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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE SAFETY OF OUR CITY WORKERS, IN PARTICULAR OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT AND BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT WORKERS

WHEREAS, Our City workers are essential to keeping the City moving forward and for delivering City services that improve the quality of life for all our residents; *and*

WHEREAS, Many of our City employees work long hours and overnight. Many are forced to take overtime shifts because of chronic staffing issues; *and,*

WHEREAS, These dedicated City workers are in dangerous situations at times. It is our responsibility to make sure all our employees have the tools, and supports, they need to feel safe and to execute their duties effectively; *and,*

WHEREAS, Last week there were two assaults on our Boston Transportation Department employees. One older gentleman, who is only two months away from retirement, was so badly beaten that he has been in the hospital after needing surgeries to operate on the wounds caused by severe trauma to his face; *and,*

WHEREAS, We have heard from many employees who have real concerns for their own safety, but are afraid to speak up in fear of retribution. It is important that the City Council acts to uplift their voices and provide them with any additional tools or staffing supports they may need; **AND NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to address the safety of our City workers who are working on our streets. Representatives from the Mayor's office, Boston Transportation Department, AFSCME 93 representatives, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend. In addition, members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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