

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



## **CITY OF BOSTON**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE**

### **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.

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