



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

1256 Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Seven Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$747,842.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Library Department for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the AFSCME, Local 1526.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on June 23, 2025.

1257 Message and order for a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Public Schools for FY25 in the amount of Seven Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$747,842) to cover the FY25 cost items continued within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and AFSCME, Local 1526. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026 and October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in October of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$500, \$250, \$800, and \$175 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year. The agreement also includes the addition of prepaid legal benefits as well as changes to Sunday overtime for certain positions.

- 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.
- 1259** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.000 in the form of a grant from the Cummings Foundation to be administered by the Office of Human Services. The grant will support violence prevention, including events, community outreach and engagement, and efforts to support the City's summer safety plan and Plan to End Violence.
- 1260** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$344,335.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY26 Senior Companion Program, awarded by AmeriCorps to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund administration of the Senior Companion Program, including reimbursement for travel and meals plus stipend for volunteers who provide companionship to homebound and frail seniors.
- 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.
- 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.

- [1263](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$36,500.00) in the form of a grant for the Chronicle Heritage Donation, awarded by the Chronicle Heritage to be administered by the Office of Historic Preservation. The grant will fund payroll expenses.
- [1264](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$34,349.36) in the form of a grant, for the Carry-In Regional Planning grant, awarded by 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 regional planning efforts to address the creation of regional pipeline programming for high demand industries and occupations in alignment with regional planning priorities.
- [1265](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$12,869.81) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Youth Administration grant, awarded by 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 administrative cost associated with providing a comprehensive youth employment program that serves eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

- [1266](#) Communication was received from Council President Ruthzee Louijeune regarding City Council Rule 5.
- [1267](#) Notice was received from Councilor Fernandes Anderson regarding her resignation from the Boston City Council effective Friday, July 4, 2025.
- [1268](#) Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding Boston Policy Institute's latest report on Downtown Office Vacancies.
- [1269](#) Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding Boston Fish Pier.

- [1270](#) Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission.
- [1271](#) Communication was received from Councilor Flynn to Chief of Planning Kairos Shen regarding PLAN: Downtown.
- [1272](#) Communication was received from Councilor Fernandes Anderson regarding the development of centralized, accountable, equity-driven dashboards, across key City Departments.
- [1273](#) Communication was received from Councilors Murphy and Flynn regarding Docket #1101, (Order for a hearing to review the hiring, training and compliance certification of BPS Bus Drivers).
- [1274](#) Communication was received from Eneida Tavares, Chair of the Board of Election, regarding the Citizen Petition to establish an Independent Municipal Inspector General.
- [1275](#) Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of The Old South Meeting House, 310 Washing Street, Boston, MA, as a Landmark (In effect after July 23, 2025 if not acted upon).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- [0648](#) The Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation, to which was referred on March 12, 2025, Docket #0648, Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston Streets Cabinet to enter into a contract for a period of up to ten years for the services of an operator for the City's public bike share program, Bluebikes. The contract term would begin in 2026. The City Council's permission to enter into a contract of this type for a period of more than three years is required by section 12 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.

0720 The Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation, to which was referred on April 2, 2025, Docket #0720, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund safety design and construction in intersections to employ low-cost, high impact strategies through a safety and equity lens for Complete Street. The principal safety issues addressed are speeding, pedestrian crashes, as well as visibility issues, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.

1133 The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, to which was referred on June 4, 2025, Docket #1133, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) in the form of a grant awarded by the Cummings Foundation. The grant will fund the City of Boston's violence prevention work including activations and events, community outreach, block parties and the Youth Options Unlimited program, and other efforts consistent with the City's summer safety plan and Plan to End Violence, submits a report recommending the Order ought to pass.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1276 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Ordinance to prioritize surplus municipal property as affordable housing.

1277 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to City of Boston Certified Emergency Telecommunicators.

1278 **Councilor Mejia offered the following:** 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 Alex J. Rodriguez.

1279 **Councilor Pepén offered the following:** 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 Luis Cabral.

- 1280 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Directing the City of Boston Police Department to Waive the Maximum Age Requirement for Angel G. Rivera.
- 1281 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the community process to designate the Boston Fish Pier as a landmark.
- 1282 Councilor Pepén and Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding the Boston Public Schools Exam Schools admissions policy and proposed changes.
- 1283 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to bring a Historically Black College or University Satellite Campus to Boston.
- 1284 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the Boston Fire Department hiring process and practices.
- 1285 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding reviving the "Red Shirts" program.
- 1286 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: Assessment of Commercial Properties in the City of Boston.
- 1287 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution to Suspend the City of Boston's Sister City Status with the City of Strasbourg, France.
- 1288 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution to support the right of parents to bring their infants to work.
- 1289 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The First Edition of The District 7 Workbook.
- 1290 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution urging a State and City partnership to build housing for young adults, including those aging out of DCF on community college campuses in Boston.
- 1291 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution calling for a comprehensive transportation study to evaluate Boston's multimodal system, including parking, access, equity, and infrastructure outcomes.
- 1292 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution calling for urgent structural reforms to strengthen Boston's housing pipeline, anti-displacement strategies, and affordability framework.

- 1293 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution designating the Downtown RFI Area as a Boston Cultural District led by Indigenous and Black communities as a step towards reparations.
- 1294 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution calling for a Black Economic Development Plan and Equity-backed Budget Framework to close Boston's racial wealth gap.
- 1295 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution to support public understanding of the role and responsibilities of Boston City Councilors.
- 1296 Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Resolution to call for an independent investigation into City Hall terminations, retaliation claims, and supervisory conduct.
- 1297 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution declaring the Boston City Council's support of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Shadow Regulations as affirmed by session law.
- 1298 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution to recognize and to celebrate the independence of Cabo Verde and to declare July as Cabo Verdean Heritage Month.
- 1299 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing June as Homeownership Month in the City of Boston.
- 1300 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution in honor and gratitude to the District 7 constituents for their courage, diversity, and collective commitment to justice and civic engagement.

GREEN SHEETS:

25/25 Legislative Calendar for June 25, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1301 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution honoring and recognizing the staff of the District 7 Office.
- 1302 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Bernadette Pignone.
- 1303 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Olivia Cichon.

- 1304** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Dat Fitzgerald.
- 1305** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Colin O'Dwyer.
- 1306** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Rosa Sobradelo.
- 1307** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing 6 businesses in District One for being awarded the Legacy Business award 2025.
- 1308** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Caffè Dello Sport.
- 1309** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Rocco Telese.
- 1310** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing The North End Branch Library.
- 1311** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Memorial Hall.
- 1312** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution in memory of William Tanner.
- 1313** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ann Lydon.
- 1314** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Nucarta.
- 1315** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Cora Marie Tinsley.
- 1316** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolutions congratulating Juneteenth Honorees.
- 1317** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Richard Claytor.
- 1318** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Private First Class Catalina Ortiz-Sierra.

- 1319 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Specialist Luis Tejada Cuello.
- 1320 Councilor FitzGerald and Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kate Brown.
- 1321 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jim Cassetta.
- 1322 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ruth St. Louis.
- 1323 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Neil Sharma.
- 1324 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing David T. Donnelly.
- 1325 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Casserly House.
- 1326 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Sisters of Saint Joseph.
- 1327 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Roxana Bentes de Moura.
- 1328 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Center Salon.
- 1329 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Batya Ferrenz-Siegel.
- 1330 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing four young scholars for their leadership in loving memory of Shelbia Irene Dickerson.
- 1331 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Darren T. Wells.
- 1332 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Christopher Bailey.
- 1333 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Latisha "Tisha" Scott and the entire team behind Alluring Beauty.

- 1334** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Albert Clifton Rue Sr..
- 1335** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ramon Orlando Valoy.
- 1336** Councilor Murphy and FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Michael Skillin.
- 1337** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Andrew Beck Lew.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

June 23, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by seven hundred forty-seven thousand, eight hundred forty-two dollars (\$747,842) to provide funding for the Boston Public Library Department for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the AFSCME, Local 1526.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER REDUCING THE FY25 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$747,842).

ORDERED: That the appropriation heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, be reduced by the following amount:

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$747,842

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

BY _____

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

June 23, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Public Library Department for FY25 in the amount of seven hundred forty-seven thousand, eight hundred and forty-two dollars (\$747,842) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and AFSCME, Local 1526. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026 and October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in October of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$500, \$250, \$800, and \$175 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year. The agreement also includes the addition of a prepaid legal benefit as well as changes to Sunday overtime for certain positions.

As originally presented to you, the FY25 budget request included a Reserve for Collective Bargaining - a separate appropriation to fund projected collective bargaining increases. A separate order has been filed to reduce that appropriation to support this supplemental request.

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$747,842) TO COVER THE FY25 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND AFSCME, LOCAL 1526.

ORDERED: That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$747,842) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds and taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws: -

110000

Boston Public Library

Personnel Services

\$747,842

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BY _____

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

June 23, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant in an amount not to exceed One Million, One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$1,170,000.00) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program.

This 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.

I urge your honorable body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may accept and expend these funds expeditiously.

Sincerely,


Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC) PROGRAM GRANT OF ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,170,000) FOR THE RENOVATION OF MOAKLEY PARK.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through the Parks and Recreation Department, be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with Section 53A1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a Federal Emergency Management Agency Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program grant award in an amount not to exceed One Million One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$1,170,000.00). The funds will provide capital improvements to Moakley Park located in the neighborhood of South Boston.

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
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June 23, 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 Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars \$450,000.00 in the form of a grant from the Cummings Foundation to be administered by the Office of Human Services. This grant will support violence prevention, including events, community outreach and engagement, and other efforts to support the City's summer safety plan and Plan to End Violence.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Order as expeditiously as possible, so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them for the purpose for which they were awarded.


Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$450,000) TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through the Office of Human Services, be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with Section 53A1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a grant from Cummings Foundation in the amount of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of supporting violence prevention in the City of Boston.

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

06-23-2025

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 THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS **(\$344,335.00)** in the form of a grant, Federal FY26 Senior Companion Program, awarded by AmeriCorps to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund administration of the Senior Companion Program, including reimbursement for travel and meals plus stipends for volunteers who provide companionship to homebound and frail seniors.

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 Federal FY26 Senior Companion Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY AmeriCorps.

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS **(\$344,335.00)** would fund administration of the Senior Companion Program, including reimbursement for travel and meals plus stipends for volunteers who provide companionship to homebound and frail seniors. 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 AmeriCorps, Federal FY26 Senior Companion Program award not to exceed the amount of THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS **(\$344,335.00)**.

Docket # _____

**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that
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by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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06-23-2025

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 FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS **(\$251,145.00)** in the form of a grant, the MA Innocence and Conviction Integrity Collaboration grant, awarded by United States Department Of Justice, passed through the The Committee for Public Counsel Services, to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund BPD Crime Lab staff time for the Massachusetts Innocence and Conviction Integrity Collaboration Project.

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 MA Innocence and Conviction Integrity Collaboration grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department Of Justice AND The Committee for Public Counsel Services.

WHEREAS, the United States Department Of Justice and The Committee for Public Counsel Services, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (**\$251,145.00**) would fund BPD Crime Lab staff time for the Massachusetts Innocence and Conviction Integrity Collaboration Project. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department Of Justice, and The Committee for Public Counsel Services' the MA Innocence and Conviction Integrity Collaboration grant award not to exceed the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (**\$251,145.00**).

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06-16-2025

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 Boston Family Days grant, awarded by The Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Arts & Culture.

The grant would fund the Boston Family Days program from 2025 - 2026, provided by the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone foundation

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 Boston Family Days grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY The Boston Foundation.

WHEREAS, the The Boston Foundation, 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 Boston Family Days program from 2025 - 2026, provided by the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone foundation 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 The Boston Foundation, the Boston Family Days grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00).

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City Clerk

Mayor

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Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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Michelle Wu**

06-23-2025

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 THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS **(\$36,500.00)** in the form of a grant, Chronicle Heritage Donation, awarded by Chronicle Heritage to be administered by the Office of Historic Preservation.

The grant would fund to support payroll expenses.

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 Chronicle Heritage Donation FUNDS, AWARDED BY Chronicle Heritage.

WHEREAS, the Chronicle Heritage, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$36,500.00) would fund to support payroll expenses. 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 Chronicle Heritage, Chronicle Heritage Donation award not to exceed the amount of THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$36,500.00).

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06-16-2025

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The grant would fund regional planning efforts to address the creation of regional pipeline programming for high demand industries and occupations in alignment with regional planning priorities.

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 Carry-in Regional Planning grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Labor AND MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor and MassHire Department of Career Services, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SIX CENTS (**\$34,349.36**) would fund regional planning efforts to address the creation of regional pipeline programming for high demand industries and occupations in alignment with regional planning priorities. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of Labor, and MassHire Department of Career Services' the Carry-in Regional Planning grant award not to exceed the amount of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SIX CENTS (**\$34,349.36**).

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
Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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

06-16-2025

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 TWELVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-ONE CENTS (**\$12,869.81**) in the form of a grant, the WIOA Youth Admin grant, awarded by United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund administrative costs associated with providing a comprehensive youth employment program that serves eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.

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

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

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Boston City Council
Ruthzee Louijeune
City Council President

MEMORANDUM

DATE: Monday, June 23, 2025
TO: City Councilors
FROM: City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune
SUBJECT: Boston City Council Rule 5

Question Presented

How does Rule 5 of the Boston City Council Rules apply to hearing orders or resolutions that call for a specific employment action or express support for a particular City employee?

Filings Should Have a Direct Bearing on the Business of the Council

This term, the Boston City Council has thus far considered and deliberated on two resolutions regarding individual employment matters with the City of Boston. Yet Rule 5 exists to ensure that matters brought before the Boston City Council have a direct bearing on the Council's legislative business. Rule 5 authorizes the Chair to halt further consideration of any motion, order, or resolution that "in the opinion of the presiding officer does not have a direct bearing on the business of the council." The rule is not a limitation on what a Councilor may file, but a mechanism for ensuring that the Council's agenda remains focused on matters within the Body's purview. The Rule's purpose is not to foreclose expression, but to maintain the appropriate scope of Council deliberation.

Individual Employment Disputes Shall Be Deemed Out of Order

Filings concerning individual personnel disputes (such as specific allegations of retaliation, promotions, demotions, denials of accommodations, or disciplinary actions) are outside the Council's jurisdiction and should not be further considered. Section 17G of the Charter excludes individual personnel matters from the Council's authority, as it prohibits the Council's involvement in the employment of labor, conduct of the executive or administrative business, and the appointment or removal of city employees on behalf of the City. Additional State Law also specifically excludes the Council from the employment relationship with regards to collective bargaining agreements. Public adjudication of individual personnel matters through the City Council's legislative process potentially exposes the City to litigation and can compromise employment resolution processes—without producing any enforceable result as the City Council does not bear authority over these matters.



Boston City Council
Ruthzee Louijeune
City Council President

Rule 5 does not preclude the Council from considering general employment policy issues (e.g., labor conditions, employee benefits policies, workplace protections etc.) or acting on individual-based Home Rule Petitions concerning disability pensions, age waivers, and other matters where Council authority is clearly established by law or explicitly granted in the City Charter. The Council has meaningful and appropriate jurisdiction over general workforce policy, including but not limited to: workplace safety standards, hiring policies, disability retirement petitions, preventing all forms of discrimination, and employment protections. These are issues that affect categories of workers and can be directly addressed through the work of the Body via ordinances, home rule petitions, appropriation approvals etc.

Rule 5 does not prevent Councilors from voicing support, concern, or requesting information through other channels.

Conclusion

Rule 5 exists to ensure that the business conducted by the Boston City Council is within its jurisdiction and purpose as a legislative body. It is important that the Boston City Council asserts its authority, as demonstrated, for example, over the last few years by the use of the budgetary amendment powers. However, resolutions and/or hearing orders regarding specific employment action related to an individual's employment with the City of Boston do not advance legislation, impact policy, or lead to an outcome within the Council's control. As such, as the Chair I have determined that moving forward such filings are not appropriate for consideration and rule them out of order in accordance with Rule 5.



Boston City Council

TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON
Councilor - District 7

June 11, 2025

Dear Esteemed Clerk Geourntas,

Please be advised that I am resigning from my position as the District 7 Boston City Councilor, effective 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 4, 2025.

It has been a great honor to serve the people of Boston and especially the residents of District 7. I am deeply proud of the work we've accomplished together. As I transition into the next chapter, I carry with me an enduring love for this city and a steadfast commitment to its people. I look forward to continuing to serve our community in new and meaningful ways.

With gratitude,

Tania Fernandes Anderson
Boston City Councilor - District 7

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Boston City Council
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Councilor - District 2

June 16, 2025

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Square, Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

I am writing to notify the Boston City Council of the latest report by the Boston Policy Institute and the Center for State Policy Analysis at Tufts University with regard to the ongoing Downtown Office vacancies. As elected officials for the City of Boston, it is critical that we continue to monitor and address the consequences of office space devaluation in Downtown Boston.

Sincerely,

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

Ed Flynn
Boston Councilor, District 2



ONGOING FALLOUT FROM BOSTON'S EMPTY OFFICES

JUNE 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Empty offices continue to threaten Boston's fiscal future, as once-attractive buildings sell for half their former value and property tax collections weaken faster than anticipated.

Just last year, the Boston Policy Institute partnered with the Center for State Policy Analysis to assess Boston's vulnerability, but those findings now look outdated and overly optimistic. A lack of decisive action, combined with a faster-than-expected decline in tax assessments, has further darkened the outlook.

Working with the latest available information, we find that:

- Office values are likely to fall 35-45 percent from their 2024 levels, a drop that reflects recent sales data and weak FY 2025 collections. This is far more than the 20-30 percent decline we previously anticipated.
- The city's budget shortfall will widen, expanding from \$135 million this year to over \$550 million in FY 2029 and totaling \$1.7 billion over five years.
- Rather than adjust spending or reduce revenue expectations, Boston chose to offset its FY 2025 shortfall by increasing property tax rates. Continuing this approach through 2029 will require tax rates for homeowners to rise 25 percent above their 2024 level.
- Given the uncertainty behind our central projection, we are presenting two alternatives. In our "turnaround" scenario, office values find a quicker floor, limiting the city's five-year revenue shortfall to \$1.4 billion. By contrast, our "spillover" scenario shows how tax increases weigh on residential and retail properties, causing the shortfall to exceed \$2.1 billion.

While there is little Boston can do to prevent office values from continuing their decline, city leaders must decide whether to: a) fill revenue shortfalls by raising property tax rates, particularly for homeowners, or b) maintain stable tax rates and budget for the new reality of reduced revenues.

What follows is a fuller exploration of our updated findings, along with basic background on Boston's tax system, an overview of the challenges afflicting commercial real estate, and a discussion of the risks posed by the deteriorating economic climate.

BOSTON'S UNUSUAL BUDGET

While the collapse in commercial real estate affects cities everywhere, it hits Boston particularly hard. That's because Boston is unusually dependent on commercial property taxes to fund everything from schools and public parks to emergency services and road repair.

Commercial properties are the single biggest source of revenue for core city services, providing more direct support than homeowners, the state, or the federal government.

There are several reasons for Boston's outsize dependence on commercial properties. One is that they pay a much higher tax rate, more than double the rate for homes. Second, residents can claim a range of exclusions and tax exemptions that are unavailable to businesses. And third, Massachusetts law prevents Boston from diversifying its tax system by introducing a local sales or income levy.

As a result, Boston's budget looks nothing like the budgets of other large American cities. Whereas the typical city draws [roughly 10 percent of its total revenue](#) from commercial property taxes, Boston hinges a third of its entire budget on this one source.

This arrangement definitely has its virtues. Property taxes are very stable, which has helped Boston weather economic storms. And charging commercial properties a higher rate has allowed the city to shelter homeowners without dampening the economic dynamism of recent decades.

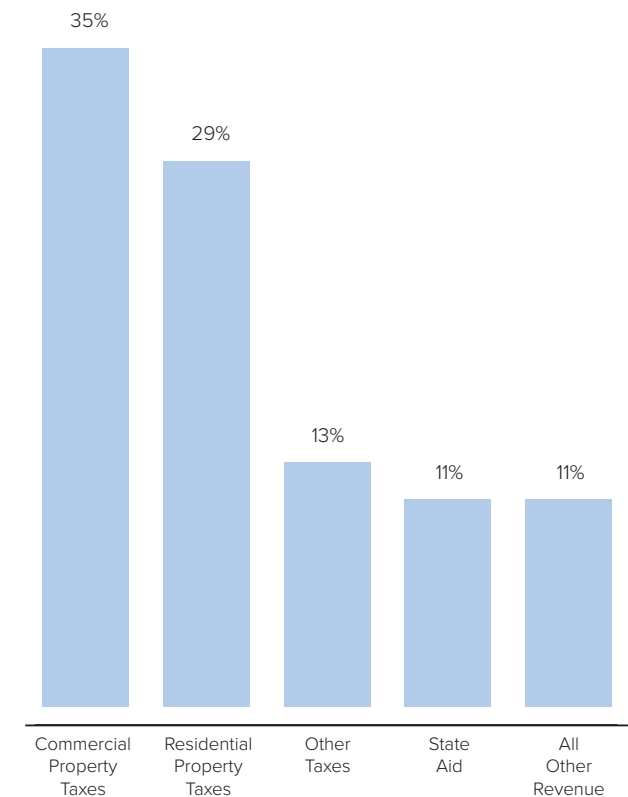
But times change. And in the current economic environment, Boston's unusual tax structure has ceased to be a source of resilience and has become a liability.

THE WORSENING OFFICE CRISIS

Until recently, it was hard to accurately assess the real value of Boston's office buildings. Sales were rare. Vacancy rates were rising, but there was lots of unused space still technically under long-term lease. And while folks fretted about foreclosure, banks didn't really want to take ownership of office buildings, so they loosened lending terms as part of a [can-kicking strategy](#) [sometimes called extend and pretend](#).

FIGURE 1

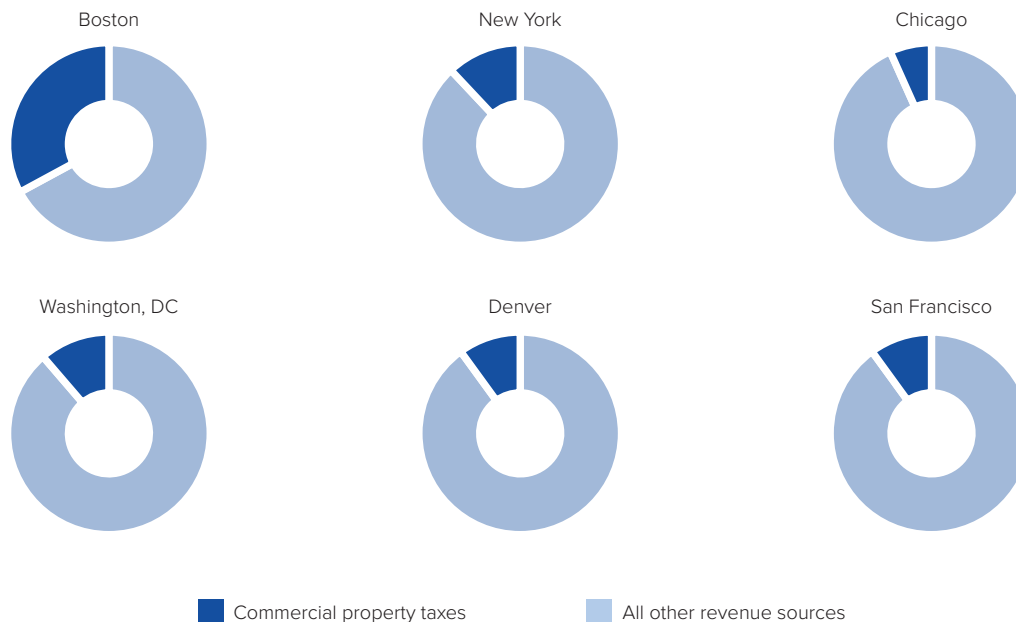
Commercial property taxes are Boston's largest revenue source



Source: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, 2024

FIGURE 2

No peer city is as reliant on commercial property taxes



Source: Tax Policy Center

Over the last year, however, more high-profile Boston office buildings have begun to trade hands, which finally allows us to put hard numbers to the toll. Buildings at [101 Arch Street](#), [400 Atlantic Avenue](#), [179 Lincoln Street](#), and elsewhere are selling at discounts of 50-70 percent, compared to prior (inflation-adjusted) prices. And it's not clear these declines represent the true floor. Consider the steeply-discounted foreclosure auction at 1 Lincoln Street, where the property was ultimately purchased by [one of the building's creditors](#), suggesting that finding an independent buyer may have required an even bigger loss.

Meanwhile, office vacancy rates remain very high, having climbed from [8 percent in 2019](#) to [nearly 24 percent today](#).

Behind this continuing weakness lie two main forces: hybrid work, which has become the new normal across the region, and mortgage rates, which remain elevated. Add the tariff-spiking cost of obtaining parts for building maintenance and there's no reason to expect a near-term turnaround in the value or profitability of office spaces.

Which is not to say that things are uniformly bleak. There are still bright stars in Boston's commercial landscape, including Back Bay's mix of office, retail, and residential and the relative strength of properties in the Seaport.

But the sky has darkened quickly. The total assessed value of all office properties in Boston fell 9 percent in FY 2025 (in real terms), a one-year decline comparable only to the financial crisis and the bursting of the dot-com bubble. And while those earlier, recession-induced drops were short-lived, today's slump seems more durable.

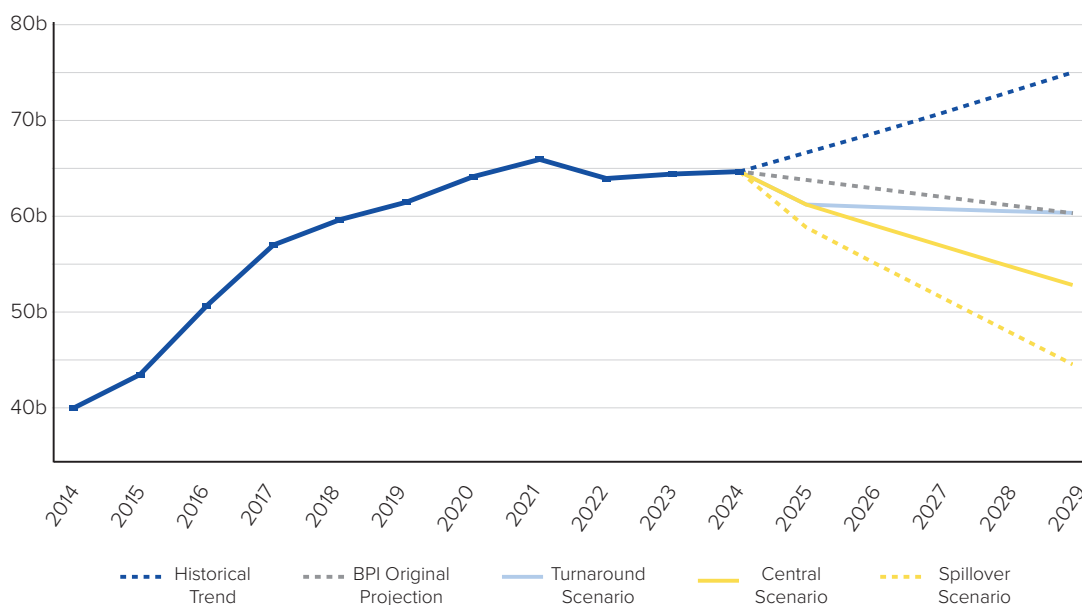
BOSTON'S WORRISOME FUTURE

Looking ahead five years, there is essentially no hope of a complete turnaround. Even the best case involves a durable decline in office values with serious implications for Boston's budget. And the worst case is devastating for the city's future.

We present three scenarios. First is a "central" scenario that reflects our best estimate of future office values and tax revenues. Alongside that, we include two alternatives: a "turnaround" scenario where office values find a faster floor and a "spillover" scenario where tax increases weigh on property values.

FIGURE 3

Commercial property values already falling, poised to fall further



Source: cSPA Calculations, real 2025 dollars

Note: Spillover scenario also reflects declining residential and industrial values

All three scenarios show marked declines from the historical trend. Between 2002 and 2024, real commercial property values in Boston grew 3 percent per year, a pace that would likely have continued without the changes wrought by remote work and higher interest rates.

CENTRAL SCENARIO

Our best estimate is that real (inflation-adjusted) office assessments will fall 35-45 percent from their 2024 levels.

This core assumption is supported by several features of the current landscape. First, the fact that major office buildings in the city are already selling at nearly half their 2024 assessed values. Second, that the 9 percent (inflation-adjusted) decline in 2025 is consistent with a 35-45 percent dropoff over five years.

If office assessments do decline 35-45 percent through 2029, it would create a \$1.7 billion hole in Boston's budget, meaning that the city would collect \$1.7 billion less over five years than could reasonably be expected from historical trends. Year by year, this budget shortfall would grow from \$135 million in 2025 to over \$550 million in 2029.

To address this growing gap, Boston could increase taxes, reduce revenue expectations, or attempt some combination of both.

Relying on tax increases alone — which is the path the city chose for 2025 — would require the tax rate for homeowners to rise from 1.09 percent in 2024 to 1.34 percent in 2029, an increase of nearly 25 percent. Tax increases for commercial and industrial properties would be far smaller, with rates rising from 2.53 percent to 2.65 percent over that same timeframe.

The tax rates we estimate here — and in our alternate scenarios — reflect the twin constraints of Proposition 2½ (which sets a limit on total tax collections) and the 175 percent tax split between commercial and residential property (which prevents the city from meaningfully raising commercial rates as office values collapse, unless the state legislature approves a larger shift).

TURNAROUND SCENARIO

Even in the most optimistic case, Boston faces a 20-30 percent decline in real office values through 2029 — akin to the already challenging outlook we described in our initial report last year.

Given that valuations fell 9 percent in FY 2025 alone, finding a 20-30 percent floor would require quick braking. But there are a few ways this could happen.

A decline in interest rates would make it easier for building owners to extend mortgages and finance operations. Alternatively, the arrival of new buyers — possibly lured by shifts in global asset markets — could firm up office values.

If Boston does limit the damage, a 20-30 percent fall in office values would create a slightly smaller 5-year budget shortfall of \$1.4 billion, culminating in a \$415 million gap in 2029. Filling this hole entirely through property tax increases would require a 1.27 percent rate for homeowners.

SPILLOVER SCENARIO

Both the “central” and “turnaround” scenarios assume that the decline in office values is narrowly contained, without risk of bleeding into the rest of the city budget. But this is unlikely, particularly if Boston continues to offset falling valuations by raising tax rates.

A weak but well-established economic relationship connects tax rates and property values. When rates go up, values go down (a little). And the rationale is fairly straightforward: higher property tax rates make it a little more expensive to own a home, which then makes home ownership a little less desirable.

So if Boston’s continued response to empty offices involves higher tax rates for residents and other businesses, that will somewhat reduce the value of homes, retail shops, industrial buildings, and beyond.

Accounting for these broader effects raises the city’s fiscal shortfall to \$2.1 billion over five years, culminating in a \$660 million gap in 2029.

And note there’s a potential feedback loop. Filling a \$2.1 billion gap requires residential property tax rates of at least 1.38 percent — but this rate would put additional downward pressure on home values, further reducing property tax collections, widening the budget shortfall, and requiring ever-higher rates.

SCENARIO	KEY ASSUMPTION	5-YEAR REVENUE SHORTFALL	RESIDENTIAL RATE TO CLOSE GAP
Central	Office values decline 35-45 percent	\$1.7 billion	1.34%
Turnaround	Office values decline 20-30 percent	\$1.4 billion	1.27%
Spillover	Tax increases depress property values	\$2.1 billion	>1.38%

THE CHOICES AHEAD

Boston's leaders aren't responsible for this collapse in office values. Broad changes in the way we work combined with increases in the cost of borrowing have made office space less desirable and undermined the city's otherwise stable financial base.

Nevertheless, the city, the state, and local civic leaders have to deal with this change of fortune by forging a new path to budgetary stability and long-term growth.

Boston's leaders sometimes imply that their budget is self-healing, that [shortfalls cannot happen](#), and that the city [can always collect the maximum amount](#) of revenue allowable under Massachusetts law.

But there's no magic here. The way shortfalls get filled, in the current budget process, is through automatic tax rate increases. And while that may be fine when the increases are small, large rate hikes carry substantial economic and political risk.

Already we can see that Boston's leaders are uncomfortable relying on automatic tax increases. Last year, the mayor and her team invested substantial political capital in a failed effort to block the automatic tax increase on homeowners and [shift more of the burden onto commercial properties](#).

If the city continues to target the maximum allowable revenue, it will trigger years of steadily-rising tax rates on homeowners. And persisting with the plan to shift these tax increases to commercial properties risks deeper damage:

- Shifting more of the tax burden onto commercial properties will only worsen the already-severe problems in the office sector. These buildings are not in a position to absorb the cost of new taxes.
- As office values fall, retail spaces — which include a lot of local Boston businesses — will make up a growing share of commercial property values. So shifting the tax burden to commercial will increasingly affect retail properties.
- Perhaps most fundamentally, pressing for tax shifts while defaulting to maximal revenue targets undermines honest debate about how much the city should raise and spend.

Given the scale of the challenge facing Boston, nearly all viable solutions require a new approach to taxing and budgeting.

Which is not to say that other efforts to revivify the downtown are irrelevant. Converting offices to residential buildings, for example, can expand housing

opportunities and ensure downtown dynamism. But for now, there are only [a few projects moving through this pipeline](#). And even successful conversions don't actually improve the city's budget, since the new residential buildings often receive tax credits and only pay the lower residential tax rate.

What's needed is a city budget based on consistent and affordable property tax rates for homeowners and businesses, even if it means collecting less revenue than allowed under Massachusetts law. This is the surest way to re-ground Boston's finances and boost confidence among vital partners, like state legislators considering additional aid, local non-profits negotiating PILOT payments, or rating agencies tracking the city's fiscal picture.

Absent a new budgetary approach, the same fights that shaped city politics last year will return, only with rising stakes and higher tax rates.

A RECESSIONARY WRINKLE

Even as office values in Boston have steadily fallen, the local economy remains relatively strong. And our projections — including all three scenarios described above — assume continuing economic health.

But the odds of an economic slowdown or nationwide recession are climbing. And Boston may be more vulnerable than in past downturns, for at least two reasons:

1. Some of the economic buffers that have protected the city — like the stability of higher education and the health care industry — are being directly targeted by federal lawmakers, potentially turning these traditional shock absorbers into accelerants of economic distress.
2. Contra sound policy and long precedent, the administration in Washington may decide to steer economic assistance to its favored locales, while limiting aid in places like Boston that have drawn presidential ire for their status as sanctuary cities.

A recession in 2025 or 2026 would have all manner of baleful effects for families and businesses in Boston. But one likely result would be an uptick in bankruptcies, foreclosures, and office building defaults, which would make it even harder for the city to balance its budget through property tax increases.

One potential upside is that economic slowdowns generally lower interest rates, which would alleviate some of the pressure on office buildings. But even that silver lining may melt away this time, as the ongoing trade war and rising national debt are poised to keep rates elevated.

CONCLUSION

In the year since our initial report highlighted the risk of falling commercial property values in Boston, reality has not only confirmed but actually outrun our earlier expectation.

Assessments have fallen faster than anticipated, and we now expect the city to face a \$1.7 billion budget hole between FY 2025 and FY 2029.

In FY 2025, Boston lawmakers chose to fill this hole chiefly by raising taxes on homeowners. And while they may be able to continue this strategy, it would require annual ratcheting rate hikes and a growing risk of dampening home values.

Yet the city does have other options, provided it's willing to choose appropriate tax revenue targets rather than simply collecting the maximum allowable amount each year.

Shrinking demand for office space is not a short-term problem that the city can hope to simply wait out. It requires a durable, transparent rethinking of budgetary priorities in order to sustain and support Boston's economic future.



METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Details about Boston's tax system were chiefly drawn from the [Massachusetts Division of Local Services](#). Finding the assessed value of specific properties, and calculating the share of total value tied to office spaces, involved parcel-level data from the city's [Analyze Boston dashboard](#).

Values were adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Price Index, accessed through the [St. Louis Federal Reserve's FRED platform](#).

Projections from 2026 to 2029 involved a number of assumptions. We assumed that residential values, non-office commercial values, industrial values, personal property values, and new growth would continue rising at the same real, annual rate as they had (individually) grown from 2002 to 2024. And we projected inflation to grow at 2.5 percent per year.

To measure the budget shortfall, we combine the actual data for FY 2025 with projections for FY 2026 through FY 2029 — and compare these projections against a counterfactual where office values grow at their historic rate (2002 to 2024). Our counterfactual further assumes that residential and commercial tax rates remain at their FY 2024 level.

For our “spillover” scenario, we assume a residential elasticity of .2 and a commercial elasticity of .4.



Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

June 16, 2025

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Square, Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

I am writing to notify the Boston City Council of my letter to Mayor Wu and the Boston Landmarks Commission with regard to the Landmarks Petition for the Boston Fish Pier at 212-234 Northern Avenue.

Sincerely,

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

Ed Flynn
Boston Councilor, District 2



Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

Mayor Michelle Wu
One City Hall Plaza, Suite 550
Boston, MA 02201

Boston Landmarks Commission
20 City Hall Avenue, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02108

June 11, 2025

RE: Delaying the Landmark Petition for Fish Pier, 212-234 Northern Avenue

Dear Mayor Wu and Members of the Boston Landmark Commission,

I'm writing today to respectfully request the deferral of designating the Fish Pier at 212-234 Northern Avenue in the South Boston Waterfront as a Boston Landmark, due to both a lack of community process and any notification to the South Boston elected officials.

In recent days, it abruptly came to my attention that the City will begin a process of designating the Boston Fish Pier as a Boston Landmark. Unfortunately, neither myself, nor my colleagues, were made aware of this proposal. In fact, it is my understanding that the City is acting on a petition filed in 1995. Thirty years ago, the South Boston Waterfront was a very different place, void of almost all of the buildings, residents, and visitors we see there today. Moreover, in 2017, I supported the successful effort to place the site on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, this is a state asset, owned and operated by Massport.

Before acting on a petition filed 30 years ago, and hastily proceeding with a process that failed to engage relevant stakeholders and the local elected officials, I am respectfully requesting that the Boston Landmarks Commission pause to allow for genuine and meaningful dialogue on why this designation is necessary at this time. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at directly 617-635-3203, or at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2



Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

June 16, 2025

Kairos Shen, Chief of Planning
Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, Room 900
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Chief Shen,

I'm writing today to bring your attention to my advocacy over the last several years regarding Downtown office vacancies. As you know, the shift to remote work since the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in less in-person work at offices, and lower foot traffic in previously bustling areas of the city. The negative impacts to commercial real estate and some of our most valuable land has created long-term concerns for meeting our budget responsibilities and the ability to provide basic city services. In recent weeks, the latest analysis from Tufts University's Center for State Policy Analysis and the Boston Policy Institute reported that due to the decreasing value of office spaces, there is now a potential shortfall of \$1.7 billion - \$2.1 billion in city revenue over the next 5 years. This is considerably higher than previous estimates of \$1.2 billion - \$1.5 billion, with office values reportedly now slated to fall 35-45% from 2024 levels, up from 20-30% anticipated previously.

As a result, for the second year in a row, the Boston City Council passed my resolution (12 in favor, 1 abstain) in support of establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission to study and address Downtown office vacancies and city revenue. This commission - made up of business leaders, city and state officials, and other relevant experts - is critical to help make recommendations to ensure the long term vitality of our city, state, and regional economy. In my view, at a time of continued global economic uncertainty, we cannot simply address this issue with significant property tax increases on residents or businesses.

In the final analysis, with this vexing issue of falling commercial property values, the city being over 70% dependent on property taxes, and over 50% of our land absorbed by our large nonprofit partners - there are long-term fiscal concerns to account for in Boston. While our tax structure helped us weather previous storms like the Great Recession, it will make us particularly vulnerable to this new dynamic.

I'm hoping to gain your support on this initiative, as I had many conversations with your predecessor Arthur Jemison on the merits of this commission. Moreover, I spent the last several years advocating for our City government to lead by example via more in-person office work, and bringing city boards back to City Hall in a hybrid format for accessibility. I want to thank the Planning Department for recognizing the value of doing so, and I continue to encourage the remaining city boards to follow. Civic Associations across Boston have done this for years now. In June 2025, it is long past time that we bring that foot traffic back, support our local small businesses, and do our part to recreate a bustling Downtown once more.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ADDRESS DOWNTOWN OFFICE VACANCIES AND CITY REVENUE

- WHEREAS:** Downtown Boston is an important economic driver of our city, state, and New England's economy. For several years, since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of Boston's neighborhoods, especially those in the Downtown area, have been, and continues to be negatively impacted by office vacancies due to changes to hybrid and remote work; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston's budget is heavily reliant on property taxes, with more than 70% of the City's FY26 \$4.8 billion budget coming from property taxes. The city's commercial tax base, which includes offices and retail spaces, is Boston's largest revenue source, making up 35% of the city's revenue; *and*
- WHEREAS:** A 2023 BPDA market analysis found that the Financial District is the largest office submarket in Boston by a substantial margin, with 445 office buildings compared to 178 in Back Bay and 94 in the South Boston Waterfront. 91% of building stock in the Financial District are marked as office use; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to a report by the real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield, the office vacancy rate in Boston is at 17%, up from 15.1% last year. Vacancy rates impact the value of real estate, which in turn impacts the amount of tax revenue that they generate; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Over the last year, a number of high-profile buildings in Downtown have sold for large discounts, included buildings at 101 Arch Street, selling for \$78 million compared to what it was bought for at \$121.7 million in 2005, One Lincoln Street, formerly known as the State Street Building and now HarborVest, which was sold for \$400 million at a foreclosure auction in March this year, less than half of its value a few years ago, and 99 High St, which sold for \$227 million in late April compared to what it was bought for at \$273 million in 2005 - which is \$100 million below its assessed value of \$373.7 million; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Boston Policy Institute and Tufts University's Center for State Policy Analysis latest research also finds that due to the decreasing value of office spaces, there is now a potential shortfall of \$1.7 billion to \$2.1 billion in city revenue over the next 5 years. The Report also found that office values are likely to fall 35-45% from 2024 levels, which is far higher than the 20-30% decline anticipated from last year's findings (between \$1.2 billion - \$1.5 billion); *and*
- WHEREAS:** Commercial real estate executives in Boston have expressed serious concerns about the future of the city's office space, and asked for assistance from local, state, and federal officials to play a key role in helping to bring more workers and foot traffic

back Downtown. There are also continued concerns that falling commercial property prices would spike property taxes for residential homeowners; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2023, the City Council held a hearing on bringing back foot traffic by having in-person meetings for all City boards and commissions, as a way to both set an example and encourage all sectors to work with their employees to begin to shift to more in-person workdays, since our small businesses, restaurants, and retailers need to be supported by visitors to Downtown, and for it to have sustained value and prosperity. Since that time, only the Boston Planning Department monthly Board of Directors meeting has shifted to in-person meetings with a hybrid option for accessibility; *and*

WHEREAS: Having a vibrant Downtown is vitally important to the prosperity of our city and state, and Downtown residents, businesses and city officials all agree that higher foot traffic and healthy economic activity is much needed to restore confidence and improve public safety in the neighborhood; *and*

WHEREAS: Addressing our office vacancies is also a critical component to a revitalized Downtown, and filling office vacancies will also be important in ensuring the stability of our city's tax base and budget; *and*

WHEREAS: Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission made up of business leaders, city and state officials and leaders, neighborhood advocates, and other relevant experts to study the impact of the office vacancies and recommend strategies to fill these vacancies, address city budget revenue, and ensure the long term vitality of our City and the whole region; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council works to address the office vacancies in the City of Boston, and that it sends its support in creating a blue ribbon commission in studying this issue, as well as other efforts in ensuring long term economic vitality of Boston.

Filed in City Council: June 11, 2025



Boston City Council

ED FLYNN

Councilor - District 2

June 16, 2025

Kairos Shen, Chief of Planning
Boston Planning Department
One City Hall Square, Room 900
Boston, MA 02201

RE: Letter opposing PLAN: Downtown Zoning Amendment

Dear Chief Shen,

I am writing today in opposition of the latest zoning proposal for PLAN: Downtown released on May 29th, 2025. At this time, I have received nearly 200 letters in opposition from neighbors and constituents. In short, City residents and members of the PLAN: Downtown Advisory Group expressed frustration that the latest amendment to allow 700-foot towers in close proximity to Boston Common and Boston Public Garden was a large departure from previous iterations of the plan, as well as concerns on removing height limits across key corridors, a lack of shadow studies and impact analysis, or on-site affordable housing guarantees. Neighbors who worked in partnership with the Boston Planning Department to provide community input over the past six years felt extremely disappointed and a lack of respect with regard to their efforts.

Moreover, given the significant changes from previous draft proposals, Downtown Boston constituents have naturally conveyed significant concerns regarding community process and that the city may be unwilling to provide an additional comment period for neighbors, despite these new developments. It is critical that Downtown Boston neighbors are treated fairly and with respect via a genuine public process to offer their feedback and knowledge as taxpaying residents of the City of Boston. As a result, in light of these drastic changes and concerns from my constituents, I am respectfully requesting that the Planning Department conduct an additional 30 day comment period on these new issues until Wednesday, July 16th, 2025.

In the final analysis, I continue to firmly believe that residents of a neighborhood must be heard during the community engagement process. That did not take place with the recent changes made by The Planning Department. As the City Councilor representing the majority of Downtown Boston, I strongly encourage the Planning Department to allow for more public engagement with my constituents, and to carefully and respectfully listen to their new and legitimate concerns in a thorough community process. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at directly 617-635-3203, or at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2



Madam President and Honorable Colleagues,

I respectfully submit this communication to call attention to a critical structural gap in how the City of Boston tracks, communicates, and evaluates performance, equity, and outcomes across key departments.

While our city has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to racial equity, transparency, and data-informed governance, the tools available to measure progress, particularly public-facing dashboards—remain fragmented, inconsistent, and in many cases, entirely absent. This lack of centralized, real-time, and disaggregated data undermines both accountability and community trust, and limits our collective ability to drive equitable results across neighborhoods.

Currently:

- The Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) lacks a comprehensive dashboard tracking homelessness, housing retention, shelter transitions, and project timelines with budget alignment. Recommendation: Create a unified, public dashboard with district filters, milestones, and budget-performance tracking.
- The Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion (OEI) does not offer a consolidated dashboard linking job creation, wages, city contracts, and neighborhood economic outcomes. Recommendation: Build an economic equity dashboard tracking employment, earnings, contracts, and local impact.
- Equity & Inclusion Cabinet reports staff demographics but omits wage equity, promotions, and retention by race and gender. Recommendation: Expand reporting to include pay equity, advancement data, and disparities across departments.
- Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) lacks a centralized health equity dashboard integrating chronic illness, mental health, and access metrics. Recommendation: Combine issue-specific data into one dashboard tracking health outcomes by neighborhood and demographic.
- 311 and Neighborhood Services do not publish resolution times, zip code equity, language access, or satisfaction data.

Recommendation: Develop a service dashboard showing response rates, issue types, and service equity across communities.

- Boston Police Department (BPD) does not report clearance rates, complaints, discipline, or race-based use-of-force outcomes. Recommendation: Launch a public safety dashboard disaggregated by race, geography, response type, and accountability metrics.
- Boston Public Schools (BPS) maintains fragmented dashboards but lacks a real-time, integrated view of equity, outcomes, and resource use. Recommendation: Create a comprehensive education dashboard tracking academics, supports, staffing, budget, and school climate by demographic and neighborhood.

Other major cities, New York, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Seattle, have already adopted such platforms as national best practice. If Boston truly aims to lead with equity, we must adopt the infrastructure to track it.

I urge this body to support a citywide initiative for the creation and public deployment of centralized, equity-centered dashboards across these departments. These tools must include real-time performance tracking, equity benchmarks, demographic disaggregation, mobile accessibility, and feedback loops for community input. Departments should collaborate with the Citywide Analytics Team and report quarterly to the Council on their progress, with a target of full dashboard deployment by December 31, 2026.

Best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tania', with a large, stylized 'A' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tania Fernandes Anderson
City Councilor District 7



Boston City Council
Erin J. Murphy
Councilor At-Large



Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILORS ERIN MURPHY & ED FLYNN

RE: Docket #1101 – Hearing Order Filed on May 21, 2025 – Review of Hiring, Training, and Certification of BPS School Bus Drivers

Dear Colleagues,

As many of you have seen, recent reporting in *The Boston Globe* has renewed public concern about the safety and oversight of our school bus system. The article highlights a tragic and deeply disturbing incident that occurred in late April involving a Boston Public Schools bus, a young child, and multiple unanswered questions.

We've now learned that the driver involved had previously struck other vehicles, was operating with an expired certification, and had a documented history of safety concerns. Despite this, there has been no public update from the Suffolk District Attorney's Office, Boston Police, BPS, or the Mayor's Office.

On May 21st, we [filed a hearing order](#) calling for a full review of the hiring, training, and compliance certification processes for all BPS school bus drivers, who are contracted exclusively through Transdev, the City's school transportation vendor. As of today, no hearing date has been scheduled.

This delay is deeply concerning—especially considering that Transdev has failed to appear at the last two school bus safety hearings we have filed, despite being formally invited and asked to attend. This repeated absence reflects a troubling lack of accountability.

We cannot continue to operate a system that places children at risk without demanding greater transparency and oversight from the vendors we rely on. With another school year approaching, we need urgent action to restore public trust in our student transportation system.

We respectfully urge the Chair of the appropriate committee to take up this hearing order without further delay and ensure full participation from BPS, BPS Transportation, Transdev, and other relevant oversight agencies.

Sincerely,

Erin J. Murphy
Boston City Councilor, At-Large

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2



June 13, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to G.L.c. 53, §18A, I transmit for your approval a citizen petition entitled "In the interest of accountability, transparency, accessibility, and fiscal responsibility, should the city of Boston establish an independent municipal Inspector General to provide governmental oversight" (the "Petition") 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. The Petition, includes the signatures of at least ten registered voters of the City of Boston (the "City") as required by statute. Following examination the Petition has been deemed sufficient by the Board of Election Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eneida D. Tavares", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eneida D. Tavares, Chair
Board Election Commissioners

Enclosures

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NOVEMBER 2025 ELECTION

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“In the interest of accountability, transparency, accessibility, and fiscal responsibility, should the City of Boston establish an independent municipal Inspector General to provide governmental oversight?”

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Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
✓ Shayla Hairston	73 Shandon Road Boston, MA 02124	Shayla Hairston	6/11/25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
✓ VICTORIA HARRIS	320 SPAIN HILL AVE #3 DORCHESTER, MA 02125	Victoria Harris	6/11/25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
N Nick Cromwell	244 Plainover St Boston MA 02113	Nick Cromwell	6/11/25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
✓ Nyeka Alston	4119 Blue Hill Ave Boston, MA	Nyeka Alston	6/11/25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
✓ Michael K. Adams	31 Essex St #23	Michael K. Adams	6/11/25

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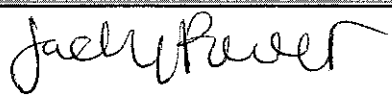

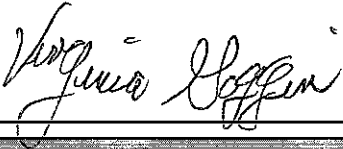

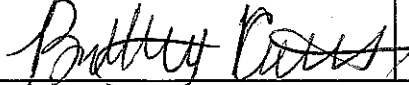
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Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
Erin Wyne	48 Baldwin #12 Charlestown, MA 02129	[Signature]	6/11/25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
Catherine Morris	1 Auburn St #12	[Signature]	6/11/25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
Arthur Colpack	15 Monument Ave	[Signature]	6/11/25

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✓ Jacquyn Powers	51 Sullivan St Charlestown MA 02129		June 11 2025
N STEPHEN HOLZBRUNN	30 MT VERNON ST #2 CHARLESTOWN MA 02129		6/11/2025
✓ VIRGINIA GOGGIN	20 DEVERES ST APT 503 02129		
✓ JOHN GOGGIN	20 DEVERES ST APT 503 02129		6/11/25
✓ BRITTANY COATES	324 Bunker Hill St. #203 Charlestown, MA 02129		6/11/25

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✓ Karen Trulli	25 Warren St Charlestown	K Trulli	6/11/25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
✓ MARK TRULLI	25 WARREN ST. CHARLESTOWN	Mark Trulli	6-11-25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
✓ Joseph McGonigle	39 Myrtle St Charlestown	Joseph McGonigle	6-11-25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
✓ Mallory Goodwin	30 Oak St #1 Charlestown	Mallory Goodwin	6-11-25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
✓ Chris Powers	57 Sullivan St Charlestown	Chris Powers	6-11-25

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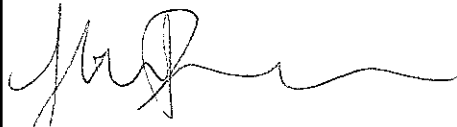
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✓ DAVE FORNARO	79 Waveren		6/11/25
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Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
✓ LIN PSYCH SMALL	411/11/25		6/11/25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
✓ TOBY GOLDSTEIN	47 Harvard B20 02129		6/11/25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
N ED QUATTLEBAUM	9 Lexin St. C'town, MA 02129		6/11/25

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Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
VICTORIA RUBINO	51 BARTLETT ST BOSTON MA 02129		6/11/25
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date
Printed Name:	Address	Signature	Date



Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Shayla C. Hairston
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 73 Shandon Rd. Boston, MA 02124
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Quida D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
James C. [Signature]

JUN 12 2025
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Victoria Ann Marks
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 320 Savin Hill Ave. #3 Boston, MA 02125
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

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James C. [Signature]

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Nyeka Alston-Onsakwe
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 949 Blue Hill Ave. #2 Boston, MA 02124
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

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James S. Jones
James C. Jones

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Michael Ktona
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 81 Essex St. #23 Boston, MA 02111
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

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Ellen E. Rooney
Robert S. Terry
James C. Scully

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Diane M. Valle
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 20 Mount Vernon St. Boston, MA 02129
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Jonathan G. Sproul
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 31 Pearl St. Boston, MA 02129
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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that

Erin Kathleen Wylie

(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at

68 Baldwin St. #12 Boston, MA 02129

(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a

(Voter's party or political designation)

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Arthur J. Colpack
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 15 Monument Ave. Boston, MA 02129
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and is registered as a _____
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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Jaclyn Schelzi Powers
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 51 Sullivan St. Boston, MA 02129
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
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We certify that Virginia Catherine Goggin
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 20 Devens St. #503 Boston, MA 02129
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that John Edward Goggin
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 20 Devens St. #503 Boston, MA 02129
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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Brittany M. Coates
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 324 Bunker Hill St #203 Boston, MA 02129
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Karen Marsh Trulli
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 25 Warren St. Boston, MA 02129
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
(Voter's party or political designation)

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Mark Anthony Trulli
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 25 Warren St. Boston, MA 02129
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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Joseph F. McGonagle
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 39 Mystic St. #2 Boston, MA 02129
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We certify that Mallory Anne Goodwin
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 30 Oak St. #1 Boston, MA 02129
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
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as of the date of this certificate.

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Erica D. Howard
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James S. [Signature]
James C. [Signature]

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We certify that Christopher J. Powers
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 51 Sullivan St. Boston, MA 02129
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
(Voter's party or political designation)

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that David Robert Fortunato
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 79 Warren St. Boston, MA 02129
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

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Robert J. Terry
James C. Henry

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We certify that Lindsay Rose Small
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 4 Wallace Ct. #2 Boston, MA 02129
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
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We certify that Toby Goldstein
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 47 Harvard St. Apt. B202 Boston, MA 02129
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ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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(CITY OR TOWN)



Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Victoria Wu Rubino
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 57 Bartlett St. #6 Boston, MA 02129
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a _____
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Quida D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
James C. [Signature]

JUN 12 2025

(DATE)

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OR
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

BOSTON

(CITY OR TOWN)



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

June 23, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL,

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of The Old South Meeting House; 310 Washington Street, Boston, MA.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on June 10, 2025 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed on June 23, 2025.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (July 23, 2025), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Respectfully

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

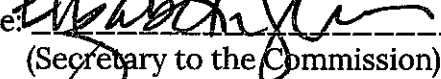
PROPERTY: The Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street, Boston, MA

STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED:

As described in the section titled "Standards and Criteria" included in the study report for the subject property.

APPROVED BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION:

Date approved: **06/10/2025**

Signature: 
(Secretary to the Commission)


PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR:

Date: **JUN 23 2025**

DECISION OF THE MAYOR:

☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Date: **JUN 23 2025**

Signature: 
(Mayor)

(OR) DEEMED IN EFFECT WITH NO ACTION BY THE MAYOR:

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)

PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Date: **JUN 23 2025**

DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)

(OR) DEEMED IN EFFECT WITH NO ACTION BY CITY COUNCIL:

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)



Alex Geourntas
City Clerk, City of Boston
Boston City Hall - Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

June 18, 2025

RE: Petition #268.20 – The Old South Meeting House, Downtown Boston

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

On June 10, 2025, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate the Old South Meeting House in Downtown Boston as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

According to the Landmarks Commission's statute, a designation approved by the Commission is presented to the Mayor for signing. If the Mayor approves the designation, they sign and date the provided signature page. If the Mayor disapproves the designation, they return the signature page to the City Clerk with objections noted in writing. If no mayoral action is taken on a designation, it is deemed approved by the Mayor after fifteen days.

The statute states that within thirty days following mayoral approval, the City Council can override a designation by a two-thirds vote. In the absence of City Council action, the designation is approved after the thirty-first day.

I appreciate your supervision of this approval process. Please call me at (617) 635-1935 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Sherva
Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission



The Honorable Michelle Wu
Mayor of the City of Boston
Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

June 18, 2025

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Dear Mayor Wu:

On June 10, 2025, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate the Old South Meeting House in downtown Boston as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

The Old South Meeting House, originally constructed in 1729-1730, is nationally significant for its association with events in Boston that led to the American colonies' revolt in 1775. Most notably, the building was the site of large public meetings following the altercation on March 5, 1770, that became known as the Boston Massacre, and as the staging ground for the Boston Tea Party on December 16, 1773.

The Old South Meeting House is also associated with several outstanding historical personages in American history. Members of its congregation include Phillis Wheatley, Samuel Adams, James Otis, William Dawes, and Benjamin Franklin. Additionally, the commission's study report for the Old South Meeting House includes an addendum identifying free and enslaved members of the congregation between 1696 and 1773.

Architecturally, the Old South Meeting House is nationally significant as a rare example of a colonial church that combines an early Georgian exterior influenced by Christopher Wren's work with the traditional interior proportions and seating plan of the seventeenth-century four-square meeting house. The Old South Meeting House was constructed by Joshua Blanchard (1692-1748), a master mason who later erected Faneuil Hall in 1740-1742.

The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of the Old South Meeting House in downtown Boston as a Boston Landmark.

Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 635-1935 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Sherva
Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK FOR PRESENTATION TO THE
MAYOR, VIZ:

The Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street, Boston, MA

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

PROPERTY: The Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street, Boston, MA

VOTED: That on June 10, 2025, the Boston Landmarks Commission designates the Old South Meeting House at 310 Washington Street as a Boston Landmark under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

VOTING IN FAVOR:

David Berarducci
John Freeman
Jeffrey Gonyeau

Christopher Hart
Jeffrey Heyne
Felicia Jacques

Justine Orlando
Brad Walker
Angela Ward-Hyatt

VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

None.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:

The Old South Meeting House was built in 1729-1730 as the second meeting house for its Puritan congregation, replacing a 1699 structure on the same site. The design is credited to Robert Twelves, a carpenter about whom little is known, and the construction to Joshua Blanchard, a master mason who also built Faneuil Hall. The Old South Meeting House combines the Georgian style with elements of traditional New England meeting house design. The building is well preserved and maintained.

The exterior of the Old South Meeting House looks much like it did in 1730. The original interior of the Old South Meeting House was oriented in a similar fashion to what visitors see today in the space, with the pulpit on axis with the Milk Street entrance on the south side of the building.

However, over the course of nearly three centuries, the Old South Meeting House has been modified to reflect changes in use, social and political context, architectural styles, and structural concerns. Today, visitors can see physical traces of each era of the meeting house's history from 1729 to the present.

GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:

The boundaries of the designation are limited to the following addresses and parcel numbers: 308-310 Washington Street and 2-4 Milk Street, Boston, MA 02108; parcel numbers 0303905000, 0303905001, 0303906000, 0303906001, and 0303904000.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 10, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston Transportation Department to enter into a contract for a period of up to ten years for the services of an operator for the City's public bike share program, Bluebikes. The contract term would begin in 2026. The City Council's permission to enter into a contract of this type for a period of more than three years is required by section twelve of chapter 30B of the General Laws.

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council ("MAPC") intends to issue a request for proposals (RFP) on behalf of the municipalities of Boston, Arlington, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Watertown to select a new operator for the regional Bluebikes system. MAPC will select one operator to manage the entire system to ensure that it operates regionally. Each Bluebikes municipality will then have the opportunity to contract with the selected operator separately. The current operator's contract expires in April 2026. MAPC intends to release the bike share operations RFP in early 2025 to allow sufficient time for contract negotiations with the selected vendor. I am requesting that the attached Order be approved by March 15, 2025 so that vendors can submit their bids with confidence in the City's authority to enter into a long-term contract.

In July 2016, City Council authorized the Boston Transportation Department to enter into a bike share operations contract for a period of up to 10 years. The long-term contract has facilitated tremendous success in expanding the bike share system in metro Boston and ensuring its sustainability. With the assurance of a 10-year term, our operator was able to secure a \$18-million title sponsorship agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts, which was renewed in 2023 for \$28 million. In addition, over the course of the contract, Bluebikes municipalities have expanded stations by 175%, including 153 stations in Boston. Annual Bluebikes trips have tripled in this same period, surpassing 4.7 million in 2024 alone. Close to 70% of these trips started or ended in Boston.

As the Bluebikes system moves toward its 14th year of operation, the City has identified three goals necessary to ensure the system's continued success: (1) improving user happiness through availability of docks and bikes; (2) growing the number of trips by increasing the number of casual users and members, particularly through the Boston Bikes Pass; and (3) increasing equity of access and use, by ensuring every household in Boston is within a 10-minute walk of Bike Share—our Go Boston 2030 goal for bike share.

To achieve these goals, Streets Cabinet staff and municipal partners have developed a revenue-sharing financial model for bike share that incentivizes the operator to provide a high level of service to users, and to foster strong sponsorship relationships with external funders. By requiring the operator to handle the cost of operations, fundraising, and marketing for the system, the model also allows the City to focus municipal resources on ensuring a strong state of good repair, and reducing financial barriers to bike share for our residents.

I respectfully request that the City once again enter into a longer-term contract to encourage the operator to achieve these outcomes, and to ensure ongoing high-value title sponsorship for the system.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Order expeditiously.

Sincerely,


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

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO TEN YEARS FOR THE SERVICES OF AN OPERATOR FOR THE CITY'S BIKE SHARE PROGRAM.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston Transportation Department be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section twelve of chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws, to enter into a contract for a period of up to ten years for the services of an operator for the City's bike share program.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**
BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM kmw
CORPORATION COUNSEL



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation
Sharon Durkan, Chair

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

June 20, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation was referred the following dockets for consideration:

Docket #0648, Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston Streets Cabinet to enter into a contract for a period of up to ten years for the services of an operator for the City's public bike share program, Bluebikes. The contract term would begin in 2026. The City Council's permission to enter into a contract of this type for a period of more than three years is required by section 12 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and was referred to the Committee on March 12, 2025.

Docket #0720, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund safety design and construction in intersections to employ low-cost, high impact strategies through a safety and equity lens for Complete Street.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and was referred to the Committee on April 2, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

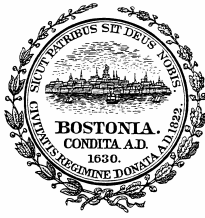
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Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held a hearing on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 to discuss Dockets #0648 and #0720. The Committee heard testimony from panelists which included Kim Foltz, Director of Boston Bluebikes, and Lydia Hausle, Capital Projects Design Director - both of the City of Boston Streets Cabinet.

Director Foltz testified in support of Docket #0648 and stated that it is the long term contract for the City's bike share system, Bluebikes. She stated that it is critical for the City to be able to provide long term stability of the bike share system and ensure investment in the successful operations. Long term commitments attracted the private capital support in the amount of \$18 million from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, which is the title sponsor, in 2018. They then renewed this sponsorship in 2023



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Director Housley testified in support of Docket #0720 which authorizes the City to accept a grant in the amount of \$9,000,000 that was approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation through a competitive grant process. This grant would support safety measures at high-crash risk locations through investments in design, planning, and community engagement, ultimately resulting in safety improvements at nine different intersections throughout Boston. She stated that these intersections were identified through rigorous analysis and community outreach. These locations include areas in Andrew Square in South Boston, Saratoga and Bennington Street in East Boston, Blue Hill Avenue and American Legion Highway, Blue Hill Avenue and Columbia Road, Washington Street and Kneeland Street in Chinatown, Tremont Street and Stuart Street in the Theatre District, Seaver Street and Walnut Street in Egleston Square/Roxbury, and at Brent Street and Wainwright Street in Dorchester.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation, 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**.

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Sharon Durkan, Chair
Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

June 2, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a donation of \$550,000.00 from the Cummings Foundation.

The purpose of this donation is to support the City of Boston's violence prevention work including activations and events, community outreach and engagement, block parties, the Youth Options Unlimited program, and other efforts consistent with the City's summer safety plan and Plan to End Violence.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order as expeditiously as possible, so that the City may receive and expend the donation for the purpose for which it was awarded.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A DONATION VALUED AT FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through the Office of Human Services, be, and hereby is, authorized pursuant to Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a donation from Cummings Foundation valued at Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00).

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY


**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

June 13, 2025

Dear Councilors,

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

Docket #1133, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) in the form of a grant awarded by the Cummings Foundation. The grant will fund the City of Boston's violence prevention work including activations and events, community outreach, block parties and the Youth Options Unlimited program, and other efforts consistent with the City's summer safety plan and Plan to End Violence.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and was referred to the Committee on June 4, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

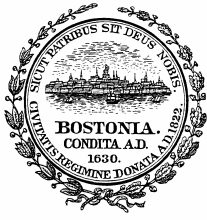
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Information Received

The Committee received additional information regarding this grant from the Administration stating that the City of Boston has been awarded this philanthropic gift from the Cummings Foundation to support and expand its comprehensive, year-round violence prevention strategy - Boston's Plan to End Violence. The total amount of this funding, \$550,000, will be allocated immediately to support the City's Summer 2025 Safety Plan aimed to activate public spaces, engage youth, and enhance neighborhood safety through a community-led approach. Of this grant, \$250,000 will be used to fund jobs for proven-risk youth through Youth Options Unlimited (YOU); \$25,000 will be used to fund Boston After Dark - through the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement; \$100,000 will be used to fund Summer Activations - through the Community Safety Team; \$50,000 will be used to fund Neighborhood Block Party Grants - through the Office of Civic Organizing; \$50,000 will be used to fund Boston Police Department community events and outreach; and \$75,000 will be used to fund built environment safety improvements in high-need areas.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

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**.



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Henry A. Santana

Henry Santana, Chair
Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**ORDINANCE TO PRIORITIZE SURPLUS MUNICIPAL
PROPERTY AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

WHEREAS, Municipal properties that are no longer needed for the operations of City departments—whether schools, public safety facilities, administrative offices, or other civic infrastructure—offer significant opportunities to create affordable housing and support equitable neighborhood development; *and*

WHEREAS, In the absence of a clear and codified policy, surplus municipal properties have often remained vacant for extended periods, reassigned without community input, or disposed of without maximizing their long-term public value; *and*

WHEREAS, The process for evaluating and reusing surplus municipal property should be guided by principles of transparency, public accountability, and fiscal responsibility; *and*

WHEREAS, While some former public buildings, including schools, have successfully been converted into affordable housing or other community assets, others remain empty, underutilized, or contribute to neighborhood blight and missed opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston faces a severe and ongoing housing affordability crisis, with many residents, particularly low- and moderate-income households, struggling to secure stable and affordable housing; *and*

WHEREAS, Publicly owned buildings represent one of the City’s most valuable tools to address this crisis and to ensure that redevelopment benefits the public rather than speculative or extractive private interests; *and*

WHEREAS, Establishing affordable housing as the first-priority reuse of surplus municipal property, subject to feasibility, legal constraints, and documented public need, ensures that the City is aligning its land use decisions with its housing, fiscal, and climate goals; **Therefore**

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

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, *Chapter X* is hereby amended by inserting a new section, *Section 12*, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO PRIORITIZE SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to address Boston’s housing affordability crisis by prioritizing the reuse of surplus municipal property for the development of affordable housing, including buildings owned by the City, its departments and subsidiaries that are no longer needed for public use. This ordinance shall establish affordable housing as the preferred use for such properties, while allowing flexibility when other municipal needs clearly apply.

Section 2. Definitions

“Affordable Housing” shall mean housing for individuals and families, including seniors, whose annual income is at minimum equal to or less than one hundred percent of the area-wide median income as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with housing costs not exceeding thirty percent of gross annual income, as defined Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B and Chapter 8-12 of the City of Boston Code, and whereby eligible developments may be mixed-use and/or mixed-income in order to support deeper affordability.

“Exception Determination” shall mean a written decision issued by the Chief of Housing stating that a surplus municipal property shall not be designated for affordable housing development, based on specific findings in accordance with this ordinance. Such determination shall include the reason or reasons for the exception, including financial infeasibility, zoning or environmental constraints, or a documented alternative superior use. Exception Determinations shall be issued within ninety days of the property’s surplus designation and shall be made publicly available.

“Surplus Municipal Property” shall mean any municipal building that is no longer required for the current or foreseeable operations of the controlling department and has been formally designated as surplus by the Public Facilities Commission. This includes but is not limited to former BRA/BPDA property, police, fire, EMS and public school buildings under the care, custody, and control of the City of Boston.

“Feasibility Evaluation” shall mean an assessment conducted by the Mayor’s Office of Housing to determine the physical, legal, environmental, and financial suitability of a Surplus Municipal Property for the development of Affordable Housing.

Section 3. Procedure

Prior to the disposition of any Surplus Municipal Property, the Mayor’s Office of Housing shall conduct a Feasibility Evaluation to determine whether the property is suitable for affordable

housing. This evaluation shall consider the site's physical condition, redevelopment potential, zoning and environmental constraints, estimated costs, and its ability to meet local housing needs.

If the Mayor's Office of Housing determines that affordable housing is feasible, the property shall be prioritized for that purpose. The Public Facilities Commission shall issue a Request for Proposals in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B and other applicable laws and procedures.

If the Mayor's Office of Housing finds that affordable housing is not feasible due to financial, legal, or environmental constraints, or if the property is needed for another municipal use, the Chief of Housing may issue an Exception Determination. This written decision shall state the specific grounds for the exception and shall be filed with the issuance of any Request for Proposals for an alternative use. Exception Determinations shall be issued within ninety days of the property's surplus designation and made publicly available.

Section 4. Reporting

On or before July 1 of each year, the Mayor's Office of Housing shall submit a report to the City Council describing all Surplus Municipal Properties evaluated in the prior calendar year. The report shall identify those properties designated for affordable housing, all Exception Determinations issued including the address of each property and the reason for the exception, any alternative uses proposed, and the status of any Requests for Proposals issued or development agreements executed.

Section 5. Authority and Enforcement

The City Auditor may conduct compliance reviews and report findings to the Mayor and City Council, and nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to limit the authority of the Boston Finance Commission to review compliance with this ordinance. This ordinance shall be implemented in accordance with the Boston City Charter Chapter 642 of the Acts of 1966 governing the Public Facilities Commission; Chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909 governing the Boston Finance Commission; and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B.

Section 6. Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect ninety days after passage.

Filed on: June 23, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE
HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 dispatchers, also known as public safety telecommunicators, manage emergency and non-emergency communications and play a key role in public safety by collecting vital information, offering medical guidance, and helping de-escalate crises while coordinating real-time responses; *and*

WHEREAS, These professionals are currently misclassified under both state and federal systems as clerical workers, a categorization that does not reflect the complexity, stress, and danger associated with their role, and excludes them from benefits afforded to other first responders; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department's Operations Division serves as the City's primary agency for receiving, transmitting, and dispatching emergency and non-emergency calls for law enforcement, emergency, medical, and other public safety services, and for supervising employees who perform those functions; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department seeks that all Operations Division civilian positions are properly classified with the City of Boston as public safety first responders to comport with the extensive regimen of training, education, and certification necessary to cut out these roles; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston conferred upon Boston Police Department Operations Division civilian employees' recognition, dignity and respect for their devotion to an exceptionally difficult and demanding profession via Executive Order of April 14, 2023; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston understands that the designation of Operations Division civilian employees as public safety employees requires a change in state law to become effective; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

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

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO CITY OF BOSTON
CERTIFIED EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATORS**

SECTION 1.

Group 2 of paragraph (g) of subdivision (2) of section 3 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “hospital” the following: all full-time dispatchers, dispatch supervisors, communications center directors or communications chiefs certified by the state 911 Department as Certified Telecommunicators as defined by MA 560 CMR 5.04

SECTION 2.

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

SECTION 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, Alex J. Rodriguez is 42 years old and has served as a police officer with the Boston Housing Authority since 2022, currently holding the rank of sergeant; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez has successfully taken the Civil Service exam and seeks to continue his public service by joining the Boston Police Department; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez has demonstrated a strong commitment to public safety through his leadership, municipal law enforcement experience, and participation in advanced officer and supervisory training; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

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

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT DIRECTING THE CITY OF BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS FOR ALEX J. RODRIGUEZ

SECTION 1.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007, the City of Boston Police Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers for Alex J. Rodriguez. If Alex J. Rodriguez meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Police Department, he shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer.

SECTION 2.

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

SECTION 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: June 25, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE
HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, Luis Cabral is 41 years old, born in the Dominican Republic and raised in Boston, and has spent the past 15 years uplifting families and youth across the city; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Luis Cabral has served as the High School Director at Breakthrough Greater Boston, and as an Associate Director at Wentworth Institute of Technology. Through his work he has developed interpersonal skills, the ability to connect with people and a strong community centered mindset which would make him an excellent candidate for the position of a Boston Police Officer; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Luis Cabral has always had an ambition for law enforcement after seeing his father become a police officer in the Dominican Republic. Luis recently passed the civil service exam and is ready for this next step; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

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

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT DIRECTING THE CITY OF BOSTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR
POLICE OFFICERS FOR LUIS CABRAL**

SECTION 1.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007, the City of Boston Police Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers for Luis Cabral. If Luis Cabral meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Police Department, he shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer.

SECTION 2.

The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to

be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: June 25, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS: Angel G. Rivera, a 41-year-old resident of Boston, has lived in the City with his family since 2011. Rivera first moved to Massachusetts from Puerto Rico in 2002, then later relocated to Dorchester in 2011, before settling in the South End with his family since 2017; *and*

WHEREAS: Rivera is a U.S. Citizen and has always wanted to pursue his dream of serving as a police officer. He took the Civil Service Exam multiple times but was not contacted or selected; *and*

WHEREAS: Since being a resident in Boston, Rivera has worked for 8 years as a Security Officer and First Responder with Fidelity Investments, managing and reviewing cameras around the South Boston Waterfront and Downtown area, taking emergency call dispatches and working with Boston EMS during on-site emergencies, maintaining key boxes, operating fire panels, and ensuring public safety; *and*

WHEREAS: From 2019 to present, Rivera works as a MBTA Bus Operator, Bus Operation Inspector, and on Bus maintenance, including ensuring passenger safety through conducting routine vehicle inspections, safely operating a bus without accident, ensuring bus operators are fit for duty, maintaining close communications with MBTA Transit Police; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2023, at the age of 39, Rivera was contacted by the Boston Police and joined the Boston Police class. He passed the Civil Service Exam again in 2024 but was bypassed as he turned 40 years old, which is the age limit of the Boston Police for new officers. At 41 years old now, he requires an age-waiver to serve on the Boston Police; *and*

WHEREAS: Rivera is fluent in English and Spanish. In the community, Rivera serves as a chaperon for the Hurley K-8 Schools and is active in neighborhood clean ups. He is an experienced and hardworking candidate who is capable of working in law enforcement; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

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

**PETITION OF A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT DIRECTING THE CITY OF BOSTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR
POLICE OFFICERS FOR ANGEL G. RIVERA**

SECTION 1.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007, the City of Boston Police Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers for Angel G. Rivera. If Angel G. Rivera meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Police Department, he shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer.

SECTION 2.

The provisions of this act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Filed on: June 25, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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.

Filed in Council: June 25th, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN AND RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXAM SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROPOSED CHANGES

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools (BPS) operates three selective admission high schools—Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy, and the John D. O’Bryant School of Mathematics and Science—that play a critical role in the school district’s academic portfolio and serve as key college and career pathways for Boston students; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2021, the Boston School Committee adopted a new exam school admissions policy designed to expand access, maintain academic rigor, and better reflect the racial, socioeconomic, and geographic diversity of Boston’s student population; *and*

WHEREAS, Key features of the revised policy include the use of a composite score (GPA and MAP test), distribution of invitations by socioeconomic tier, and the assignment of additional points for students attending high-poverty schools or experiencing housing instability or state custody; *and*

WHEREAS, Following five years of implementation, BPS has completed a comprehensive review of the policy and is considering further changes for School Year 2026–2027, including the potential elimination of school-based bonus points, the introduction of a citywide admissions round for top-scoring students, and adjustments to how socioeconomic tiers are structured; *and*

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the City Council to understand policy changes within the Boston Public Schools system, including how those changes may affect student access and long-term planning; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review the current exam school admissions policy, assess the findings of the five-year policy evaluation, and examine the implications of the potential changes on admissions outcomes, academic rigor, and equitable access. BPS administrators, administration officials, and community members will be invited to testify.

Filed on: June 25, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



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 COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT HIRING PROCESS AND PRACTICES

- WHEREAS:** For over a century, the hiring process for Firefighters in the City of Boston has been governed by Civil Service Law. Chapter 31 of Massachusetts General Laws ensures that appointments are guided by basic merit principles rather than bias, favoritism, or nepotism; *and*
- WHEREAS:** As the Boston Fire Department expands its authority to hire new recruits through a hybrid approach outside the traditional civil service process, concerns have been raised on whether the Boston Fire Department is lowering the standards and qualifications for Boston Firefighters. It is important to discuss whether the hiring process is circumventing basic regulations in determining who is hired to protect our residents from fire and other safety emergencies; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Objectivity is critical for life-saving and safety-sensitive positions. Firefighters must pass an examination, satisfy residency requirements, complete a background investigation, and graduate from the physically and intellectually demanding Boston Fire Academy. Nearly every Boston Firefighter hired in the past several years has scored 95 or higher on the examination; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Massachusetts state law has provided a veterans preference for appointment to civil service positions since the 19th century, first for veterans of the Civil War. The current statutory preference dates back to 1896 and has been expanded to encompass veterans of subsequent wars. Today, the United States Armed Forces is one of the most diverse organizations in the world; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2021, the State and the City of Boston enacted a cadet program that allows the Boston Fire Department to recruit without going through the Civil Service hiring process for up to one-third of new hires, provided that the cadet completes a two-year program and passes the Civil Service exam; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2024, the Massachusetts State Legislature enacted legislation to allow municipalities to hire up to 50 percent of public safety hires entirely outside of the traditional Civil Service process. This has negatively impacted the hiring of veterans and service-connected veterans, who are qualified candidates with experience persevering in highly-stressful and physically rigorous situations; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In May 2025, a Boston Fire Academy class included several cadets who have reportedly failed to pass or complete components of the cadet program. Many

have reportedly been unable to satisfactorily complete tests within the first 4 weeks of the Academy, after 2 years of paid cadet training including benefits; *and*

WHEREAS: It is critical that our Firefighters who are in charge of our public's safety are qualified and meet Boston Fire Department's training standards. The City of Boston must ensure fair hiring practices based on standard merit principles; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the Boston Fire Department hiring process and practices. Representatives from the Boston Fire Department, Human Resources Department, Office of Labor Relations and Boston Firefighters Local 718, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: June 25, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING REVIVING THE "RED SHIRTS" PROGRAM

WHEREAS, In the 1980s and 90s, Mayor Thomas M. Menino created the "1994 Summer of Opportunity" initiative, which included hiring 1,000 youth to work with the city's cleanup crews and help renovate baseball diamonds in city parks, and teaching 250 teenagers carpentry and construction skills. The program was known informally as the "Red Shirts," composed of highly visible city workers deployed in neighborhoods to address day-to-day quality of life issues; *and*

WHEREAS, The Red Shirts assisted in a range of municipal tasks, including emptying city trash barrels, sweeping sidewalks, shoveling hydrants, reporting abandoned vehicles, and removing debris from vacant lots, among other small but high-impact services. By 1994, the initiative had organized twelve crews of teenagers, each assigned to different city neighborhoods. These crews were responsible for cleaning local business districts, sidewalks, and municipal properties, contributing to the city's maintenance and fostering community pride; *and*

WHEREAS, The presence of Red Shirts offered a proactive and responsive city workforce visible in communities, helping to strengthen neighborhood trust in municipal government and allowing for real-time response to constituent concerns; *and*

WHEREAS, A revived and reformed Red Shirt program may be able to assist and supplement full-time employees who work tirelessly to deliver high-quality city services. The City has been working to address long term issues related to staffing shortages despite increased demand, which has led to some service delays—particularly in high-density communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Reviving a modern version of the Red Shirts program could create employment opportunities, bolster inter-departmental response capacity, and improve neighborhood cleanliness, safety, and livability, especially as summer months bring heightened need for street-level service delivery; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to explore the feasibility of reviving the Red Shirts program as a neighborhood-based quality of life task force to support constituent services

citywide. Representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Office of Neighborhood Services, Office of Workforce Development, Public Works Department, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and other relevant agencies shall be invited to testify.

Filed on: June 25, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE

ORDER OF COUNCILOR FLYNN

- WHEREAS:** There have been a series of reports in the media expressing concerns about assessing practices in the City of Boston, specifically as it relates to the assessment of office towers; *and*
- WHEREAS:** On February 10, 2025, the Boston Business Journal (BBJ) published an article by reporter Greg Ryan that featured a prominent local tax attorney claiming that “assessing officials are illegally raising building values if their owners have an appeal before the state board,” which the city denied. In the same article, that same tax attorney claimed the the city was making “income value adjustment” to properties that have open tax abatement appeals, which increased the values, and therefore taxes, above the property’s fair cash value; *and*
- WHEREAS:** On May 4, 2025, a column for Banker & Tradesman written by Scott Van Voorhis reported that a different prominent local tax attorney had met with Mayor Wu to urge her to “seek permission from the state Legislature to float bonds that could be used to pay for a flood of multimillion-dollar court judgments in favor of property tax appeals;” *and*
- WHEREAS:** On June 8, 2025, the Boston Herald published an article where reporter Gayla Cawley wrote she had seen a property record card with an “ATB dispute” listed on it, which analysis from a prominent local tax attorney estimated “has added anywhere from a few hundred or thousands of dollars to up to close to \$400,000 of additional property taxes for different commercial parcels.” That same article says that this “ATB dispute” first appeared in FY24 - between July 1, 2023 and June 20, 2024; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Boston has a history of systematically overassessing commercial properties, having been found to have done this in 1979 in the so-called Tregor decision, which resulted in the City of Boston being forced to pay commercial landlords back \$140 million in property taxes, which translates to about \$620 million in 2025 dollars; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, Her Honor, the Mayor, be, and

hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information relative to:

1. How does the City define an “ATB dispute”?
2. Why would an “ATB dispute” be added to a property record card?
3. Is there a set of written rules to determine if an “ATB dispute” should be added to a property record card? If there are, please provide that set of rules.
4. A recent Boston Herald article quoted a prominent Boston tax attorney who said he hadn’t seen “ATB dispute” added to a property record card before FY24 - that ran from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Are there any examples of an “ATB dispute” being added to a property record before July 1, 2023? If so, how many were there, on what dates were they added, and which properties were they added to?
5. Does the Assessment Department or any other city hall department or office keep a record of which property record cards have had an “ATB dispute” added to them?
6. Can the City provide a list of all property record cards that have an “ATB dispute” listed on them?
7. If a list of property record cards that have an “ATB dispute” listed on them, please provide a list that includes the ward and parcel number of the property record card, the amount of the “ATB dispute,” and the date the “ATB dispute” was added to the property record card.

I hereby request that the Mayor’s Office, Boston Planning Department, City of Boston Assessing Department, and other relevant city departments, through the Mayor, provide any and all information that is available regarding this matter.

Filed in City Council: June 25, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE CITY OF BOSTON'S SISTER CITY STATUS WITH THE CITY OF STRASBOURG, FRANCE

- WHEREAS:** Antisemitism, often referred to as the world “oldest form of hate” has existed for centuries and continues to this day as a system of marginalization and oppression of people who are Jewish or perceived to be Jewish based on the belief in stereotypes, myths, conspiracy theories and disinformation about the Jewish people; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Here in the United States and across the world, we have seen a disturbing rise in antisemitism, neo-nazism, white nationalism and hate crimes in Boston and across our country for several years, especially after the October 7th terrorist attacks by Hamas on Israel; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Last year, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) reported a record 9,354 antisemitic assault, harassment and vandalism incidents across the country - a 344% increase over the last five years. In Massachusetts, 438 antisemitic incidents were reported, a 188% increase since 2022, while the City of Boston had 96 incidents; *and*
- WHEREAS:** This disturbing rise in antisemitism warrants a strong stance and condemnation from all leaders and communities throughout our country. We must categorically reject any attempts to normalize antisemitism or any form of hate; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In recent weeks, Boston’s sister city, the City of Strasbourg, France, froze their relationship with their sister city, Ramat Gan, Israel, without any formal vote from the City Council. Later, the City of Strasbourg announced their intention to establish sister city status with the Palestinian Refugee Camp of Aida in the West Bank in support of the Palestinian people. The Mayor of Strasbourg then posed alongside the Palestinian delegation with a map of Israel dotted with Palestinian flags; *and*
- WHEREAS:** By freezing their relationship with Ramat Gan, announcing the establishment of sistership with Aida, and posing with a map with Palestinian flags over the state of Israel, this has provoked strong reactions from the Jewish community in Strasbourg as well as Jewish communities worldwide; *and*
- WHEREAS:** On June 14th, Ramat Gan was struck by an Iranian missile, causing damage to multiple residential buildings; *and*

WHEREAS: As a sister city to Boston, the actions of the Mayor of Strasbourg towards Israel is highly disappointing and sends a disturbing message to Jewish communities worldwide of a denial for Israel's right to exist; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston is a city with strong values of democracy and inclusiveness. During these challenging times not only in the Middle East but across the globe, we must stand up against any form of antisemitism as we seek for common ground and peaceful resolution. In light of posing with a picture that denies and erases the presence of Israel, it is wholly appropriate for Boston to suspend its sister city relationship with the City of Strasbourg; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council suspends its sister city relationship with the City of Strasbourg until it recommits itself to respecting the right of the state of Israel to exist.

Filed in City Council: June 25, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO BRING THEIR INFANTS TO WORK

WHEREAS, The City of Boston recognizes the foundational importance of the parent-child bond during a child's earliest years, particularly in infancy and toddlerhood; *and*

WHEREAS, Extensive research in child development, including findings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Harvard Center on the Developing Child, and the World Health Organization (WHO), affirms that early attachment to a caregiver, especially during the first 18 months of life, is critical for emotional regulation, brain development, and long-term health outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS, The high cost of infant care in the City of Boston presents a significant financial burden for working families, with many households paying more than 30% of their income for child care alone ; *and*

WHEREAS, Workplace models around the country including municipal departments, universities, and nonprofit organizations have successfully implemented "Babies at Work" programs that allow parents to bring their infants to work, resulting in increased employee retention, improved morale, and deeper organizational loyalty; *and*

WHEREAS, Supporting parents to bring their infants to work can help normalize gender equity in caregiving roles, ensure better mental health outcomes for parents, and remove punitive barriers that disproportionately affect working mothers, single parents, and low-income families; *and*

WHEREAS, Such an initiative reflects a commitment to family-centered policies, economic justice, and the belief that caregiving and productivity can coexist in healthy, flexible, and innovative work environments; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby supports the implementation of a Citywide "Babies at Work" Policy, encouraging all city departments and agencies to allow employees regardless of gender to bring their infants (aged 0–6 months, or until crawling) to work, provided that the work environment is safe and conducive to such accommodations; and that the City shall work in partnership with public health experts, labor unions, and early childhood advocates to create guidelines,

training materials, and optional pilot programs for departments seeking to adopt this practice. Finally, this resolution affirms the City's stance that parental bonding is not a luxury, it is a right, and that municipal workplaces must evolve to reflect the realities and needs of 21st-century families.

Filed on: June 25, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FIRST EDITION OF THE DISTRICT 7 WORKBOOK

WHEREAS, The residents of District 7 have long demanded transparency, accountability, and equitable investment in their neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, The District 7 Advisory Council, in collaboration with the Office of Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson, has worked diligently to co-govern with residents and community leaders, prioritizing participatory governance, racial justice, and data-informed decision-making; *and*

WHEREAS, The District 7 Workbook represents the first comprehensive, community-facing tool of its kind, tracking policy priorities, budget allocations, constituent services, and neighborhood conditions to foster civic literacy, government accountability, and community power; *and*

WHEREAS, Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson is the creator and principal author of the District 7 Workbook, 2025 Inaugural Edition, and led her team in designing, building, and implementing this pioneering tool as a blueprint for equitable governance, community empowerment, and sustained accountability; *and*

WHEREAS, The Workbook includes a full guide to District 7, from demographic data and historical context to investment gaps and legislative priorities, aiming to achieve true racial equity through strategic planning, public education, and informed advocacy; *and*

WHEREAS, The Workbook also serves as a civic education tool, teaching residents about the legislative process and offering practical worksheets, templates, and tracking tools that enable constituents to engage meaningfully in government oversight and neighborhood planning; *and*

WHEREAS, The Workbook documents the past and present harms experienced by District 7 communities, offering grounded recommendations for redress, healing, and structural transformation through policy, budget, and programmatic reforms; *and*

WHEREAS, This first edition was created not only to inform and engage today's residents but also to serve as a baton for continuity, ensuring that the collective work, wisdom,

and advocacy of District 7 endures through future leadership and generations;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council formally recognizes and uplifts the inaugural edition of the District 7 Workbook as a visionary and historic model for civic engagement, equity-driven governance, and community-led planning; and that the Council commends the residents, Advisory Council members, contributors, and staff who brought this document to life, and affirms its support for the use of similar tools across all districts to strengthen transparency, racial equity, and participatory democracy in the City of Boston.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION URGING A STATE AND CITY PARTNERSHIP TO BUILD HOUSING FOR YOUNG ADULTS, INCLUDING THOSE AGING OUT OF DCF, ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN BOSTON

WHEREAS, Children aging out of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) system face some of the highest rates of housing instability, educational disruption, and long-term economic hardship in the Commonwealth; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has already recognized the urgency of this crisis by providing rent assistance to DCF-involved youth, yet housing insecurity remains a significant barrier to their long-term success and well-being; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston is home to a network of community colleges already offering tuition-free education to residents, creating a powerful infrastructure to support educational access and social mobility; *and*

WHEREAS, A groundbreaking opportunity exists for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the City of Boston, and Boston's community colleges to form a transformative partnership to build on-campus housing, offering both shelter and guaranteed education to vulnerable young adults; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Jonathan K. Jefferson, President of Roxbury Community College (RCC), has expressed a clear willingness to explore and support the implementation of such a housing initiative on RCC's campus, signaling institutional alignment and urgency to act; *and*

WHEREAS, This model would designate dedicated housing units on community college campuses for young adults aging out of DCF custody, with sections designed specifically for parenting students and others for students without children, recognizing the diverse and complex needs of these populations; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth currently provides case management services to youth aging out of DCF custody, and any housing and education partnership developed under this model should include robust, wraparound case management services to support the academic, emotional, and housing stability needs of participating students; *and*

WHEREAS, Providing both free tuition and stable, supportive housing would represent a revolutionary intervention, offering guaranteed education, shelter, and stability in one comprehensive framework and establishing the first such model in the state;
and

WHEREAS, This initiative would not only address the urgent needs of DCF-involved youth but also significantly advance equity, close the racial wealth gap, and break cycles of poverty and displacement through intentional public investment; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council urges the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the City of Boston, and local higher education institutions to develop and fund a pilot program to build permanent housing on community college campuses for young adults, prioritizing those aging out of DCF care; and that the Boston City Council affirms its support for this visionary model, beginning with Roxbury Community College, as a statewide first that lays the foundation for generational change and positions Boston as a national leader in education-based housing solutions.

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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION STUDY TO EVALUATE BOSTON'S MULTIMODAL SYSTEM, INCLUDING PARKING, ACCESS, EQUITY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE OUTCOMES

WHEREAS, Boston's transportation system is the foundation of economic activity, environmental sustainability, and community well-being, impacting every resident's access to opportunity, housing, health care, education, and public space; *and*

WHEREAS, Over the last decade, Boston has experienced notable growth in bike usage, pedestrian activity, and multimodal commuting, including a 44% increase in cycling on streets with improved bike infrastructure and over 4.7 million annual Bluebikes trips as of 2024; *and*

WHEREAS, Walkability remains a hallmark of Boston's planning identity, with a Walk Score of 83, third-highest among U.S. cities, and measurable safety gains under Vision Zero, including a decline in pedestrian and cyclist fatalities since its 2015 launch; *and*

WHEREAS, The MBTA continues to serve as the backbone of the region's mobility, with over 700,000 combined weekday trips on buses, subways, and light rail, yet suffers from the slowest average transit speeds among major U.S. cities and long daily commute times that disproportionately burden low-income riders; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite ambitious goals outlined in the GoBoston 2030 and related mobility plans, execution remains uneven, especially in underserved neighborhoods like Dorchester, Roxbury, East Boston, and Mattapan, which face delayed upgrades, infrastructure gaps, and continued equity concerns; *and*

WHEREAS, Current transportation strategies, including protected bike lanes, transit signal priority, curb extensions, sidewalk improvements, and BRT corridors, have been piloted but lack full implementation, systematic evaluation, or consistent integration with citywide parking policy, land use, and accessibility needs; *and*

WHEREAS, The city's parking strategy remains fragmented, with unresolved tensions between expanding active transit infrastructure and preserving vehicle access, including neighborhood parking, commercial loading, and ADA-compliant curb space; *and*

WHEREAS, Understanding the cross-neighborhood impacts of transportation planning, including how infrastructure decisions in one neighborhood affect mobility, congestion, economic vitality, and environmental outcomes in adjacent neighborhoods, is critical to building a system that is truly cohesive, efficient, and equitable; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council calls for the administration to commission a comprehensive transportation study that evaluates the full impact of Boston's multimodal network, including bike lanes, pedestrian safety, transit access, and parking, on mobility, equity, and quality of life; and that this study include analysis of parking availability and its impact on commercial districts, residents, and safety; Gaps in protected bike lane connectivity and enforcement of bike lane violations; ADA accessibility and sidewalk compliance across all neighborhoods; Commute times, transit reliability, and coverage gaps; Equity in transportation investment and service across demographics and neighborhoods; Cross-neighborhood impacts, including how changes in one area ripple through others in terms of traffic flow, economic activity, access to services, and environmental justice; And best practices in multimodal integration, including co-location of bike-share, Pedal & Park expansion, and BRT implementation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study be community-informed, data-driven, and publicly accessible, with findings to guide a transportation infrastructure plan that is safe, inclusive, environmentally sustainable, and responsive to Boston's evolving needs.

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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR URGENT STRUCTURAL REFORMS TO STRENGTHEN BOSTON'S HOUSING PIPELINE, ANTI-DISPLACEMENT STRATEGIES, AND AFFORDABILITY FRAMEWORK

WHEREAS, Boston faces an unprecedented housing affordability crisis, with an average of over 5,455 unhoused residents annually between 2022 and 2025, and a deeply insufficient supply of deeply affordable housing units to meet this need; *and*

WHEREAS, Black and Brown residents in Boston continue to bear the brunt of the city's housing crisis, with Black Bostonians comprising approximately 22% of the city's population but representing nearly 47% of the homeless population; Latino residents also face disproportionately high eviction, rent burden, and poverty rates, while Black unsheltered homelessness has seen the largest increase in recent years, driven by decades of redlining, disinvestment, and exclusion from generational wealth-building opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2023 alone, while 7,389 housing units were approved, only 1,878 permits were issued, and only approximately 13% of those units met Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) affordability requirements at the time—though the policy is currently being updated to increase this requirement to 17–20%, highlighting a severe gap between project approval and actual construction; *and*

WHEREAS, Article 80-approved housing projects face a consistent 38% stagnation rate before permitting due to financial hurdles, developer delays, rising construction costs, and regulatory bottlenecks, which have resulted in thousands of units languishing in pre-construction limbo; *and*

WHEREAS, Although the City of Boston released its first comprehensive Anti-Displacement Action Plan, A Place to Thrive, in March 2025, with over 40 initiatives under the "Protect, Preserve, Produce, and Prosper" pillars, the plan does not fully incorporate mechanisms to ensure racial equity, enforce accountability, or accelerate the production of deeply affordable housing at the necessary scale; *and*

WHEREAS, Effective, community-driven, and evidence-based models such as Washington D.C.'s Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA), Vienna's public housing

structure, and San Francisco's Anti-Eviction Mapping Project demonstrate the impact of ambitious, measurable interventions; *and*

WHEREAS, Existing mechanisms do not sufficiently support families aging out of DCF, low-wage workers, or formerly incarcerated residents, and do not prioritize land disposition, permitting, or investment for resident-led Community Land Trusts (CLTs) or rent-to-own models that offer a pathway to ownership and long-term stability; *and*

WHEREAS, Delays in moving housing projects from Article 80 approval to actual construction severely hinder Boston's ability to meet its housing goals, and the creation of a Permit Acceleration Strike Team across BPDA, ISD, and related agencies would ensure shovel-ready projects are expedited within a defined 90-day permitting window, reducing bureaucratic stagnation and increasing housing delivery speed; *and*

WHEREAS, There is currently no unified, public-facing mechanism to track housing development progress in Boston, and codifying an annual Housing Pipeline Dashboard would promote transparency, help identify development bottlenecks, and provide residents and policymakers with accessible data on unit production, affordability breakdowns by AMI, and neighborhood impact; *and*

WHEREAS, Far too many approved housing developments remain dormant for years, allowing speculative developers to hold land without building; thus, a "Permit or Pass" ordinance would incentivize timely construction by requiring developers to obtain permits within 18 months or forfeit their entitlement status, ensuring city resources are directed toward productive projects; *and*

WHEREAS, Rising construction costs, inflation, and financing shortfalls have rendered many mission-driven affordable housing projects economically infeasible, and launching a Housing Construction Stabilization Fund in partnership with the state would provide essential bridge loans, loan guarantees, and subsidies to get these developments to completion; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's housing crisis disproportionately impacts BIPOC, immigrant, and working-class communities, and prioritizing permitting and land disposition for Community Land Trusts (CLTs), tenant cooperatives, and rent-to-own models would expand community control, create wealth-building opportunities, and stabilize high-displacement neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Traditional rental options fail to create long-term stability for moderate-income households, and incorporating a city-funded rent-to-own pilot into the Inclusionary Development Policy would allow residents to build equity over time, transition into homeownership, and remain in Boston despite rising costs; *and*

WHEREAS, Youth aging out of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) are at extreme risk of homelessness and poverty, and funding a campus-based housing initiative with Boston's community colleges would provide a transformative solution by

offering free housing, educational access, and family supports, breaking cycles of instability and underachievement; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council urges the Wu Administration, the Boston Planning and Development Agency, and relevant agencies to incorporate these critical solutions into the city's housing and anti-displacement strategy and commit to full transparency, timely construction, and racially just housing development. That the City Council commits to supporting legislative and budgetary measures that align with these priorities and pledges to work in partnership with mission-driven developers, residents, advocacy organizations, and educational institutions to ensure that Boston becomes a city where every resident, regardless of race, income, or background, has access to safe, stable, and affordable housing. That the Boston City Council urges the city to commit to building 28,000 deeply affordable units by 2030 in alignment with the city's homelessness data and AMI thresholds, with annual targets, racial and geographic equity indicators, and publicly reported progress.

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RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE DOWNTOWN RFI AREA AS A BOSTON CULTURAL DISTRICT LED BY INDIGENOUS AND BLACK COMMUNITIES AS A STEP TOWARD REPARATIONS

WHEREAS, The City of Boston, through its Request for Information (RFI) for Space for Creative Enterprise in Downtown, recognizes the urgent need to revitalize and reimagine Downtown Boston, addressing issues of underutilized spaces and the imperative for economic growth; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts faces significant economic challenges, including lagging GDP growth compared to the nation, underscoring the critical need for new and diversified economic engines to ensure the state's future resilience; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston is acutely affected by gentrification, which has led to the displacement of long-term residents and businesses, particularly within its Indigenous, Black, and immigrant communities, threatening the unique cultural fabric and historical continuity of these neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston possesses a rich, yet often marginalized, history of Indigenous and Black contributions to the ongoing struggle for truth and liberation, and has a moral imperative to acknowledge and address the systemic discrimination, economic disenfranchisement, and cultural marginalization experienced by these communities; *and*

WHEREAS, This designation of a Boston Cultural District, led by Indigenous and Black communities, is recognized as a foundational step towards redress and reparations for centuries of historical harms and systemic inequities faced by these communities in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, There is an immense and growing global demand for Black art, culture, and authentic historical experiences, with the Black travel market alone representing a \$145 billion industry in the U.S., presenting a powerful opportunity for Massachusetts to strategically pivot its tourism and economic development efforts; *and*

WHEREAS, Black cultural zones, also known as Black Town Centers or Black Business Districts, have demonstrated a proven track record of successful economic revitalization in cities across the United States, including the Greenwood District in Tulsa, the 18th & Vine District in Kansas City, Bronzeville in Chicago, and the revitalization efforts in Rondo in St. Paul, by leveraging local resources, prioritizing community ownership, celebrating unique cultural heritage, and attracting significant investment; *and*

WHEREAS, The "Blacktown" Economic Inclusion Ecosystem proposed by Con Voi Cooperative for Downtown Boston offers a comprehensive framework that aligns with these principles, including the creation of affordable and accessible creative spaces, the implementation of cooperative ownership models, the adoption of equitable development practices, the cultivation of a BIPOC culinary coalition with urban farm-to-table and sea-to-table focus, the integration of urban ecological principles, and a nationwide call to artists and activists to reimagine revolutionary history; *and*

WHEREAS, Empowering Boston's Indigenous and Black communities to lead the design and implementation of this cultural district will ensure that the revitalization efforts are culturally relevant, community-driven, anti-displacement oriented, and generate sustainable wealth within these historically underserved populations, thereby contributing directly to the goals of reparations; now, therefore; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council expresses its strong support for the reimagining of Downtown Boston as a vibrant cultural district and formally designates the area identified in the Downtown RFI for Space for Creative Enterprise as a Boston Cultural District, one to be designed, developed, and governed under the leadership of Boston's Indigenous and Black communities as a step toward reparations. The Council further urges the City of Boston to actively integrate the "Blacktown" Economic Inclusion Ecosystem into this district by facilitating affordable creative spaces, cooperative business models, equitable anti-displacement development, a BIPOC-led culinary coalition, the expansion of Black arts and entertainment, and a national call for artists to reinterpret Boston's revolutionary history through an Indigenous and Black lens. Lastly, the Council directs all relevant departments, including the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, the Boston Planning & Development Agency, and the Office of Economic Development, to collaborate transparently with community partners to ensure the district's long-term equity, sustainability, and reparative impact.

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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A BLACK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND EQUITY-BACKED BUDGET FRAMEWORK TO CLOSE BOSTON'S RACIAL WEALTH GAP

WHEREAS, Boston is home to one of the largest racial wealth gaps in the nation, with the median net worth of Black households standing at just \$8, compared to \$247,500 for White households, reflecting the cumulative impact of redlining, exclusion from homeownership, unequal access to credit, and generational economic disenfranchisement; *and*

WHEREAS, Black Bostonians represent approximately one-quarter of the city's population but disproportionately experience poverty, housing instability, low rates of asset ownership, and barriers to wealth accumulation across multiple indicators, and despite decades of civil rights advancements, systemic inequities remain deeply embedded in the city's economic structure; *and*

WHEREAS, From 2022 to 2024, only 31% of Black households in Boston owned their homes, well below White ownership rates, and homes in Black neighborhoods appraise on average 18% lower than comparable White properties, costing the Black community an estimated \$2.3 billion in lost equity; *and*

WHEREAS, Black-owned employer businesses account for less than 2% of all such businesses in Massachusetts, and Black entrepreneurs in Boston continue to face major hurdles in accessing capital, securing procurement contracts, and acquiring affordable commercial space; *and*

WHEREAS, Black households in Boston have a median income of \$58,600, less than half that of White households at \$128,900, and experienced a 4.5% income decline between 2012 and 2022 while White income grew by 31%, further exacerbating racial income inequality; *and*

WHEREAS, Education gaps persist, with 15.2% of Black adults in Boston lacking a high school diploma compared to 3.6% citywide, and only 43.1% of Black adults holding a bachelor's degree or higher compared to 55.8% citywide; *and*

WHEREAS, From 2014 to 2019, Black- and Latino-owned businesses received just 1.2% of the City of Boston's prime contracts; and although improvements have been made

in recent years, with M/WBE contract awards reaching 12% by 2024, race-specific disaggregated data remains lacking and Black firms remain underrepresented; *and*

WHEREAS, Black Bostonians continue to suffer from disproportionate rates of chronic illness, food insecurity, lack of mental health access, and exposure to environmental hazards, harms compounded by underinvestment in public transit, broadband, utilities, and public space infrastructure in predominantly Black neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Legal tools essential to intergenerational wealth-building, such as estate planning, wills, and family property retention mechanisms, are significantly underutilized in Boston's Black community due to financial and systemic barriers; *and*

WHEREAS, Collective wealth models such as Community Land Trusts, housing cooperatives, and municipal investment funds remain underfunded and under-prioritized in the city's economic development strategies, despite their proven value in building long-term community ownership and stability; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has made public commitments to advancing racial equity through its Office of Equity and strategic planning processes, yet these commitments have not been fully operationalized in the city budget through enforceable benchmarks or racial equity impact analysis; *and*

WHEREAS, The persistent racial wealth gap is not merely an outcome of personal circumstances but a result of policy decisions that have historically advantaged White communities while systematically excluding Black residents from wealth-building opportunities; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council calls for the formal development of a comprehensive Black Economic Development Plan to be co-created with Black-led institutions, community development financial institutions (CDFIs), business owners, housing cooperatives, and academic experts. This plan shall include but not be limited to goals for asset ownership, homeownership, business ownership, access to capital, educational attainment, procurement equity, and public infrastructure investment. That the Mayor's Office of Equity, in collaboration with the Office of Budget Management and the Boston Planning and Development Agency, shall establish a process to tie racial equity goals to line-item budget allocations, set measurable targets, and publish an annual Black Wealth Progress Dashboard disaggregated by race and geography. That this City Council commits to advancing legislative, budgetary, and oversight tools to ensure the City of Boston addresses the roots of the racial wealth gap, not with symbolic gestures, but through structural investment, policy transformation, and the redistribution of opportunity in partnership with the Black community.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOSTON CITY COUNCILORS

- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council is the legislative body of the municipal government, established to represent the people of Boston and serve as a counterbalance to the executive authority of the Mayor; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The role of a City Councilor is often misunderstood, despite its profound impact on neighborhood development, citywide funding, and municipal accountability; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston's City Councilors are charged with drafting and passing local ordinances that regulate and shape daily life in the city, from tenant protections and environmental policy to public health and equity initiatives; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Councilors are responsible for reviewing, amending, and ultimately approving the Mayor's annual operating and capital budgets, governing approximately \$9 billion in taxpayer resources and determining funding levels for schools, housing, public safety, infrastructure, and more; *and*
- WHEREAS,** City Councilors convene oversight hearings, working sessions, and public forums to scrutinize city departments, evaluate policy outcomes, and ensure that public services are equitable, efficient, and accountable; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Each Councilor serves as an advocate for their constituents, fielding service requests, resolving neighborhood issues, guiding residents through city processes, and securing tangible improvements to local quality of life; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston's City Councilors hold formal power to vote on land use decisions, including zoning changes during council meetings, and can make recommendations on large-scale development proposals, particularly under Article 80 review processes through BPDA and ZBA hearings; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Councilors approve key appointments made by the Mayor, including department heads and commissioners, thereby helping to ensure checks and balances within the city's executive functions; *and*

- WHEREAS,** Although Councilors do not directly manage city departments, their leadership is instrumental in convening agencies, proposing legislation, and negotiating solutions that meet the needs of their districts; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Councilors are also take on the responsibility for community organizing and civic infrastructure, hosting town halls, forming resident advisory councils when necessary, conducting outreach in multiple languages, and building participatory pipelines for historically excluded communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** City Councilors are expected to show up consistently in their communities, not just in City Hall chambers but at block parties, vigils, school functions, tenant meetings, and neighborhood cleanups, as visible and accessible stewards of local government; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council includes 13 members, nine district-based Councilors and four At-Large members, with a President elected internally every two years to guide its proceedings and ensure its independence; *and*
- WHEREAS,** District Councilors represent approximately 70,000 to 80,000 residents each, and are expected to be not only legislators but also mediators, negotiators, educators, and coalition-builders; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston City Councilors are charged with legislating, approving budgets, advocating for constituents, and shaping citywide priorities, but are not provided with dedicated research analysts, limiting their ability to advance data-driven, community-informed solutions; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Councilors must evaluate the impacts of city programs and funding, yet lack access to real-time district-level data dashboards, making it difficult to assess service equity, housing outcomes, or enforcement gaps transparently and effectively; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Council offices lack modern, centralized case management software or systems, resulting in inefficient tracking of constituent services, missed follow-up or outreach opportunities, and barriers to identifying systemic issues through constituent trends; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There is no city-funded Participatory Governance infrastructure supporting Council offices, such as discretionary engagement budgets, multilingual outreach support, or stipends for advisory councils or civic associations participation, thereby constraining deep democratic engagement, especially in underrepresented communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Incoming Councilors receive limited onboarding in municipal law, zoning, budget analysis, and department procedural rules, leading to steep learning curves that reduce legislative efficacy and institutional continuity; *and*

WHEREAS, Unlike the Mayor's Office, the City Council lacks an independent legal, planning, or fiscal analysis team, placing Councilors at a structural disadvantage when proposing legislation, scrutinizing development, or negotiating budget allocations; *and*

WHEREAS, No centralized, public platform exists for participatory lawmaking or structured resident input on legislative proposals, depriving Councilors of streamlined, equitable ways to co-develop policy with constituents; *and*

WHEREAS, These structural gaps limit the Council's ability to be proactive, timely, and transformative in meeting the needs of over 70,000 constituents per district and diminish its power as a co-equal branch of city government; *and*

WHEREAS, In order for the Boston City Council to function as an effective legislative body and true partner in democratic governance, Council supports must be modernized and upgraded to include dedicated Council administration data science research team, centralized case management systems, real-time district data access, participatory governance infrastructure with a fully equipped budget analysis team, independent legal analysis team, and structured civic engagement tools, ensuring Councilors can meet the scale and complexity of their duties with equity, accountability, and efficiency; *and*

WHEREAS, A stronger public understanding of the scope, power, and limitations of a City Councilor's role is essential for civic participation, accountability, and co-governance in Boston's neighborhoods; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council formally affirms its commitment to public education regarding the duties, functions, and authority of Councilors, and encourages ongoing civic learning, institutional transparency, and accessible engagement to ensure every Bostonian knows how their local government works, and how to shape it. And that the Boston City Council calls for the modernization of its operational infrastructure to include enhanced staffing, data tools, and civic engagement systems, ensuring Councilors are equipped to serve their constituents effectively, legislate with integrity, and uphold their role as an accountable, accessible, and fully empowered legislative branch.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ERIN J. MURPHY & ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO CITY HALL TERMINATIONS, RETALIATION CLAIMS, AND SUPERVISORY CONDUCT

WHEREAS, two City Hall employees were recently terminated following a domestic assault that led to their arrests in May 2025; and

WHEREAS, the woman, Marwa Khudaynazar, has since alleged that her firing was retaliatory—resulting from her rejection of inappropriate advances by a senior administration official, Segun Idowu, who invited her to meet him at a hotel. She further alleges that her internal attempts to raise these concerns were ignored, and that she was ultimately terminated to shield him from accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor’s Office has publicly stated that both employees were terminated solely due to the incident itself and that an internal review found no wrongdoing by Segun Idowu; and

WHEREAS, these conflicting narratives raise serious concerns about potential retaliation, ethical lapses, and political protection within City Hall—undermining employee trust in the integrity of internal accountability processes; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has hired external law firm Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP to assist with the new review, yet still partially overseen and interacted with by the Administration;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the Boston City Council calls for a fully independent, third-party investigation into the circumstances surrounding the firing of both employees, the retaliation allegations made by Marwa Khudaynazar, the conduct and influence of Segun Idowu, and the broader ethical climate of the workplace, particularly regarding supervision and employee protections within City Hall.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON

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RESOLUTION DECLARING THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS' SHADOW LAWS AS AFFIRMED BY SESSION LAW

WHEREAS, The Boston Common, Public Garden, and Copley Square Park are historic, iconic, and much-loved public open spaces in the City of Boston that provide critical green space, cultural value, and natural light for residents and visitors alike; *and*

WHEREAS, Access to sunlight and the preservation of open spaces are essential for environmental sustainability, public health, civic enjoyment, and equitable access to nature in urban environments; *and*

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts General Court enacted Chapter 362 of the Acts of 1990, Chapter 384 of the Acts of 1993, and Chapter 57 of the Acts of 2017 (collectively known as the "State Shadow Laws") to protect these public spaces from excessive and harmful shadow impacts caused by new building development; *and*

WHEREAS, Passed after years of advocacy by residents, civic organizations, and elected leaders committed to the stewardship of Boston's historic green spaces, these laws prohibit or restrict the casting of new shadows from development on the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Copley Square Park during specified times; *and*

WHEREAS, The 2017 update to the State Shadow Laws reinforced these protections while balancing the need for sustainable economic growth in the City of Boston by allowing limited, clearly defined exceptions and called for a broader planning initiative to examine growth, livability, and sunlight access in Boston's downtown neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, These protections place unambiguous restrictions on additional shadow casted by new development upon these public spaces, allowing for minimal cast shadow only in tightly defined time periods under narrow exceptions, and remain essential tools to ensure that any growth in the downtown core do not come at the expense of public access to light and open space; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby declares its unwavering support of the Commonwealth's Shadow Laws and that the integrity of these protections must be upheld by all levels of government.

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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND TO CELEBRATE THE INDEPENDENCE OF CABO VERDE AND TO DECLARE JULY AS CABO VERDEAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, On July 5th, 1975, following years of plight and withstanding the clutches of Portuguese colonialism, Cabo Verde, also known as Cape Verde, emerged as a beacon of resilience when they achieved independence, which continues to inspire the world; *and*

WHEREAS, Portuguese colonizers imported enslaved Africans from the West coast, created trade routes connecting Africa, Europe, and the Americas, with the archipelago developing into the largest port of the transatlantic slave trade throughout the 16th century, leaving a deep and lasting impact on the economic and political history of Cabo Verde and its diaspora; *and*

WHEREAS, As one of the most prominent colonies involved in the transatlantic slave trade, Cabo Verde saw frequent battles between both colonizing forces and rogue pirates to determine ownership over the islands, leaving both physical and emotional scars on the nation and its people; *and*

WHEREAS, In addition, the islands of Cabo Verde were the setting for exiled political prisoners of Portugal and a place of refuge for Jews, and other groups facing religious persecution during the Spanish-Portuguese Inquisition, influencing the rich and dynamic culture and history of the islands today; *and*

WHEREAS, The unwavering fortitude empowered them to prevail despite undergoing rapid economic decline, natural disasters, recurring famines, Portuguese rule, and mass immigration in pursuit of a better life; *and*

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion was made possible by the brave and heroic efforts of Cape Verdean leaders such as Amilcar Cabral—who led Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde's nationalist movement and the war of independence in Guinea-Bissau before tragically being assassinated on January 20, 1973—in addition to Titina Sila, and Francisca Pereira; *and*

WHEREAS, Creating a new government in Cabo Verde in the wake of centuries of enslavement and colonial persecution did not come easy, with frequent draughts, limited government funding, and high unemployment rates; *and*

WHEREAS, Since its independence, Cabo Verde has engaged in diplomatic missions across the world, including Cuba and Cape Verde's medical cooperation, with hundreds of Cape Verdean doctors trained in Cuba beginning in 1975; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite challenges, the nation of Cabo Verde represents the enduring values of freedom, unity, and national pride that have shaped the nation's journey towards progress and prosperity; *and*

WHEREAS, Massachusetts is home to the largest Cabo Verdean population in the United States, with many well-known Cabo Verdeans in fields such as the arts, medicine, academia, public health, education, non-profit advocacy, and more; *and*

WHEREAS, Recognizing Cape Verde Independence represents the resiliency and enduring spirit of Cabo Verdeans in their pursuit of freedom, while also acknowledging the very real inequities currently experienced by Cabo Verdean people throughout Boston and the world, including marginalization, disenfranchisement, and systemic oppression, creating an opportunity for Boston to commit to policies and fiscal commitments that ameliorate the systemic harms experienced by Cabo Verdeans throughout the city; *and*

WHEREAS, Cabo Verdean Heritage Month offers an opportunity not just to celebrate the diverse accomplishments and contributions Cabo Verdeans have made throughout the world, but to reaffirm Boston's commitment to embracing diversity, fostering inclusivity, and standing in solidarity with nations around the world in their quest for freedom, justice, and self-determination; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby officially recognizes July 5th as Cabo Verde's Independence Day and shall host a flag raising ceremony to commemorate the occasion; ***AND BE IT FURTHER***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby officially declares July as Cabo Verdean Heritage Month.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE AS HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Boston is experiencing a deepening homeownership crisis, with the median home price in Greater Boston nearing \$1 million and the region's price-to-income ratio reaching 6.3, more than double the 3.0 ratio that economists consider healthy, according to Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies and reporting from The Boston Globe; *and*

WHEREAS, The cost of homeownership in Boston has outpaced income growth by nearly 100% over the past three decades, with the median household income rising by approximately 190% since 1987 while home prices surged nearly 300%, as reported by The Boston Globe in 2025; *and*

WHEREAS, The mortgage approval rate for Black Bostonians remains significantly lower than their white counterparts, and only 30% of Black families and 17% of Latino families in Boston own homes, compared to 44% of white families, reinforcing a racial wealth divide driven by federal historical segregation policies; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Housing Authority's Section 8 Voucher Program is a critical model for mobility and equity, currently serving 420 families, including 1,004 residents, nearly half of whom are minors, with an average household income of just \$20,315; and the program's homeownership initiative, which offers up to \$75,000 in downpayment assistance, has expanded from just one participating family in 2022 to 70 households to date, demonstrating its transformative potential in helping low-income families build generational wealth; *and*

WHEREAS, The current development climate too often favors high-cost rental units over family-friendly, mixed-use, and ownership-centered housing; with over 90% of permitted-but-unbuilt housing projects in Boston slated as rentals, despite growing demand and community need for permanent, stable homeownership options; *and*

WHEREAS, With 66% of Bostonians living as renters, the lack of accessible homeownership opportunities remains a major barrier to economic mobility; a recent affordable homeownership lottery in Jamaica Plain for just 45 units received over 1,000 applicants, underscoring the unmet demand, while studies show that over a 30-year period, the average Boston resident pays nearly \$700,000 more in rent than they would in mortgage payments, perpetuating long-term wealth inequality;

and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston, through the FY26 budget package, reallocated \$3.1 million to support housing stabilization and affordability efforts, including homeownership vouchers, downpayment assistance, and expanded access to financial counseling and support services; *and*

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA) continues to be a statewide leader in first-time homebuyer education, financial literacy, and advocacy for low- and moderate-income homeowners, especially households of color; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston, through a collective effort led by the City Council, the Planning Department, and Mayor Wu's administration, launched the \$110 million Accelerator Fund, which includes at least \$10 million dedicated to piloting investments in homeownership projects across the city, helping to catalyze the creation of family-friendly, mixed-use developments in neighborhoods historically excluded from ownership opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS, As part of this broader strategy, the City allocated \$7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds toward equitable homeownership initiatives, including the BHA First Home Program, which provides up to \$75,000 in downpayment assistance and has expanded access to homeownership for over 800 households, helping to close racial wealth gaps and offering a critical counterweight to decades of federal underinvestment in affordable housing; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite these efforts, the gap between renters and homeowners in Boston continues to widen, with renters disproportionately burdened, over a quarter spending more than 50% of their income on housing, and a growing number of families, particularly Black families, forced to leave Boston entirely in search of stable and affordable ownership opportunities; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes June as Homeownership Month in the City of Boston, honors the resilience and advocacy of local housing organizations and families striving to build generational wealth, acknowledges the critical role of homeownership in creating stable, inclusive communities, and reaffirms its commitment to expanding equitable access to affordable homeownership opportunities across all of Boston's neighborhoods.

Filed on: June 20, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

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RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND GRATITUDE TO THE DISTRICT 7 CONSTITUENTS FOR THEIR COURAGE, DIVERSITY, AND COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

WHEREAS, The people of District 7, comprising Roxbury, parts of the South End, Dorchester, and Fenway, represent a dynamic mosaic of cultures, languages, religions, and lived experiences; *and*

WHEREAS, This district is home to Black African American, White European Americans, Afro-Caribbeans, Cape Verdeans, Latinos, Haitians, Asians, Arabs, Indigenous peoples, Jewish neighbors, Muslims, Christians, Catholics, Buddhists, Hindus, and Sikhs, as well as longtime residents and newer arrivals, all of whom contribute to the depth, beauty, and resilience of this community; *and*

WHEREAS, The residents of District 7 have long withstood the legacy of redlining, racial segregation, housing displacement, underinvestment, and systemic injustice, and yet continue to organize, resist, and reimagine what a just city can look like; *and*

WHEREAS, These historic struggles have also created opportunities for powerful cross-cultural dialogue, intersectional organizing, and the rich exchange of traditions, ideas, and solidarity among neighbors; *and*

WHEREAS, The constituents of District 7 have not only advocated for change, but partnered with Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson in advancing equity across housing, education, economic development, public health, public safety, civic infrastructure, environmental justice, and cultural preservation; *and*

WHEREAS, Through public hearings, policy advocacy, street corner conversations, advisory councils, protests, storytelling, and critique, residents held Councilor Anderson accountable, pushed her to grow, and shaped a more inclusive vision for governance and shared power; *and*

WHEREAS, Challenging their Councilor, at times lovingly, at times fiercely, but in every moment she met disagreement as an invitation to reflect, transform, and deepen her commitment to truth, integrity, and community care; *and*

WHEREAS, These experiences with constituents, whether joyful or painful, became the very soil from which new ideas bloomed, policies were born, and humanity was affirmed; *and*

WHEREAS, Councilor Anderson stands by the unwavering belief and love poured into her leadership by elders, youth, families, advocates, artists, educators, business owners, workers, faith leaders, and everyday heroes who embody the spirit of District 7; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council that the Boston City Council hereby extends its deepest thanks, highest honor, and heartfelt respect to the constituents of District 7 for their courage, vision, truth-telling, generosity in co-governing, and hard work through one of the most challenging and transformative periods in Boston. And that the Boston City Council honors the opportunity to serve with humility and reverence, and will carry the lessons, love, and light of District 7.

Filed on: June 25, 2025



Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the June 25, 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

Orders for the Capital Budget, including loan orders and lease-purchase agreements. (**Dockets #0828 - 0830**)

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

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

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

³***Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:***

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

Matters in Committee

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.

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
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	
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	
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	

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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		
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		
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		
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		
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		

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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	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0890	Mayor		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.	4/16/2025	
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	
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	0318	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss inancial 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	9/25/2025	
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		
Education	0905	Weber	Pepén, Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss the impacts of social media on Boston Public School students.	4/16/2025		
Education	0971	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' New Bus Ridership Policy.	4/30/2025		

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Education	1101	Flynn		Order for a hearing to review the hiring, training and compliance certification of BPS Bus Drivers.	5/21/2025		
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		
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		
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	
Government Operations	0134	Worrell	Mejia	Ordinance to enhance driveway accessibility.	1/8/2025		
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		

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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	
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		

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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	7/8/2025	
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 "Schofflaw 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		6/5/25- 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		
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		

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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	
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	

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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		
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	
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		
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		
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	1188	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Two Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$1,271,380.38) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Youth Program Grant, awarded by 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 a comprehensive youth employment programs to serve eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.	6/11/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1189	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$423,132.00) in the form of a grant, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund and support jobs seekers by providing staffing at the MassHire Career Centers to help them enroll in education and training programs funded by ARPA upskilling.	6/11/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1190	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$350,151.85) in the form of a grant for the Carry-In RESEA Program for Field CY24 Grant, awarded by 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 individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for training and education resources and programs.	6/11/2025		

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1192	Mayor		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 Boston Climate Jobs Alliance Grant, awarded by Citizens Bank Foundation/Community Relations to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund critical outreach and job coaching for workers in training to ensure placement into jobs that enhance climate resilience as part of the Boston Climate Jobs Alliance.	6/11/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1193	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Liberty Mutual Climate Resiliency Grant, awarded by Liberty Mutual Foundation, Inc., to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund mitigative and adaptive approaches to climate change. By supporting innovative solutions, scaling proven strategies, and promoting nature-based initiatives, this funding empowers grassroots efforts to tackle environmental challenges.	6/11/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1194	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$77,122.35) in the form of a grant, the Carry-In WIOA Dislocated Workers Administration Grant, awarded by 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 administrative cost associated with providing programming to help dislocated workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment.	6/11/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1195	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, from the Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston, awarded by State Street Global Advisors to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund young people ages 14-24 an opportunity to work and learn, along with intensive staff support.	6/11/2025	

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1196	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$60,573.35) in the form a of a grant, for the Carry-In WIOA Adult Administration Grant, awarded by 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 would fund administrative cost associated with Boston's MassHire Career Centers, which help resident adult job seekers access employment, education, job training, apprenticeship, and support services.	6/11/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1197	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Twenty-Seven Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$50,027.55) in the form a grant from the Department of Transitional WPP Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund employment and training assistance, career counseling and job search assistance for individuals in need who receive cash assistance, food assistance, and housing assistance, to help transition from temporary to self-sufficiency.	6/11/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1198	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$34,349.36) in the form of a grant, for the Carry-In Regional Planning Grant, awarded by 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 regional planning efforts to address the creation of regional pipeline programming for high demand industries and occupations in alignment with regional planning priorities.	6/11/2025	

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1199	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$8,943.77) in the form of a grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund employment and training assistance, career counseling and job search assistance for disabled individuals who are clients at Boston MassHire Career Centers.	6/11/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1200	Mayor		Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Thousand Seventy-Four Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents (\$3,074.94) in the form of a grant for the SCSEP Grant, awarded by the MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund employment and training assistance, career counseling and job search assistance for older adults and individuals with disabilities who are clients at Boston's MassHire Career Centers.	6/11/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1201	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Eight Cents (\$1,861.08) in the form of a grant, for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Grant, awarded by 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 reemployment services to workers who have lost their jobs or experienced a reduction in hours and wages due to increased imports or shifts in production outside the United States.	6/11/2025	
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	
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	
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	

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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, FirzGerald	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		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0478	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia	Order for a hearing to evaluate alterative options for the center running bus lane on Blue Hill Avenue and Columbus Avenue.	2/12/2025		

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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	0648	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston Streets Cabinet to enter into a contract for a period of up to ten years for the services of an operator for the City's public bike share program, Bluebikes. The contract term would begin in 2026. The City Council's permission to enter into a contract of this type for a period of more than three years is required by section 12 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws.	3/5/2025	6/18/2025	
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	0720	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund safety design and construction in intersections to employ low-cost, high impact strategies through a safety and equity lens for Complete Street. The principle safety issues addressed are speeding, pedestrian crashes, as well as visibility issues.	4/2/2025	6/18/2025	
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		

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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	
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	
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	
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

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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		
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	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0180	Worrell	Mejia	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		

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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		
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
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		
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

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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
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

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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
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0893	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 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.	4/16/2025		
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		

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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	1133	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) in the form of a grant awarded by the Cummings Foundation. The grant will fund the City of Boston's violence prevention work including activations and events, community outreach, block parties and the Youth Options Unlimited program, and other efforts consistent with the City's summer safety plan and Plan to End Violence.	6/4/2025		
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		
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		
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		

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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		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0263	Durkan		Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a City Wide Merchandise Licensing Program.	1/15/2025		
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	0183	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding the City of Boston's response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and related resources for survivors.	1/8/2025	4/24/2025	
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		
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	

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
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
Ways & Means	0179	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss efforts to cancel medical debt.	1/8/2025		
Ways & Means	0250	Durkan	Coletta Zapata	Order for a hearing regarding the feasibility and impact of a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax in Boston.	1/15/2025		

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Ways & Means	0269	Murphy	FitzGerald, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss residential property values and the assessing process.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0325	Worrell	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY26 budget.	1/29/2025	2/18, 2/27, 3/24/25	2/10, 3/17, 3/26/25-working session, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled, 2/12, 3/19/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0419	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss tax exemptions for long-term residents age 55 & above and essential municipal employees.	2/5/2025		
Ways & Means	0553	Breadon	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review capital planning, budgeting, and project management practices in the capital program of the City of Boston.	2/26/2025		
Ways & Means	0828	Mayor		Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Six Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$266,100,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for city departments including the Boston Center for Youth and Families, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, Boston Public Library, Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Health Commission, Public Works, and the Transportation Department.	4/9/2025	See budget calendar	4/16, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21/25-remains in committee, 6/4/25-first read
Ways & Means	0829	Mayor		Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$196,900,000.00) for various capital improvements purposes for the Boston Public Schools.	4/9/2025	See budget calendar	4/16, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21/25-remains in committee, 6/4/25-first read

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Ways & Means	0830	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2026 in an amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00). These funds are to be used by various City departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions. The list of equipment includes: computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of the foregoing.	4/9/2025	See budget calendar	4/16, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21/25-remains in committee, 6/4/25-first read
Ways & Means	1054	Mayor		Communication was received from Scott Finn, City Auditor, transmitting a list of FY25 reallocations made by the Mayor prior to April 15, 2025, for the purpose of continuing operations.	5/14/2025		
Whole	0181	Louijeune	Pepén, Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.	1/8/2025		
Whole	0585	Murphy	Flynn	Order for an emergency hearing to discuss the state receivership of Boston Elections Commission.	2/26/2025	5/2/2025	
Whole	0911	Murphy		Resolution calling for the prompt scheduling of a special election to fill the vacancy in District 7.	4/16/2025		
Whole	1068	Murphy	Flynn	Resolution in support of ethical leadership and a Council vote on the status of Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson.	5/14/2025		



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE DISTRICT 7 OFFICE

WHEREAS, Public service is not simply a job, it is a daily act of love, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to justice, equity, and community; *and*

WHEREAS, The staff of the District 7 Office have embodied the highest standards of service through their tireless dedication, integrity, and compassion in addressing the urgent and complex needs of the residents of District 7; *and*

WHEREAS, This team has served not only as policy advocates, case managers, and legislative researchers, but also as bridge-builders, healers, translators, educators, and caretakers, meeting people where they are and ensuring that no constituent is left unheard or unseen; *and*

WHEREAS, In the face of systemic challenges and limited resources, the District 7 Office team has consistently shown up, with grit, grace, and a deep sense of duty, to fight for housing justice, economic opportunity, education equity, public safety, mental health access, and civic inclusion; *and*

WHEREAS, The accomplishments of the District 7 Office are inseparable from the tireless labor, brilliant minds, and selfless hearts of its staff, who have poured their energy into building new systems of transparency, accountability, and community empowerment; *and*

WHEREAS, Their commitment to co-governance, constituent services, legislative excellence, and human dignity has set a gold standard for what municipal service can and should be; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council honors and recognizes the staff of the District 7 Office for their extraordinary service, visionary leadership, and steadfast devotion to the people of Boston; and that this Council expresses its deepest gratitude for the countless hours, brilliance, and courageous heart this team has contributed toward a more equitable and loving city; and that the Boston City Council extends its admiration and enduring respect for the District 7 Office staff, whose work will continue to ripple through generations of change-makers, advocates, and residents across the City of Boston.

Filed on: June 25, 2025

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Bernadette Pignone

In Recognition of:

Your thirty-two years of service as a teacher in Boston Public Schools. Your long-standing commitment and contributions have left a lasting impact on our students and in the community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a fulfilling retirement

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: _____

Offered by: _____
Gabriela Coletta Zapata
Clerk of the City of Boston

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Olivia Cichon

In Recognition of:

Twenty years of dedicated service as a Music Teacher in the Boston Public Schools.
Your unwavering commitment to education and the arts has enriched the lives
of countless students and made a meaningful contribution to the community.
With deep appreciation, we honor your legacy and wish you all the best in your
well-earned retirement.

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

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Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Dat Fitzgerald

In Recognition of:

Your contributions to the LGBTQ+ community and to community mental health services.

You have lived a life defined by resilience, service, and advocacy, which embodies this year's theme: *Accessibility to the American Dream for all who reach it*. As a Lead Mental Health Worker at the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center in Boston, you have dedicated your career to supporting the well-being of others. Your steadfast commitment to both your community and the values of equity, inclusion, and mental health awareness reflects the very spirit of Pride.

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: Gabriela Coletta Zapata

Date: _____

City of Boston

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Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Colin O'Dwyer

In Recognition of:

Your thirty-three years of service as a music teacher in Boston Public Schools. Your long-standing commitment and contributions have left a lasting impact on our students and in the community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a fulfilling retirement

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: Gabriela Coletta Zapata

Date: _____

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Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Rosa Sobradelo

In Recognition of:

Your thirty-eight years of service to the City of Boston. Your long-standing commitment and contributions have left a lasting impact on the community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a fulfilling retirement

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: 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

Italian Express

In Recognition of:

Their designation as a 2025 City of Boston Legacy Business, honoring their culinary excellence, deep-rooted community engagement, cultural significance, and longstanding presence in East Boston.

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: Gabriela Coletta Zapata

Date: _____

List of citations for the 2025 Legacy Business Award recipients from District 1:

- Angela's Cafe
- Italian Express
- La Hacienda Restaurant
- Regina Pizzeria
- Rino's Place
- Warren Tavern

Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

for the Boston City Council Board

Colin O'Dwyer

In Recognition of

your thirty three years of service as a music teacher in Boston Public Schools. Your long-standing commitment and contributions have left a lasting impact on our students and the community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a fulfilling retirement.

It is the official policy of the City of Boston that this Resolution be duly signed by the Councilor and entered as an official record of the City of Boston.

City of Boston

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Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Caffe Dello Sport

In Recognition of:

The grand opening of their East Boston location, creating spaces for community to come together in camaraderie over good coffee and sports

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: *Ruthy Longene*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
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

Rocco Telese

In Recognition of:

His 100th birthday, his service to the United States Army with the 339th Infantry Regiment, and his unwavering commitment to his family and the community of East Boston.

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: *Rutha Loizane*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
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

The North End Branch Library

In Recognition of:

60 years of exemplary service as a beacon of learning, inclusion, and community engagement

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

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Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Memorial Hall

In Recognition of:

The Grand Reopening of the Historic Dexter House (1791)

Home to the Abraham Lincoln Post 11 G.A.R. since 1888

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: _____

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CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

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

William Tanner

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

Wednesday, June 4th

SINCERELY,

Ruthzee Loujaune

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

Galviera Colette Zapata

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

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

Ann Lydon

In Recognition of:

**Your Retirement After Twenty Five Years of
Dedicated Service to the Boston Public Schools, Its
Students and Its Families**

***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.***

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

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

Nucarta

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your commitment to advancing racial health equity through community-centered, inclusive, and action-driven approaches across the arts, public health, and scientific innovation sectors

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 Loujaune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Quintas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Loujaune

Date: 6/10/25

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

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

Cora Marie Tinsley

In Recognition of:

**Your Retirement After Thirty Seven Years of
Dedicated Service as a Cafeteria Worker for the
Boston Public Schools**

***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
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PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Aba Taylor

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Being an impactful, legacy, equity, and justice leader

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY
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By: Ruthzee Louljeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Grountos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louljeune

Date: 06/12/2025

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PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Errin & Anthony Davis

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your visionary leadership as the founders and Chief of Political
Organizing Consultancy

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY
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By: *Ruthzee Louljeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Groutas*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louljeune*

Date: 06/12/2025

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

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

Ledum Nordee

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your groundbreaking leadership as the founder of the first black and woman-owned electrical engineering firm in Massachusetts, paving the way for greater equity, representation, and innovation in the industry

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 Loujeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Ellis Amatas*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Loujeune*

Date: 06/12/2025

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Allison Cartwright

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your historic achievement as the first person of color to serve as
Supreme Judicial Court Clerk

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY
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By: Ruthzee Louljeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Quintos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louljeune

Date: 06/12/2025

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Chiderah Okoye

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your groundbreaking leadership as the founder of the first black and woman-owned electrical engineering firm in Massachusetts, paving the way for greater equity, representation, and innovation in the industry

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 Louljeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Amantas*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louljeune*

Date: 06/12/2025

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Stephe O'Neal

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your role as Inaugural percussionist for the black nativity
production

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
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By: *Ruthzee Louljeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Oliver Quintos*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louljeune*

Date: 06/12/2025

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Steve Tompkins

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Being the first black male to lead the Suffolk County
sheriff's office

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY
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By: *Ruthzee Louljeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Quintos*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louljeune*

Date: 06/12/2025

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Shirley Shillingford

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Being an exemplary community servant and celebrated
culture bearer

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
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By: *Ruthzee Louljeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Cheryl Quintas*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louljeune*

Date: 06/12/2025

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PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

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

Elias Akiki

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your commitment to the Greater Boston and Hyde Park communities through your work with Akiki and Sons. Your dedication and sacrifices are deeply appreciated

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 Loujeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Quintos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Loujeune

Date: 06/12/2025

City of Boston

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PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

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

Miguel Gallego

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your commitment to serving and uplifting the Greater Boston and Hyde Park communities as the owner of Las Delicias Colombianas restaurant

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 Loujeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Santos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Loujeune

Date: 06/12/2025

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PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

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

Tasha Hull

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your efforts to uplift the Greater Boston and Hyde Park communities
through your work as the owner of park54 restaurant

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 Loujeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Guintas*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Loujeune*

Date: 06/12/2025

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Jay Paget

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your continued contributions and dedication to uplifting the Hyde Park
creative community

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY
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By: Ruthzee Louljeune

President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Quintro

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louljeune

Date: 06/12/2025

City of Boston

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CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Malika Whitley

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your efforts to honor the contributions of Veterans and for your
commitment to preserving their legacy in Boston

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY
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By: _____

Ruthzee Louljeune
President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Alex Avantes
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Ruthzee Louljeune

Date: _____

06/12/2025

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Dana & Marinell Rousmaniere

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your leadership and dedication to the Hyde Park community as advocates, champions of education, and youth sports mentors

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 Louljeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Chloe Quintos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louljeune

Date: 06/12/2015

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

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

Richard Claytor

Upon his retirement, for his longtime leadership as inaugural Director of Programs with the Family Nurturing Center, where he impacted countless caregivers, children, and providers by expanding and developing programs throughout Boston. His expertise, collaboration, and passion for community and youth development has left a lasting impact on Boston's families.

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.

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Private First Class Catalina Ortiz-Sierra

In Recognition of:

Their recent Army Achievement Medal and unwavering dedication to our country, city, and community.

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: _____

Offered by: Gabriela Coletta Zapata
Clerk of the City of Boston

Date: _____

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Honors

Specialist Luis Tejada Cuello

In Recognition of:

**Their recent Army Achievement Medal and unwavering dedication
to our country, city, and community.**

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: _____

Offered by: Gabriela Coletta Zapata
Clerk of the City of Boston

Date: _____

Official Resolution
of Councilors John Fitzgerald and Erin J. Murphy

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

Kate Brown

In Recognition of:

**Your Retirement After Twenty Nine Years of
Dedicated Service to the Boston Public Library**

***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

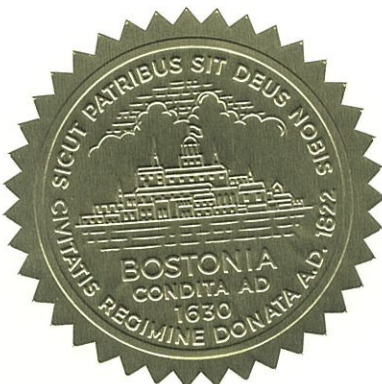
BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO

Neil Sharma

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your outstanding efforts and dedicated service to the City Clerk's Office and
the residents of the City of Boston.**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOUIJEUNE AND THE
ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL EXTEND THEIR HEARTFELT THANKS AND BEST WISHES
TO JIM FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF BOSTON,
AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY
COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF TRANSMITTED BY THE
CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.



By: Ruthzee Loujeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guinter
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Loujeune

Date: JUNE 17, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén

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

Casserly House

In Recognition of:

Your dedication to teaching English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses for over 25 years has profoundly impacted countless students, empowering them with the skills and confidence to thrive in a new language and culture.

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 Loujaune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Simentas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: June 22nd 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén

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

Sisters of Saint Joesph

In Recognition of:

**Your dedication to welcoming and uplifting immigrants in the City of
Boston has fostered dignity, inclusion and collaboration, transforming
the whole community.**

Thank you for your service!

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 Loujaune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Santos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: June 22nd 2025

City of Boston

IN
CITY COUNCIL

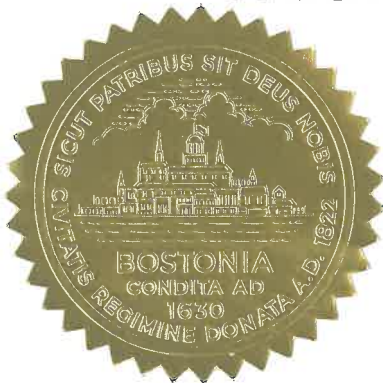


IN TRIBUTE

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

Roxana Bentes de Moura

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF
Wednesday, June 25th, 2025



SINCERELY,

Ruthyee Loujane
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Alex Grintas

Presented By

Ben

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Center Salon

In Recognition of:

2025 Brighton Main Streets - Business of the Year

; and

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



By: Ruthae Loujaune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Avantos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Elizabeth Bresdon

Date: June 18, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén

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

Batya Ferrenz-Siegel

In Recognition of:

Being Councilor for a day!

We wish you much success and a bright future!

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: Alex Armentas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: ESB

Date: June 25th 2025

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

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

Savant Register

**Upon his recognition from Propa City Community Outreach as a Shelbia Irene Scholar in
loving memory of Shelbia Irene Dickerson and her service to youth education and
wellness. As a young leader and scholar, Savant carries on this legacy of care for and
connection to his community.**

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:

Mikal Welch

**Upon his recognition from Propa City Community Outreach as a Shelbia Irene Scholar in
loving memory of Shelbia Irene Dickerson and her service to youth education and
wellness. As a young leader and scholar, Mikal carries on this legacy of care for and
connection to his community.**

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

Eddie Ocasio

**Upon his recognition from Propa City Community Outreach as a Shelbia Irene Scholar in
loving memory of Shelbia Irene Dickerson and her service to youth education and
wellness. As a young leader and scholar, Eddie carries on this legacy of care for and
connection to his community.**

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congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success; that this Resolution be duly
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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:

Jamary Reed

**Upon his recognition from Propa City Community Outreach as a Shelbia Irene Scholar in
loving memory of Shelbia Irene Dickerson and her service to youth education and
wellness. As a young leader and scholar, Jamary carries on this legacy of care for and
connection to his community.**

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

Darren T. Wells

Upon his retirement, and in recognition of his more than 30 years of service to his community as an educator and ambassador. Wells has impacted countless lives through his leadership and desire to empower those around him.

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
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

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

Christopher Bailey

In Recognition of:

**Your Retirement After Thirty Years of Dedicated
Service to the Boston Police Department**

***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.***

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

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

Latisha “Tisha” Scott

And the entire team behind Alluring Beauty, upon their one-year anniversary of the establishment of a new location in the Mattapan neighborhood, and for their commitment to delivering exceptional tranquility, luxury, and customer services to their community.

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:

Albert Clifton Rue Sr.

For his decades of coaching champion-level basketball players and his mentoring and building opportunities for inner-city youth. A father figure to so many, the retired Boston Police Officer is a living legend whose legacy has touched hundreds of players on and off the hardwood for decades.

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.



Resolución Oficial

Ofrecido por la Concejal de la Ciudad de Boston

JULIA MEJIA

Por lo tanto, se resuelve que el Concejo Municipal de Boston extiende sus felicitaciones a:

Ramón Orlando Valoy

En reconocimiento a:

sus cinco décadas de impecable trayectoria artística, durante las cuales ha promovido con excelencia el merengue y llevado con orgullo la música dominicana a escenarios internacionales. Su legado, lleno de pasión, talento y compromiso cultural, es motivo de inspiración y profundo orgullo para nuestra comunidad

y se resuelve además que el Concejo Municipal de Boston le extiende sus mejores deseos de éxito continuo; que esta resolución sea firmada por la Presidenta del Concejo Municipal, debidamente certificada, y que una copia sea enviada por el Secretario de la Ciudad de Boston.



Official Resolution

Presented by Councilors Erin Murphy & John FitzGerald

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

Michael Skillin

In Recognition of:

Your 49th consecutive year serving as President of the Dorchester Lower Mills Civic Association—a true testament to your unwavering dedication and leadership. Over nearly five decades, Michael has guided the Association with vision and passion, helping spearhead countless neighborhood improvements and community initiatives. Your long-standing commitment reflects not only your deep love for Lower Mills but also your extraordinary ability to unite and inspire residents year after year

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



Official Resolution

Presented by Councilor At-Large Erin J. Murphy

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

Andrew Beck Lew

In Recognition of:

being named this year's Brighton Main Streets Volunteer of the Year. For his tireless dedication to the Allston-Brighton community and the greater City of Boston, Andrew has consistently shown up at every neighborhood gathering. His unwavering advocacy for community needs and boundless generosity—always ready with a helping hand—have uplifted our neighborhoods.

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