



Boston City Council
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Councilor - District 2

April 16, 2026

Michael Firestone, Corporation Counsel
City of Boston - Law Department
1 City Hall Square, Room 615
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Corporation Counsel Firestone,

Please note I am writing to the Law Department to request an immediate response to the public records request regarding the Office of Nightlife Economy/Venue Safety Programs, on behalf of Boston resident Ilana Katz Katz.

Ilana is a survivor of drink spiking and now serves as a powerful voice for survivors in the City of Boston and across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On August 21, 2025, Ilana requested records from the City of Boston related to drink spiking prevention and nightlife safety efforts since spring 2023. This included internal documents and communications from the Office of Nightlife Economy, as well as correspondence between venues, manufacturers, and distributors about preventative measures like drink covers.

She also requested detailed information on safety training (drink spiking prevention, naloxone, CPR), including communications, materials, schedules, and participant details. In addition, the requests cover publication history and drafts of relevant safety guidance documents, records of grant inquiries and recipients, and documentation related to specific advisories and public safety best practices.

I respectfully request assistance from your office on an immediate response from the City of Boston and provide the relevant documents. It's critical that these records become available to the public so that we can prevent drug spiking in Boston and hold bars, restaurants, and perpetrators accountable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Flynn".

Ed Flynn
Boston Councilor, District 2