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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY PROCESS TO DESIGNATE THE BOSTON FISH PIER AS A LANDMARK

- WHEREAS:** Recently, the City started a process of designating the Boston Fish Pier as a Boston Landmark. This project is expected to appear on the Boston Landmarks Commission Agenda in July without any community process or notification to the neighbors and local South Boston elected officials; *and*
- WHEREAS:** None of the surrounding businesses, residents, the South Boston Elected officials, and neighbors were made aware of this proposal. More importantly, it has come to the public's attention that the City is acting on a petition filed in 1995, which is thirty years ago; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The South Boston Waterfront was a very different place thirty years ago, void of almost all of the buildings, residents, and visitors we see today. Most of the buildings we see along Seaport Boulevard today were only constructed over the last decade and a half; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2017, there was a successful effort to place the Boston Fish Pier site on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, this is a state asset, owned and operated by Massport; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that we should not be hastily proceeding with a petition that was filed thirty years ago with a process that has failed to engage relevant stakeholders and the surrounding neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Marine Industrial uses provide thousands of jobs in the Port of Boston. Protecting these jobs is critical and in order to keep rents low for tenants, building owners may need to be flexible with their spaces to support these seafood businesses; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Designating any historic landmark requires thoughtful consideration and debate. It is wholly appropriate to discuss the Boston Landmarks Commission pausing to allow for genuine and meaningful dialogue with the community and its duly elected representatives on why this designation is necessary at this time; *and*

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the Boston Fish Pier and the public engagement process to designate it as a Landmark. Representatives from the Boston Landmarks Commission, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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