



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- (1) Minutes from the August 6, 2025 City Council Meeting.
- (2) Amended Minutes from the December 11, 2024 City Council Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

1548 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$4,125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY26 Public Safety Answering Point Support and Incentive Grant, awarded by MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund costs associated with providing Enhanced 911 services.

1549 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$528,156.32) in the form of a grant, for the FY26 State 911 Training Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the training and certification of Enhanced 911 telecommunications staff.

- [1550](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in the form of a grant for the BHCCI/Connect, Learn & Explore Grant, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund work that promotes equity and access to programs that promote healthy lifestyle changes through physical activities, as well as work related to the impacts of extreme heat affects on early childhood development and health.
- [1551](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Impact Driven Collaborative Project Grant, awarded by Liberty Mutual Foundation Inc. to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the Boston Tree Equity Asset Mapping (BTEAM) project, in partnership with American Forest and Speak for the Trees. BTEAM aims to enhance urban forestry in Boston by identifying local collaborations and creating job opportunities in green infrastructure.
- [1552](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Extreme heat/climate resilience grant, awarded by the United Way to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund work related to extreme heat/climate resilience as it impacts early childhood development in the City of Boston.
- [1553](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) in the form of a grant for the United Way's Discretionary Grant, awarded by the United Way to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the City of Boston's Center for Working Families (CWF) to build an internal database for service delivery.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

- [1554](#) Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of May 14, 2025.
- [1555](#) Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of May 21, 2025.

- [1556](#) Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of August 6, 2025.
- [1557](#) Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding “Proposed Minor Modification to the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-77, with respect to Parcel J-1.”
- [1558](#) Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding “Proposed Minor Modification to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-55, with respect to Parcel R-59-B2.”
- [1559](#) Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding “Proposed Minor Modification to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-55, with respect to Parcels P-15B-1A and P-15B-1B.”
- [1560](#) Communication was received from Councilors Murphy and Flynn regarding a request for an investigation into the Boston Police Department Radio System Failure at Franklin Park.
- [1561](#) Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding continued difficulties to hold scheduled hearings at the Boston City Council.
- [1562](#) Communication was received from Council President Ruthzee Louijeune regarding the Attorney General’s response to the Open Meeting Law complaint dated January 11, 2025.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- [0135](#) The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on January 8, 2025, Docket #0135, Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston, submits a report recommending that this matter ought to pass in a new draft.

- 0527** The Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, and Special Events, to which was referred on February 26, 2025, Docket #0527, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the BPS Sunday's Phase 2 Grant, awarded by the Pilot House Philanthropy to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The program will fund the learning and evaluation components of the BPS Sundays pilot program, submits a report recommending that this matter ought to pass.
- 1262** The Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, and Special Events, to which was referred on June 25, 2025, Docket #1262, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston Family Day Grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund the Boston Family Day program from 2025-2026, provided by the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation, submits a report recommending that this matter ought to pass.
- 1258** The Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks, to which was referred on June 25, 2025, Docket #1258, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant not to exceed One Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$1,170,000.00) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program. The grant is awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for renovations to Moakley Park located in the neighborhood of South Boston, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
- 1345** The Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks, to which was referred on July 9, 2025, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$644,458.00) in the form of a grant, for the US Inflation Reduction Act, awarded by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund to grow an accessible, inclusive, and resilient urban forest, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

[1347](#) The Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks, to which was referred on July 9, 2025, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the MVP Planning 2.0 Grant, awarded by the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Office of Climate Resilience. The grant will fund the work climate resilience communities have done to date and support communities with new methods, tools, and resources for building climate resilience, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

[1356](#) The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, to which was referred on July 9, 2025, Docket #1356, Message and order in accordance with the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63 (“the Ordinance”), I hereby transmit for your review and consideration the proposed Surveillance Use Policy for the Rodent Monitoring Camera System, submitted in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

[1357](#) The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, to which was referred on July 9, 2025, Docket #1357, Message and order in accordance with the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63.(b)(3), I hereby transmit for your review the Boston Police Department's report on three "Social Media Analysis Tools," the "Surveillance Use Policy" questionnaire, and the relevant Department policies that govern the use of these tools, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

[1442](#) Order for a hearing to review expenditures associated with the nominating panel and the school committee appointment process.

[0554](#) Order for a hearing to discuss public authority-ordered towing practices in the City of Boston.

[1283](#) Order for a hearing to bring a Historically Black College or University Satellite Campus to Boston.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1563 Councilor Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review federal funds received by the City of Boston and discuss the establishment of a task force to prevent or mitigate funding cuts.
- 1564 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss appropriate uses of Boston 311 and 9-1-1 emergency.
- 1565 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding how the Boston Police Department collects, uses, protects, and shares information that may be requested by external entities.
- 1566 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding nitrous oxide abuse and its impact on community health and safety.
- 1567 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the City of Boston's use of federal and state grant funds.
- 1568 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss improvements to Cleveland Circle.
- 1569 Councilor Flynn and Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss an investigation into the breakdown of the Boston Police Department's main radio channel.
- 1570 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Order to hold a meeting to interview applicants for the Community Preservation Committee.
- 1571 Councilor Breadon and Mejia offered the following:** Resolution in support of Mayor Michelle Wu's letter to Attorney General Pam Bondi.
- 1572 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution recognizing unresolved procurement, transparency, and equity issues in the White Stadium project and affirming review of public alternatives.
- 1573 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution calling for reconsideration of the Boston School Committee nomination process and affirming the need for greater City Council involvement.
- 1574 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing August as National Black Business Month.
- 1575 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution in support of HD.4886 "An Act Ensuring Law Enforcement Identification and Public Trust".

1576 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in support for an independent investigation into the city's July 4th payroll failure to determine if state or federal employment laws were broken.

1577 Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution standing in solidarity with UNITE HERE Local 26 food and beverage workers at Fenway Park.

1578 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing September as National Recovery Month.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

1579 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Santana offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Alexander Kokovidis, Matthew Lyder and Carliz Y Manana in City Council, effective September 6, 2025.

1580 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Katerina Helfrich in City Council, effective August 30, 2025.

1581 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Karishma Chouhan, Ron Cobb, Meagan Corugedo, Arnita Flint, Meghan Kavanagh, Michelle A.L. Goldberg, Cora Montrond, Candace Morales, Shane Pac, Lorraine Schettino and Ethan Vara in City Council, effective August 23, 2025.

GREEN SHEETS:

27/25 Legislative Calendar for August 27, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1582 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Dawn Panos.

1583 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Friends of DeFilippo Playground.

1584 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Gregg D. Bodell.

1585 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Nadine Pellicio.

- 1586 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Boston Unity Cup.
- 1587 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Isabelle Nelson.
- 1588 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Brieajah Ayers.
- 1589 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 17 individuals for their dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and their community engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.
- 1590 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Margarita Lebron.
- 1591 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Sonya Owens.
- 1592 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ro'Shawn Brooks-Graham and Zoleeya Diamond Joseph.
- 1593 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing five youth for demonstrating exceptional leadership in sports and academics, and for displaying discipline, teamwork, and resilience in athletics while also pursuing excellence and exhibiting curiosity in the classroom.
- 1594 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Captain Mark Morrison.
- 1595 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Asian American Association of Boston.
- 1596 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Warren Insurance Agency.
- 1597 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ethos on National Seniors Day.
- 1598 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Tiffany Horne.
- 1599 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Anne "Nana" Scanlon.

- 1600 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Mary "Colette" Burke.
- 1601 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Joseph F. Shone.
- 1602 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Nuevo Dia Adult Day Health.
- 1603 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of Fisherman's Feast.
- 1604 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of Ai Li Tanmorin.
- 1605 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Ricardo Miguel Zeferino Barbosa.
- 1606 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of the family of Edward Kenney.
- 1607 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Edward Kenney.
- 1608 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of William Driscoll.
- 1609 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.
- 1610 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the 20th anniversary and naming August 23, 2025 "Jonas Brothers Day" in the City of Boston.



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Michelle Wu**

08-20-2025

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 FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$4,125,000.00)** in the form of a grant, FY26 Public Safety Answering Point Support and Incentive Grant, awarded by MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund costs associated with providing Enhanced 911 services.

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

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY26 Public Safety Answering Point Support and Incentive Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

WHEREAS, the MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$4,125,000.00)** would fund costs associated with providing Enhanced 911 services. 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 MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, FY26 Public Safety Answering Point Support and Incentive Grant award not to exceed the amount of FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$4,125,000.00)**.

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City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that
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by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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08-20-2025

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 FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS AND THIRTY-TWO CENTS (**\$528,156.32**) in the form of a grant, FY26 State 911 Training Grant, awarded by MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund the training and certification of Enhanced 911 telecommunications staff.

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.

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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY26 State 911 Training Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

WHEREAS, the MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS AND THIRTY-TWO CENTS (**\$528,156.32**) would fund the training and certification of Enhanced 911 telecommunications staff. 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 MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, FY26 State 911 Training Grant award not to exceed the amount of FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS AND THIRTY-TWO CENTS (**\$528,156.32**).

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08-20-2025

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 TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$200,000.00**) in the form of a grant, the BHCCI/Connect, Learn & Explore grant, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood.

The grant would fund work that promotes equity and access to programs that promote healthy lifestyle changes through physical activities, as well as work related to the impacts of extreme heat affects on early childhood development and health.

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

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the BHCCI/Connect, Learn & Explore grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Boston Children's Hospital.

WHEREAS, the Boston Children's Hospital, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Early Childhood; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$200,000.00)** would fund work that promotes equity and access to programs that promote healthy lifestyle changes through physical activities, as well as work related to the impacts of extreme heat affects on early childhood development and health. 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 Boston Children's Hospital, the BHCCI/Connect, Learn & Explore grant award not to exceed the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$200,000.00)**.

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08-20-2025

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 FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$50,000.00)** in the form of a grant, Impact Driven Collaborative project grant, awarded by Liberty Mutual Foundation INC to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund the Boston Tree Equity Asset Mapping (BTEAM) project, in partnership with American Forests and Speak for the Trees. BTEAM aims to enhance urban forestry in Boston by identifying local collaborators and creating job opportunities in green infrastructure.

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
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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Impact Driven Collaborative project grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Liberty Mutual Foundation INC.

WHEREAS, the Liberty Mutual Foundation INC, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$50,000.00)** would fund the Boston Tree Equity Asset Mapping (BTEAM) project, in partnership with American Forests and Speak for the Trees. BTEAM aims to enhance urban forestry in Boston by identifying local collaborators and creating job opportunities in green infrastructure. 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 Liberty Mutual Foundation INC, Impact Driven Collaborative project grant award not to exceed the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$50,000.00)**.

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08-20-2025

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-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$45,000.00)** in the form of a grant, the Extreme heat/climate resilience grant, awarded by United Way to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood.

The grant would fund work related to extreme heat/climate resilience as it impacts early childhood development in the City of Boston.

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

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Extreme heat/climate resilience grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United Way.

WHEREAS, the United Way, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Early Childhood; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$45,000.00)** would fund work related to extreme heat/climate resilience as it impacts early childhood development in the City of Boston. 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 Way, the Extreme heat/climate resilience grant award not to exceed the amount of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$45,000.00)**.

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08-20-2025

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 TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$20,000.00)** in the form of a grant, United Way Discretionary Grant, awarded by United Way to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund the City of Boston's Center for Working Families (CWF) to build an internal database for service delivery.

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

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND United Way Discretionary Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United Way.

WHEREAS, the United Way, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$20,000.00)** would fund the City of Boston's Center for Working Families (CWF) to build an internal database for service delivery. 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 Way, United Way Discretionary Grant award not to exceed the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$20,000.00)**.

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Mayor

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Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

August 25, 2025

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of May 14, 2025, viz.

0144 Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston.
 Approved by the Mayor May 21, 2025

1060 Ordinance Codifying the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT).
 Approved by the Mayor August 19, 2025

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



Office of the City Clerk
ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

August 25, 2025

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of, May 21, 2025, viz.

- 1051 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$23,860.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant-Round 2, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the procurement of necessary equipment firefighter personal protective and safety equipment to comply with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.

Approved by the Mayor May 30, 2025

- 1052 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the BTHC Program, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund free tax preparation and filing services to low and moderate income Boston residents.

Approved by the Mayor May 30, 2025

- 1099 Petition for a Special Law RE: An act relative to the Disability Pension for Patricia M. Lampron administered by the Boston Retirement Board.

Approved by the Mayor August 12, 2025

- 1100 Petition for a Special Law RE: An act directing the City of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Ortiz.

Approved by the Mayor May 30, 2025

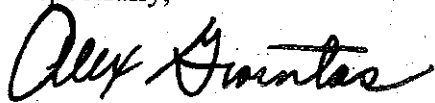
- 1129 Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend an in-kind donation valued at \$397.00, representing the cost of an intersex inclusive, progressive pride flag (10 x 15) to the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement, donated by the Boston Foundation Equality Fund.

Approved by the Mayor May 30, 2025

- 1130 Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend an in-kind donation valued at \$108.55, representing the cost of tabling at the Boston Pride for the People Pride Festival to the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement by Boston Pride for the People. The purpose of this donation is to support the City's participation in the 2025 Boston Pride for the People celebration. This table will enable the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement to promote City programs and events, distribute resources, and directly engage with residents during Pride.

Approved by the Mayor May 30, 2025

Respectfully,



Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

August 25, 2025

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of August 6, 2025, viz.

- 0890** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Immigrant Advancement Fund Grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Immigrant Advancement. The grant will fund programs, initiatives, events and small grants that enable immigrants to play an active role in the economic, civic, social and cultural life of the City of Boston.

Approved by the Mayor August 8, 2025

- 0893** On the message and order, referred on April 16, 2025, Docket #0893, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) in the form of a grant for the CJP Communal Security Initiative, awarded by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the installation of CCTV cameras outside the Jewish institutions, to be monitored by the Police Department, in hopes of protecting faith based institutions.

Approved by the Mayor August 8, 2025

- 1261 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$251,145.00) in the form of a grant, for the MA Innocence and Conviction Integrity Collaboration Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the Committee for Public Counsel Services, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the BPD Crime Lab staff time for the Massachusetts Innocence and Conviction Integrity Collaboration Project.

Approved by the Mayor August 8, 2025

- 1401 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Million Eight Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,842,600.00) awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund the replacement and construction of all sidewalks and safety ornamental fencing of all Massachusetts Department of Transportation property along Riverview Road, and the creation of a passive part at the corner of Vineland Street and North Beacon Street in Brighton.

Approved by the Mayor August 8, 2025

- 1402 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) for construction cost relative to improving the sidewalk and bus loading and unloading on Saint James Street bordering Copley in the Back Bay section of the City of Boston.

Approved by the Mayor August 8, 2025

- 1404 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) in the form of a grant for the HBS Leadership Fellow Grant, awarded by the Harvard Business School to be administered by the Mayor's Office. The grant will fund the HBS Leadership Fellow position which will provide 1 year of support to the Mayor's Office.

Approved by the Mayor August 8, 2025

1410 Message and order transmitting for your approval an Order approving the receipt of a Conservation Restriction on land at 217,221,223-225, & 227-231 Norwell Street, Boston, MA 02124.

Approved by the Mayor August 8, 2025

1428 The Constable Bonds of Corita Miles, Nicola U. Tritta and Charles MBA having been duly approved by the Collector-Treasurer were received.

Approved by the Mayor August 8, 2025

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alex Geourntas".

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS

City Clerk

August 25, 2025

To the City Council

Dear Councilors:

In compliance with the order passed by your Honorable Body December 6, 1976, this is to inform you that the following was filed by the Boston Planning and Development Agency with the City Clerk on August 13, 2025.

"Proposed Minor Modification to the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-77, with respect to Parcel J-1."

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

AG/jaw



August 13, 2025

Alex Geourntas
Boston City Clerk
1 City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Proposed Minor Modification to the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-77, with respect to Parcel J-1

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

In accordance with the policies adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA") Board on December 12, 2004 and April 14, 2016, with respect to proposed urban renewal actions of the BPDA, I am hereby notifying the Boston City Clerk that the BPDA proposes to adopt a minor modification to the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan, with respect to the modification of uses at Parcel J-1, located at 150 Milk Street, also known as 75 Central Street, in Boston's Downtown neighborhood. This minor modification will officially name the parcel as "Parcel J-1," set the allowable land uses on this parcel to be Residential Uses with Commercial components, and change the boundaries of the parcel to the new boundaries as described in the attached Resolution.

The purpose of the proposed BPDA action is to further facilitate the redevelopment of the Parcel as a residential building with commercial components, which is currently in use as an office building. The BRA proposes to take action on the minor modification on September 18, 2025. An announcement of the proposed minor modification was made at a public meeting on August 12, 2025, and no attendees had questions or concerns about the proposed action.

I enclose a copy of the proposed minor modification resolution. If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Max Houghton, Policy Specialist, at max.houghton@boston.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kairos Shen
Director

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: MINOR MODIFICATION TO THE DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT-FANEUIL HALL
URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-77, WITH RESPECT TO
PARCEL J-1.**

WHEREAS, the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-77, was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") on April 24, 1964 ("Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan") and requires the development of land in compliance with the regulations and controls of the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan; (said plan, as previously modified, being herein referred to as the "Waterfront Plan");

WHEREAS, Section 1101 of Chapter XI of the Waterfront Plan, entitled "Modification and Termination," provides that the Waterfront Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority, provided: that any amendment that in the reasonable opinion of the Authority substantially or materially alters or changes the Waterfront Plan must be subject to the Federal, State, and local approvals then required by law; that no amendment to any provision of Chapter XI shall be effective with respect to any land disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns;

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Sections 61 through 62H, as amended, and its implementing regulations (collectively "MEPA") with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is necessary to effectuate the redevelopment of Parcel J-1; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is a minor change and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to Chapter XI of said Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That, pursuant to Section 1101 of Chapter XI of the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-77 (the "Plan"), the Plan be, and hereby is, modified as follows:
 - a. That Map 2 entitled "Proposed Land Use" is modified by adopting the boundaries of Parcel J-1 as described in the map attached to this resolution;
 - b. That Map 2 entitled "Proposed Land Use" is modified by designating the Proposed Land Use of Parcel J-1 as Residential and Commercial; and
 - c. That the Table entitled "Land Use and Building Requirements" in Section 503 entitled "Specific Land Use and Building Requirements" is hereby modified by adding Parcel J-1 as follows:

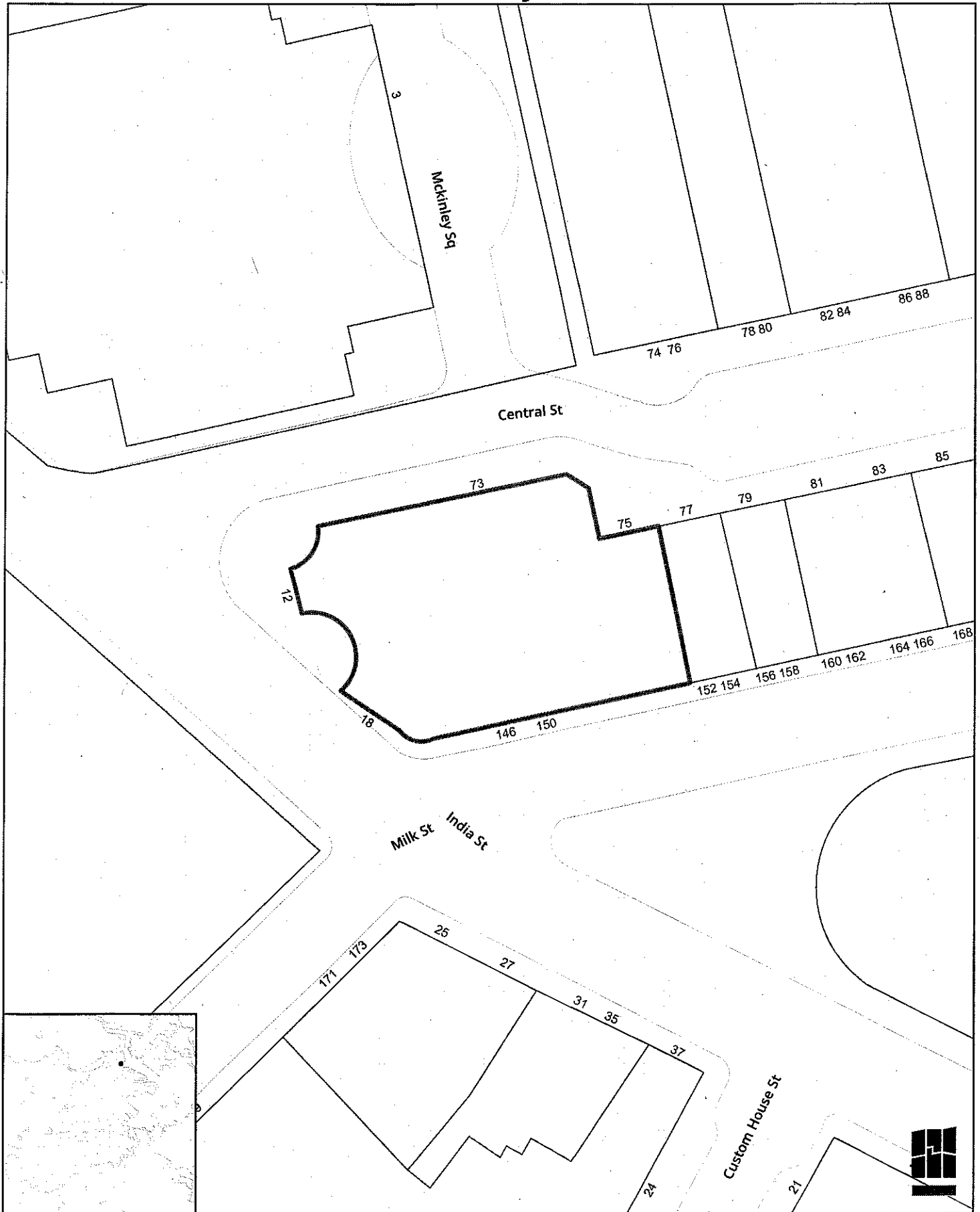
Site Designation	Permitted Use	Max Bldg. Ht.	Max. FAR	Min. Parking Spaces	Vehicular Access	Arcades or Ground Floor
J-1	Residential, Commercial	AA	AA	AA	AA	AA

2. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan.
3. That it is hereby found and determined pursuant to MEPA that the foregoing modification of the Plan, and any proposed development undertaken pursuant thereto, will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid and minimize damage to the environment.
4. That all other provisions of the Plan not inconsistent herewith be, and hereby are, continued in full force and effect.

5. That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to proclaim by certificate this minor modification of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM7207.1, Circular dated August, 1974, if applicable.

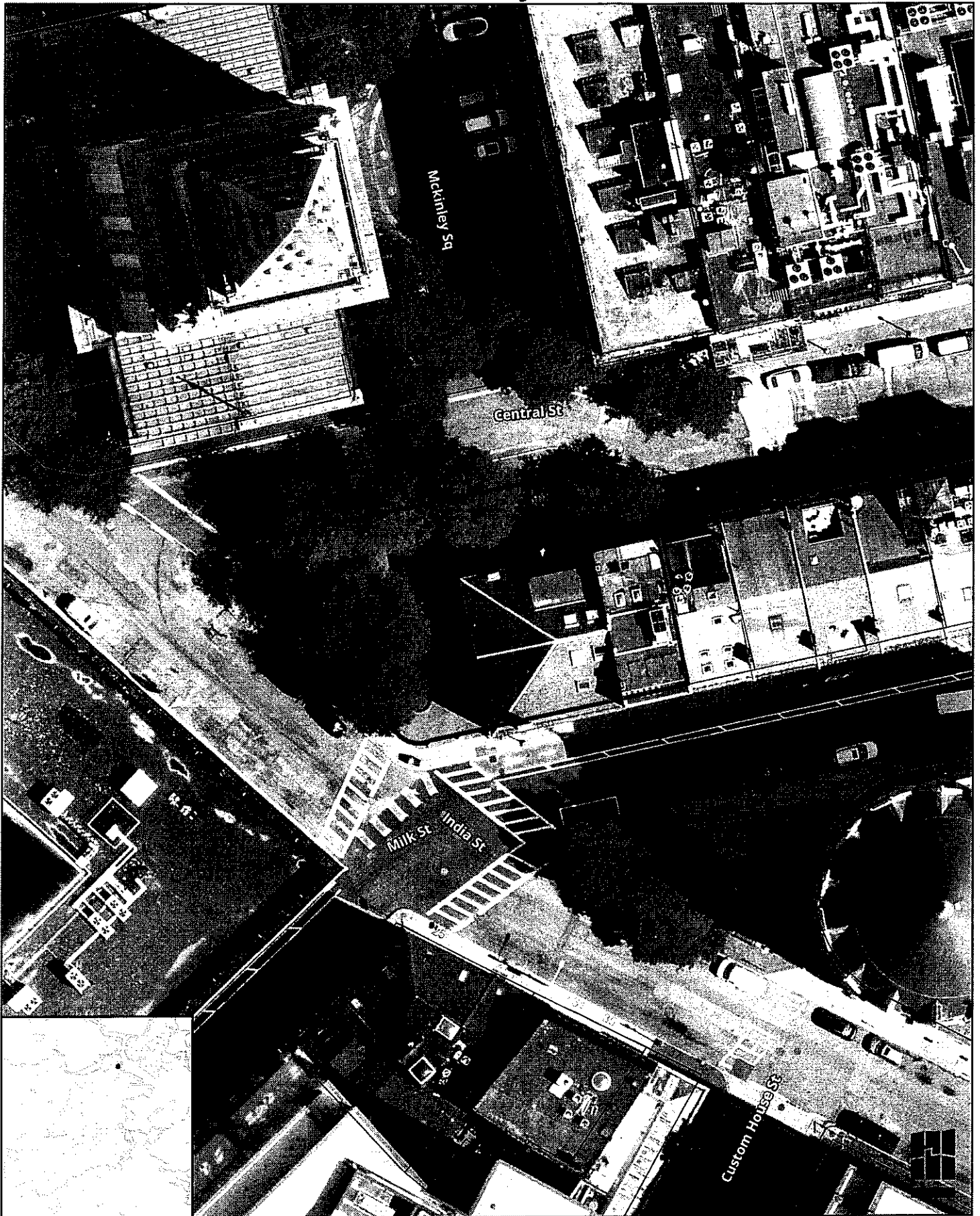
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City Clerk

August 25, 2025

To the City Council

Dear Councilors:

In compliance with the order passed by your Honorable Body December 6, 1976, this is to inform you that the following was filed by the Boston Planning and Development Agency with the City Clerk on August 13, 2025.

"Proposed Minor Modification to the Charleston Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-55, with respect to Parcel R-59-B2."

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

AG/jaw



August 13, 2025

Alex Geourntas
Boston City Clerk
1 City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Proposed Minor Modification to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass.
R-55, with respect to Parcel R-59-B2

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

In accordance with the policies adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA") Board on December 12, 2004 and April 14, 2016, with respect to proposed urban renewal actions of the BPDA, I am hereby notifying the Boston City Clerk that the BPDA proposes to adopt a minor modification to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, with respect to the modification of uses at Parcel R-59-B2, located at 24 Washington Street in Boston's Charlestown neighborhood. This minor modification will set the allowable land uses on this parcel to be Residential Uses.

The purpose of the proposed BPDA action is to further facilitate the redevelopment of the Parcel as a residential building, which is currently in use as parking space. The BRA proposes to take action on the minor modification on September 18, 2025.

I enclose a copy of the proposed minor modification resolution. If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Max Houghton, Policy Specialist, at max.houghton@boston.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kairos Shen
Director

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: MINOR MODIFICATION TO THE CHARLESTOWN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN,
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56, WITH RESPECT TO PARCEL R-59-B2**

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-55, was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") on March 25, 1965, and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on June (said plan, as previously modified, being herein referred to as the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter XII of the Plan, entitled: "Amendment," provides that the Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority without further approval provided that the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Authority that the modifications hereinafter provided with respect to Parcel R-59-B2 in the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area are consistent with the objectives of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Sections 61 through 62H, as amended, and its implementing regulations (collectively "MEPA") with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is a minor change and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to said Section 1201; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is necessary to effectuate the redevelopment of Parcel R-59-B2; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That, pursuant to Section 1201 thereof, the Plan be, and hereby is, amended as follows:

- a. That Map 2, entitled "Proposed Land Use," is hereby modified by setting the use of Parcel R-59-B2 as Residential; and
- b. Section 602, entitled "Land Use and Building Requirements", is hereby modified by inserting the following with respect to so-called Parcel R-59-B2:

Site Designation	Permitted Uses	Minimum Setback	Max. Bldg. Height	Max. Floor Area Ratio	Max. Net Density	Min. Parking Ratio
R-59-B2	Residential	AA	AA	AA	AA	AA

2. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan.
3. That it is hereby found and determined pursuant to MEPA that the foregoing modification of the Plan, and any proposed development undertaken pursuant thereto, will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid and minimize damage to the environment.
4. That all other provisions of the Plan not inconsistent herewith be, and hereby are, continued in full force and effect.
5. That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to proclaim by certificate this minor modification of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM7207.1, Circular dated August, 1974, if applicable.



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City Clerk

August 25, 2025

To the City Council

Dear Councilors:

In compliance with the order passed by your Honorable Body December 6, 1976, this is to inform you that the following was filed by the Boston Planning and Development Agency with the City Clerk on August 13, 2025.

"Proposed Minor Modification to the Charleston Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-55, with respect to Parcels P-15B-1A and P-15B-1B."

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

AG/jaw



August 13, 2025

Alex Geourntas
Boston City Clerk
1 City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Proposed Minor Modification to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass.
R-55, with respect to Parcels P-15B-1A and P-15B-1B

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

In accordance with the policies adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA") Board on December 12, 2004 and April 14, 2016, with respect to proposed urban renewal actions of the BPDA, I am hereby notifying the Boston City Clerk that the BPDA proposes to adopt a minor modification to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, with respect to the modification of uses at Parcels P-15B-1A and P-15B-1B, located at 100-168 New Rutherford Avenue in Boston's Charlestown neighborhood. This minor modification will set the allowable land uses on these parcels to be Residential and Ancillary Uses and Commercial and change the boundaries of the parcels to the new boundaries as described in the attached Resolution.

The purpose of the proposed BPDA action is to further facilitate the redevelopment of the Parcel as a residential campus with related uses, which is currently in use as parking lots. The BRA proposes to take action on the minor modification on September 18, 2025.

I enclose a copy of the proposed minor modification resolution. If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Max Houghton, Policy Specialist, at max.houghton@boston.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kairos Shen
Director

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RE: MINOR MODIFICATION TO THE CHARLESTOWN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN,
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56, WITH RESPECT TO PARCELS P-15B-1A AND P-15B-1B**

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-55, was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") on March 25, 1965, and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on June (said plan, as previously modified, being herein referred to as the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter XII of the Plan, entitled: "Amendment," provides that the Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority without further approval provided that the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Authority that the modifications hereinafter provided with respect to Parcel P-15B in the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area are consistent with the objectives of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Sections 61 through 62H, as amended, and its implementing regulations (collectively "MEPA") with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is a minor change and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to said Section 1201; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is necessary to effectuate the redevelopment of Parcel P-15B; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That, pursuant to Section 1201 thereof, the Plan be, and hereby is, amended as follows:

- a. That Map 7, entitled "Disposition Parcel," is hereby modified by creating so-called Parcel P-15B-1A and so-called Parcel P-15B-1B as shown on the map attached hereto; and
- b. That Map 2, entitled "Proposed Land Use," is hereby modified by setting the use of newly created Parcel P-15B-1A and Parcel P-15B-1B as Residential and Ancillary Uses and Commercial; and
- c. Section 602, entitled "Land Use and Building Requirements", is hereby modified by inserting the following with respect to so-called Parcels P-15B-1A and P-15B-1B:

Site Designation	Permitted Uses	Minimum Setback	Max. Bldg. Height	Max. Floor Area Ratio	Max. Net Density	Min. Parking Ratio
P-15B-1A	Residential and Ancillary Uses, Commercial	AA	AA	AA	AA	AA
P-15B-1B	Residential and Ancillary Uses, Commercial	AA	AA	AA	AA	AA

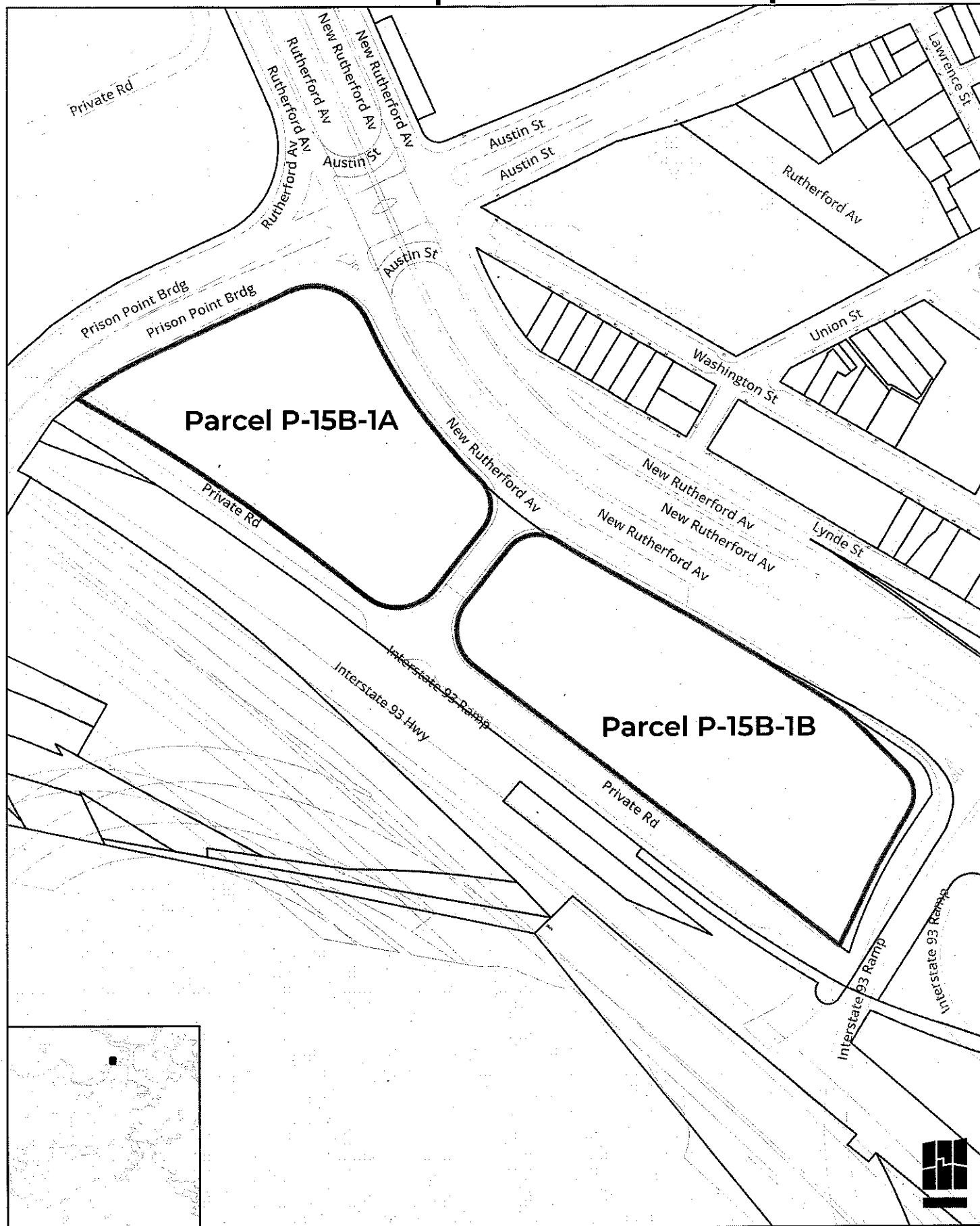
2. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan.
3. That it is hereby found and determined pursuant to MEPA that the foregoing modification of the Plan, and any proposed development undertaken pursuant thereto, will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid and minimize damage to the environment.
4. That all other provisions of the Plan not inconsistent herewith be, and hereby are, continued in full force and effect.

5. That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to proclaim by certificate this minor modification of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM7207.1, Circular dated August, 1974, if applicable.

Austin Street Lots Redevelopment Minor Mod Map

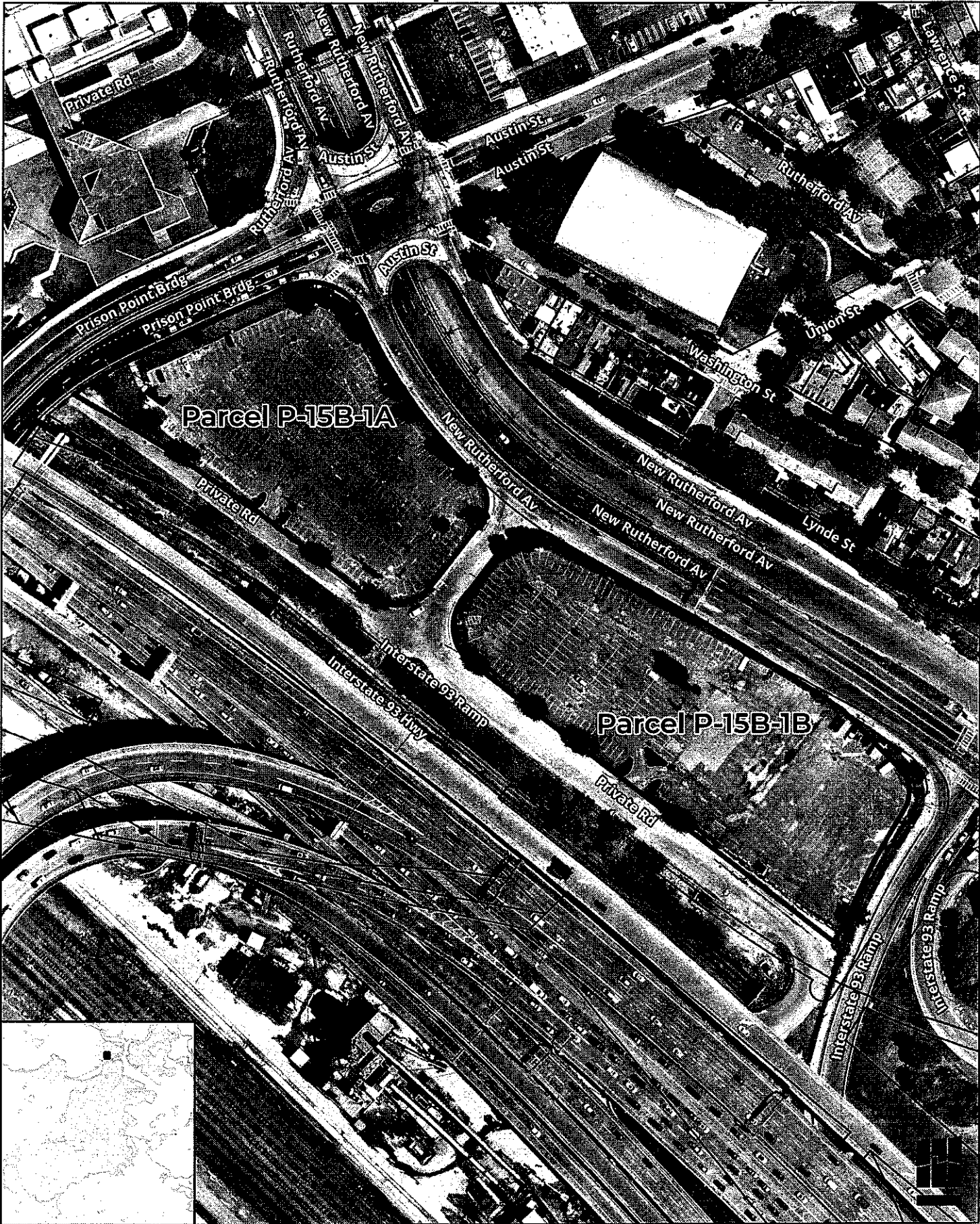


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Austin Street Lots Redevelopment Minor Mod Map

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Boston City Council
Erin J. Murphy
Councilor At-Large



Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

August 18, 2025

Commissioner Michael A. Cox
Boston Police Department

Dear Commissioner Cox,

Last night's violence at Franklin Park, combined with the breakdown of the Boston Police Department's radio system, demands immediate attention and accountability. While officers were working to keep the crowd safe following the Dominican Festival, five people were shot. At the same time, the department's main radio channel failed for nearly 30 minutes, forcing officers to respond to an active shooting without reliable communication tools.

As City Councilors, we are deeply concerned that public safety systems failed at such a critical moment. Just last week, I chaired a Council hearing on the outdated EMS phone system and the urgent need to upgrade Boston's public safety infrastructure. These failures highlight the broader problem of underinvestment in essential tools that our first responders need to do their jobs safely and effectively.

We respectfully request that the Boston Police Department conduct a full investigation into what caused the radio system breakdown, how it affected the response, and the steps being taken to ensure this does not happen again. We also ask that the findings be reported back to the Council and the public.

Boston officers deserve the tools and support they need to protect our neighborhoods, and our residents deserve the assurance that public safety systems will not fail in moments of crisis.

Sincerely,

Erin J. Murphy
Boston City Councilor, At-Large

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2



Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

Ruthzee Louijeune, Council President
One City Hall Square, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Council President Louijeune,

Please note I am again writing to you regarding the inexcusable and persistent difficulties in scheduling and holding City Council hearings, due to both cancellations by my colleagues and a lack of willingness to engage on any and all controversial issues by the city administration. This week, our City Council colleagues deferred to the administration to cancel my hearing on Monday, August 18th regarding the impact of CORI, after it was subsequently discovered that a level 3 sex offender was on the City of Boston payroll as recently as August 12th. As a former Massachusetts Superior Court Probation Officer, I wrote to you on Friday, August 15th on the importance of discussing CORI and its impact on returning citizens.

Moreover, following the tragic death of a 5 year-old child in Hyde Park on April 28th, and subsequent reports that a Boston Public School (BPS) bus driver had an expired state-required certification, Councilor Murphy and I called for a hearing on the hiring, training, and compliance certification of bus drivers. After weeks of planning, that hearing was scheduled for tomorrow, August 21st at 10am; however, the administration again requested to postpone this hearing.

On August 6th, my resolution to declare Mass & Cass and impacted neighborhoods a public safety and public health emergency was blocked by Councilor Durkan and sent to committee. Both Councilor Fitzgerald and I continue to work towards scheduling an in-person hearing in the South End on Thursday, September 4th, while I am now told that the administration is again responding they are unavailable.

Leadership demands more than social media, sound bites, and highlighting national issues. Our neighbors did not send us to this body to only talk about these issues when it's politically convenient. Over the last several years, we have lost credibility in the eyes of residents due to a series of ethical and legal lapses. Nearly a year ago, Councilor Durkan even blocked a resolution in support of working families and union dockworkers. Now, we've normalized blocking any discussion that may provide transparency, and play politics with difficult conversations in election season. As Council President, I ask you what the Boston Globe Editorial Board posed today, "...if councilors can't get answers to relevant questions, what hope do their constituents have?"

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2



RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

On Thursday, July 31, 2025, the City Clerk received a response from the Attorney General's Office regarding the Open Meeting Law complaint dated January 11, 2025, referred by this Council to the Law Department on January 15, 2025 (Docket #0286). This response is attached. *See Attachment 1.*

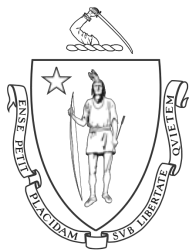
In response to the Attorney General's determination, the following actions will be taken:

1. The City Clerk will amend the minutes of the December 11, 2024 Council Meeting to document roll call votes of all councilors by name and the names of all members present. These minutes, as amended, will be on the agenda to be adopted, as amended, at the August 27, 2025 Council Meeting.
2. All written communications between Councilors regarding the December 2024 letter to Governor Maura Healey about the state's emergency shelter policy to which several Councilors were signatories will be published on the City's website (via this communication, publicly available online at boston.legistar.com after August 25, 2025). *See Attachment 2.*
3. In collaboration with the Clerk's Office, future meeting notices will specify the date of the minutes to be approved; and future meeting minutes will list councilors in attendance individually, and record all roll call votes by documenting the vote of each Councilor.
4. Following the August 27 Council Meeting, a certification of the above actions will be returned to the Attorney General's office.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Louijeune", written in a cursive style.

Ruthzee Louijeune
Boston City Council President



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July 31, 2025

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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Assistant Corporation Counsel
City of Boston Law Department
Boston City Hall, Room 615
Boston, MA 02201

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RE: Open Meeting Law Complaint

Dear Attorney Conostas:

This office received two complaints from Laura Ortiz on April 7, 2025, alleging that the Boston City Council (the “Council”) violated the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. The complaints were originally filed with the Council on January 11, 2025, and you responded on behalf of the Council by letter dated January 31, 2025. The complaints allege that the Council (1) deliberated outside of a posted meeting regarding a letter to Governor Maura Healey about the state’s emergency shelter policy; (2) posted notice of its January 8, 2025 meeting that was not sufficiently specific; and (3) approved minutes of its December 11, 2024, meeting (the “December 11 Meeting”) that were not sufficiently detailed.

Following our review, we find that the Council violated the Open Meeting Law in the ways alleged. In reaching this determination, we reviewed the Open Meeting Law complaint, the Council’s response, and the request for further review. We also reviewed materials forwarded by the complainant with her request for review. We reviewed minutes of the December 11 Meeting, and the notice and minutes of the January 8, 2025, meeting. Finally, we communicated with your office via email.

FACTS

We find the facts to be as follows. On or about December 13, 2024, a letter was sent to Governor Maura Healey regarding changes to the state’s emergency shelter policy (“the

Letter”).¹ The Letter was signed by elected officials of 39 municipalities, including councilors constituting a quorum of the Council. Neither the Council nor any of its members (“Councilors”) contributed to the preparation of the Letter.² The letter was initially received by one of the Councilors via email from a Salem City councilor. That email contained a link to the Letter, which was in the form of a Google doc. The Google doc included a rolling list of names of councilors from across the Commonwealth who endorsed the Letter. The Councilor who received the email from the Salem City councilor forwarded the Google doc link via email to their fellow Councilors individually with the message “Sharing this letter to the Governor re: shelter policy in case you would like to sign on.” Councilors did not discuss the content of the Letter amongst themselves. Councilors wishing to sign the Letter added their name directly to the Google doc. As names were added, they could be seen by anyone who later accessed the Google doc. The Councilors do not know how the letter was forwarded to the Governor. Councilors were not copied on the Letter when it was sent to the Governor.

DISCUSSION

I. The Council deliberated about the Letter outside a meeting.

The Open Meeting Law was enacted “to eliminate much of the secrecy surrounding the deliberations and decisions on which public policy is based.” Ghiglione v. Sch. Comm. of Southbridge, 376 Mass. 70, 72 (1978). Except when convened in executive session, “all meetings of a public body shall be open to the public.” G.L. c. 30A, § 20(a). A “meeting” is defined, in relevant part, as “a deliberation by a public body with respect to any matter within the body’s jurisdiction.” G.L. c. 30A, § 18. The Open Meeting Law defines “deliberation” broadly as “an oral or written communication through any medium, including electronic mail, between or among a quorum of a public body on any public business within its jurisdiction; . . .” Id.

Here, one Councilor received the Letter in the form of a Google doc link and forwarded that link to the remaining Councilors. By forwarding the Letter to a quorum of the Council, the Councilor engaged in deliberation. First, sharing the link via email “in case you would like to sign on” constituted communication. Second, for the reasons set forth below, the communication was on public business within the Council’s jurisdiction.

The elected officials who signed the Letter explicitly reference the role their respective municipalities play in providing services to the unhoused population. Indeed, it is in their capacity as elected officials that the signatories press their request that the Governor rescind certain restrictions. The Letter opens with the statement that “We are writing as elected officials representing 39 cities and towns. . . .” Signatories’ town and office are listed at the end of the letter. The six Boston City Councilors are identified as such. In support of the request that the Governor’s administration rescind recently enacted policies regarding access to shelters, and that

¹ There were prior iterations of the Letter as well. Some of the communication may have concerned those prior iterations, not the one that was sent on December 13, 2024. A complaint alleging deliberation outside a meeting may be found to be untimely if filed more than 30 days after the alleged violation. See G.L. c. 30A, § 23(b) (requiring that complaint be filed within 30 days of the date of the alleged violation). However, we do not consider the timeliness of the complaint, as it was not raised by the Council.

² It appears that the Letter was prepared by member(s) of the Worcester and / or Salem City Council(s). The Letter is also the subject of four other determinations issued contemporaneously herewith.

it “invest more robustly in homelessness prevention and rehousing supports,” the signatories note that, among other things, the new shelter restrictions “leave[] municipalities to absorb the cost of Emergency Rooms, Fire, Police, and Inspectional Services.” The Letter closes with a call for the Governor to “work with state and local leaders to develop thoughtful and humane policies. We are committed to working with you to build solutions that will benefit and better the livelihood of all our residents in Massachusetts.” Where the signatories express concern about the extra strain on municipal services and ask the Governor to work with them to “develop thoughtful and humane policies” and “build solutions,” the Letter, and the email forwarding it, touches on public business within the Council’s jurisdiction.

The Council maintains that the Letter and email forwarding it deal only with state policy, which does not fall within the Council’s jurisdiction. A topic falls outside the scope of a body’s jurisdiction where: (i) it does not involve the public body’s exercise of governmental business, policy, or administration; (ii) it relates to personal matters, such as the safety and well-being of public body members and/or their families; and (iii) collective action by the body, such as taking a vote, is not anticipated on the topic. See OML 2018-1.³ For example, where a local public body has no authority over, and plays no role in determining the location of a federal post office or the parking available at a store, those topics fell outside the body’s jurisdiction. See OML 2023-22. Additionally, we have said that a topic is outside the jurisdiction of a public body if it is a political statement not likely to come before the body. See OML 2014-135.

Ultimate authority over a policy is not required to find that a discussion of that policy falls within the body’s jurisdiction. See OML 2023-152 (“Even if the Council has no direct oversight or authority over the Police Department, it nonetheless has broad authority to set policy and to set the goals for the Town Manager, and its jurisdiction is similarly broad.”); OML 2022-37 (“Here, even if the Board does not have ultimate authority to appoint or approve the appointment of the Director of Public Health, a discussion of the qualifications and suitability of the candidates for Director of Public Health, the person who would head the Department of Public Health which in turn carries out the Board’s directives, is a discussion that by its nature involves the Board’s exercise of governmental business, policy, and administration.”); OML 2021-54 (question of whether to paint over pictures of biblical story of Noah’s ark on town playground was a matter of public business within selectboard’s jurisdiction even though Town Administrator was the town’s chief executive officer with authority over town playground). Moreover, jurisdiction of a public body is not so limited as to include only matters requiring a vote. See OML 2020-160.

Although the Letter here requests rescission of state policy regarding shelters, that state policy directly impacts municipal policy, decision making, and resource allocation, as explained in the Letter. In that regard, the subject of the Letter is similar to letters the Princeton selectboard sent to Governor Charlie Baker and the Wachusett Regional School District, urging each to adopt a mask mandate and vaccine mandate in response to COVID-19. We found the subject of those letters to be within the selectboard’s jurisdiction even though the selectboard had no authority to establish mask and vaccine policies on behalf of Governor Baker or the regional school district. See OML 2022-23.

³ Open Meeting Law determinations may be found at the Attorney General’s website, www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting.

We appreciate that the Boston City Councilor who forwarded the link to remaining members of the Council did so in neutral language and did not invite a discussion over email of the Letter's merits. Nonetheless, the Letter itself discussed a matter within the Council's jurisdiction. A one-way communication from one public body member to a quorum on matters within the body's jurisdiction constitutes deliberation for purposes of the Open Meeting Law, even if no other public body member responds. See OML 2021-178; OML 2016-104; OML 2012-73. The Open Meeting Law does not carve out an exception to the definition of "deliberation" for discussions that do not result in a decision or vote. See OML 2021-178; OML 2020-93.

It is also significant that when signing on to the Google doc, Councilors were able to see who else signed the Letter. In other cases where we have found no deliberation, we have noted that the document was circulated by an outside party, and those signing did not know who else signed or that their signature would be communicated to any other member. See, e.g., OML 2025-103 (finding no violation where Cambridge city councilors added their names to identical letter at issue in the instant complaint; each city councilor independently contacted outside party to give authority to sign without copying fellow city councilors); OML 2025-104 (same as to Lynn city council); OML 2025-105 (same as to Medford city council); OML 2011-33 (independent signing of petition did not constitute deliberation).

Finally, the email circulating the Letter is not excepted from the Law's definition of "deliberation" as the distribution was not done in anticipation of a discussion at a meeting. See G.L. c. 30A, § 18 (establishing that "'deliberation' shall not include the distribution of a meeting agenda, scheduling information or distribution of other procedural meeting [sic] or the distribution of reports or documents that may be discussed at a meeting, provided that no opinion of a member is expressed"). In short, because circulation of the Letter via email constituted written communication among a quorum on public business within the Council's jurisdiction, and it did not fall within the narrow exceptions to the definition of deliberation, we find that the Council violated the Open Meeting Law.

II. Notice of the Council's January 8, 2025, meeting was insufficiently specific.

The complainant alleges that in the notice of its January 8, 2025, meeting, the Council failed to identify minutes to be discussed for approval. The Open Meeting Law requires that, except in an emergency, "a public body shall post notice of every meeting at least 48 hours prior to such meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays." G.L. c. 30A, § 20(b). The notice must be printed in a legible, easily understandable format and must contain the date, time and place of the meeting, as well as a listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed. Id. The list of topics shall have "sufficient specificity to reasonably advise the public of the issues to be discussed at the meeting." 940 CMR 29.03(1)(b). We generally consider a topic to be sufficiently specific when a reasonable member of the public could read the topic and understand the anticipated nature of the public body's discussion. See OML 2015-35. When review and approval of minutes is an anticipated topic of a meeting, notice of that meeting should identify the specific meeting minutes to be reviewed and approved. See OML 2025-57; OML 2020-34; OML 2013-199.

Notice of the Council's meeting of January 8, 2025, included as a topic "Approval of the minutes." At the January 8, 2025, meeting, the Council voted to "adopt" minutes of the December 11 Meeting. Because the Council posted notice which did not identify the minutes to be approved at the January 8, 2024, meeting, it violated the Open Meeting Law.

III. Minutes of the Council's December 11 Meeting are insufficiently detailed.

The Open Meeting Law requires that a public body "create and maintain accurate minutes of all meetings, including executive sessions, setting forth the date, time and place, the members present or absent, a summary of the discussions on each subject, a list of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting, the decisions made and the actions taken at each meeting, including the record of all votes." G.L. c. 30A, § 22(a). When reviewing minutes for compliance with the Open Meeting Law, we look for substantial compliance with the accuracy requirement. See OML 2016-105; OML 2013-64. By substantial compliance, we mean that the minutes should contain enough detail and accuracy so that a member of the public who did not attend the meeting could read the minutes and have a clear understanding of what occurred. See OML 2025-18; OML 2012-106.

Meeting minutes must include, among other things, "the record of all votes." G.L. c. 30A, § 22(a). Because the Open Meeting Law requires a public body to create accurate minutes, all votes taken during a meeting must be accurately recorded. Thus, to be accurate, minutes must document a roll call vote by listing the names of each public body member and how each voted. Even unanimous roll call votes should be recorded by roll call in the minutes. See OML 2025-54; OML 2015-131; OML 2013-195.

Here, votes were conducted by roll call during the December 11 Meeting. However, the minutes of that meeting do not reflect the vote of each Councilor by name. Rather, the minutes record the votes as, for example, "the order was passed; yeas 11, present 1 (FitzGerald), not present 1 (Fernandes Anderson);" "the order was passed; yeas 13."

Because the minutes of the December 11 Meeting fail to record the roll call votes by documenting the vote of each Council member, we find that the Council violated the Open Meeting Law. Had the minutes included a list identifying the members who were present at the meeting, then perhaps the minutes may have been sufficient where the vote of each member, recorded in that way, could be discerned from the minutes without reference to any other source of information.⁴ See, e.g., OML 2021-196 (finding minutes sufficient where the combination of listing the five Committee members present at the meeting, combined with the statement "5 yeas" or "4 yeas, 1 nay" with the name of the Committee member voting in the negative, clearly

⁴ Although not raised by the complainant, we note that minutes of the December 11 Meeting do not list the names of the Councilors present. The Open Meeting Law requires that minutes of meetings include a list of the members who were present or the members who were absent. See G.L. c. 30A, § 22(a); 940 CMR 29.11(1). Minutes of the December 11 Meeting simply state "All Councilors present." As such, these minutes do not satisfy the Open Meeting Law's requirement that the minutes set forth "the members present or absent." See G.L. c. 30A, § 22(a). We recommend that the Council amend the minutes of the December 11 Meeting to include the names of the members who were present, as no member was absent.

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IV. The violations are not intentional.

The complainant maintains that the Council's violations are "deliberate and willful" and asks that we fine the Council, among other remedies requested. Upon the finding of a violation, the attorney general may issue an order to impose a civil penalty upon the public body of not more than \$1,000 for each intentional violation. See G.L. c. 30A, § 23(c). An intentional violation is an "act or omission by a public body or a member thereof, in knowing violation of [the Open Meeting Law]." 940 CMR 29.02. An intentional violation may be found where the public body acted with deliberate ignorance of the law's requirement or has previously been advised that certain conduct violates the Open Meeting Law. Id. We do not find this violation to be intentional. There is no evidence that the Council willfully violated the Open Meeting Law when it acted as it did. Moreover, the Council has not been previously warned about the violations that are the subject of this complaint.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, we find that the Council violated the Open Meeting Law when it deliberated outside a posted meeting, posted a meeting notice that was not sufficiently specific, and approved minutes that were not sufficiently detailed. We order immediate and future compliance with the Open Meeting Law, and we caution that similar future violations may be considered evidence of intent to violate the law.

We also order the release of any written communication, including emails, between Councilors about the Letter and order the Council to amend the minutes of the December 11 Meeting to record all roll call votes by documenting the vote of each Council member.⁵ We order the Council to certify to this office within **forty-five (45) days** of the date of this letter that it has done so. See 940 C.M.R. 29.07(4).

⁵ The Council may publicly release the emails by reading their content during a meeting and listing the emails in the meeting minutes, or by referencing the emails during a meeting and posting the emails along with the minutes on the municipal website.

We now consider the complaint addressed by this determination to be resolved. This determination does not address any other complaints that may be pending with the Council or with our office. Please feel free to contact our office at (617) 963-2540 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Matthew Lindberg
Assistant Attorney General
Division of Open Government

cc: Laura Ortiz (via email: [REDACTED])
Boston City Clerk (via email: cityclerk@boston.gov)

This determination was issued pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 23(c). A public body or any member of a body aggrieved by a final order of the Attorney General may obtain judicial review through an action filed in Superior Court pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 23(d). The complaint must be filed in Superior Court within twenty-one days of receipt of a final order.

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Date: Sun, Oct 20, 2024 at 3:52 PM

Subject: 5 Day Shelter Advocacy

To:

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From: Benjamin Weber <benjamin.weber@boston.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 8:16 PM EDT
To: Ruthzee Louijeune <ruthzee.louijeune@boston.gov>
Subject: Re: 5 Day Shelter Advocacy

Thanks, just signed on.

On Mon, Oct 28, 2024 at 12:32 PM Ruthzee Louijeune <ruthzee.louijeune@boston.gov> wrote:

Hi Councilor,

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Best,

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Honorable Maura Healey
Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State House, Room 360
Boston, MA 02133
Re: Change to State's Emergency Housing Shelter Policy

Statement on Changes to the State's Emergency Shelter Policy

Governor Healey,

We are writing as elected officials representing 39 cities and towns, along with advocates, families, renters, and health care providers, to ask you to protect the right to access shelter and services for families experiencing homelessness. We ask your administration to:

- Restore the right to shelter and rescind the policy that bars families who stay in overflow shelters from accessing shelter
- Rescind the two-track policy that places some families in barrack-style respite centers for 30 days and allows other families to stay in emergency shelter for just six months
- Invest more robustly in homelessness prevention and rehousing supports

Massachusetts is the second-most expensive state in the United States. After months of apartment searches, most families can barely find anything affordable. This was true before. It's true today. *How can families with children find an affordable apartment in thirty days or six months in these rental market conditions? Forcing families to double up temporarily with family members or friends is not the equivalent to stable and permanent housing.* While we appreciate the proposed increase in funding for HomeBASE, families remain at the mercy of a brutal real estate market in which it can take more than six months to secure an apartment. We understand that the state has limitations regarding providing shelter to people and families seeking refuge in Massachusetts. However, this is simply not the solution. Immigrants didn't create this crisis, yet they have become easy scapegoats and targets.

Housing is a human right. We cannot sit idly by when witnessing a policy that has forced and will force families with children to sleep in apartment hallways, Emergency Rooms, parks, cars, and vacant commercial stores.

We have seen our community work tirelessly to support unhoused families. Massachusetts has long served as a beacon for immigrants by sheltering them. It has reaped enormous benefits from the recent migration of large groups who have come here from places like Vietnam, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti and who have thrived in our state. The stories we hear from our

constituents, providers, and advocates tell us that the policy you've implemented has not achieved the intended goal of deterring people from coming to Massachusetts or alleviating the shelter crisis.

The new shelter restrictions unintentionally harm families by forcing them into dangerous and unsustainable situations. It leaves municipalities to absorb the cost of Emergency Rooms, Fire, Police, and Inspectional Services. It leads organizations and community groups strapped for more resources to meet the high demand.

This policy will increase the stigma and anti-migrant rhetoric against migrants as calls for mass deportations become reality. We appreciate your public commitment to not participate in mass deportations. We must protect families with children from immigrant communities who are experiencing homelessness, in addition to anyone with no safe options.

While we understand there are many challenges with the shelter system, we ask you to rescind the policy that bars families who stay in overflow shelters from accessing shelter, preserve the integrity of the right-to-shelter system, and fund robust ways to support families experiencing homelessness. We urge you to heed what advocates and providers are seeing in our communities and work with state and local leaders to develop thoughtful and humane policies. We are committed to working with you to build solutions that will benefit and better the livelihood of all our residents in Massachusetts.

Signed:

List in formation

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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS AND INJURIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Global warming is contributing to extreme weather conditions, including record-breaking heat waves which have been known to be deadly; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston recently had a heat emergency, setting a record for the hottest day in June at 98 degrees Fahrenheit; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Currently there are no required, enforceable protections in Boston for employees who have to work during heat emergencies, leaving them vulnerable to unbearable and dangerous weather conditions that can negatively impact their health; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Workers are left to rely on their employers to allow for water breaks, access to shade, and essential rest periods during extreme heat. Often those without a union are unable to effectively advocate for and receive adequate access to water, reest, and shade; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Texas and Florida, despite their extreme heat waves, have gone so far as to pass laws banning municipalities and counties within their borders from requiring employers to provide water breaks to workers in extreme heat. It is, therefore, imperative that we as a city set an example by ensuring that our workers are entitled to accommodations during heat emergencies, like the one we experienced in Boston last week; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is projected that heat index values over 100 degrees will be three times more common in the Northeast by the middle of this century; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Although we are making strides to become a Green New Deal city and reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the state level it is projected that t heat emergencies will with increasing frequency and and will only get worse as time goes on;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

Ordained by the City of Boston, as follows:

That the City of Boston Municipal Code, Ordinances be amended by adding in Chapter IV, Section 4-10:

4-10 Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illnesses and injuries in the City of Boston

4-10.1 Definitions.

Acclimatization – temporary adaptation of the body to work in the heat that occurs gradually when a person is exposed to heat. Acclimatization peaks in most people within four to 14 days of regular work for at least two hours per day in the heat.

Contractor – any person or entity that is a party to a City contract, City lease, or City license.

Heat illness – any medical condition caused by high temperatures and humidity and resulting in, including but not limited to heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat syncope, heat stroke, and heat edema. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke result from the body’s inability to cope with a particular heat load and require immediate medical attention.

Heat mitigation – the implementation of preventive and proactive measures by contractors to provide protection and relief from heat hazards when working on City-owned, City-leased or City-licensed property including on any City streets or dedicated rights-of-way.

Heat stress – exposure to extreme heat in a work environment, which can result in illness, injury or death.

Heat wave - a period of unusually hot weather that lasts more than two days in which the predicted high temperature for each day will be at least 80 degrees Fahrenheit and at least ten degrees Fahrenheit higher than the average high daily temperature in the preceding five days.

Drinking water – cool or cold potable water that is suitable for human consumption and is maintained in safe and sanitary conditions to prevent contamination and illness where such is not supplied through plumbed fixtures or otherwise continuously supplied. The term also includes commercially available electrolyte-replenishing beverages that do not contain caffeine.

Environmental risk factors for heat illness – working conditions that create the possibility of heat illness, including high air temperature, relative humidity, radiant heat from the sun and other sources, conductive heat from sources such as the ground, low air movement, high physical workload intensity and duration, and protective clothing and equipment worn by an employee.

Recovery period – a cool-down period of reduced heat exposure and rest to aid in cooling down the human body and avoiding heat illness.

Shade – an area that is not in direct sunlight. Shade may be provided by any natural or artificial means, such as a tree, tarp, tent, canopy, or other similar structure.

Personal risk factors for heat illness – factors specific to an individual, including but not limited to age, health, pregnancy, degree of acclimatization, water consumption, alcohol consumption, or caffeine consumption, use of prescription medications that affect the body’s water retention, or other physiological responses to heat.

Rest break – a break of not less than ten (10) minutes from work within working hours, during which an employee may not work.

Subcontractors – a firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof having a direct contract with the contractor for all or any portion of their work that is the subject of the City contract.

4-10.2 Purpose and Scope.

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that all employees working for the City of Boston or under a City of Boston contract when the heat index is 80 degrees Fahrenheit or higher are afforded certain protections to include access to cool/cold drinking water, shade, rest breaks and other provisions necessary to cool down their bodies and prevent heat exhaustion and/or heat illness.

This Ordinance applies to all worksites identified by the City’s Office of Labor Compliance as likely to cause worker heat-related injuries and illness during a heat emergency and which are under the purview of the City of Boston or worksites that are run by an entity that is operating under a City contract.

4-10.4 Contract Language.

A. The following clause is required to appear in all contracts between the City and contractors as designated by the City’s Office of Labor Compliance and contracts between qualifying contractors and their subcontractors:

Any contractor whose employees and contract workers perform work in settings at risk of causing heat-related illnesses must keep on file a written Heat Illness Prevention Plan (“HIPP”) which must be made available to the City upon request, be posted where it is accessible to workers and be implemented when the heat index is 80 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. At a minimum, the HIPP shall include each of the following as it relates to heat safety and mitigation:

1. Availability of sanitized cool drinking water free of charge at locations that are readily accessible to all employees and contract workers and permission for workers to access the water anytime they have a need for hydration.
2. Specific to the worksite, location(s) with adequate shade or cooling where employees will have the ability to take rest and cooling breaks.

3. Permission for workers to take rest and cooling breaks when needed to prevent overheating.
4. Effective Work/Rest schedules designed to reduce the risk of heat illness and injury.
5. Access to shaded areas or enclosed spaces with air conditioning.
6. Effective acclimatization practices for workers newly assigned or reassigned to work in an environment identified by the Office of Labor Compliance as likely to cause a risk of heat-related illness.
7. Conduct training in a language understandable to all employees and contract workers on heat illness and injury that focuses on the environmental and personal risk factors, prevention, and how to recognize and report signs and symptoms of heat-related illness and injury, how to administer appropriate first aid, and how to report heat illness and injury to emergency medical personnel. Employers shall provide effective training/educational materials to each supervisory and non-supervisory employee before the employee begins work that should reasonably be anticipated to result in exposure to the risk of heat illness.

The contractor further agrees that this clause will be incorporated in all subcontracts with subcontractors, sublicensees or sublessees to include this clause in all contracts with any third party who is contracted to perform labor or services in connection with this contract. It is the obligation of the contractor to ensure compliance by its subcontractor.

B. *Documentation.* In addition to the documents required in subsection A of this section, upon request contractors shall provide additional documentation verifying that mitigation efforts against heat related illness or injury in the workplace are being utilized.

C. *Monitoring.* The department primarily responsible for managing any contract covered by this Ordinance shall monitor compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

4-10.5 Administrative Responsibility.

City departments shall include the requirements of this Ordinance in all bids, proposals, written quotes, contractual agreements, leases, licenses or requests for qualifications which are designated by the City's Office of Labor Compliance.

The Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections shall conduct at least two trainings annually on heat illness and protections for both indoor and outdoor workers or as much as necessary in order for employers to understand the requirements of this Ordinance. This training shall be offered to those who are found to be out of compliance with this Ordinance.

4-10.6 Failure of Contractors to Comply.

A contractor who fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance after receiving notice and an opportunity to cure shall be subject to those sanctions allowed by law including, but not limited to:

1. Fines up to \$100 per day after issuance of notice to cure up to date of full compliance;
2. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract or ineligibility for future contracts with the City until all fines have been paid in full.

The Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections is hereby authorized to investigate complaints and issue/enforce the above penalties against any person, corporation or business entity reported to be in violation of this Ordinance.

4-10.7 Preemption and Severability.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to relieve persons from complying with existing OSHA safety regulations or other applicable provisions of the law, nor is it intended to alter or diminish any obligation otherwise imposed by law.

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable by any court, such a holding does not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision of the Ordinance, and the rest of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

4-10.8 Exclusions

This ordinance does not apply to any City contract, City lease, or City license with any other governmental agency.

Filed in Council: January 8, 2025



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

August 27, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Government Operations was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0135, Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston.

This matter was sponsored by Councilors Benjamin J. Weber, Enrique J. Pepén and Henry Santana and referred to the Committee on January 8, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0135 is an ordinance designed to safeguard workers from heat-related illnesses and injuries at City-operated or City-contracted sites in Boston by mandating protective measures such as cool drinking water, shaded rest areas, and regular rest breaks whenever the heat index reaches 80 degrees Fahrenheit or above. The proposed ordinance further requires contractors to implement comprehensive heat illness prevention plans and establishes oversight and enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance. As filed, each section described below collectively establishes comprehensive worker protections specifically targeting heat-related risks and outlines clear administrative and enforcement responsibilities.

Section 4-10.1 'Definitions' of the proposed ordinance defines several key terms essential for understanding and enforcing heat-related protections. These include definitions for Acclimatization, Contractor, Heat Illness, Heat Mitigation, Heat Stress, Heat Wave, Drinking Water, Environmental Risk Factors, Recovery Period, Personal Risk Factors for Heat Illness, Rest Break, and Subcontractors.

Under **Section 4-10.2 'Purpose and Scope'**, the proposed ordinance describes the intention of the legislation, which is to ensure that all employees working at worksites under the City of Boston's purview, or at sites operated under City contracts, receive adequate protections whenever the heat index reaches or exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit. The ordinance mandates essential safety measures such as access to cool drinking water, shade, rest breaks, and other cooling provisions to prevent heat-related illnesses.

Section 4-10.4 'Administrative Responsibility' details the duties of City departments and the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections. Under this section, departments must incorporate the ordinance's requirements into all relevant contracts and bids. Finally, this section tasks the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections with conducting regular training sessions—at least twice annually—to educate employers on compliance and worker protections against heat illness.

Under **Section 4-10.5 'Failure of Contractors to Comply'**, the proposed ordinance describes enforcement procedures and consequences for non-compliance. Under this section, contractors who fail to adhere to ordinance provisions after notice and an opportunity to rectify issues may face penalties, including fines up to \$100 per day and possible cancellation or suspension of contracts, along with



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ineligibility for future City contracts until full compliance is achieved and fines paid. To carry out the enforcement provisions of this section, the proposed ordinance vests the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections with the responsibility of investigating complaints, issuing notices, and enforcing all provisions of the ordinance.

Section 4-10.6 'Preemption and Severability' section clarifies that the proposed ordinance does not negate or weaken compliance requirements under existing OSHA regulations or other applicable laws.

Section 4-10.7 'Exclusions' clearly states that this ordinance does not apply to contracts, leases, or licenses the City holds with other governmental agencies, delineating a boundary for the ordinance's jurisdiction.

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held two working sessions (February 10, 2025, and April 11, 2025) to discuss Docket #0135. The Committee heard testimony from Jodi Sugerman Brozan, Deputy Chief of Worker Empowerment in the City of Boston, and Roger Luckmann, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health, UMass Medical. During the working sessions, Councilors reviewed the proposed ordinance provisions, asked detailed questions about scope and enforcement, and considered how the proposal would apply across City departments, contractors, and related entities.

During the February working session, discussion focused on the proposed ordinance's core requirements, including access to cool drinking water, shade, acclimatization practices, work-rest schedules, and training in multiple languages when the heat index reaches 80 degrees or higher. The Administration explained that the most practical enforcement model would rely on affidavit-based compliance, drawing on the framework of Boston's Construction and Demolition Safety Ordinance. Councilors raised questions about the capacity of the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections, the balance between worker protections and contract feasibility, and the need to extend coverage to subcontractors, permit holders, and workers at City-licensed sites. Expert testimony highlighted national standards for rest breaks and recommended tools such as reporting mechanisms to ensure compliance.

During the April working session, the Committee returned to reviewing specific language and potential amendments. Councilors discussed definitions for "Heat Illness Prevention Plans" and the required affidavits, and considered whether quasi-public agencies such as the Boston Housing Authority and Boston Water and Sewer Commission should be explicitly named in the ordinance. Councilors raised questions about coverage for municipal employees in heat-exposed roles, including public safety staff, lifeguards, and traffic flaggers, and about how departmental prevention plans would interact with collective bargaining agreements. The Committee agreed that individual risk factors should be addressed through training requirements rather than codified definitions, to maintain flexibility. Enforcement provisions were reviewed, with Councilors supporting affidavit language that clearly outlines penalties for non-compliance, including fines and potential contract suspension. Regarding implementation timelines, the Administration informed the Committee that relevant training materials and templates could be developed quickly, but that integration of affidavit language into contract documents would take longer, and suggested a phased rollout. Councilors emphasized the importance of readiness before the summer months and reviewed options to ensure protections would be in place for both City employees and contracted workers.



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Across both working sessions, the Committee examined legal, operational, and public-health considerations; weighed potential impacts on City employees, contractors, subcontractors, and permittees (including relevant quasi-public entities); and sought to ensure that the ordinance would align with OSHA-related frameworks and other existing City safety ordinances.

Summary of Amendments

The ordinance as amended makes minor editorial changes throughout, striking and replacing the words “the Ordinance” with “this section” to maintain uniform language across ordinances within the City of Boston Code. The amended ordinance also revises numbering structure, by adding a Section 4-10.3 (as this was not included in the proposed draft), striking Section 4-10.4 Contract Language and replacing said section and the subsequent sections thereafter with the remaining proposed ordinance language, as revised, and finally, by inserting a new section regarding the ordinance’s effective implementation date.

The ordinance as amended revises **4-10.1 Definitions** to broaden applicability and strengthen enforceability by striking the following terms in their entirety: *Acclimatization*, *Heat mitigation*, *Heat stress*, *Heat wave*, *Environmental risk factors for heat illness*, *Recovery period*, and *Personal risk factors for heat illness*; striking language from *Heat illness* by removing references to the body’s inability to cope and immediate medical attention, and from *Rest break* by removing the ten-minute minimum; striking and replacing *Contractor* to specify a “Covered Contractor” whose employees work in heat-risk settings as determined by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections; striking and replacing *Subcontractors* to cover any person or entity with a contract with a Covered Contractor; and inserting new terms for *Heat Illness Prevention Plan* and *Heat Illness Prevention Plan Affidavit*.

As amended, **4-10.1 Definitions** now reads as follows:

“Covered Contractor” refers to any person or entity that is a party to a City service or construction contract, City lease, or City license whose employees perform work in a setting at risk of causing Heat Illness, as determined by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections.

“Drinking Water” means potable, cool or cold water that is suitable for human consumption and is maintained in safe and sanitary conditions to prevent contamination and illness where such is not supplied through plumbed fixtures or otherwise continuously supplied. The term also includes commercially available electrolyte-replenishing beverages that do not contain caffeine.

“Heat Illness” means any medical condition caused by high temperatures and humidity, including but not limited to heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat syncope, heat stroke, and heat edema.

“Heat Illness Prevention Plan” or “HIPPP” refers to a written plan to prevent Heat Illness pursuant to the requirements of subsection 4-10.3 of this Section.

“Heat Illness Prevention Plan Affidavit” refers to a sworn statement on a form determined by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections certifying that the Covered Contractor, or his or her designee, has prepared and will implement a project-specific Heat Illness Prevention Plan that defines planned protections from potential heat hazards.



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“Rest” means a break from work within working hours, during which an employee may not work.

“Shade” refers to an area that is not in direct sunlight. Shade may be provided by any natural or artificial means, such as a tree, tarp, tent, canopy, or other similar structure.

“Subcontractor” refers to any person or entity that has a contract with a Covered Contractor to perform all or part of the work covered by a City contract.”

The ordinance as amended revises **4-10.2 Purpose and Scope** by striking: the fixed threshold “when the heat index is 80 degrees Fahrenheit or higher”; language requiring “access to cool/cold drinking water, shade, rest breaks and other provisions necessary to cool down their bodies and prevent heat exhaustion and/or heat illness”; and the second paragraph's reference to “when under the jurisdiction of the City of Boston or at worksites operated by an entity under a City contract”; and replacing such language with broader provisions that vests the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections with the authority to determine the specific scope of coverage.

As amended, **4-10.2 Purpose and Scope** now reads as follows:

- A. *“The purpose of this Section is to ensure that all employees working for the City of Boston or under City of Boston contracts, leases, and licenses are afforded certain protections when the heat index reaches a threshold identified by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections. These protections are intended to reduce the likelihood of employee Heat Illness.*
- B. *This Section applies to all worksites and projects identified by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections as likely to cause Heat Illness.”*

The ordinance as amended corrects the section numbering error (i.e., 4-10.3 was missing) by inserting a new section titled **“4-10.3 Employees Working for the City of Boston or a Covered Contractor or Subcontractor.”** This new section also replaces **Section 4-10.4 Contract Language**, which is struck in its entirety. **Section 4-10.3** establishes direct obligations to meet the requirements of the ordinance rather than relying on contract clauses. It does so by requiring City departments to prepare Heat Illness Prevention Plans, Covered Contractors and Subcontractors to submit a sworn Heat Illness Prevention Plan Affidavit before beginning work, ensuring plans are accessible in languages understood by employees, incorporating protections into all subcontracts and related agreements, providing employees with information on their protections and complaint processes, and requiring Covered Contractors to furnish documentation to the City upon request.

As amended, following **Section 4-10.2** the ordinance now reads as follows:

“4-10.3 Employees Working for the City of Boston or a Covered Contractor or Subcontractor.

- A. *Subject to any bargaining obligations under G. L. c. 150E, all City of Boston departments whose employees perform work in a setting at risk of causing Heat Illness, as determined by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections, must develop and implement a Heat Illness Prevention Plan (HIPP) consistent with a template made available by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections. The HIPP may include, but need not be limited to:*
 - 1. *Appropriate opportunities for shade, rest, and water for employees;*



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2. *Appropriate responsive actions in the event of an emergency or Heat Illness; and*
 3. *Relevant training and materials to employees in advance of reasonably anticipated exposure to the risk of Heat Illness.*
- B. *Covered Contractors and Subcontractors whose employees perform work in a setting at risk of causing Heat Illness, as determined by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections, must provide a Heat Illness Prevention Plan Affidavit on a form provided by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections before they can begin work. The Affidavit may include, but need not be limited to, attestations that:*
1. *The HIPP will be made available to the City upon request;*
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 3. *The HIPP will be implemented when the heat index reaches a threshold identified by the Office of Labor Compliance and Work Protections;*
 4. *The HIPP will be incorporated in all subcontracts, subleases, sublicenses, and other agreements with any third party engaged to perform labor or services in connection with the contract; and*
 5. *The Covered Contractor understands it is the obligation of the Covered Contractor to ensure compliance by its Subcontractor(s).*
- C. *Covered Contractors and Subcontractors must make available to their employees information, to be provided by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections, on the requirements of this Section and how to submit a complaint should employees feel they are not receiving the protections required. Notice to employees may be made by posting signage provided by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections setting forth the protections afforded to workers pursuant to this section.*
- D. *Upon request, Covered Contractors shall provide the City with additional documentation to verify compliance with this Section, consistent with the Covered Contractor's contract with the City."*

The ordinance as amended replaces **Section 4-10.4** with revised language from **Section 4-10.5** as proposed and re-names the section "**4-10.4 Administrative Responsibility**." The language of this section is revised under the first paragraph to require the ordinance's protections in all bids, proposals, written quotes, and requests for qualifications for covered contracts, leases, and licenses, striking the words "contractual agreement." The language of this section is further revised under the second paragraph to expand training requirements by striking language that required at least two annual trainings "or as much as necessary in order for employers to understand the requirements of this Ordinance" and replacing it with language that requires at least two annual trainings in order to effectuate the understanding of the ordinance's requirements for all City departments, Covered Contractors, and Subcontractors, as opposed to only those found to be out of compliance.

As amended, **Section 4-10.4** now reads as follows:

"4-10.4 Administrative Responsibility



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- A. *City departments shall include the requirements of this Section in all bids, proposals, written quotes, or requests for qualifications for contracts, leases, or licenses which are designated as covered by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections.*
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The ordinance as amended replaces **Section 4-10.5** by shifting and revising language from **Section 4-10.6** as proposed and re-names the section **"4-10.5 Failure of Covered Contractors to Comply."** The language of this section was slightly revised in a way that strengthens the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protection's enforcement strategies, by adding language to allow the Office to monitor compliance, receive complaints, conduct investigations, issue notices to cure, and carry out the appropriate enforcement actions. Revisions to this section were also made to clarify penalties and related procedures, by inserting language regarding notice and opportunity to cure, and by striking the word "contractor" to ensure that penalties will apply to any person or entity covered by the ordinance.

As amended, **Section 4-10.5** now reads as follows:

"4-10.5 Failure of Covered Contractors to Comply

The Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections shall monitor compliance with the provisions of this Section and may receive complaints, conduct investigations, issue notices to cure, and carry out enforcement actions. Any person or entity found to be in violation of this Section must be given notice and an opportunity to cure the violation(s) prior to further enforcement.

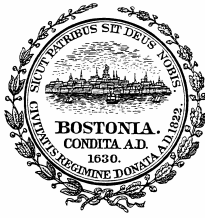
Any person or entity who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section after receiving notice and an opportunity to cure shall be subject to those sanctions allowed by law, including but not limited to:

1. *Fines up to \$100 per day after issuance of notice to cure up to the date of full compliance;*
2. *Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract; and/or*
3. *Ineligibility for future contracts with the City until achieving compliance and paying all fines in full."*

The ordinance as amended replaces **Section 4-10.6** by shifting language from **Section 4-10.7** as proposed and re-names the section **"4-10.6 Preemption and Severability."**

Similarly, the ordinance as amended replaces **Section 4-10.7** by shifting language from **Section 4-10.8** as proposed and re-names the section **"4-10.7 Exclusions."**

The ordinance as amended replaces **Section 4-10.8** by inserting a new title and new language to establish an implementation timeline, providing that the ordinance shall take effect six months from passage.



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As amended, **Section 4-10.8**, now reads as follows:

“4-10.8 Effective Date. This Section shall take effect six months from passage.”

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS IN A NEW DRAFT**.

Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair
Committee on Government Operations

4-10 Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illnesses and injuries in the City of Boston

4-10.1 Definitions.

“Covered Contractor” refers to any person or entity that is a party to a City service or construction contract, City lease, or City license whose employees perform work in a setting at risk of causing Heat Illness, as determined by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections.

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“Subcontractor” refers to any person or entity that has a contract with a Covered Contractor to perform all or part of the work covered by a City contract.

4-10.2 Purpose and Scope.

- A. The purpose of this Section is to ensure that all employees working for the City of Boston or under City of Boston contracts, leases, and licenses are afforded certain protections when the heat index reaches a threshold identified by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections. These protections are intended to reduce the likelihood of employee Heat Illness.
- B. This Section applies to all worksites and projects identified by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections as likely to cause Heat Illness.

4-10.3 Employees Working for the City of Boston or a Covered Contractor or Subcontractor.

- A. Subject to any bargaining obligations under G. L. c. 150E, all City of Boston departments whose employees perform work in a setting at risk of causing Heat Illness, as determined by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections, must develop and implement a Heat Illness Prevention Plan (HIPP) consistent with a template made available by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections. The HIPP may include, but need not be limited to:
 - 1. Appropriate opportunities for shade, rest, and water for employees;
 - 2. Appropriate responsive actions in the event of an emergency or Heat Illness; and
 - 3. Relevant training and materials to employees in advance of reasonably anticipated exposure to the risk of Heat Illness.
- B. Covered Contractors and Subcontractors whose employees perform work in a setting at risk of causing Heat Illness, as determined by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections, must provide a Heat Illness Prevention Plan Affidavit on a form provided by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections before they can begin work. The Affidavit may include, but need not be limited to, attestations that:
 - 1. The HIPP will be made available to the City upon request;
 - 2. The HIPP will be accessible to each employee in a language understood by the employee;
 - 3. The HIPP will be implemented when the heat index reaches a threshold identified by the Office of Labor Compliance and Work Protections;
 - 4. The HIPP will be incorporated in all subcontracts, subleases, sublicenses, and other agreements with any third party engaged to perform labor or services in connection with the contract; and
 - 5. The Covered Contractor understands it is the obligation of the Covered Contractor to ensure compliance by its Subcontractor(s).
- C. Covered Contractors and Subcontractors must make available to their employees information, to be provided by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections, on the requirements of this Section and how to submit a complaint should employees feel they are not receiving the protections required. Notice to employees may be made by posting signage provided by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections setting forth the protections afforded to workers pursuant to this section.
- D. Upon request, Covered Contractors shall provide the City with additional documentation to verify compliance with this Section, consistent with the Covered Contractor's contract with the City.

4-10.4 Administrative Responsibility.

- A. City departments shall include the requirements of this Section in all bids, proposals, written quotes, or requests for qualifications for contracts, leases, or licenses which are designated as covered by the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections.
- B. The Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections shall conduct at least two trainings annually on Heat Illness and protections for both indoor and outdoor workers in order for City departments, Covered Contractors, and Subcontractors to understand the requirements of this

Section. These trainings shall be offered to all City departments, Covered Contractors, and Subcontractors, and shall be required of those who are found to be out of compliance with this Section.

4-10.5 Failure of Covered Contractors to Comply.

- A. The Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections shall monitor compliance with the provisions of this Section and may receive complaints, conduct investigations, issue notices to cure, and carry out enforcement actions. Any person or entity found to be in violation of this Section must be given notice and an opportunity to cure the violation(s) prior to further enforcement.
- B. Any person or entity who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section after receiving notice and an opportunity to cure shall be subject to those sanctions allowed by law, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Fines up to \$100 per day after issuance of notice to cure up to the date of full compliance;
 - 2. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract; and/or
 - 3. Ineligibility for future contracts with the City until achieving compliance and paying all fines in full.

4-10.6 Preemption and Severability.

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to relieve persons or entities from complying with existing OSHA safety regulations or other applicable provisions of the law, nor is this Section intended to alter or diminish any obligation otherwise imposed by law.

If any provision of this Section is held invalid or unenforceable by any court, such a holding does not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision of the Section, and the rest of the Section shall remain in full force and effect.

4-10.7 Exclusions.

This Section does not apply to any City contract, lease, or license with any other governmental agency.

4-10.8 Effective Date.

This Section shall take effect six months from passage.

Filed in Council: January 8, 2025



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Michelle Wu**

02-24-2025

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 ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$150,000.00)** in the form of a grant, the BPS Sundays Phase 2 grant, awarded by Pilot House Philanthropy to be administered by the Office of Arts & Culture.

The grant would fund the learning and evaluation component of the BPS Sundays pilot program.

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

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the BPS Sundays Phase 2 grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Pilot House Philanthropy.

WHEREAS, the Pilot House Philanthropy, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Arts & Culture; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) would fund the learning and evaluation component of the BPS Sundays pilot program. 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 Pilot House Philanthropy, the BPS Sundays Phase 2 grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00).

Docket # _____

**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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

by Adam Cederbaum

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Corporation Counsel



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

August 27, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, and Special Events was referred the following dockets for consideration:

Docket #0527, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the BPS Sunday's Phase 2 Grant, awarded by the Pilot House Philanthropy to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The program will fund the learning and evaluation components of the BPS Sundays pilot program.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu, and was referred to the Committee on February 26, 2025.

Docket #1262, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston Family Day Grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund the Boston Family Day program from 2025-2026, provided by the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu, and was referred to the Committee on June 25, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0527 authorizes the City to accept and expend \$150,000 in the form of a grant to fund the learning and evaluation components of the BPS Sundays pilot program. This grant was awarded by the Pilot House Philanthropy and will be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture.

Docket #1262 authorizes the City to accept and expend \$150,000 in the form of a grant to fund the Boston Family Day program from 2025-2026. This grant was awarded by the Boston Foundation and will be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture.

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held a hearing on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 to discuss Dockets #0527 and #1262. Interim Chief of the Office of Arts and Culture, Kenny M. Mascary testified on behalf of the Administration.

The Administration testified in support of the two grants, stating that both would strengthen the Boston Family Days program and expand access to cultural institutions for children and families across the City. The Administration emphasized that more than 65,000 students and their families have participated since the program's launch in 2024, with many returning for multiple visits. The Administration highlighted that the grants will also be expended to support reliable data collection and evaluations, allowing the City to track participation by neighborhood, school, and demographic group, and to develop a communication



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infrastructure that fosters belonging and responsiveness among the partner institutions. Regarding the \$150,000 Pilot House Philanthropy grant, it was explained that the grant will specifically fund the learning and evaluation component of the BPS Sundays program, including the creation of metrics to measure participation, outreach, and learning outcomes across neighborhoods. The Administration further stated that evaluation findings will inform how the program can be sustained beyond the grant period, ensuring that cultural access remains equitable and long-lasting. Regarding the \$450,000 Boston Foundation grant, funded through the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation, it was explained that the grant will underwrite the direct costs of expanding Boston Family Days through 2026, supporting free admission, programming, and continued partnerships with museums and cultural institutions.

Councilors raised questions about the long-term sustainability of the program, the role of evaluations in making the program permanent, and the specifics of how data and metrics are being tracked to ensure equity. The Administration responded that the pilot period has allowed the City and partner institutions to test the model and establish commitments to sustaining a culture of welcoming beyond the grant cycle. It was stated that institutions have expressed interest in embedding this work into their long-term vision, and the Administration noted that evaluation results will guide the path forward. Councilors also asked about how outreach is being conducted, to which the Administration explained that program data is matched with BPS records and supplemented by surveys, targeted emails, and flyers to ensure equitable access across neighborhoods. The Administration underscored that outreach has been particularly focused on communities that have not fully utilized the program, and that a new program manager is being hired to oversee customer-facing issues that previously had been handled directly by senior staff in the Mayor's Office.

Councilors also questioned how the City is working with philanthropic partners to sustain initiatives like the BPS Sundays program, whether the program could be expanded to include performing arts and theater opportunities, and how logistical barriers such as transportation and meals could be addressed. The Administration emphasized the City's commitment to deepening philanthropic partnerships and stated that current partners have shown strong interest in continuing support. In response to questions about expansion, the Administration reported that conversations are underway with performing arts organizations to explore pilot programs. On transportation, the Administration acknowledged Councilors' interest in MBTA access for families on weekends and noted that institutions are also already considering ways to address food security during museum visits. Councilors thanked the Administration for their work in expanding the program, expressing support for permanent program funding that will allow Boston families to continue to access world-class cultural institutions.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, and Special Events, I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Edward M. Flynn, Chair
Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, and Special Events



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06-16-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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Sincerely,

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City Council Order

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**In City Council
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City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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Councilors also questioned how the City is working with philanthropic partners to sustain initiatives like the BPS Sundays program, whether the program could be expanded to include performing arts and theater opportunities, and how logistical barriers such as transportation and meals could be addressed. The Administration emphasized the City's commitment to deepening philanthropic partnerships and stated that current partners have shown strong interest in continuing support. In response to questions about expansion, the Administration reported that conversations are underway with performing arts organizations to explore pilot programs. On transportation, the Administration acknowledged Councilors' interest in MBTA access for families on weekends and noted that institutions are also already considering ways to address food security during museum visits. Councilors thanked the Administration for their work in expanding the program, expressing support for permanent program funding that will allow Boston families to continue to access world-class cultural institutions.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, and Special Events, I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Edward M. Flynn, Chair
Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, and Special Events



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

June 23, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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Sincerely,

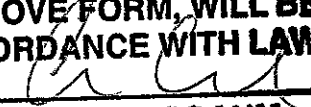
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CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



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August 14, 2025

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Chief of Staff Le provided an overview of the US Forestry Service grant, stating the funds will go towards the City's PowerCorps program, which is a program run by the Office of Workforce Development that includes tracks for urban forestry and building operations. Participants range from 18 to 30 years of age; each receive a biweekly stipend of \$1,100 for their participation on top of certifications that can open up future job prospects. Over the last three years, there have been four cohorts and 125 graduates; of those 70% have had career lifting outcomes, which could include green jobs, quality non-green jobs, introduction to the trade unions, or furthering of training. Of that 70%, 87% have directly gone into the green industry, which could be in building operations, urban canopy, or within City Departments. Cohort 4, which graduated this past summer, planted 43 trees, enhanced 233 acres of public land through active conservation efforts, removed over 248 bags of abrasive materials, removed over 3,600 square feet of invasive species in the White Stadium area, and recycled over 62.8 pounds of waste. The Office has applied for and was granted a \$375,000 Mass Climate Service (MassCEC) Students and Young Adult Equity Workforce Climate Corps award, which will focus on clean energy and building efficiency.

The US Forestry Service grant will be focused on training for building and maintaining the tree canopy, and will hopefully hire an arborist to help train PowerCorps members on identifying invasive species, and understanding best practices. It will also partially fund equipment, such as wood chippers. This grant will fund between 10-15 members of a cohort and will build on other funding sources.



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Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair
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**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
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Michelle Wu**

06-26-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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The grant would fund to grow an accessible, inclusive, and resilient urban forest.

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

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND USFS Inflation Reduction Act FUNDS, AWARDED BY USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry.

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Docket # _____

**In City Council
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City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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by Adam Cederbaum

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**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
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07-07-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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Councilors and representatives discussed community engagement strategies, including Spanish led feedback groups, tabling at currently existing events, and creating connections with community groups within South Boston, including those living in the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) developments. They discussed the various sports teams that have been met with by the City and the collaboration happening between the City and the State's Department of Conservation and Recreation. They discussed the future of playing fields in the Park, safe accessibility to the Park, the Mary Ellen McCormick overpass, collaboration between various City Departments to ensure safe streets surrounding the Park, the possibilities of creating an arboretum at the Park through the species diversity, the history of the Park's creation from mudflats, and tree canopy strategies in Chinatown.

Representatives stated the original Moakley Park grant the City applied for was a \$24M grant; at the beginning of this year, the federal Administration cancelled the construction portion of this funding, which totalled a little over \$22M. They noted that 20 states, including the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have sued for the restoration of the cancelled funding.

Representatives stated they will be working with community groups to make sure they have access to athletic fields throughout the construction process. Once this design phase is completed, the City will be able to determine which fields will be impacted when, and work with the relevant teams to ensure they are able to access athletic fields within South Boston, and in cases where other accommodations must be made, somewhere within the City.

Chief of Staff Le provided an overview of the US Forestry Service grant, stating the funds will go towards the City's PowerCorps program, which is a program run by the Office of Workforce Development that includes tracks for urban forestry and building operations. Participants range from 18 to 30 years of age; each receive a biweekly stipend of \$1,100 for their participation on top of certifications that can open up future job prospects. Over the last three years, there have been four cohorts and 125 graduates; of those 70% have had career lifting outcomes, which could include green jobs, quality non-green jobs, introduction to the trade unions, or furthering of training. Of that 70%, 87% have directly gone into the green industry, which could be in building operations, urban canopy, or within City Departments. Cohort 4, which graduated this past summer, planted 43 trees, enhanced 233 acres of public land through active conservation efforts, removed over 248 bags of abrasive materials, removed over 3,600 square feet of invasive species in the White Stadium area, and recycled over 62.8 pounds of waste. The Office has applied for and was granted a \$375,000 Mass Climate Service (MassCEC) Students and Young Adult Equity Workforce Climate Corps award, which will focus on clean energy and building efficiency.

The US Forestry Service grant will be focused on training for building and maintaining the tree canopy, and will hopefully hire an arborist to help train PowerCorps members on identifying invasive species, and understanding best practices. It will also partially fund equipment, such as wood chippers. This grant will fund between 10-15 members of a cohort and will build on other funding sources.



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Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks I recommend moving the listed dockets from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that these matters **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair
Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks



City of Boston, Massachusetts

Office of the Mayor

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June 9th, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors,

In accordance with the the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63 (“the Ordinance”), I hereby transmit for your review and consideration the proposed *Surveillance Use Policy for the Rodent Monitoring Camera System*, submitted in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA).

This proposed policy seeks City Council approval for the use of rodent surveillance cameras at selected BHA sites and other City-managed locations. The technology consists of artificial intelligence-enhanced cameras deployed in targeted areas across the city, including BHA properties. These cameras are designed to detect and analyze rodent activity without capturing video or audio of identifiable individuals.

The primary purpose of this technology is to help the City and BHA identify patterns of rodent behavior and inform targeted enforcement measures. The goal is to reduce rodent activity by directing pest mitigation resources to the areas where they are most needed.

This policy outlines in detail how the technology functions, the safeguards in place to protect privacy, and the limited and specific use of the system. of the ordinance.

We appreciate the Council’s thoughtful oversight on these matters and welcome the opportunity to provide further information or briefings as needed.

Sincerely,

Dion Irish

Dion Irish
Chief of Operations
City of Boston

Department: Boston Housing Authority

Surveillance Technology: Rodent Monitoring Camera System (Reolink Ranger Pro LTE, AI-enhanced)

1. Purpose: What is the purpose of this Surveillance Technology?

The purpose of this technology is to identify and track rodent activity in infrastructure-adjacent areas (e.g., alleys, dumpsters, and green spaces) in order to support targeted pest mitigation efforts by the City of Boston. The system is designed to improve public health, sanitation, and operational efficiency while maintaining strong privacy safeguards.

The Rodent Monitoring Camera System uses AI-enhanced Reolink Ranger Pro LTE cameras to identify and track rodent activity. Cameras will be owned and operated by Extrasense Technologies and deployed at Boston Housing Authority (BHA) sites to monitor rodent presence around trash receptacles.

The cameras capture short, motion-triggered video clips focused solely on detecting rodent activity. Person detection and audio recording are disabled. Captured clips are securely transmitted to a U.S.-based cloud server for analysis.

The primary purpose is to assist the City of Boston and Boston Housing Authority in reducing rodent activity through improved monitoring and data-driven mitigation strategies. The cameras will not be used for personal, criminal, or law enforcement surveillance.

2. Authorized Use: What are the uses of this Surveillance Technology that are authorized, the rules and processes required before that use, and the uses that are prohibited?

The technology may only be used to detect, collect, and analyze rodent-related activity. Deployments must be limited to non-intrusive, low-foot-traffic public infrastructure zones. Any use for facial recognition, audio monitoring, law enforcement, or individual surveillance is expressly prohibited.

3. Data Collection: What Surveillance Data can be collected by the Surveillance Technology?

The rodent monitoring camera system captures short, motion-triggered video clips (maximum 15 seconds). Each camera is equipped with smart motion detection that can differentiate between people, vehicles, and other objects. In our deployment, the cameras are configured to exclude motion events triggered by people. This means the camera does not record video when it detects a person in the frame. Only motion events not associated with people (such as rodents or small animals) will trigger video capture. This approach prevents the recording of footage with

identifiable individuals by design. Footage that could be used to identify an individual will be deleted and not stored. Additionally no audio, facial recognition, or biometric data is collected.

Cameras will be placed on Boston Housing Authority sites, specifically around trash corrals to monitor rodent activity at dumpsters. The pilot duration will be several months in coordination with the City of Boston Mayor's Office and Boston Housing Authority.

4. Data Access: What individuals can access or use the collected Surveillance Data, and what are the rules and processes required before access or use of the information?

Only a limited number of credentialed Extrasense team members, those directly involved in system oversight and model refinement with secure login access can view and analyze the footage. Extrasense team members will not frequently review the footage however should have the ability to access the footage to document it for compliance. Boston Housing Authority officials from the Boston Rodent Action Plan participating in the pilot may be granted limited access for project review and insight.

5. Data Protection: What safeguards protect information from unauthorized access, including, but not limited to, encryption, access-control, and access-oversight mechanisms?

All footage is transmitted via FTPS (File Transfer Protocol Secure), which uses TLS (Transport Layer Security) to encrypt data during transmission. This ensures that no video data can be intercepted or read while being uploaded to our secure cloud storage. Data is stored exclusively in Google Cloud Storage (GCS). GCS encrypts data at rest by default using AES-256 encryption, one of the strongest available. Data is also encrypted in transit during upload, ensuring end-to-end security. As just described, person detection is done at the camera level, preventing footage with identifiable individuals from being recorded. Any additional filtering is algorithmic and targets non-rodent events to reduce noise in the dataset. No footage is stored on the local device (SD card disabled). Access to data is logged and monitored with two-factor authentication controls

6. Data Retention

- a. What time period, if any, will information collected by the Surveillance Technology be routinely retained?
 - b. Why is that retention period appropriate to further the purpose(s)?
 - c. What is the process by which the information is regularly deleted after that period has elapsed, and what conditions must be met to retain information beyond that period?
- Footage is retained for no more than 30 days

- Data is automatically deleted unless flagged for analysis
- No backups or archival storage is maintained

7. Public Access: How can collected Surveillance Data be accessed by members of the public, including criminal defendants?

Raw footage is not made available to the public as it is not created or received by public employees. Aggregated reports and heatmaps summarizing rodent activity may be shared for transparency and community benefit.

8. Information and Data-Sharing:

- a. How can other City or non-City entities access or use the Surveillance Data?**
- b. How is the information shared among City agencies or between City agencies and non-City entities and organizations?**
- c. What, if any, required justification and legal standard is necessary to do so, and what obligation(s) are imposed on the recipient of the Surveillance Data?**

Data is not shared with third parties unless explicitly authorized in writing by the Boston Housing Authority Administrator. Any data sharing among City agencies will require a data sharing agreement with Boston Housing Authority, and will only include aggregated reports of rodent activity, not Surveillance Data. No integration with private surveillance, commercial entities, or law enforcement occurs.

9. Training

- a. What training, if any, is required for any individual authorized to use the Surveillance Data or technology or to access information collected by the Surveillance Technology?**
- b. What are the training materials?**

Extrasense staff operating the system receive training on data minimization, privacy configurations, secure handling of data, and city-specific deployment requirements. Documentation is provided to the City.

10. Oversight: What mechanisms ensure that the Surveillance Use Policy is followed, including, but not limited to, identifying personnel assigned to ensure compliance with the policy, internal record keeping of the use of the technology or access to information collected by the Surveillance Technology, audit requirements or procedures, technical

measures to monitor for misuse, any independent person or entity with oversight authority, and sanctions for violations of the policy?

Audit logs of all system access and footage retrievals are maintained and can be reviewed by the City upon request. Extrasense welcomes regular privacy and impact reviews during the pilot period.

11. Legal Authority: What statutes, regulations, or legal precedents, if any, control the collection, capturing, recording, retaining, processing, interception, analysis, release, or disclosure of Surveillance Data and technology?

This deployment is governed by the City of Boston's Surveillance Ordinance and implemented in partnership with the Mayor's Office. The technology complies with applicable local, state, and federal privacy laws.

12. Child Rights: What are the special considerations specific to the Surveillance Technology and Surveillance Data pertaining to minor children?

Cameras will not be placed near schools, parks, playgrounds, or areas where minors are likely to gather. Any footage incidentally capturing minors is filtered and discarded.

This technology does not use, rely on, or produce data involving race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability status, or other protected characteristics. Use of the system shall not result in discriminatory outcomes, targeting, or enforcement.



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

August 25, 2025

Dear Councilors,

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

Docket #1356, Message and order in accordance with the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16.63 (“the Ordinance”), review and consideration the proposed Surveillance Use Policy for the Rodent Monitoring Camera System, submitted in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority.

This matter was sponsored by the Administration and was referred to the Committee on July 7, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #1356 is correspondence from the Administration, submitted in accordance with the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63 (“the Ordinance”), requesting the Council’s review and consideration of the proposed *Surveillance Use Policy for the Rodent Monitoring Camera System*, developed in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA). Under the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, city departments, including Boston Housing Authority must obtain City Council approval before acquiring or using new surveillance technology. A Surveillance Use Policy must clearly outline the purpose of the technology, authorized and prohibited uses, types of data collected, who can access the data, and safeguards for data protection, retention, and deletion. It must also address public and inter-agency data sharing, required training, oversight and compliance mechanisms, relevant legal authorities, and specific considerations for data involving minors.

Through this correspondence, the administration is proposing the use of *the Rodent Monitoring Camera System* which would involve deploying the Rodent Monitoring Camera System to detect and track rodent activity around trash receptacles at BHA sites in support of targeted pest control. The system uses AI-enhanced cameras owned and operated by Extrasense Technologies, and captures short, motion-triggered clips of rodents. These clips are securely transmitted for analysis, with the goal of helping the City of Boston and BHA improve public health, sanitation, and operational efficiency through data-driven mitigation strategies.

The Council must vote to approve or deny the policy within 60 days of submission by simple majority. If not approved, the policy is referred to the Surveillance Oversight Advisory Board for recommendations to the Mayor, who may choose to submit a revised policy to the Council for reconsideration.

Information Received at Hearings

The Committee held two hearings on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, and Tuesday, August 19, 2025. The panelists included Luke Hines, Special Projects Manager, Mayor’s Office of the Operations Cabinet; John Ulrich, Assistant Commissioner, ISD; and Kenzie Bok, Administrator, BHA.



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Mr. Hines outlined the Rodent Monitoring Camera System, to be deployed at Boston Housing Authority sites, which uses AI-enhanced cameras to detect rodent activity near trash receptacles. The system supports targeted pest mitigation, public health, and sanitation while maintaining strong privacy protections. As part of the City of Boston Rodent Action Plan (BRAP), the Extra Sense Motion Camera pilot will be first deployed at the Ruth Barkley Housing Development in the South End. Mr. Hines also highlighted other tools, including 275 micromotion sensors in bait boxes, rodent-resistant barrels, and sewer traps in the North End, with planned expansion to the South End and Chinatown.

Mr. Hines and Administrator Bok explained that the cameras monitor only rodent activity in low-foot-traffic areas, do not record audio, collect biometric or personally identifiable data, and automatically delete any footage that could identify a person. They stated that irrelevant footage is deleted after 15 minutes, and recordings are retained for a maximum of 30 days. Access is limited to credentialed Extrasense staff and select BHA personnel, with encrypted, logged, and two-factor authenticated storage. Aggregated reports and heatmaps may be shared for transparency, but raw footage is not publicly accessible and is not shared with law enforcement or private entities. Staff receive training on privacy, data minimization, and secure handling, and audit logs ensure oversight. They also mentioned that cameras are not placed near schools or areas with minors, and the system does not target protected characteristics or discriminate.

It was explained that the system is designed to complement ongoing community engagement educating residents on proper trash storage and sanitation. Committee members asked about citywide implementation, AI functionality, and data privacy; officials clarified that the system does not capture conversations and data is not shared with BRIC. Administrator Bok noted the cameras may also detect illegal dumping and highlighted the use of Burrow RX with ISD to apply carbon monoxide in rat burrows. Councilors recommended same-day trash pickup, particularly for commercial areas, to further reduce rodent activity.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

Docket #1356 presents a practical and well-considered use of technology to address a clear public health need. Rodent activity is a persistent challenge in many neighborhoods, particularly in areas managed by the Boston Housing Authority, and the proposed Rodent Monitoring Camera System provides a targeted, data-driven response. The Administration and BHA have demonstrated that this system is designed with privacy in mind, avoiding collection of personally identifiable information, limiting access to authorized personnel, and ensuring rapid deletion of irrelevant footage. It also complements ongoing community engagement efforts to improve sanitation and trash management. This approach will enhance pest control, support public health, and maintain strong privacy safeguards. As Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Henry A. Santana

Henry A. Santana, Chair
Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice

June 5, 2025

City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune
President
Boston City Council
One City Hall Plaza
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RE: Boston Police Department
"Social Media Analysis Tools"

Dear Council President Louijeune:

Pursuant to Section 16-63.3(b)(3) of the City of Boston Municipal Code (Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing), I am writing to report the Boston Police Department's use of three "Social Media Analysis Tools." Additionally, attached please find the "Surveillance Use Policy" questionnaire and the relevant Department policies that govern the use of these tools.

Like all Department resources, including all Software and Databases, these analysis tools are used only for valid law enforcement purposes. Specifically, "Social Media Analysis Tools" are used to gather timely information in furtherance of preventing criminal activity, to support criminal investigations and intelligence development (including suspected terrorist related activity), and to identify and evaluate current emerging threats.

Use of these tools is subject to legal oversight and guidance and in accordance with the United States Constitution, Massachusetts Declaration of Rights, all applicable federal and state laws and case law, all local ordinances, BPD policies and procedures and the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Protection Policy.

From January 2023 to date, the Department has utilized the following "Social Media Analysis Tools" as described above:

1. "SourceFeed" and "Search Feed" Databases

In May 2023, the Department accessed "SourceFeed" and "SearchFeed" Databases maintained by SITE Intelligence Group (SITE) for a short trial period, under exigent circumstances. Beginning in February 2025, the Department has access to SITE Intel Group SourceFeed - Global Jihadist Threat and SITE Intel Group SearchFeed. These databases are used by a small number of personnel assigned to the Counterterrorism and Threat Assessment Section in the BRIC, with supervisor oversight and legal guidance, to detect and review online threats.

SITE provides access to searchable databases that contain content from online forums utilized by domestic violent extremists (DVEs), foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs), and those inspired by FTOs. Within the current threat environment, key focus areas include the DVE sub-categories of racially or ethnically motivated violent extremism (RMVE) and anti-government or anti-authority violent extremism (AGAAVE), as well as the FTO sub-category of global jihad-inspired violent extremism. SITE's methodology of targeted collection through the use of human experts ensures that content within online forums is not indiscriminately collected and confirms that the content contains violent rhetoric or is associated with these extremist or terrorist groups.

To date, use of this tool has aided the BRIC's analysis and investigative activity in several ways. On a daily basis, it has provided additional context and leads in counterterrorism investigations into foreign terrorist organizations, including translation capabilities, access to specific content in non-searchable platforms and often changing group discussion boards, and the ability to filter international content to those with a more direct nexus to the New England area and Boston specifically. Awareness of this content allows adjustment of the Department's security posture to protect the City more effectively.

Specifically, the tool assisted with the investigation of threats to local elected leadership that resulted in the recovery of dozens of firearms and a significant amount of ammunition, and provided context to analysis of locally active RMVE groups, including the identification of a newly formed group. Additionally, the tool aided in identifying an attempt to dox an individual affiliated with a local religious group, which was then followed up on to ensure the safety of the individual and religious group.

2. Chorus Intelligence Suite

Beginning in October 2024, the Department utilized Chorus Intelligence Suite (CIS) under exigent circumstances for approximately 30 days. In the weeks leading up to the November 2024 National Elections, the threat environment nationally and in Boston necessitated the exigent use of this tool. The Department in good faith reasonably believed that the volume of online content related to election events would be high during this period, requiring efficient review of threat information that could impact the Boston Metro Area beyond existing personnel resources.

Beginning in February 2025, the Department has access to the Chorus Intelligence Suite. Use is limited to a small group of personnel in the BRIC, with supervisor oversight and legal guidance.

Chorus Intelligence Suite consists of tools and capabilities for gathering data from open source (i.e., publicly available) data sources coupled with capabilities to analyze the data. CIS provided analysts the ability to locate an individual's open source social media profiles by searching based on name, phone number or a social media handle. This tool is limited to open source, publicly available information.

Use of this tool thus far has aided investigations into violent groups, sexual assault and human trafficking related criminal activity, including the identification of leads related to suspects engaged in this activity.

3. Tangles

Beginning in October 2024, the Department also utilized Tangles, maintained by PenLink, under exigent circumstances as described above for approximately 30 days.

This tool was utilized by a small group of personnel from the BRIC, with supervisor oversight and legal guidance, for workups of individuals involved in criminal investigations. Tangles provided analysts the ability to locate an individual's open source social media profiles by searching based on name, phone number or a social media handle.

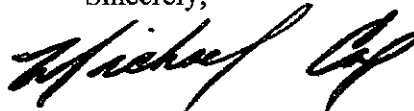
The Department does not currently have access to this tool.

Conclusion

"Social Media Analysis Tools," like those described above, are necessary tools for law enforcement to detect, prevent, and investigate criminal activity. These tools improve personnel efficiency and increase analytic accuracy when reviewing these large datasets, while also protecting individuals' privacy, civil rights and civil liberties.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Cox", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael A. Cox
Police Commissioner

Department: Boston Police Department
Submitted by: Boston Police Department
Date: June 4, 2025

Technology: Social Media Analysis Tools

1. Purpose: What is the purpose of this Technology?

The Boston Police Department utilizes “social media analysis tools” to identify potential criminal threats to public safety, including threats of mass violence, and to gain situational awareness of developments within online forums utilized by various types of criminal actors, domestic violent extremists (DVEs), foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs), and those inspired by FTOs. Social media analysis tools are also used in furtherance of criminal investigations by providing an efficient and comprehensive means to locate an individual’s public online presences.

These tools improve personnel efficiency and increase analytic accuracy when reviewing these large datasets, while also protecting individuals’ privacy, civil rights and civil liberties.

The Boston Police Department strives to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity and is committed to building and strengthening trust with all members of the community. *See* BPD Rule 113 (Public Integrity Policy) and BPD Rule 113A (Bias-Free Policing Policy). All members of the Boston Police Department (sworn and civilian) are committed to providing services and enforcing laws in a professional, nondiscriminatory, fair, and equitable manner. The Boston Police Department is committed to bias-free policing. BPD Rule 113A (Bias-Free Policing Policy).

The Department has access to the following social media analysis tools:

- **SITE Intel Group SourceFeed - Global Jihadist Threat and SITE Intel Group SearchFeed**
- **Chorus Intelligence Suite**

2. Authorized Use: What are the uses of this Technology that are authorized, the rules and processes required before that use, and the uses that are prohibited?

Use of these tools, like all Department software and databases, shall be limited to users authorized by the Department to access these tools in the course and scope of their employment to support the administrative and investigatory functions of the Department.

All authorized users must have a valid law enforcement, public safety, or administrative purpose for using software and interacting with data in a database accessible to the Department. Valid law enforcement purposes, include, but are not limited to leadership

situational awareness, enhanced officer awareness, suspect identification, witness and victim identification, investigative support, and resource deployment.

All authorized users are required to complete and agree to the BPD Data Use Agreement prior to accessing any database maintained by the Department. Use is further governed by and subject to the BRIC Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Protection Policy.

3. Data Collection: What Data can be collected by the Technology?

SITE: SITE provides access to searchable databases that contain content from online forums utilized by domestic violent extremists (DVEs), foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs), and those inspired by FTOs. Within the current threat environment, key focus areas include the DVE sub-categories of racially or ethnically motivated violent extremism (RMVE) and anti-government or anti-authority violent extremism (AGAAVE), as well as the FTO sub-category of global jihad-inspired violent extremism. SITE's methodology of targeted collection means that collected content has been confirmed by human experts to contain violent rhetoric or is associated with these extremist or terrorist groups, and online forums are not indiscriminately collected.

Chorus: Chorus Intelligence Suite (CIS) consists of tools and capabilities for gathering data from open source data sources coupled with capabilities to analyze the data. CIS provided analysts the ability to locate an individual's open source social media profiles by searching based on name, phone number, or a social media handle. This tool is limited to open source, publicly available information.

4. Data Access: What individuals can access or use the collected Data, and what are the rules and processes required before access or use of the information?

Use of the application(s) shall be limited to users authorized by the Department to use the tools in the course and scope of their employment to support the administrative and investigatory functions of the Department. *See also* BPD Rule 322 (Department Property).

Use of SITE and Chorus is limited to a small group of personnel in the BRIC in the Criminal Intelligence and Counterterrorism and Threat Assessment Sections. Each tool is used under close legal guidance and oversight by supervisory personnel. Use of the tool is also reviewed monthly by the BRIC Privacy Committee.

All authorized users must have a valid law enforcement or public safety purpose for using the tools and interacting with data in a database maintained by or accessible to the Department. All authorized users are required to complete and agree to the BPD Data Use Agreement prior to accessing any BPD database. Use is further governed by and subject to the BRIC Privacy Policy.

Information will be accessed and analyzed only to:

- Further crime prevention (including terrorism), law enforcement, public safety, force deployment, or prosecution objectives and priorities established by the Department.
- Provide tactical and/or strategic intelligence on the existence, identification, and capability of individuals and organizations suspected of having engaged in or engaging in criminal (including terrorist) activities.

The Department will not seek or retain information about individuals or organizations solely on the basis of their religious, political, or social views or activities; their participation in a particular noncriminal organization or lawful event; or their races, ethnicities, citizenship, national origin, ages, disabilities, genders, gender identities, or sexual orientations.

5. Data Protection: What safeguards protect information from unauthorized access, including, but not limited to, encryption, access-control, and access-oversight mechanisms?

BPD personnel must abide by security terms and conditions associated with all computer systems of the BPD, including those governing user passwords and logon procedures. BPD personnel must maintain confidentiality of information accessed, created, received, disclosed or otherwise maintained during the course of duty and may only disclose information to others, including other members of the BPD, only as required in the execution of lawful duty.

BPD personnel are responsible for preventing third parties unauthorized access to information. Failure to adhere to the Department's Data Use Agreement may subject BPD personnel to disciplinary and/or criminal action. BPD personnel must confirm the identity and affiliation of individuals requesting information from the BPD and determine that the release of information is lawful prior to disclosure. Unauthorized access of any system will subject employees to administrative and potentially criminal penalties.

BPD personnel using these tools will be subject to regular audits to ensure compliance with all policies and procedures.

6. Data Retention:

- What time period, if any, will information collected by the Technology be routinely retained?**
- Why is that retention period appropriate to further the purpose(s)?**
- What is the process by which the information is regularly deleted after that period has elapsed, and what conditions must be met to retain information beyond that period?**

Authorized users will review the data and information within the tools and determine whether and what action is required, if any, including whether and what documentation and data should be retained and stored within an appropriate BPD database(s).

Data within BPD-maintained databases is retained in accordance with the Massachusetts Statewide Records Retention Schedule (Revised May 2022) (the “Schedule”) and BPD Rule 322A (Retention and Destruction of Records and Materials).

Data within BRIC-managed databases is further subject to the retention policy in the BRIC Privacy Policy, Section M (Information Retention and Destruction). In particular, the BRIC will review all applicable information for record retention (validation or purge) at least every five (5) years, as provided by 28 C.F.R. Part 23 (Criminal Intelligence Systems Operating Policies). The BRIC conducts quarterly reviews and ongoing maintenance to validate or purge information.

Each database is subject to relevant data retention policies. Any information related to a crime or an investigation of criminal activity must be maintained in accordance with the Schedule and preserved so it can be made available for discovery during the pendency of the case and any subsequent appeals as required of all public agencies in the Schedule.

7. Public Access: How can collected Data be accessed by members of the public, including criminal defendants?

All public records requests will be responded to in accordance with Mass. General Laws ch. 66, and all other applicable laws and regulations. *See also* BPD Rule 307 (Security of Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) and the Public Record Law (PRL)).

All media requests will be directed to the Office of Media Relations and handled in accordance with BPD Rule 300 (Office of Media Relations – Release of Official Information).

Criminal defendants receive data which is relevant and/or exculpatory to their case through the District Attorney’s Office, Attorney General’s Office, or United States Attorney’s Office pursuant to the rules of discovery, including, but not limited to, Fed. R. Crim. P. 16 and Mass. R. Crim. P. 14, and in accordance with federal and state case law. Additionally, criminal defendants may seek a subpoena or other court order to request the production of specific data pursuant to the rules of criminal procedure, including, but not limited to, Fed. R. Crim. P. 17 and Mass. R. Crim. P. 17.

8. Information and Data-Sharing:

- a. How can other City or non-City entities access or use the Data?**
- b. How is the information shared among City agencies or between City agencies and non-City entities and organizations?**
- c. What, if any, required justification and legal standard is necessary to do so, and what obligation(s) are imposed on the recipient of the Data?**

When necessary, the Department may issue notification(s) to law enforcement and public safety partner agencies based on threat or other information developed from these tools. Any notification would be consistent with standard practice for similar types of information received.

All requests made from other law enforcement agencies are handled in accordance with all relevant federal and state laws, BPD rules and regulations, including, but not limited to Special Order 21-46 (Outside Agency Notification), and local ordinances including, but not limited to, Chapter 11-1.9 of the City of Boston Municipal Code (Boston Trust Act).

9. Training:

- a. What training, if any, is required for any individual authorized to use the Data or technology or to access information collected by the Technology?**
- b. What are the training materials?**

Authorized users receive training and instruction provided by the developers of the applications on the operation of the applications before access is permitted. Authorized users receive ongoing guidance and are subject to oversight by supervisor(s) and legal counsel.

Generally, regarding Department software and databases, authorized users receive training before gaining access to software and databases. The type and manner of training varies based on the complexity and nature of the software, the type and sensitivity of the data and records, and the users' role and responsibility within or relationship to the Department. Training includes, but is not limited to, Boston Police Academy training on report writing and record management system use, training on CORI and CJIS laws and rules, training on Bias-Free Policing and Implicit Bias training. Officers also receive training in the constitutionality of police interactions to reduce the effects of implicit bias and more effectively serve the diverse communities they represent. See Special Order 21-25 (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Policy).

Additionally, all BRIC personnel are trained at least annually on the BRIC Privacy Policy and 28 C.F.R. Part 23, as well as all other relevant BRIC policies and standard operating procedures.

10. Oversight: What mechanisms ensure that the Technology Use Policy is followed, including, but not limited to, identifying personnel assigned to ensure compliance with the policy, internal record keeping of the use of the technology or access to information collected by the Technology, audit requirements or procedures, technical measures to monitor for misuse, any independent person or entity with oversight authority, and sanctions for violations of the policy?

The Department will ensure use of social media analysis tools is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. When software or databases have embedded audit features, the Department shall conduct audits as it deems necessary to ensure appropriate use. Each tool is used under close legal guidance and oversight by supervisory personnel. Use of the tool is also reviewed monthly by the BRIC Privacy Committee.

If an Authorized User is found to be in noncompliance with the provisions of the Privacy Policy regarding the gathering, collection, use, retention, destruction, sharing, classification, or disclosure of information, the Bureau Chief of the Boston Police Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Analysis and/or the Director of the BRIC may:

- Suspend or discontinue access to information by the center personnel, the participating agency, or the Authorized User.
- Apply administrative and/or legal actions or sanctions as consistent with Department rules and regulations or applicable law.
- If the Authorized User is from an agency external to the agency/center, request that the relevant agency, organization, contractor, or service provider employing the user initiate proceedings to discipline the user or enforce the policy's provisions.

Additional details regarding accountability and enforcement are available in the BRIC Privacy Policy, Section N (Accountability and Enforcement).

Compliance with all BPD Policies, Procedures, Rules, SOPs, and Special Orders is monitored by the Bureau of Professional Standards. See BPD Rule 102 (The Conduct and General Responsibilities of Department Personnel) and BPD Rule 109 (Discipline Procedure).

11. Legal Authority: What statutes, regulations, or legal precedents, if any, control the collection, capturing, recording, retaining, processing, interception, analysis, release, or disclosure of Data and technology?

All Boston Police Department use of software and access to databases and data contained therein shall be in accordance with the United States Constitution, Massachusetts Declaration of Rights, all applicable federal and state laws and case law, all local ordinances, and all Department Policies, Procedures, Rules, SOPs, and Special Orders.

12. Child Rights: What are the special considerations specific to the Technology and Data pertaining to minor children?

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Attachments:

- Surveillance Technology: Software and Databases, dated August 7, 2022 (without attachments)
- Boston Police Department Data Use Agreement
- BRIC Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Protection Policy (2024)

DATA USE AGREEMENT

New Hire ☒ Intern ☐ Contractor ☐ Special Officer ☐ Other (Describe below) ☐ Renewal ☐

This Agreement is entered into effective as of _____ between the Boston Police Department ("Department") and _____ ("Recipient").

As a condition to and in consideration of the Department's allowing access to confidential information within the Boston Police Department Network, as well as BPD Record Management System ("RMS") to Recipient, Recipient agrees to the restrictions and undertakings contained in this Agreement.

Recipient hereby acknowledges that he/she is employed by _____, an organization to which he/she is in good standing. Recipient agrees (1) not to disclose any information that can be accessed when logged into any Boston Police Department system/RMS, with the exception of information contained in incident reports authored by the Recipient, unless for legitimate law enforcement purposes; (2) to identify himself/herself within the narrative of authored incident reports; (3) not to view or access information which he/she has not been granted access and to immediately notify the Department in the event of any unauthorized or improper use or disclosure of the information contained within any BPD system/RMS; and (4) to renew this Agreement with the Department annually.

Recipient hereby acknowledges that unauthorized disclosure or use of confidential information could cause irreparable harm and significant injury, which may be difficult to ascertain. Accordingly, Recipient agrees that the Department shall have the right to seek and obtain immediate injunctive relief from breaches of this Agreement, in addition to any other rights and remedies it may have.

This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, except that confidential information available within any BPD system/RMS and the rights and obligations under this Agreement may not be assigned by Recipient without prior written consent of the Department. This document contains the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and may not be amended, nor any obligation waived, except by a writing signed by both parties hereto. Any failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Massachusetts and the parties hereto agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Massachusetts any disputes arising out of the subject matter.

UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED:

Recipient Signature:

Date:

Name:

Telephone Number

Company:

Email Address

BPD Sponsor Name

BPD Sponsor Signature

BPD Sponsor Phone #

Approved ☒

Denied ☐

Reason _____

BPD Technology Services Signature

Date.

DATA USE AGREEMENT

INTERNS ONLY

Below indicate the dates of internship. Your access will be terminated upon internship end date. Any change of date must be approved by a supervisor and the appropriate parties must be notified in order to maintain access.

Start Date _____

End Date _____

Check the application(s) you request access to and the reason for the access. Some applications will require additional training and/or certification before access can be granted.

Application Name	Reason for Access	Additional Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> CAD/NetViewer		CJIS Certification
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark43		Mark43 Report Writing Training
<input type="checkbox"/> Booking Applications		CJIS Certification
<input type="checkbox"/> CJISweb		CJIS Certification / NexTEST
<input type="checkbox"/> Gateway Applications (Please Describe)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Describe)		

All persons who may have physical or logical access to Criminal Justice Information (CJI) must complete Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) security awareness training and pass the Level 4 CJISonline exam. Any person needing direct access to a CJIS terminal must complete CJIS training at the Boston Police Academy and pass the CJIS nexTEST exam for CJIS credentials. CJIS training will be coordinated by ISG when required.



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

August 25, 2025

Dear Councilors,

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

Docket #1357 Message and order in accordance with the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63.3(b)(3), I hereby transmit for your review the Boston Police Department’s report on three “Social Media Analysis Tools”, the Surveillance Use Policy, questionnaire, and the relevant Department policies that govern the use of these tools.

This matter was sponsored by the Administration and was referred to the Committee on July 7, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #1357 is a communication from Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox submitting Surveillance Use Policies based on the Boston Police Department’s use of three social media analysis tools, “Sourcefeed” “Chorus” and “Tangles”. The Council must vote to approve or deny the policy within 60 days of submission by simple majority. If not approved, the policy is referred to the Surveillance Oversight Advisory Board for recommendations to the Mayor, who may choose to submit a revised policy to the Council for reconsideration.

A Surveillance Use Policy must clearly outline the purpose of the technology, authorized and prohibited uses, types of data collected, who can access the data, and safeguards for data protection, retention, and deletion. It must also address public and inter-agency data sharing, required training, oversight and compliance mechanisms, relevant legal authorities, and specific considerations for data involving minors. Along with the submission of a Surveillance Use Policy for each of the social media analysis tools, Commissioner Cox submitted a Surveillance Technology Impact Report that included information about each technology, how they work, their intended purpose, and the type of surveillance and data they collect.

In May 2023, the Boston Police Department (BPD) accessed the “*Sourcefeed and Searchfeed*” databases on a trial basis, citing exigent circumstances. They stated that these databases are used by a limited team in BRIC’s Counterterrorism and Threat Assessment Section under supervisory and legal oversight to detect and review online threats. The tools have provided context, leads, and translation capabilities in counterterrorism investigations, filtered international content relevant to Boston and New England, and helped the Department adjust security measures. BPD utilizes these tools to improve efficiency and increase analytical accuracy when reviewing large datasets.

In early October 2024, BPD utilized the *Chorus Intelligence Suite* (CIS) citing exigent circumstances for approximately 30 days. The Commissioner stated that in the weeks leading up to the November 2024 National Elections, heightened threats nationally and locally necessitated the urgent use of this tool. BPD believed that the volume of online content related to election events would exceed existing personnel



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resources, requiring efficient review of threat information that could affect the Boston Metro Area. Since February 2025, the Department has maintained access to CIS, restricted to a small group of personnel in BRIC under supervisor oversight and legal guidance. The suite gathers and analyzes data from publicly available sources, enabling analysts to locate open-source social media profiles using a name, phone number, or social media handle.

Beginning in October 2024, the Department also utilized *Tangles*, citing exigent circumstances for approximately 30 days. The tool was used by a small group of BRIC personnel under supervisor oversight and legal guidance to support investigations involving individuals in ongoing criminal cases. *Tangles* enabled analysts to locate open-source social media profiles using a person's name, phone number, or social media handle. BPD stated that they are no longer accessing this tool.

Through the use of “*SourceFeed*” and “*CIS*”, BPD stated they protect information through strict access controls, confidentiality rules, and oversight mechanisms. Personnel must follow password and log-in procedures, maintain confidentiality, and only disclose information when lawfully required. Unauthorized access or disclosure is prohibited and may result in disciplinary or criminal penalties. All requests for information must be verified to ensure lawful release, and personnel are responsible for preventing third-party access. Use of social media analysis tools and databases is closely monitored through audits, supervisor review, and monthly oversight by the BRIC Privacy Committee.

Data retention follows the Massachusetts Statewide Records Retention Schedule, BPD Rule 322A, and BRIC's Privacy Policy. Information is reviewed regularly, with BRIC conducting quarterly validations and a full review at least every five years. Records connected to criminal cases must be preserved through trial and appeals for discovery purposes. Public access to information is managed under Massachusetts public records law, with media requests handled by the BPD Media Relations Office and criminal defendants gaining access through discovery rules, subpoenas, or court orders.

Information sharing with other agencies is limited to circumstances permitted by law, BPD rules, and the Boston Trust Act. Requests from outside law enforcement agencies follow strict procedures and oversight. Authorized users receive comprehensive training before access.

Information Received at Hearings

The Committee held two hearings, on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, and Tuesday, August 19, 2025. At the hearings, the Administration was represented by Boston Police Department (BPD) Deputy Superintendent Gerald Cahill; and Ryan Walsh, Director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Analysis at the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC). Community panels included representatives from the Technology for Liberty Program at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Digital Fourth, and the Muslim Justice League.

Ryan Walsh, Director of BRIC, outlined the Department's mission as the region's intelligence hub, emphasizing its role in collecting and sharing information. He explained that BRIC uses analytic tools to process open-source data, particularly from social media, which has become a growing source of threats. He stated that over the past four years, BRIC reviewed more than 200 threats annually, with one-third of 2025 reports involving social media. Walsh stressed the importance of advanced technology, citing cases



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where these tools aided in counterterrorism, human trafficking, sexual assault, fugitive tracking, and missing persons cases.

Director Walsh described the BRIC’s exigent use of three social media analysis tools beginning in October 2024 amid heightened threats during the national election. Two applications—Chorus Intelligence and Site Intelligence’s Sourcefeed/Searchfeed—were identified as most effective. Walsh acknowledged delays in notifying the Council as required under the Surveillance Ordinance and apologized, pledging to improve future compliance. Committee members raised concerns about privacy, immigration-related information sharing, and potential overreach under exigent circumstances. Officials clarified that the tools rely on publicly available data, are primarily used for counterterrorism (95% for Sourcefeed/Searchfeed; 35% for Chorus), and do not employ artificial intelligence.

Community panelists questioned BPD’s reliance on “exigent circumstances” to deploy surveillance without Council approval, arguing it violates the Ordinance and risks becoming indefinite. They warned that social media monitoring threatens constitutional rights and may be misinterpreted due to lack of cultural competency. Panelists urged clarifying exigent-use limits, tightening reporting requirements, and granting Council revocation authority. They raised concerns about BPD bypassing the City Council for approval, particularly given patterns of bias affecting the Muslim community. Councilors asked the panelists questions regarding the implications of BPD’s use of social media monitoring products. They cautioned against the implicit bias these programs may carry against certain racial and political groups.

The Committee discussed concerns that delayed reporting and unclear application of exigent circumstances could erode public trust. Discussion highlighted the need to clarify or amend the exigent circumstances provision to prevent indefinite use, and questions were raised about the proportion of tool use for counterterrorism versus traditional criminal activity. Public testimony was heard addressing concerns regarding privacy, overreach and data sharing.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

Docket #1357 addresses sensitive and complex issues regarding the Boston Police Department’s use of social media analysis tools. Testimony made clear that these tools have supported urgent public safety needs, particularly during periods of heightened threat, such as national election security. At the same time, valid concerns have been raised about timeliness of Council notification, the use of “exigent circumstances” to justify deployments, and the need for clear limits on surveillance authority. Community advocates have emphasized risks to privacy, civil liberties, and the potential for bias. Despite these concerns, the Surveillance Use Policies, oversight mechanisms, and commitments to improve reporting provide a pathway to maintain safety while reinforcing accountability. Approving this docket allows for continued Council oversight and provides an opportunity to refine the Ordinance to address exigent-use provisions more explicitly in the future. As Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Henry A. Santana

Henry A. Santana, Chair
Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia, Breadon, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Weber, Worrell and Louijeune



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NOMINATING PANEL AND THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT PROCESS

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston devotes public resources, including staff time, administrative support, and communications, to the process of appointing school committee members; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Nominating Panel for appointment of school committee, in coordination with the Mayor, conducts outreach, reviews applications, holds interviews, and prepares a list of nominees, all of which require the use of City funds and personnel; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Recent vacancies highlight the need to understand how expenditures related to this process are allocated, managed, and tracked to ensure efficient use of public resources; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Questions remain about whether the current process provides sufficient transparency and measurable outcomes to justify the expenditures made in its implementation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A post-audit review of past school committee appointment processes could clarify the costs involved, evaluate whether funds have been effectively spent, and identify opportunities to strengthen accountability and oversight moving forward; **THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review and evaluate the expenditures associated with past School Committee appointment processes, including staffing, outreach, application review, and interview administration, and to examine whether adjustments are needed to ensure transparency, accountability, and the efficient use of public funds in future appointments. Representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Budget Department, the Law Department, BPS Nominating Panel, and all interested individuals shall be invited to testify.

Filed in Council: August 6, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PUBLIC AUTHORITY-ORDERED TOWING PRACTICES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,* The Transportation Oversight Division of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) monitors and regulates the rates and practices of common carriers used to transport passengers and property, including trucks, railways, buses, household moving companies, and towing companies; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Pursuant to G.L. c. 159B, § 6B, the Department has jurisdiction over certain tow company charges such as maximum tow rates and fees associated with “involuntary towing” of motor vehicles, which include police-ordered towing, public authority-ordered towing, and trespass towing; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Police or public authority-ordered tows often occur after an accident on a public way, during a snow emergency, street cleaning, or when a stolen vehicle is recovered; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Trespass towing generally refers to a contractual arrangement between a property owner and a licensed tow company to remove unauthorized vehicles, and property owners may hire a company to monitor a property and conduct trespass tows; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The DPU does not have jurisdiction to regulate the terms of the contracts between property owners and tow companies or the rates associated with voluntary tows; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Several departments, including the Boston Transportation, Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments, and individual school sites, separately procure towing services, whether for vehicles in the City fleet, street sweeping enforcement, evidentiary purposes, heavy duty, off-hour emergencies, or for the disposal of motor vehicles declared abandoned; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Parking and towing policies are inconsistent across school facilities, both for faculty and staff during the school day and for neighborhood residents parking after school and overnight, and information about contracted towers are not always posted; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The City of Boston can establish the description of services and specifications for the multi-year contracts awarded to licensed tow operators as qualified vendors conducting public authority-ordered towing; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- ORDERED:* That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss public authority-ordered towing practices in the City of Boston, and that representatives of City departments, Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MASSPIRG), Statewide Towing Association, consumers, licensed tow operators, and interested members of the public be invited to attend.

Filed on: February 26, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL, RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, BREADON,
COLETTA ZAPATA, DURKAN, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, MEJIA, MURPHY, PEPÉN,
SANTANA AND WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO BRING A HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY SATELLITE CAMPUS TO BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Boston led the way in Black education, when the Abiel Smith School was opened in 1835 as the first public school for Black children, the conditions of which later led to the desegregation of the city's school system in 1855; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The student population of Boston's John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics is 30 percent of Black students, a higher percentage than districtwide Black students, and the school routinely ranks among the best in the state; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston is home to more than two dozen colleges and universities, and more than a dozen other schools are in neighboring towns, and more than 150,000 graduate and undergraduate students living in Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Among those schools in Boston and its nearby cities and towns are some of the country's finest colleges and universities, including Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston College, Boston University, Tufts University and Northeastern University; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Graduates from those schools replenish our Boston's workforce every year, providing an infusion of new talent, ideas, and backgrounds that help shape our city's composition; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Many Boston college alumni put down roots in the Greater Boston area, thereby influencing policy, demographics, and culture in the region; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There are more than 100 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the country, with the vast majority of them located in Southern states as a response to Jim Crow laws; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The need for more culturally sensitive schools, such as HBCUs, has grown in the past decade based upon court rulings and the actions of the current federal administration; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Despite being a college town, Boston has no Historically Black College and Universities and no satellite campuses; *and*

- WHEREAS,** The future of Black Bostonians is in doubt as in recent years, more Black families have purchased homes in nearby Brockton (population 104,000) than Boston (population 653,000); *and*
- WHEREAS,** Black Bostonians in Boston Public Schools currently graduate high school, complete MassCore, and complete advanced course work all at a lower rate than their district peers; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There are various organizations and events in Boston that help cultivate HBCU alumni, including the Building Bridges HBCU Program, the Boston HBCU Alumni Network, the Eastern Area of the Links and the Greater Boston National Pan-Hellenic Council, as well as HBCU tours and pathways from My Brother's Keeper and Journey to HBCUs; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston has previously been close to hosting a satellite campus of an HBCU, with a plan for a satellite campus of Pensole Lewis College of Business & Design proposed earlier this decade; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The establishment of an HBCU presence in Boston would expand higher education opportunities for students and adults; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston's pipeline of Black alumni putting down roots in the city would be strengthened through the location of a satellite campus of an HBCU in Boston or Greater Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The establishment of an HBCU presence in Boston would not only expand higher education opportunities for students and adults but also serve as a powerful symbol of progress, partnership, and civic investment in excellence and leadership in education; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Although Boston has many diverse colleges and universities, the location of an HBCU in the city would not only create a magnet for Black students to attend and later settle in the area, but it would also send a message that the city, once marred by the busing battles of the 1970s has moved forward to a new era. It would also help improve the outcomes for current Black students in BPS by providing role models and evidence of a tangible pathway to success; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on how the city can attract and support a satellite campus of a Historically Black College and University, and that the appropriate representatives of Black Male Advancement, Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, and Planning, and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: June 23, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL, RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, BREADON,
COLETTA ZAPATA, DURKAN, FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, FLYNN,
MURPHY, MEJIA, PEPÉN, SANTANA AND WEBER



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- WHEREAS,** Although HBCUs make up just 3% of U.S. colleges, they produce 40 percent of all Black engineers, 40 percent of Black members of Congress, 50 percent of Black lawyers and doctors, and 70 percent of Black dentists; *and*

- WHEREAS,** Despite being a college town and being home to Roxbury Community College, a Predominantly Black Institution, Boston has no Historically Black College and Universities and no satellite campuses; *and*
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Filed on: June 23, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN AND BENJAMIN WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF BOSTON AND DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE FUNDING CUTS

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston receives hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal government, which fund infrastructure projects, public services, and grant programs that allow Boston to bridge gaps of opportunity, provide equitable services, and lead as an example of positive social change; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston metro area produces a GDP of \$500 billion, making our region an important center of commerce and talent that deserves its fair share of federal funds to insure the area can continue to be a good place to do business and to live; *and*
- WHEREAS,** During his second presidential term, President Trump and his administration have made several threats to withhold federal funding from states and cities that do not participate in the administration's agenda of mass deportation and detention of immigrants without due process, transphobia, rejection of science and education, and further enrichment of the upper class; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Border Czar Tom Homan has personally called for "Hell" to be brought to Boston and threatened to prosecute and/or arrest critics and challengers of the administration's actions which have contested legality; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston has historically stood on the edge of social progress, worked to overcome the negative parts of our history, and invest in remedying social ills, cultivating a culture and population that spawned many demonstrations of disapproval toward the administration; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The administration's current focus on Boston and the continued resolve of our residents to push back against the injustices of the presidential administration make it clear that the back-and-forth between the City of Boston and the federal government over federal dollars has only just begun; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is imperative that the City Council is fully aware of the dollars at stake so we can take steps to ensure that the City of Boston can sustain itself during these trying times; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on federal funds received by Boston. Experts on city finances, administration officials, and community members will be invited to testify.

Filed on: August 27th, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ED FLYNN & ERIN MURPHY

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS APPROPRIATE USES OF BOSTON 311 AND 9-1-1 EMERGENCY

- WHEREAS:** With deteriorating conditions at Mass and Cass, the opioid crisis continuing to impact neighborhoods across the city, and other various quality of life issues in our communities, such as noise disturbances at all hours - residents have called attention to the oftentimes blurred line of when it is appropriate to contact Boston 311 and when to call 9-1-1, traditionally reserved for emergencies; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Boston 311 is the city's non-emergency information and service line. Boston 311 addresses various quality of life concerns, including broken sidewalks, overflowing trash, damaged signs, and potholes. The service also provides information such as neighborhood trash days, scheduling mattress pickup, and back to school information; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Additionally, Boston 311 has a "health hazards" category when entering a service request, which includes issues like encampments and needle pickup. When residents come across an encampment or discarded needles, they may be in a situation that requires them to call 9-1-1 if there is an emergency that requires immediate attention; *and*
- WHEREAS:** 9-1-1 is designated as the "Universal Emergency Number" for the United States. The Boston Police Department received all 9-1-1 calls made from landlines, which are then transferred to the State Police, Boston EMS, or the Boston Fire Department as appropriate; *and*
- WHEREAS:** 9-1-1 should be called to report police, medical, or fire emergencies that need a timely response. The Boston Police Department has noted that residents can call the Captain's Office, Detectives, or Community Service Office at your local police district, however, non-emergency inquiries should be reported to Boston 311. At the same time, since the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Boston Police have also encouraged residents to call 911 for disturbances coming from late parties; *and*
- WHEREAS:** With escalating open air drug dealing, public drug use, discarded needles in neighborhoods abutting Mass and Cass, as well as various public safety, public health, and quality of life issues in the city - it is important for residents to know when to call 9-1-1 or contact Boston 311; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the use of Boston 311 of 9-1-1. Representatives from the Boston Police Department, Boston 311, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed on: August 27, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

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ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING HOW THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT COLLECTS, USES, PROTECTS, AND SHARES INFORMATION THAT MAY BE REQUESTED BY EXTERNAL ENTITIES

WHEREAS, The Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing Ordinance, Boston City Code Section 16-63, includes provisions for the Boston Police Department (BPD) and other City departments to report on their use of surveillance technologies, and for the City Council to conduct oversight thereof; pursuant to the Ordinance, the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice held a series of three hearings regarding recent filings by the Administration, specifically on Docket #2025-1355 on August 11, and on Dockets #2025-1356 and #2025-1357 on August 12 and August 19; *and*

WHEREAS, Based on the discussion topics during those hearings between Councilors and representatives of BPD, as well as the testimony of panelists representing community advocacy organizations for privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties, as well as testimony from members of the public, it is apparent that while the Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing Ordinance provides means for transparency specifically about the use of certain technologies for law enforcement purposes, many of the questions and concerns of interest to Councilors and the community transcend the particular technologies involved, and instead broach broader topics of how BPD more generally collects and uses information, regardless of source, and further, how BPD protects the integrity and security of that information, and through what means and in what circumstances BPD shares or declines to share that information with other City departments and agencies, other law enforcement agencies, and other external entities.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding how the Boston Police Department collects, uses, protects, and shares information that may be requested by external entities. Representatives from the Boston Police Department, Boston Regional Intelligence Center, and community organizations with interest in the topic will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: August 27, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING NITROUS OXIDE ABUSE AND ITS IMPACT ON COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY.

WHEREAS, Nitrous oxide (N₂O), also known as “whippets”, “laughing gas”, or “chargers”, is a gas typically used for medical and culinary purposes but has increasingly been misused as a recreational inhalant for its psychoactive effects, especially among youth and young adults; *and*

WHEREAS, Recreational inhalation of nitrous oxide is associated with significant public health risks including, but not limited to, oxygen deprivation, nerve damage, neurological impairment, paranoia, hallucinations, and in rare cases, death; *and*

WHEREAS, Nitrous oxide is widely and cheaply available in smoke shops, convenience stores, gas stations, and online in packaging that is often recreational in appearance and sold with no restrictions on age or purpose; *and*

WHEREAS, The growing trend of nitrous oxide misuse has raised concerns from residents, health professionals, and law enforcement, who report discarded canisters and balloons previously filled with nitrous oxide in public parks, playgrounds, and sidewalks, creating both a public health and environmental nuisance; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts prohibits the intentional inhalation of substances that release toxic vapors under M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 18, and grants municipal boards of health the authority to regulate substances that pose a risk to public health under M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 31; *and*

WHEREAS, Cities throughout the country, including in Massachusetts, have begun adopting regulations to restrict retail sales of nitrous oxide, limiting its sale to legitimate culinary and medical supply stores, instituting age verification requirements, and establishing fines and penalties for unauthorized sales; *and*

WHEREAS, Twelve states have already prohibited the possession and sale of nitrous oxide for recreational use and many cities across the country are increasingly acting to regulate or ban the non-commercial, recreational sale of nitrous oxide; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) holds jurisdiction over health-related regulations within the City and has previously led efforts to address

emerging substance-related harms through local public health authority and collaboration with City Council; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has a responsibility to protect its residents, particularly our youth, from preventable harm, and to ensure that harmful substances are not easily accessible in our communities; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to explore the feasibility of restricting or banning the retail sale of nitrous oxide for non-medical and non-commercial purposes in the City of Boston, and evaluate potential enforcement mechanisms, public health education efforts, and appropriate exemptions for legitimate commercial and medical uses; ***AND BE IT FURTHER***

ORDERED: That representatives from the Boston Public Health Commission, the Inspectional Services Department, the Boston Police Department, harm reduction and youth health advocacy organizations, public health experts, and residents impacted by nitrous oxide misuse be invited to testify at the hearing.

Filed on: August 25, 2025

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE CITY OF BOSTON'S USE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, The City of Boston regularly receives funding through a variety of federal and state grants supporting essential services, programs, and infrastructure across multiple City departments; *and*

WHEREAS, These funds support activities including planning, operations, training, technology, community programs, and capital investments that directly impact residents and neighborhoods *and*

WHEREAS, Ongoing review of how these resources are allocated and managed is necessary to ensure that they are used effectively, comply with applicable requirements, and reflect the City's commitments to transparency, accountability, and community priorities; *and*

WHEREAS, A comprehensive assessment of the City's use of federal and state grants will provide clarity on expenditures, outcomes, and opportunities for improvement to strengthen public trust and inform future decision-making; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review the City of Boston's use of federal and state grant funds, including a full accounting of funds received and expended by City departments, the oversight and compliance processes in place, the outcomes and effectiveness of grant-funded programs, and any policy, community, or equity considerations related to their use, with recommendations to enhance transparency, accountability, and alignment with City priorities. Relevant City departments and community stakeholders shall be invited to testify.

Filed in Council: August 27, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS TO CLEVELAND CIRCLE

- WHEREAS*, Cleveland Circle is a vital transit hub, commercial center, and residential area in the Brighton neighborhood of Boston that closely borders the municipalities of Brookline and Newton; due to its location, amenities, and other points of interest, it is a heavily trafficked area with high vehicular, pedestrian, and bicyclist activity; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Cleveland Circle is a major transit hub that serves as the terminus of the C Branch of the MBTA Green Line and the terminus of the 86 MBTA bus route; stations for both the B and D Branches of the Green Line are also located in close proximity to the Circle; *and*
- WHEREAS*, In 2023, the City of Boston Transportation Department announced a plan to make short- and medium-term improvements to the streets in Cleveland Circle under City jurisdiction, identifying Cleveland Circle as an area “many avoid...because of dangerous crosswalks, confusing angle parking, and unsafe bicycle facilities”; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The MBTA has proposed longer-term improvements to the area, including a substantial reconfiguration of the track layout in Cleveland Circle to increase accessibility and make C Branch stations compatible with the new "Type 10" Green Line trains; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Neither of these proposed improvement projects have yet materialized, with conditions in Cleveland Circle continuing to deteriorate: recently, *Boston Globe* readers voted the streets in Cleveland Circle as the “worst streets in the City of Boston”, placing the blame on the fact that “three separate entities — the T, Brookline, and Boston — share responsibility for parts of Cleveland Circle, and can and do deflect blame to one another for its potholes, faded crosswalks, and bizarrely timed traffic lights”; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Allston Brighton Community Plan is an ongoing 20-month planning process led by the City of Boston Planning Department that will develop a shared vision for future changes to Allston-Brighton; this Plan is evaluating Cleveland Circle as a “focus area” to support safe travel and improve connections; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The poor condition of Cleveland Circle and other areas of Boston that have at-grade Green Line crossings- such as sections of South Huntington/Huntington

Avenues- are indicative of larger, long-term issues with interagency coordination between the City and State on transportation-related projects in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Immediate improvements to the roadway in Cleveland Circle are necessary to improve pedestrian safety and will require close collaboration with BTS, MBTA, and other relevant City and State agencies; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss improvements to Cleveland Circle and that representatives of BTS, MBTA, other relevant City departments, and interested members of the public be invited to attend.

Filed on: August 25, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ED FLYNN & ERIN MURPHY

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE BREAKDOWN OF THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MAIN RADIO CHANNEL

- WHEREAS:** Last Sunday, as the Dominican Festival was coming to a close, four people were shot. Boston Police worked to disperse the crowd as quickly as possible and victims were rushed to nearby hospitals. Concurrently, the Boston Police Department's radio communication channel was reportedly down and remained inoperable for a period of time; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Earlier this month, the Boston Police Department announced they would move from an analog radio system to a digital encrypted system, meaning police transmissions would no longer be available through the traditional radio equipment. Since August 9th, Boston Police has released a time-delayed online feed for residents to watch and listen to; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Neighbors have highlighted concerns relating to the reliability of the Boston Police Department's radio system, citing public safety risks for officers and the residents of Boston who are in emergency situations. It is critical that there is also effective communications between departments in the event of an emergency; *and*
- WHEREAS:** As residents continue to express concerns regarding this issue, it is appropriate to discuss the breakdown of the Boston Police Department's radio system to ensure similar incidents do not occur moving forward; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss an investigation into the Boston Police Department's radio system failure. Representatives from the Boston Police Department, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed on: August 27, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER TO HOLD A MEETING TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, An at-large Community Preservation Committee (CPC) member had to leave their position, leaving a vacancy in the four designated roles appointed by the Boston City Council; *and*

WHEREAS, CPC members are crucial to reviewing the Community Preservation Grant applications that provide vital grant monies for affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space and recreation projects across the city; *and*

WHEREAS, The City Council Committee on the Community Preservation Act is responsible for nominating persons for consideration by the full Boston City Council for appointment to the Community Preservation Committee; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Boston City Council Committee on the Community Preservation Act hold a meeting in early September to interview finalists for the Community Preservation Committee. The finalist will be voted at the following Council Meeting to allow this new Committee Member to follow the Community Preservation grant cycle.

Filed on: August 27, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAYOR MICHELLE WU'S LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL PAM BONDI

- WHEREAS,* On August 13, 2025, US Attorney General Pam Bondi sent a letter to Mayor Michelle Wu that threatened to prosecute City officials and withhold federal funds unless Boston cooperated with carrying out mass deportations; *and*
- WHEREAS,* On Tuesday, August 19, 2025, Mayor Michelle Wu responded to Attorney General Pam Bondi with a letter and press conference alongside elected officials and community leaders from across Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Boston will not be threatened and will always stand up for our residents and our values; immigrants have been arriving on Boston's shores since the 17th century and the diversity of our City is what gives it strength; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The City of Boston is currently the safest major city in the country, a direct result of the Boston Police Department's community policing and partnerships with faith institutions and community based organizations; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The Boston City Council first passed and established the Trust Act in 2014, strengthen it in 2019, and in 2024 voted unanimously to reaffirm the Trust Act, emphasizing the City's commitment to protecting immigrant communities and maintaining public safety; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The 2017 Lunn decision from the Supreme Judicial Court affirmed that local law enforcement agencies in Massachusetts are prohibited from arresting and holding an individual solely on the basis of a federal civil immigration detainer; *and*
- WHEREAS,* We must continue to reaffirm that the City of Boston follows all federal, state and City laws and we stand with Mayor Michelle Wu in telling Attorney Bondi that Boston will never back down from being a beacon of freedom and a home for everyone; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Federal courts on multiple occasions, including as recently as last week, affirmed that state and local law enforcement agencies cannot be compelled to carry out federal immigration enforcement; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- RESOLVED:* That the Boston City Council hereby expresses its strong support of Mayor Michelle Wu's letter in response to Attorney Pam Bondi; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Boston.

Filed on: August 25, 2025

-OFFERED BY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

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

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING UNRESOLVED PROCUREMENT,
TRANSPARENCY, AND EQUITY ISSUES IN THE WHITE STADIUM
PROJECT AND AFFIRMING REVIEW OF PUBLIC ALTERNATIVES**

- WHEREAS,** White Stadium in Franklin Park has historically served Boston Public Schools student-athletes and the surrounding community, and its proposed redevelopment is one of the largest public projects currently planned in Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City has acknowledged that the total project cost will not be available until later this year, with bids proceeding in separate phases beginning with the foundation, raising concerns about transparency, phased procurement, and the risks of advancing without a clear total budget; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Approximately \$7.5 million has already been spent, but the majority of contracting and expenditures remain outstanding, leaving open questions about whether the bidding process will ensure competition, prevent cost overruns, and give fair review to alternative renovation proposals, including a fully public option recently developed by community stakeholders; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On July 24, 2025, the Council's Committee on Post-Audit and Oversight of Government Accountability, Transparency & Accessibility held a procurement hearing, where testimony highlighted systemic concerns about supplier diversity, fairness in RFP design, and the need for stronger community accountability. During that hearing, White Stadium was repeatedly cited as an example of unresolved issues requiring review; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A fully public renovation plan for White Stadium has been produced by the Franklin Park Defenders in partnership with Vermeulens, and there is a clear need for the City Council to formally review this public plan alongside the current public-private proposal; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Community organizations, including the Boston Branch of the NAACP, have highlighted outstanding issues regarding equity in contracting, the displacement of BPS student-athletes, compliance with the Boston Residents Jobs Policy, community access, and adequate planning for transportation, parking, and climate resilience; *and*

WHEREAS, The City has a responsibility to ensure that procurement processes reflect transparency, accountability, and inclusion before final commitments are made;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council recognizes the urgency of fully addressing procurement transparency, cost disclosure, and equity impacts in the White Stadium project, and affirms that unresolved concerns regarding public options, community benefit, and fair contracting must be acknowledged and evaluated by the City prior to advancing further phases.

Filed in Council: August 27, 2025

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF THE BOSTON SCHOOL
COMMITTEE NOMINATION PROCESS AND
AFFIRMING THE NEED FOR GREATER CITY
COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT**

- WHEREAS,*** The Boston School Committee plays a critical role in setting policy, overseeing the budget, and guiding the future of Boston Public Schools, directly impacting students, families, and educators across the city; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** Members of the School Committee are currently selected through a process in which a Nominating Panel reviews applicants and submits a list of candidates to the Mayor for appointment, leaving no formal role for the City Council to review, question, or confirm those selected; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** The lack of City Council involvement in this process limits transparency, accountability, and the ability of residents, through their elected representatives, to have a meaningful voice in shaping the leadership of Boston's public education system; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** The most recent vacancy on the School Committee highlights the need to reconsider how nominees are identified, how community perspectives are incorporated, and how the process might be strengthened to ensure it reflects the values and priorities of Boston's diverse communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** While this review alone cannot address all of the structural concerns surrounding School Committee appointments, it represents an important step toward meaningful reform, greater oversight, and shared governance between the Mayor, City Council, and the public; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Boston City Council urges a reexamination of how members of the School Committee are nominated and appointed and recognizes that evaluating the most recent vacancy is only the beginning of broader efforts to ensure a process that is open, accountable, and reflective of Boston's communities, with a more defined role for the Council in future appointments.

Filed in Council: August 27, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS NATIONAL BLACK BUSINESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Black entrepreneurs and business owners are central to Boston's economic vitality, cultural richness, growth, and furthermore Black Business Month, celebrated nationally each August, offers a platform to recognize and uplift these essential contributors across Boston and Massachusetts at large; *and*

WHEREAS, Supporting Black-owned businesses is a critical part of advancing racial and economic equity, narrowing the racial wealth gap, and ensuring that prosperity in Boston is shared across all neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston is home to many Black-owned businesses across industries, from restaurants and retail, to professional services and technology, each creating jobs, generating wealth, and building community; *and*

WHEREAS, Examples such as OneUnited Bank, the largest Black-owned bank headquartered in Boston, along with Black-owned businesses such as Emerald City Plant Shop and Frugal Bookstore exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit and cultural innovation driving economic renewal throughout Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Boston's Black-owned restaurants and culinary businesses, from historic institutions like Slade's Bar & Grill in Roxbury to trailblazers such as Soleil in Nubian Square, or Grace by Nia, together with a broad array of local Black entrepreneurs, anchor neighborhood economies and strengthen social connection across the city; *and*

WHEREAS, Celebrating Black Business Month is an opportunity for all residents to intentionally support Black-owned businesses by shopping local, dining, investing, and spreading awareness, thereby strengthening communities; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council designate the month of August as Black Business Month in the City of Boston, and encourage all residents, institutions, and partners to uplift and support Black-owned businesses in Boston and beyond.



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HD.4886 “AN ACT ENSURING LAW ENFORCEMENT IDENTIFICATION AND PUBLIC TRUST”

WHEREAS, Trust and transparency between law enforcement and the public are foundational to community safety and effective policing; *and*

WHEREAS, Ensuring that law enforcement officers are clearly identifiable during interactions with the public helps prevent misunderstandings, builds accountability, and reinforces community confidence; *and*

WHEREAS, ICE officials are showing up in our communities with masks, without visible badges, and without clearly identifying themselves. This use of fear tactics is unacceptable. Our residents have the right to know who is approaching them and potentially taking them into custody; *and*

WHEREAS, Massachusetts House Bill HD.4886, filed by Representative James K. Hawkins, proposes enacting a law to prohibit officers of a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency, or any person acting on behalf of a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency, from wearing a mask or personal disguise while interacting with the public in performance of their duties, except for medical grade masks that are surgical or N95 respirators, designed to prevent the transmission of airborne diseases and masks designed to protect against exposure to smoke or toxins during a state of emergency, and with further exceptions for SWAT officers using gear necessary to protect their faces from physical harm while they perform their SWAT responsibilities; violations of this law would be treated as misdemeanors; *and*

WHEREAS, HD.4886 further declares the intention of the Legislature to enact legislation to require law enforcement officers to include their name or badge number on their uniforms; *and*

WHEREAS, This legislation would allow our communities—particularly vulnerable populations—to better understand and identify officers, adding a layer of accountability, and enhancing overall public safety. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby expresses its support for House Docket HD.4886, “An Act Ensuring Law Enforcement Identification and Public Trust,” and encourages its swift consideration and passage by the Massachusetts Legislature. ***AND BE IT FURTHER***

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to each of the following persons: the Massachusetts House Committee on Rules Chair and Vice Chair, each member of the Boston delegations for the Massachusetts House and Senate, the Governor of the Commonwealth, and the Presenter of HD.4886.

Filed in Council: August 27, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ED FLYNN & ERIN
MURPHY

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE CITY'S JULY 4TH PAYROLL FAILURE TO DETERMINE IF STATE OR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT LAWS WERE BROKEN

WHEREAS: Independence Day is one of the most anticipated holidays of the year, an opportunity to make vacation plans, and spend time with neighbors, friends, and family. This year, however, many city employees discovered they did not receive their paycheck via direct deposit due to the failure of the city payroll; *and*

WHEREAS: The Boston City Council Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology held an informative hearing with city administration officials on August 14th, 2025 (Docket #1371- *Order for an expedited hearing on the City's July 4th payroll delay and its impacts on affected employees*). At this hearing, City Councilors asked administration officials testifying if any state or federal employment laws were broken; *and*

WHEREAS: At that time, administration officials were not able to confirm if the City of Boston broke any state or federal employment laws; *and*

WHEREAS: According to the Massachusetts Wage Act (M.G.L. c. 149, § 148), "*Every person having employees in his service shall pay weekly or bi-weekly each such employee the wages earned by him to within six days of the termination of the pay period during which the wages were earned if employed for five or six days in a calendar week.*" The pay period ended on June 28th, therefore employees would have needed to be paid by July 4th. Thousands of employees were unfortunately paid after this deadline; *and*

WHEREAS: It is therefore wholly appropriate to conduct an independent investigation to determine whether the City of Boston inadvertently broke state or federal employment laws. An investigation may also provide the opportunity for recommendations to the City of Boston to prevent similar incidents from occurring again; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council supports an independent outside investigation into the city's July 4th payroll failure to determine if any state or federal employment laws were broken.

Filed on: August 27, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH UNITE HERE LOCAL 26 FOOD AND BEVERAGE WORKERS AT FENWAY PARK

WHEREAS, The food and beverage workers at Fenway Park are the soul of the ballpark and a vital part of our city, literally and proverbially, make our city shine for Bostonians and tourists alike; *and*

WHEREAS, 1,200 workers, represented by UNITE HERE Local 26, have been in contract negotiations with their employer, Aramark, for over eight months; *and*

WHEREAS, Aramark is a national food and beverage service company that reported \$1.4 billion in profit last year; *and*

WHEREAS, Fenway Park is a sacred institution for Bostonians and the historic ballpark experience draws hundreds of thousands of tourists to our city each year; *and*

WHEREAS, Food and beverage workers are essential to creating that experience, yet they are underpaid and increasingly being reassigned or replaced because of automated machines, which undermine both the quality of service and the character of this historic venue; *and*

WHEREAS, “Grab and go” and “self check out” kiosks are often scrutinized for weaker enforcement of serving protocols, meriting further discussion of this issue; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston is a city committed to protecting its workers, and the Fenway Park food and beverage workers’ demands for wages—comparable to other venues in the city and nation that contract with Aramark—and for an end to the replacement of workers with machines are reasonable and deserving of respect; **NOW,
THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council condemns Aramark’s low wages and replacement practices, and goes on record in full support of UNITE HERE Local 26 food and beverage workers at Fenway Park, including supporting their right to strike, and commit to honoring such strikes by refraining from purchasing food and beverages throughout its duration; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be, and hereby is, requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the General Manager of Aramark.

Date Filed: August 25, 2025



Offered by: **COUNCILOR JOHN FITZGERALD**

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

WHEREAS, Since 1989, September has been recognized as “National Recovery Month” by recovery organizations, in order to celebrate the positive steps made by those in recovery, and spread awareness of evidence based methods of substance abuse prevention and treatments; *and,*

WHEREAS, Millions of Americans have transformed their lives through recovery treatment, making it important for us to highlight their strides in order to encourage more individuals to take the steps toward recovery; *and,*

WHEREAS, According to data from the Boston Public Health Commission, in 2024 the City of Boston, overall, had a thirty two percent decline in opioid-related deaths. This progress, made possible by the dedicated work of advocates, must be continued as we continue to strengthen our recovery services; *and,*

WHEREAS, Substance abuse mortality has had a disproportionate impact across our city. Boston’s Black and Latino populations have suffered the highest rise in substance abuse mortality rates since 2019. The neighborhoods of Dorchester, Roxbury and the South End each experienced disproportionately higher opioid-related death rates than the rest of the city; *and,*

WHEREAS, By recognizing National Recovery Month, the Boston City Council can both celebrate the steps made by those in recovery, and help spread information for policies that reduce the burden for mental health care access; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the Boston City Council recognize the month of September 2025 as “National Recovery Month” and encourage all citizens and institutions across this city to celebrate those making steps towards recovery, and spreading awareness resources available for substance abuse prevention and recovery.

Filed in City Council: August 27, 2025

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

August 18, 2025

Councilor Louijuene
(Councilor Santana)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, September 6, 2025 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, September 19, 2025.

BiWeekly Payroll

Alexander Kokovidis	Secretary	\$500.00	part time
Matthew Lyder	Secretary	\$500.00	part time
Carliz Y Manana	Secretary	\$500.00	part time

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

August 22, 2025

Councilor Louijuene
(Councilor Mejia)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, August 30, 2025 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, November 7, 2025.

BiWeekly Payroll

Katerina Helfrich	Administrative Asst.	\$850.00	part time
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BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL

August 22, 2025

Councilor Louijuene

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, August 23, 2025 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, November 14, 2025.

BiWeekly Payroll

Karishma Chouhan	Director of Legislative Budget Analysis	\$3,775.02	full time
Ron Cobb	City Messenger & Sr. Legislative Asst.	\$3,764.76	full time
Meagan Corugedo	Senior Legislative Assistant	\$3,700.78	full time
Arnita Flint	Office Manager	\$3,179.46	full time
Meghan Kavanagh	Compliance Director/Staff Counsel	\$4,281.88	full time
Michelle A.L. Goldberg	Central Staff Director	\$5,984.68	full time
Cora F. Montrond	Senior Legislative Asst. & Budget Analyst	\$3,764.76	full time
Candace Morales	Communications Manager	\$3,615.48	full time
Shane Pac	Research & Policy Director	\$4,234.74	full time
Lorraine Schettino	Business Manager	\$3,798.98	full time
Ethan Vara	Television Operations & Technology Director	\$3,683.82	full time



Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the August 27, 2025 Session

Sixty Day Orders¹

¹**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.

Section 15 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982 (as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 701 of the Acts of 1986) *The city council shall take definite action on any supplementary appropriation order and any order for a transfer of appropriations by adopting, reducing or rejecting it within sixty days after it is filed with the city clerk; and in the event of their failure to do so, such supplementary appropriation order or transfer as submitted by the mayor shall be in effect as if formally adopted by the city council.*

Assigned for Further Action

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: Assessment of Commercial Properties in the City of Boston. **(Docket #1286)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: Memoranda of Understanding between the Boston Police Department and external entities. **(Docket #1454)**

²Section 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 Mayor³

³Section 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

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.

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Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0154	Worrell	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring NBA All-Star Weekend and the MLB All-Star Game to Boston.	1/8/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0156	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	1/8/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0160	Worrell	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks statue.	1/8/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0479	Louijeune	Santana	Order for a hearing to update and replace Black Heritage Trail signage.	2/12/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0527	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the BPS Sunday's Phase 2 Grant, awarded by the Pilot House Philanthropy to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The program will fund the learning and evaluation components of the BPS Sundays pilot program.	2/26/2025	8/20/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0614	Pepén	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish the Fairmount Avenue Arts and Cultural District in Hyde Park.	3/5/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	1262	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston Family Day grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund the Boston Family Day program from 2025-2026, provided by the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation.	6/25/2025	8/20/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	1350	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Napoleon Jones-Henderson as a Commissioner of the Boston Art Commission, for a term expiring June 1, 2029.	7/9/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	1351	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Ian Alteveer as a Commissioner of the Boston Art Commission, for a term expiring January 1, 2029.	7/9/2025		

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Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	1352	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Caitlin Gould Lowire as a Commissioner of the Boston Art Commission, for a term expiring August 1, 2029.	7/9/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	1370	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the Office of Arts & Culture and the Office of Tourism, Sports & Entertainment in the City of Boston.	7/9/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	1443	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on equitable contracting and business opportunities for major civic and sporting events in Boston.	8/6/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	1444	Louijeune	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing for equitable investment strategies in tourism funds in Boston.	8/6/2025		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0476	Durkan	Worrell, Louijeune	Order for a hearing on Boston's distribution and implementation of COVID-19 relief funding and programs.	2/12/2025		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0482	Murphy		Order for a hearing to examine the impact of expiring COVID-related grant funding and other expenditures on City programs and staffing.	2/12/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0157	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.	1/8/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0170	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss food access, sustainability, and the need for a food hub in East Boston.	1/8/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0257	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.	1/15/2025	9/11/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0308	Pepén	Santana, Weber	Order for a hearing to improve recruitment of civilian crossing guards to serve Boston families.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0310	Pepén	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the establishment of a Mattapan Square Task Force for economic and cultural growth.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0314	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding fire emergencies and the creation of a Fire Victim Fund.	1/29/2025	7/10/2025	

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0316	Durkan	Pepén, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss a pilot program for waste containerization.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0324	Flynn	Anderson, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the notification process for abutters meeting in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0333	Santana	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding gender-neutral bathrooms in City-owned buildings.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0418	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study.	2/5/2025	3/24/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0552	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss current population projections and preparation for the 2030 decennial census.	2/26/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0554	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss public authority-ordered towing practices in the City of Boston.	2/26/2025	8/26/2025	8/19/25-hearing canceled
City Services & Innovation Technology	0692	Durkan		Order for a hearing to explore the role of artificial intelligence in improving city services and governance in the City of Boston	3/19/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0768	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss water and sewer infrastructure in Chinatown and the Leather District.	4/2/2025	9/16/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0772	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to assess and enhance the accessibility and safety of Boston's sidewalks for all residents.	4/2/2025	8/13/2025	7/22/25- hearing canceled
City Services & Innovation Technology	1369	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss pest control and the discovery of leptospirosis in the City of Boston.	7/9/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1371	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for an expedited hearing on the City's July 4th payroll delay and its impacts on affected employees.	7/9/2025	8/14/2025	7/21/25-hearing canceled
City Services & Innovation Technology	1436	Murphy	Mejia, Flynn	Order for a hearing to assess the implementation of the City of Boston's Municipal Digital Equity Plan and explore next steps to close the digital divide.	8/6/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1437	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to review building safety protocols, 311 complaint response, and scaffold oversight in the City of Boston.	8/6/2025		

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City Services & Innovation Technology	1447	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing to discuss electrical equipment maintenance and utility safety.	8/6/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1448	Durkan	Coletta Zapata, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore same-day put-out and pickup for non-containerized residential waste and containerization for commercial trash.	8/6/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0168	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss a holistic vision for District Seven in order to redress historic racial harm and to uphold District Seven Constituents' Civil Rights.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0172	Mejia	Louijeune, Anderson	Order for a hearing to address critical issues in jail-based voting and empower incarcerated communities to strengthen democracy.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0184	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Mejia	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0187	Louijeune	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0188	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1/8/2025		
Education	0147	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address growing concerns over the White Stadium Project's costs, community input, and transparency.	1/8/2025		
Education	0149	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss BPS' plans to protect students during heat emergencies.	1/8/2025	8/13/2025	
Education	0151	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/8/2025		
Education	0171	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Santana	Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum pilot program in Boston Public Schools.	1/8/2025		
Education	0182	Louijeune	Weber	Order for a hearing to explore the effectiveness of high-dosage tutoring and other academic recovery strategies.	1/8/2025		

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Education	0235	Worrell	Murphy	Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public Schools' closures for 2026-27 and its long-term facilities plan.	1/8/2025		
Education	0265	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the preservation of historical artifacts in Boston Public Schools slated for closure or merger.	1/15/2025	3/4/2025	3/5/25-remains in committee
Education	0267	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes.	1/15/2025	2/27/2025	
Education	0313	FitzGerald	Pepén, Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to high-quality school options for Boston Public School students in all neighborhoods.	1/29/2025		
Education	0318	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss financial literacy programs in Boston Public Schools.	1/29/2025	9/25/2025	
Education	0334	Santana	Mejia, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools can expand the use of evidence-based best practices for Inclusive Learning Environments for multilingual and special education learners.	1/29/2025		
Education	0339	Santana		Order for the Boston City Council to hold a series of Policy Briefings with Boston Public Schools leadership.	1/29/2025		4/10, 7/17/25-policy briefing
Education	0417	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss Holocaust and Genocide Education in Boston Public Schools.	2/5/2025		9/25/25-hearing canceled
Education	0551	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding expanding internship opportunities for students with disabilities in Boston Public Schools.	2/26/2025	9/11/2025	
Education	0694	Louijeune	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing on the creation of a Boston School Building Authority.	3/19/2025		
Education	0771	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding the expansion of Boston Pre-K seats and the equitable distribution of City-funded seats across all neighborhoods.	4/2/2025		

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Education	0905	Weber	Pepén, Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss the impacts of social media on Boston Public School students.	4/16/2025	8/12/2025	
Education	0971	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' New Bus Ridership Policy.	4/30/2025		8/21/25-hearing canceled
Education	1101	Flynn		Order for a hearing to review the hiring, training and compliance certification of BPS Bus Drivers.	5/21/2025		8/21/25-hearing canceled
Education	1282	Pepén	Louijeune, Weber	Order for a hearing regarding the Boston Public Schools Exam Schools admissions policy and proposed changes.	6/25/2025		
Education	1283	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring a Historically Black College or University Satellite Campus to Boston.	6/25/2025	8/26/2025	
Education	1442	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review expenditures associated with the nominating panel and the school committee appointment process.	8/6/2025	8/25/2025	
Education	1449	Worrell	Mejia, Breadon	Order for a hearing to explore ways of expanding and enhancing Boston's municipal early learning education center infrastructure.	8/6/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0155	Worrell		Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0169	Coletta Zapata	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the implementation and funding of coastal resilience strategies and the establishment of a climate bank.	1/8/2025	3/31/2025	4/2/25-remains in committee
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0252	Flynn	Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss expanding the urban tree canopy in District 2.	1/15/2025	5/9/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0260	Worrell	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss the use of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	3/25/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0262	Durkan	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a Parks Administrator for Downtown Parks including the Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square and Christopher Columbus Park.	1/15/2025		

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0315	Coletta Zapata	Weber	Order for a hearing to assess a ban on polystyrene products in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	7/16/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0424	Murphy		Order for a hearing to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed White Stadium redevelopment on Franklin Park.	2/5/2025	6/6/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0425	Murphy		Order for a hearing on the environmental preservation of Boston's historical parks and green spaces.	2/5/2025	6/6/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	1258	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant not to exceed One Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$1,170,000.00) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program. The grant is awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for renovations to Moakley Park located in the neighborhood of South Boston.	6/25/2025	8/14/2025	7/9/25-remains in committee, 8/4/25 -hearing canceled
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	1345	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$644,458.00) in the form of a grant, for the US Inflation Reduction Act, awarded by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund to grow an accessible, inclusive, and resilient urban forest.	7/9/2025	8/14/2025	8/4/25-hearing canceled
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	1347	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the MVP Planning 2.0 Grant, awarded by the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Office of Climate Resilience. The grant will fund the work climate resilience communities have done to date and support communities with new methods, tools, and resources for building climate resilience.	7/9/2025	8/14/2025	8/4/25-hearing canceled
Government Operations	0134	Worrell	Mejia	Ordinance to enhance driveway accessibility.	1/8/2025		

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Government Operations	0135	Weber	Pepén, Santana	Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		2/10, 4/11/25-working session, 2/12/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0136	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Worrell	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.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0137	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance regarding employee safety within Boston's oil terminals.	1/8/2025		3/6/25-working session, 3/12/25-remanded back to committee
Government Operations	0138	Louijeune		Ordinance codifying the Office of Returning Ciutizens.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0139	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	3/14/2025	
Government Operations	0140	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Ordinance establishing the Office of Inspector General within the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0141	Mejia		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0142	Murphy	Worrell, Flynn	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Increase its Residential Exemption.	1/8/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0145	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Petition for a Special Law Re: To establish the Commission of Inspectors General on Financial Management.	1/8/2025		6/5/25-hearing canceled
Government Operations	0249	Worrell	Coletta, Louijeune	Ordinance amending City of Boston Code 18-1.2B to make certificates of birth and death free.	1/15/2025		2/24/25-hearing canceled
Government Operations	0305	Fernandes Anderson		Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing.	1/29/2025		3/18/25-working session canceled, 3/19/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0337	Murphy	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the transition and operations of the new City Planning Department.	1/29/2025	3/25/2025	

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Government Operations	0411	Pepén	FitzGerald	Ordinance to establish a school bus violation detection monitoring system.	2/5/2025		
Government Operations	0468	Worrell		Ordinance to Establish RISE: Reshaping Inequities through Systematic Empowerment.	2/12/2025		
Government Operations	0469	Murphy	Flynn	Petition for a Special Law Re: The Use of Nondisclosure, Confidentiality, and Other Employment Agreements in the City of Boston	2/12/2025		7/8/25- hearing canceled
Government Operations	0470	Breadon	Louijeune, Pepén	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act requiring that broker fees in the City of Boston be paid by the party who solicits a licensed broker.	2/12/2025		
Government Operations	0549	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Pension Benefits for Firefighter Leo J. Bracken.	2/26/2025	6/18/2025	
Government Operations	0550	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Pension of Michael Sullivan.	2/26/2025	6/18/2025	
Government Operations	0613	Coletta Zapata		Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal.	3/5/2025	6/27/2025	
Government Operations	0765	Breadon	Louijeune, Mejia	Ordinance establishing a "Scofflaw Property Owner List."	4/2/2025		
Government Operations	0766	Breadon		Ordinance extending and enhancing protections for tenants facing displacement due to condominium or cooperative conversion in the city of Boston.	4/2/2025		
Government Operations	0900	Mejia		Ordinance creating a municipal identification card in the City of Boston.	4/16/2025		
Government Operations	0969	Mejia	Breadon, Santana	Ordinance establishing a Transgender, Gender-diverse, Intersex, and LGBTQIA2S+ Oversight Commission.	4/30/2025	6/26/2025	6/5/25- hearing canceled
Government Operations	1059	Flynn		Ordinance Establishing A Road Safety and Community Engagement Commission to Regulate the Use of Bicycles, E-bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, and Motorized Scooters in the City of Boston.	5/14/2025		

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Government Operations	1061	Louijeune	Breadon	Petition For A Special Law Re: An Act Relative To The Office of District Councilor In The City of Boston.	5/14/2025		
Government Operations	1187			Communication was received from the Elections Department pursuant to GL Chapter 53 Section 18A for your approval a citizen petition entitled "In the interest of government accountability, transparency, and accessibility, should the city of Boston establish a municipal independent Office of Inspector General" for the placement of a local nonbinding public opinion advisory question on the ballot of the next regular municipal election, which will occur on November 4, 2025.	6/4/2025		6/11/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	1206	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance amending the City of Boston code, Section 6-6.3, Schedule of Parking Fines.	6/11/2025		
Government Operations	1276	Louijeune	Pepén, Worrell	Ordinance to prioritize surplus municipal property as affordable housing.	6/25/2025	8/15/2025	
Government Operations	1277	Louijeune	Worrell, Flynn	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to City of Boston Certified Emergency Telecommunicators.	6/25/2025	7/29/2025	
Government Operations	1411	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order To Adopt The Liquor License Conversion as a Local Option in the City of Boston.	8/6/2025		
Government Operations	1431	Flynn	Murphy	Ordinance to establish an Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.	8/6/2025		
Government Operations	1432	Santana	Murphy, Flynn	Ordinance Regarding the Safety and Efficacy of Commercial Autonomous Vehicle Operations Relative to Workers, Emergency First Responders, and Residents in the City of Boston.	8/6/2025		
Government Operations	1433	Murphy	Flynn	Ordinance Amending the City of Boston Code of Ordinances by Adding a New Provision to Chapter 23, Trash and Refusal Disposal to Require Rat-Resistant Trash Containers in Neighborhoods with High Rodent Activity.	8/6/2025		
Government Operations	1434	Santana	FitzGerald, Weber	Ordinance Codifying the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement.	8/6/2025		

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Government Operations	1453	Louijeune		Order to submit a petition to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy.	8/6/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0102	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (25,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Harvard Allston Brighton Fund grant, awarded by the Harvard Business School to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the creation of affordable homeownership, affordable rental housing in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods.	3/27/2024	2024-0572
Housing & Community Development	0158	Worrell	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0178	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher program.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0185	Louijeune	Fernades Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0251	Durkan	Santana, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to investigate the use, impact, and potential ban of algorithmic price setting in the Boston rental housing market.	1/15/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0259	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at the BHA Ruth Barkley apartments.	1/15/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0264	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding strategies to expand homeownership programs in Boston.	1/15/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0327	Santana	Breadon, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.	1/29/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0329	Santana	Weber, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers.	1/29/2025	

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Housing & Community Development	0474	Durkan	Santana, Breadon	Order for a hearing to assess the efficacy of the City of Boston Municipal Code's University Accountability Ordinance.	2/12/2025	6/12/2025	8/5/25-working session, 8/6/25-remains in committee
Housing & Community Development	0488	Fernandes Anderson		Resolution in support of establishing a community preference policy for affordable housing development to mitigate displacement in Boston neighborhoods.	2/12/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0769	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's report on Boston Housing Authority.	4/2/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0773	Breadon	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss legalizing mid-rise single-stair housing in the Massachusetts State Building Code.	4/2/2025		
Housing & Community Development	1427	Mayor		Communication was received from the Mayor's Office of Housing regarding the Short-Term Rentals 2025 Report to the Boston City Council.	8/6/2025		
Housing & Community Development	1440	Mejia	Worrell, Murphy	Order for a hearing to review public expenditures and fiscal oversight related to homeownership investments in Boston.	8/6/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0195	Flynn	Murphy	Resolution supporting Project Labor Agreements at White Stadium and all City of Boston construction projects valued at or more than \$35 million.	1/8/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0254	Worrell	FitzGerald, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	1/15/2025	3/4/2025	3/5/25-remains in committee
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0323	Flynn	Pepén, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.	1/29/2025	9/22/2025	8/18/25-hearing canceled
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0328	Santana		Order for a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development past successes and future opportunities of Youth Jobs offered by the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0416	Mejia	Weber	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	2/5/2025		

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0473	Weber	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and the Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	2/12/2025	4/18/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0693	Weber		Order for a hearing to explore how the City of Boston can hire laid-off federal workers.	3/19/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1212	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Resolution in support of extended hybrid work accommodations for Rosemarie Pessia during cancer treatment	6/11/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1285	Coletta Zapata	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding reviving the "Red Shirts" program.	6/25/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1296	Murphy	Flynn	Resolution to call for an independent investigation into City Hall terminations, retaliation claims, and supervisory conduct.	6/25/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1349	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars Seventy-Six Cents (\$30,513.76) in the form of a grant for the ACLS grant, awarded by the MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will support efforts to work in partnership with local adult education programs to identify and develop career pathways opportunities for adult learners.	7/9/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1403	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$136,722.35) in the form of a grant, from the Shelter Supplemental Funding Grant, awarded by the MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund MassHire Career Centers with supplemental funding to support emergency assistance (EA) shelter residents with training and employment opportunities.	8/6/2025		

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1405	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Northeastern and W. T. Grant Foundation Grant, awarded by the William T. Grant Foundation, passed through Northeastern University, to be administered by the OYEO Administration. The grant will fund OYEO staff member to design, implement, and maintain a new hiring platform for the City to support both the summer and year-round programs.	8/6/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1406	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Friends of Youth Opportunities Boston State Street Grant, awarded by the Boston State Street Global Advisors to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund opportunities for young people ages 14-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support.	8/6/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1407	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Friends of Youth Opportunities Boston Grant, awarded by the Baupost Group to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund opportunities for young people ages 14-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support.	8/6/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1408	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Three Cents (\$45,683.03) in the form of a grant, awarded by the USDA-Food & Nutrition Service, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund enhanced job search services for TAFDC and SNAP participants including career counseling, workshops, job fairs, and free job searches through Boston's MassHire Career Centers.	8/6/2025	
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental Relations	0472	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the PILOT program in the City of Boston.	2/12/2025	

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PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental Relations	0974	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing on fiscal transparency, equitable access, and Council oversight in the expansion of the Museum Access program.	4/30/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0161	Durkan	Santana	Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to remove parking minimum requirements for new development.	1/8/2025		1/28/25-hearing canceled
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0266	Flynn	Santana, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and expanding the safety surge program in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	6/9/2025	6/11/25-remains in committee
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0307	Pepén	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0309	Pepén	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to explore the creation of Safe School Zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	4/3/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0311	Pepén	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address the displacement of Bostonians as a result of new and future development.	1/29/2025	3/31/2025	4/2/25-remains in committee
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0319	Flynn	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the proposed zoning amendment to remove the half mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0321	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0326	Mejia		Order for a hearing to examine accountability, transparency, and accessibility in administrative procedures for complying with Boston Landmarks Commission recommendations.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0423	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston.	2/5/2025	6/9/2025	6/11/25-remains in committee
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0471	Flynn	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss requiring all micro-mobility devices to be licensed, registered and insured.	2/12/2025	2/20/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0477	Durkan	FitzGerald, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss contractor parking regulations, permitting, and enforcement in Boston.	2/12/2025		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0478	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia	Order for a hearing to evaluate alternative options for the center running bus lane on Blue Hill Avenue and Columbus Avenue.	2/12/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0615	Flynn		Order for a hearing on regulation of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) by the City of Boston and Boston Police Department.	3/5/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0695	Flynn		Order for a hearing to review the functionality of the Tremont Street Design Project in the South End.	3/19/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0728	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Ellen Moore as an alternate member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.	4/2/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0729	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Katie Genovese as a member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.	4/2/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0730	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Garry Walling as a member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	4/2/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0731	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Patricia Tongue Edraos as an alternate member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	4/2/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0767	Flynn	Murphy, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss transportation planning within the Article 80 Development Review Process.	4/2/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0972	Weber	Pepén, Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss making neighborhood streets safer following the 30-day review of streets projects in Boston.	4/30/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0973	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss implementation of the seven nights per week Residential Parking Only Policy in South Boston.	4/30/2025	

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	1018	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss repainting Summer Street Bus Lane.	5/7/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1058	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance expediting the review of coastal resilient projects by amending Article 25A, Resilience Review, in the zoning code of the City of Boston.	5/14/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1103	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the community engagement process for installing EV Charging Stations in the City of Boston.	5/21/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1131	Murphy	FitzGerald, Flynn	Emergency hearing order regarding traffic safety at the intersection of Dorchester Avenue, Roseclair Street & Mt. Vernon Street.	5/21/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1141	Durkan	Flynn, Coletta Zapata	Order for a hearing to Evaluate Autonomous Vehicle Operations in Boston.	6/4/2025	7/24/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1207	Murphy		Order for a hearing to review the traffic and parking management plan for White Stadium game days.	6/11/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1281	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the community process to designate the Boston Fish Pier as a landmark.	6/25/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1297	Durkan		Resolution declaring the Boston City Council's support of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Shadow Regulations as affirmed by session law.	6/25/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1353	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Norm Stembridge as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring May 1, 2028.	7/9/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1354	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Rob Steinberg as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Conservation District Commission, for a term expiring June 20, 2026.	7/9/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1373	Durkan	Pepén, Coletta Zapata	Order for a hearing to explore the inclusion of pollinator corridors as part of sustainable development.	7/9/2025		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	1412	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of J. Celina Barrios-Millner as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring May 1, 2028.	8/6/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1413	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of J. Anabela Gomes as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring May 1, 2028.	8/6/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1450	Weber	Pepén, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss next steps to improve street safety on the northern stretch of Hyde Park Avenue from Walk Hill Street to the Arborway.	8/6/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1459	Murphy	Flynn	Resolution in support of Massachusetts House Bill 3731 (H.3731), "An Act to Enhance Pedestrian Safety".	8/6/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0105	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of William Harry Shipps, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024		(2024-1687), 3/13/25- hearing revised
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0173	Mejia	Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0174	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0175	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress.	1/8/2025	7/24/2025	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0176	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	1/8/2025	1/21, 1/22, 6/10/25	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0177	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	1/8/2025	1/24/2025	

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Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0180	Worrell	Meija	Order for a hearing regarding equity in City contracts.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0415	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.	2/5/2025	3/20/25, 3/27/25	2/20, 3/10/25-hearing canceled
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0475	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to review and evaluate the Boston City Council's legislative impact on District 7 residents and its collaboration with the administration on projects in District 7 to identify areas for improvement.	2/12/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0480	Mejia	Worrell	Order for a hearing to evaluate the year-to-date financial performance of the FY2025 operating budget.	2/12/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0481	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the financial impact of the Boston Police Department's compliance with City of Boston code section 11-1.1.	2/12/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	1102	Murphy		Order for a hearing to review the management and oversight of the Boston Main Streets programs and the preliminary findings of the Wolf & Company audit.	5/21/2025	8/7/2025	7/16/25-hearing canceled
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	1284	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the Boston Fire Department hiring process and practices.	6/25/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	1439	Mejia	Worrell	Order for a hearing to audit child care investments and the financial stability of Family Child Care providers.	8/6/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	1446	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review past expenditures through quarterly updates on the FY2026 operating budget.	8/6/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0100	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Sandro Galea, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		2024-0286

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0306	Pepén	Louijeune	Order for a hearing on health access in Hyde Park.	1/29/2025	6/12/2025	3/20/25-hearing canceled
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0330	Santana	Breadon, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0331	Santana	Anderson, Weber	Order for a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0332	Santana	FitzGerald, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0422	Murphy	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the immediate reinstatement of and sustainable funding for the Community Syringe Redemption Program.	2/5/2025	4/1/2025	3/13/25-hearing canceled, 4/2/25-remains in committee
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0858	Worrell	Flynn, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss opioid-related overdose deaths in the older Black population in the City of Boston.	4/9/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0975	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss the availability of cooling centers in the city of Boston during extreme heat emergencies.	4/30/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	1063	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Health Commission's "Health of Asian Residents in Boston" Report.	5/14/2025		7/31/25-hearing canceled
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	1346	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Nine Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$262,908.86) in the form of a grant, for the FY26 DMH CIT TTAC Grant, awarded by the MA Department of Mental Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the implementation of 4-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for officers under the umbrella of BPD Street Outreach Unit.	7/9/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	1368	FitzGerald	Flynn, Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding the creation of a regional substance use disorder and mental health fund to address the Mass & Cass crisis.	7/9/2025		

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	1372	Murphy	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding the modernization of the Boston EMS dispatch phone system.	7/9/2025	7/31/2025	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	1445	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss security at high-rise garages in the City of Boston.	8/6/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	1451	Durkan	Weber, Santana	Order for a hearing to examine the impact of federal cuts to SNAP and Medicaid on Boston residents.	8/6/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	1452	Durkan	Worrell, Santana	Order for a hearing to explore melanoma detection training for beauty and wellness professionals.	8/6/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	1457	Flynn		Resolution to declare Mass & Cass and Impacted Neighborhoods a Public Safety and Public Health Emergency and a Humanitarian Crisis.	8/6/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0128	Flynn	Murphy	Communication was received from the Police Commissioner Michael A. Cox in accordance with Section 3 of the Boston Trust Act regarding civil immigration detainer results for calendar year 2024.	1/8/2025	3/10/2025	3/6/25 hearing canceled, 3/12/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0153	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore the summer community plan.	1/8/2025	.	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0163	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss enhanced public safety measures during large events in Boston.	1/8/2025	1/28/25, 2/13/25	1/29/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0164	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss 2024 crime statistics.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0167	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0186	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0256	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss discrepancies in Boston's 2024 detainer requests.	1/15/2025		3/6/25 hearing canceled

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0322	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to ensure operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of a 911 system outage.	1/29/2025	9/23/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0335	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Fire Department.	1/29/2025	4/25/2025	3/17/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0336	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department.	1/29/2025		5/23/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0412	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding the public safety requirements and possible locations for a new Emergency Operations Center in the City of Boston.	2/5/2025		3/18/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0413	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Office of Emergency Management, including the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and Emergency Management Performance Grant.	2/5/2025	3/27/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0414	Mejia	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act.	2/5/2025	3/10/2025	3/12/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0421	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and police staffing in Boston.	2/5/2025	3/13/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0847	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY25 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund upgrading, expanding, and integrating technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response.	4/9/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0857	Santana	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and public health updates related to the crises of mental health, substance use, and homelessness and housing instability concentrated in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.	4/9/2025		6/9/25-hearing canceled

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0903	Santana	Worrell	Order for the Boston City Council to hold a policy briefing on the public safety and criminal justice implementation and impacts in the City of Boston of the "Shield Law," known formally as "A Massachusetts Act Expanding Protections for Reproductive and Gender-Affirming Care".	4/16/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0978	Pepén		Order to adopt Chapter 270 of the Acts of 2024 regarding local law enforcement continuity between the City of Boston and the Town of Dedham.	4/30/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1017	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss establishing a drone policy in the City of Boston.	5/7/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1062	Santana	Flynn, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding occupational cancer risks for Boston Firefighters, and programs the City of Boston offers or could offer for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.	5/14/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1355	Mayor		Message and order for your review the City of Boston's 2024 Annual Surveillance Report pursuant to the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63.3 (b)(3) (the "Ordinance").	7/9/2025	8/11/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1356	Mayor		Message and order in accordance with the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63 ("the Ordinance"), I hereby transmit for your review and consideration the proposed Surveillance Use Policy for the Rodent Monitoring Camera System, submitted in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA).	7/9/2025	8/12/25, 8/19/25	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1357	Mayor		Message and order in accordance with the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63.(b)(3), I hereby transmit for your review the Boston Police Department's report on three "Social Media Analysis Tools," the "Surveillance Use Policy" questionnaire, and the relevant Department policies that govern the use of these tools.	7/9/2025	8/12/25, 8/19/25	

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1400	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$3,966,900.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY26 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a comprehensive, interagency strategy that connects law enforcement, employment, education, public health and youth development agencies to reduce youth violence in the Commonwealth.	8/6/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1409	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars and One Cent (\$10,000.01) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 National Violent Death Reporting System, awarded by the MA Department of Public Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund data collection by the Bureau of Investigative Services and the Drug Control Unit.	8/6/2025		
Rules & Administration	0162	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding the use of nondisclosure, confidentiality, and any and all other types of employment agreements	1/8/2025	1/31/2025	
Rules & Administration	0420	Santana		Order for a hearing to explore ways to increase community engagement and better facilitate public participation for Boston City Council Hearings.	2/5/2025		
Rules & Administration	0616	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss and establish guidelines for the filing and adoption of Council Resolutions.	3/5/2025		7/14/25-committee meeting
Rules & Administration	0904	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss creating an Oversight Committee on Accountability and Compliance on the Boston City Council.	4/16/2025		
Rules & Administration	0976	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss adding State Oversight on Statement of Financial Interests (SFIs).	4/30/2025		
Rules & Administration	0977	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding procedures following a vacancy in the office of District City Councilor.	4/30/2025		

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Small Business & Professional Licensure	0150	Worrell	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the distribution of Boston's 225 new liquor licenses and provide ongoing support to restaurateurs.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0152	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0159	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review and establish a "Business Owner 101" program for grant recipients.	1/8/2025		
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Small Business & Professional Licensure	0770	Louijeune	Weber, Pepén	Order for a hearing regarding support for Boston's Main Streets organizations.	4/2/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0261	Weber	FitzGerald, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address programming needs for older adults in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	3/28/2025	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0268	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide.	1/15/2025	2/25/2025	2/26/25-remains in committee
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0317	Flynn	Mejia, Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss elderly scamming.	1/29/2025	2/13/2025	2/11/25-hearuing canceled
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0821	Murphy		Order for an emergency hearing to address incidents at The Future BOS Youth Jobs & Resource Fair and to reschedule the event promptly.	4/2/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0892	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$137,753.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25/FY26 Retired Senior Volunteer Program grant, awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund administration for senior community service volunteers, including reimbursement for meals and travel expenses.	4/16/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1438	Murphy	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding the status and future of the Blackstone Community Center Pool.	8/6/2025		

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0165	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the process of establishing Hero Squares in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	2/28/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0166	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	1/8/2025	3/21/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0253	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veteran Services.	1/15/2025		3/21/25-heariung revised
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0255	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss new cancer presumptions announced by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.	1/15/2025	3/21/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0312	FitzGerald	Flynn, Murphy	Order for a hearing to establish a hometown military hero banner program.	1/29/2025	2/28/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0320	Flynn	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss the lung cancer rates among Black Veterans.	1/29/2025	3/21/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0722	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$12,881.00) in the form of a grant, for the Jobs for Veterans' State Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund enhanced employment services for eligible veterans, prioritizing disabled veterans, and those facing significant barriers to employment, with the goal of improving their job search outcomes and economic self-sufficiency.	4/2/2025		
Ways & Means	0148	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.	1/8/2025	2/18/25, 3/24/25	2/3, 2/24, 3/3/25-working session, 2/5, 2/26, 3/5/25-remains in committee, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Dawn Panos

In Recognition of:

her dedicated work at the East Boston Social Centers and her strong commitment to enhancing community safety, support, and well-being in East Boston. Her service reflects a deep care for the neighborhood and a lasting impact on the lives of its residents.

And be it further Resolved 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: _____

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Friends of DeFilippo Playground

In Recognition of:

their dedication to preserving North End history and enhancing community space through the installation of a new historical marker at "The Gassy," celebrating local heritage and strengthening neighborhood pride for generations to come.

And be it further Resolved 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: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Gregg D. Bodell

In Recognition of:

**His years of selfless dedication and service to the children of
Boston Public Schools**

And be it further Resolved 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: Ruthzee Loujaune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guintos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Gabriela Coletta Zapata

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Nadine Pellicio

In Recognition of:

**Her years of selfless dedication and service to the children of
Boston Public Schools**

And be it further Resolved 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: Ruthzee Loujaune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Giventos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Gabriela Coletta Zapata

Date: _____

***Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald***

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

Boston Unity Cup

In Recognition of:

**Another Successful Tournament, Uniting Our City's Diverse
Cultures and Heritages On and Off the Field Through the
Global Game of Soccer and the Soccer Unity Project**

***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.***

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by
Council President Ruthzee Louijeune
Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to

Isabelle Nelson

In Recognition of:
**Your service to the Boston City Council Central Staff and
the City of Boston November 2024-August 2025. We thank
you for your work and wish you the best in your future
endeavors.**

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: *Ruthzee Louijeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louijeune*

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Brieajah Ayers

In Recognition of:

**Your service to the Boston City Council Central Staff and
the City of Boston November 2024-August 2025. We thank
you for your work and wish you the best in your future
endeavors.**

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By: _____

Ruthzee Louijeune

President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Ruthzee Louijeune

Date: _____

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

O'cean Campbell

For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your 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 City of Boston.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Cayden Campbell

For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Christine Campbell

For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your 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 City of Boston.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Ashley Mercury

For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Terry Mercury

For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

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BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Joseph Atkinson

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.**

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congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

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BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Jennifer Atkinson

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.**

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

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BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Ishema Mercury

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.**

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BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Kenneth Mercury

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.**

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

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BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Sherryl Mercury

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.**

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

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BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Rebecca Vidal

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.**

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congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

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BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Bethany Mercury

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.**

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude,
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

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BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Zachary Mercury

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

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BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Josiah Mercury

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.**

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congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

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BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Andrew Barrett

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.**

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude,
congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

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BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Asha Barrett

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.**

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude,
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Claudia Barrett

**For your dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and all your community
engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.**

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congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly
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City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Margarita Lebron

In Recognition of:

Unwavering Commitment to the Faneuil Gardens 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: Ruthyee Loujaune
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Elizabeth Bredon

Date: August 13, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Sonya Owens

In Recognition of:

Unwavering Commitment to the Faneuil Gardens 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
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By: Ruthyee Loujaune
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Elizabeth Bredon

Date: August 13, 2025

Ro'Shawn Brooks-Graham
Zoleeya Diamond Joseph

Tahiyyah Francis
Giannah Murrell
Elaine Gabriel
Joseph Bell
Noami Jean-Baptist

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

**OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN**

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

Captain Mark Morrison

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your 22 years of outstanding service to the Londonderry Police Department. From your start in the United States Navy to roles as a Field Training Officer Supervisor, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant, President of the NH Police Association, Captain, and more, you have led with integrity and dedication. Your contributions, both within the Londonderry Police Department and statewide, have left a lasting impact on the community. We wish you the best in your retirement!

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: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

**OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN**

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

ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON

IN RECOGNITION OF:

The 13th Annual Asian American Day Festival in the Boston Common! This festival has become a celebration of Asian American cultures and traditions with ethnic cuisines, music and dance, and art exhibitions combined together to create a wonderful gathering. The AAAB since their founding in 2010 has provided significant community networking and public services to Boston residents. Thank you for bringing our community together!

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: _____

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Warren Insurance Agency

For more than four decades in business, serving tens of thousands of customers with insurance policies, and providing the community with much-needed resources and events such as financial literacy education and the holiday gift drive.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your 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 City of Boston.

By: Ruthyee Loujaune
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: B. Worrell

Date: AUGUST 16, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of Councilor Benjamin Weber

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

Ethos

In Recognition of:

Providing much-needed programming to seniors in Southwest Boston.

Be it further Resolved that on the 37th National Seniors Day Councilor Benjamin J. Weber and the Boston City Council extends its gratitude to Ethos for running a successful senior pop-up program at the Elks Lodge in West Roxbury; 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: Ruthzee Loujaune
President of the City Council

Attest: Ally Swinton
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ben Weber

Date: August 21, 2025

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor John FitzGerald

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its deepest sympathy to you
and your family in the passing of your loved one:

Tiffany Horne

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and reverence as the Council
adjourned its meeting on

August 27, 2025

By: _____

President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor John FitzGerald

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its deepest sympathy to you
and your family in the passing of your loved one:

Anne "Nana" Scanlon

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and reverence as the Council
adjourned its meeting on

August 27, 2025

By: _____

President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: _____

Date: _____



In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune

**The Boston City Council Extends Its Deepest Sympathy To You and
Your Family in the Passing of Your Loved One**

Mary "Colette" Burke

**In Whose Memory All Members Stood In Tribute and Reberence as
The Council Adjourned its Meeting Of**

August 27, 2025



In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune

**The Boston City Council Extends Its Deepest Sympathy To You and
Your Family in the Passing of Your Loved One**

Joseph F. Shone

**In Whose Memory All Members Stood In Tribute and Reberence as
The Council Adjourned its Meeting Of**

August 27, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of Councilor Benjamin Weber

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

Nuevo Dia Adult Day Health

In Recognition of:

Providing much-needed programming to seniors in Jamaica Plain and across Boston.

Be it further Resolved that Councilor Benjamin J. Weber and the Boston City Council extends its gratitude for three years of service to the Jamaica Plain community; 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: *Ruthyee Loujaume*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ben Weber*

Date: August 22, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

FISHERMAN'S FEAST

IN RECOGNITION OF:

This year's annual Fisherman's Feast! First celebrated in Boston in 1910, the Feast honors a devotion to the Madonna del Soccorso brought from Sciacca, Sicily, by immigrant fishermen in the early 1900s. Organized by their descendants, the Feast preserves over a century of tradition, filling the North End with lights, music, food, and a solemn procession through its streets. We honor the enormous contributions and sacrifices of Italian and Italian Americans to our city, state, and nation!

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: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

AI LI TANMORIN

In Recognition of:

Your invaluable work with our office in the summer of 2025. We thank you for your time and commitment to assist our team with scheduling, writing, research and other administrative tasks. You have demonstrated great initiative and have been a joy and delight to work with. We commend your professionalism, your willingness to help others, your reliability, and your openness to learn and receive feedback. We will miss having you in the office and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

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: _____

City of Boston

IN
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IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Ricardo Miguel Zeferino Barbosa

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

SINCERELY,

Ruthzee Loujaune
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Alex Guanter
City Clerk

Presented By

BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR BENJAMIN J. WEBER

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

FAMILY OF EDWARD KENNEY

In Recognition of:

Mr. Edward Kenney of South Boston, a devoted husband, father, neighbor, and veteran of the United States Navy, whose courage carried him through service on LSTs in both the European and Pacific theaters of World War II, including his remarkable bravery on D-Day at Normandy. Following his military service, Mr. Kenney continued his commitment to public duty with the Boston Fire Department, serving on the fireboat and Engine Company 1, while also standing as a tireless advocate for veterans. Above all, he was a beloved husband to Mary, a proud father to Mary, Edward Jr., Jeanne, Patti, and Caroline, and a cherished member of the South Boston community. His life of service, sacrifice, and love will be remembered with deep respect and gratitude.

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: _____

City of Boston
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IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Edward Kenney, US Navy, BFD.

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

August 27, 2025

SINCERELY,


CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

WILLIAM DRISCOLL

In Recognition of:

Answering the call of duty when drafted while you were still in high school. Your education was put on hold so that you could serve our nation, and today, we not only recognize and honor your service, but also the completion of a journey long deferred as you receive your high school diploma. Your dedication, courage, and perseverance perfectly embodies the American spirit. Congratulations on receiving your diploma and for your service in the US Military.

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: _____

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people every year. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

WHEREAS, One in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, Founded nearly thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. and Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Boston Children's Hospital, Tufts Children's Hospital, Shriners Children's Boston, Dana Farber Children's Cancer Center, MassGeneral Hospital for Children, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, positive appearance programs, pet-assisted therapy, KCC Supercar Experience, educational programs and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer; *Now, Therefore Be It*

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council and the City of Boston recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and join in support of raising awareness and cheering those who are battling childhood cancer and wishing them a full recovery.

Filed on: August, 25, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
AND NAMING AUGUST 23, 2025

"JONAS BROTHERS DAY" IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The Jonas Brothers, Nick, Joe, and Kevin Jonas, are a two-time Grammy nominated band whose music, films, and television programs have resonated with generations of fans in Boston and around the world over the past two decades; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Jonas Brothers have maintained a strong connection to Massachusetts, with a total of 17 concerts across the Commonwealth since 2005, including numerous sold-out performances; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Jonas Brothers have also recognized Boston's cultural influence, citing the hometown rock band, Boston, as an inspiration on their 2023 album, *The Album*; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston continues to play a central role in the Jonas Brothers' career. A sold-out performance at Fenway Park as part of their 20th anniversary *Jonas20: Greetings from Your Hometown* tour, and one of only ten cities selected to feature the immersive JONASCON ON TOUR fan experience, which includes celebrations honoring the band's enduring relationship with their Boston fanbase; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Jonas Brothers' commitment to their audience extends beyond entertainment, seen through their participation in ongoing support for various charitable causes, reflecting their dedication to using their platform for positive social impact both locally and globally; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is proud to recognize and celebrate the Jonas Brothers for their outstanding achievements, their musical legacy, and their lasting impact on the music lovers in the City of Boston; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** The Boston City Council honors the members of the Jonas Brothers band for their influence on the pop-punk genre and celebrates their 20th Anniversary tour by recognizing August 23, 2025 as Jonas Brothers Day in the City of Boston.



OFFERED BY: _____

Sharon Durkan

SHARON DURKAN, BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR, DISTRICT 8

BY: _____

Ruthzee Loujeune

RUTHZEE LOUJEUNE, PRESIDENT OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____

Alex Geourntas

ALEX GEOURNTAS, CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

DATE: August 23, 2025