

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA AND ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-SIX

RESOLUTION UPHOLDING ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS AT ALL
BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITIES INCLUDING THE 14-ARCE
WHITE FUND PARCEL IN FRANKLIN PARK

- WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools maintains policies that prohibit the possession, sale, and consumption of alcohol on school property in order to ensure safe, healthy, and youth-centered environments; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Massachusetts General Laws, Title I, Chapter 272, Section 40A, prohibits the possession, sale, or delivery of alcoholic beverages on any public school premises under the charge of a school committee or public authority, except under limited circumstances involving nonprofit organizations during non-school hours and with proper licensing; *and*
- WHEREAS,** White Stadium, located in Franklin Park, and the entire 14-acre White Fund Parcel, serves as a central athletic and community space for Boston Public Schools (BPS) students; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The current redevelopment and operational structure of White Fund Parcel includes shared use between the City of Boston and Boston Legacy Football Club; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Despite any operational division between east and west sections or public-private management structures, White Fund Parcel remains, in its entirety, a Boston Public Schools facility and public school premises for purposes of maintenance, repair and operation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Any proposal to introduce alcohol sales or consumption at White Stadium and surrounding area raises serious concerns regarding compliance with BPS policy, alignment with state law, and the preservation of a safe and appropriate environment for students; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has a responsibility to ensure that all BPS facilities are

governed by consistent standards that prioritize student well-being over commercial or entertainment interests; ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT***

RESOLVED,

That the Boston City Council affirms that the entire White Fund Parcel, as a Boston Public Schools facility, shall be subject to all existing BPS policies, including the prohibition of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol, and opposes any proposal, agreement, or operational plan that would permit the sale, possession, or consumption of alcohol at the White Fund Parcel in a manner inconsistent with M.G.L. c. 272 §40A, and calls upon the Administration, Boston Public Schools, and all project partners, including Boston Legacy Football Club, to ensure that all governing agreements for White Stadium explicitly reflect and uphold these prohibitions, and further calls upon the Boston Licensing Board to deny any license or permission to sell or serve alcohol on any portion of such White Fund Parcel.

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