying  
exceptional compassion, grace, humility, and dedication to patient  
comfort & well-being; and

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its  
best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly  
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and  
a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
extended its Congratulations to:

Michael Gene Haines

In Recognition of:

The provision of outstanding care in the field of nursing while displaying  
exceptional compassion, grace, humility, and dedication to patient  
comfort & well-being; and

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a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*City of Boston*  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
Extends its Appreciation to:

**HIGHLAND STREET FOUNDATION**

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your outstanding work in providing access and opportunities in education, housing, mentorship, health care, environment, and the arts for children and families in Massachusetts. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to honor our military families and veterans every year with the Holiday Pops!**

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: November 30, 2023

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## OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY

**CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
Extends its Appreciation to:

### **BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your outstanding work in providing such a wonderful Holiday Pops program to honor  
our military families and veterans every year!**

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued  
success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to  
and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: November 30, 2023

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## Official Resolution

**Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
extended its Congratulations to:**

**Kameela Blackmon & Aliyah Mohamed**

### *In Recognition of:*

Honor and celebrate your incredible achievements in activism, organizing, and leadership. Your dedication and passion in making a positive change in the world are truly inspiring. Your ability to rally others, raise awareness, and drive impactful initiatives is commendable. Your commitment to fighting for what you believe in is a testament to your strength and determination. Keep up the outstanding work and continue to be the beacon of hope and change that you are. The world needs more young leaders like you.

\_\_\_\_\_ ; and

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best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly  
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and  
a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.**



By: Edward M. Flynn

President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Grintas

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_