



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

- 0508** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Shauna Gillies Smith as a member of the Boston Civic Design Commission.
- 0509** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Catherine Morris as a member of the Boston Civic Design Commission.
- 0510** Notice was received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Linda Eastley as a member of the Boston Civic Design Commission.
- 0511** Notice was received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Mimi Love as a member of the Boston Civic Design Commission.
- 0512** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Laura Solano as a member of the Boston Civic Design Commission.
- 0513** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Nick Long as a member of the Boston Conservation Commission.

[0514](#) Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of February 8, 2023.

[0515](#) Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of February 15, 2023.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

[0323](#) The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred on February 1, 2023, Docket #0323, message and order for your approval a proposed Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston, submits a report recommending that the home rule petition ought to pass in a new draft.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

[0159](#) Order for a hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 recovery funds.

[0260](#) Order for a hearing to address the loss of rehearsal spaces for musicians in the City of Boston.

[0415](#) Order for a hearing for the possible closing of several Boston public schools and BCYF community centers this summer.

[0408](#) Message and order for your approval, a home rule petition to the General Court RE: A Special Law Authorizing the City of Boston to Implement Rent Stabilization and Tenant Eviction Protections."

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

[0516](#) **Councilor Bok and Flynn offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act to Make Certain Changes in the Law Relative to the Historic Beacon Hill District.

[0517](#) **Councilor Breadon and Coletta offered the following:** Resolution designating March 8, 2023 as International Women's Day in the City of Boston.

[0518](#) **Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution calling for equal treatment of all missing women cases in the City of Boston.

[0519](#) **Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order for a hearing addressing data privacy, security, and control at City of Boston agencies.

0520 **Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order for a hearing to audit how the Boston Police Department responds to Latino Spanish-speaking residents in the City of Boston.

0521 **Councilor Louijeune and Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a study on city wages and services for the lowest paid municipal employees.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

0522 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Lybille Rocher in City Council, effective March 18, 2023.

0523 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Baker offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Amanda O'Connor and Julie Ryan in City Council, effective March 4 2023.

0524 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Ron Cobb, Juan Lopez, Cora Montrond and Lorraine Schettino in City Council, effective March 4, 2023.

0525 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Ron Cobb, Juan Lopez, Cora Montrond and Lorraine Schettino in City Council, effective March 11, 2023.

GREEN SHEETS:

8/23 Legislative Calendar for March 8, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA:

0526 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Carol Lawrence.

0527 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Carla Payne.

0528 **Councilor Bok offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Theodora Hanna.

0529 **Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Carmen I. Pittella.

0530 **Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Yahya Noor.

- 0531** **Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Father Americo Santos.
- 0532** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jon Santiago.
- 0533** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Castle Square Tenants Association.
- 0534** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 6 people who got elected to The Charlestown Neighborhood Council.
- 0535** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Robin Milton.
- 0536** **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Transforming Narratives of Gun Violence.
- 0537** **Councilor Louijeune and Arroyo offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Raymonde Jean.
- 0538** **Councilor Baker offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Brian Carlson.
- 0539** **Councilor Baker offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Brandon Williams.
- 0540** **Councilor Baker offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kyle Moran.
- 0541** **Councilor Baker offered the following:** Resolution recognizing William Parlon.
- 0542** **Councilor Baker offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jeremiah Francis Foley.
- 0543** **Councilor Baker offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Bernard E. Hicks Jr.
- 0544** **Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Nashira Baril.
- 0545** **Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Magalis Troncoso Lama.

- 0546** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Angel O. Gonzalez.
- 0547** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Meliza Brea.
- 0548** Councilor Flynn and Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Danny Monahan.
- 0549** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Juan Martinez.
- 0550** Councilor Flynn and Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Joey Arcari.
- 0551** Councilor Flynn and Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Luanne O'Connor.
- 0552** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Edwin Solano.
- 0553** Councilor Flynn and Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Officer Ayesha Lawton.
- 0554** Councilor Flynn and Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Michael J. Donovan.
- 0555** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution to recognize Janet M. Peguero.
- 0556** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Milagros Marte Martinez.
- 0557** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Milagros Marte.
- 0558** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Biannyi Peguero.
- 0559** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Grisel Greene.
- 0560** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Alanna Marte.

- 0561** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Damilyis Gonzalez Ramos.
- 0562** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Elianna Soto.
- 0563** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Elody Damian.
- 0564** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Joshua Paulino Ozuna.
- 0565** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Yordenis Matos Espinal.
- 0566** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Nivia Pina and Hector Pina.
- 0567** Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing Dr. Will Flavell.
- 0568** Councilor Flaherty and Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Brielle Jean.
- 0569** Councilor Flaherty and Flynn offered the following: Resolution declaring March 7th, 2023 as Sister Evelyn Hurley, S.C.N. Day in The City of Boston.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 6, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article 28 of the Boston Zoning Code, I hereby appoint Shauna Gillies Smith of 164 Wachusett Avenue, Arlington, Massachusetts 02476 to the Boston Civic Design Commission. She will fill the seat formerly held by Deneen Crosby for a term expiring on October 31, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 6, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article 28 of the Boston Zoning Code, I hereby appoint Catherine Morris of 1452 Dorchester Avenue, Suite 4, Boston, Massachusetts 02122 to the Boston Civic Design Commission for a term expiring on February 28, 2026.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



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Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 6, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article 28 of the Boston Zoning Code, I hereby reappoint Linda Eastley of 55 Clark Street, Belmont, Massachusetts 02478 to the Boston Civic Design Commission for a term expiring on February 28, 2026.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 6, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article 28 of the Boston Zoning Code, I hereby reappoint Mimi Love of 122 F Street, South Boston, Massachusetts 02127 to the Boston Civic Design Commission for a term expiring on February 28, 2026.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 27th, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article 28 of the Boston Zoning Code, I hereby appoint Laura Solano of 149 Forest Street, Medford, Massachusetts 02127 to the Boston Civic Design Commission for the term expiring on February 28th, 2026.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 1, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the City of Boston Municipal Code, Chapter 7-1 and G.L. c. 40, § 8C, I hereby appoint the following Member to the City of Boston Conservation Commission:

Nick Long of 175 Amory Street, Apartment 2, Boston, MA 02130.

This member will serve as designated by the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation in the Commissioner's *ex officio* seat, effective immediately.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu,
Mayor of Boston



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

March 8, 2023

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of, February 8, 2023, viz.

- 0211** Message and order for your approval an order appropriating from the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund the sum of One Million Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,475,000.00) for projects described in the attached order. The Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund Commissioners met on December 7, 2022, and voted to approve these projects and to establish a dedicated repairs and restoration fund for the Browne Fund Projects.

Approved by the Mayor February 13, 2023

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

March 8, 2023

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of, February 15, 2023, viz.

0111 Message and order for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate an amount of Twenty One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$21,600,000.00) for the purpose of paying the cost of a design and construction associated with boiler, windows and door replacement projects at the following schools: Boston Day and Evening Academy, Henderson Upper School, Rafael Hernandez School and William E. Russell School.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0135 Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.

Dis-Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0210 Message and order, authorizing the City of Boston to except and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Ten Cents (\$1,642,723.10) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution and reintegration program.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0324 Message and order temporarily extending Urban Renewal Plans in the City of Boston until March 31, 2025 or passage of a proposed relevant Home Rule Petition.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0325 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,722,764.20) in the form of a grant for the Local Fire Department Projects and Grants Line Item 83240050 of the FY23 State Budget, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund decontamination equipment, vehicle and maintenance expenses for the Hazard Response Team at the Boston Fire Department.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0326 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Local Fire Department Project and Grants for the FY23 State Budget Line Item 8240050 awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Boston Fire Department. The grant will fund renovations at Engine 8/Ladder 1 in the North End, to improve the safety, health and wellness of firefighters.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0362 Message and order to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$164,448.00) to provide funding for the Boston School Department for the FY23 increase contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston School and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 160 Boston School Police Patrolmen's Association.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0363 Message and order approving a supplemental appropriation for the Boston School Department for the FY23 in the amount of One Hundred Sixty Four Thousand, Four Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$164,448.00) to cover the FY23 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston School and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 160 Boston School Police Patrolmen's Association. The terms of the contract are September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2024 The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2%, 2.5 %, 2.5% and 2.5% to be given in October of each fiscal year of the contract term.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0364 Message and order to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Two Hundred Eighty Three Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$1,283,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools and the City Housing Trust Fund for the FY23 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston School Committee and Local 1952, Painters Allied Trades District Council No. 35 (School Custodians).

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0365 Message and order approving a supplemental appropriation of One Million Two Hundred Eighty Three Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$1,283,486.00) to cover the FY18 cost contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston School Committee and Local 1952, Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 35 (School Custodians). The terms of the contracts are September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2026. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% in September and then a base wage increase of 2.5% to be given in September of 2022, 2023 and 2024 and then a base wage of 2% to be given in September 2024 and 2025.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0370 Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,079,770.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public School for the FY23 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public Schools and the United Steelworkers Local 2936 (Bus Monitors).

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0371 Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Public School Department for FY23 in the amount of One Million Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,079,770.00) to cover the FY23 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public Schools and the United Steelworkers Local 2936 (Bus Monitors). The terms of the contract are July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, a base wage increase of 1.5% in September 2021, and rate adjustments in September 2022, and then a base wage of 2% to be given in September 2023 and 2024.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0372 Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Seven Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (703,939.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for the FY23 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public and the Administrative Guild, SEIU Local 888.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0373 Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Public Schools Department for FY23 in the amount of Seven Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$703,939.00) to cover the FY23 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public Schools and the Administrative Guild, SEIU Local 888. The terms of the contract are September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2024. The major provisions of the contracts include based wage increases of 2%, 2.5%, 2.5%, and 2.5% to be given in September of each fiscal year of the contract term.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

0406 Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Establishing Student Voting on the Boston School Committee.

Approved by the Mayor February 17, 2023

Respectfully,



Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 30, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit two pieces of legislation for your consideration and approval: *Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston*; and *Order Temporarily Extending Urban Renewal Until March 31, 2025 or Passage of a Proposed Relevant Home Rule Petition*.

As we chart the future of the Boston Planning and Development Agency, we must update our state laws to reflect today’s needs. This home rule petition will formally end the decades-old urban renewal mission of eradicating so-called “blight and urban decay,” and rededicate our resources toward Boston’s urgent needs: resiliency, affordability, and equity. Establishing these tenets as the guiding principles for planning decisions—while jettisoning the outdated notion of improvement through Urban Renewal—will enhance the safety, health, and quality of life of our residents and the opportunities for companies doing business in the city. We are also seeking an interim extension of the current urban renewal zones to allow for passage of the home rule petition at the state house and ensure that current affordable housing, open spaces and other land uses for civic benefit do not lapse.

AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND MODERNIZE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Major provisions of the Act include:

Creation of the Boston Planning and Development Agency. This Act formally abolishes the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC) of Boston. This Act transfers the powers and duties of those entities to an agency newly created by this Act, and adopts as its formal name the Boston Planning & Development Agency (“the agency”). This action modernizes the agency while setting up the



further actions below. Consolidating the agency will also assist with current and future efforts to administratively align and integrate the agency with the City of Boston.

End of Urban Renewal. This Act terminates and sunsets Urban Renewal powers by, in part, eliminating the legal authority for the agency to adopt any new Urban Renewal plans or to make new findings or takings pertaining to blighted, decadent, or substandard conditions in the city. It also entitles the agency, notwithstanding the termination of any urban renewal plan, to enforce any conditions and restrictions in existing plans that protect important community benefits such as affordable housing, open space, and community uses.

Scope of the New Boston Planning & Development Agency. The Act directs the agency to prepare and implement plans that address three key planning principles: 1) resiliency, including climate change mitigation and adaptation; 2) affordability, including the creation and retention of affordable housing and support for local businesses; and 3) equity, in the form of community development plans that ensure the equitable distribution of benefits derived from development in the city, and redress historical inequitable policies that may have led to inequities in the city's growth. The Act requires that all plans be approved by the mayor, subject to the requirements of the Act. The Act also authorizes the agency to act as a public economic development agency, to fund worthy projects, to make confirmatory eminent domain takings, and to manage related property matters so long as they are in accordance with these new overarching principles.

AN ORDER TEMPORARILY EXTENDING URBAN RENEWAL PLANS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON UNTIL MARCH 31, 2025 OR PASSAGE OF A PROPOSED RELEVANT HOME RULE PETITION

With this proposed Order, I am requesting a two-year extension of the remaining Urban Renewal plans in alignment with the timeline for legislative consideration of the Home Rule Petition. I am requesting that the extension be granted for the shorter of either (a) two (2) additional years (i.e., to March 31, 2025), or (b) until such time that the Home Rule petition passes.

In April 2016, the City Council granted approval of a six (6) year extension of Boston's fourteen (14) Urban Renewal plans, which was subsequently approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development. In March 2022, the BPDA, Council and DHCD sunset two (2) additional Urban Renewal plans.

An expiration of the twelve active Urban Renewal plans before the home rule petition is adopted with protections for transferring existing land use protections would risk dissolution of the affordable housing, open space, and other community-oriented land use restrictions currently enforced under the plans. In seeking this temporary extension, the BPDA shall focus its Urban Renewal-related efforts solely on (a) enforcing existing land use restrictions that protect

community values (e.g., income restrictions, elderly preferences, open space, and other community uses) and (b) advancing the resiliency, affordability, and equity goals of the city.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the two proposals, the Act and the Order, to improve and modernize planning and community development in the City of Boston while working to advance resiliency, affordability, and equity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Wu', with a stylized, cursive script.

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND MODERNIZE PLANNING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Boston is committed to seeking and obtaining every means available to improve and modernize comprehensive, city-wide planning and community development in a manner that advances today's challenges of climate resiliency, affordability, and equity;

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, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:

**AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND MODERNIZE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. Statement of Purpose. It is the intent and purpose of this act to provide the city of Boston, in this act called the city, with the tools and powers necessary to guide certain public and private investments, and to otherwise address the issues and achieve the goals expressed further in this act, all of which are designed to make the city a more resilient, affordable and equitable community. It is further the intent of this act to encourage, to the maximum extent practicable, the increased cooperation and coordination between the city and the Boston Planning & Development Agency, in this act called the agency, through additional and comprehensive planning citywide, through increased transparency and public participation in the activities of the agency, and through the sharing, transfer and efficient deployment of personnel, funds, land and other resources. The powers and duties to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be carried out in a manner to promote equity amongst all, and that is, to the

maximum extent practicable, fair, and equitable to all of the city's residents and businesses.

Section 2. Declaration of Necessity. It is hereby declared that there exists in the city (a) areas that suffer disproportionately from historically inequitable treatment and lack of access to opportunities afforded to the city as a whole, creating wide disparities with respect to equality of economic opportunity, health, safety and quality of life; (b) a crisis created by the lack of affordability in the city for the city's businesses and residents measured against continual and high demand; and (c) threats to large areas of the city brought about by the effects of the changes to climate; that each of these issues has been extensively documented in studies and reports contributing to the passage of this act; that resiliency, affordability and equity are issues that require governmental intervention to be properly and comprehensively addressed; that each of these issues presents a threat, and contributes substantially, to the safety, health, and quality of life of the residents of and companies doing business in the city, necessitating excessive and disproportionate expenditure of public funds for the preservation of the public health and safety and quality of life and for the maintenance of adequate public spaces, services and facilities; that the city requires additional tools that are adaptable for today's economy and the economy of the future and the technology that is available today and that will be further advanced in the future; that these tools are necessary to create additional opportunities and guide the types of public and private investments deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of this act; that each of these issues constitute an economic and social liability which substantially impairs the city; that each of these issues decrease the value of private investments and threatens the sources of public revenue and the financial stability of communities within the city; that because of the economic and social interdependence of different communities and of different areas within the city and because of the critical need to address the needs of all of the city's citizens in an equitable manner, the redevelopment of land in accordance with one or more plans to address the issues that are the subject of this act are necessary; that, while some actions may be accomplished through existing means and law and through the operations of private action, through publicly initiated action, or through a combination of both private and public action, in cases where it is found that private actions taken alone are unlikely to remedy the conditions that lead to these issues, the actions authorized by this act, including but not limited to, the construction, financing, restoration, renovation, rehabilitation, preservation, or removal of structures and the acquisition and disposition of property as circumstances may warrant, and the general improvement of sites for these purposes is necessary to accomplish these objectives; the disposition of the

property for the purpose of the foregoing, the exercise of powers consistent with this act and any assistance which may be given by the city and the agency created by this act are public uses and purposes for which public money may be expended and the power of eminent domain exercised; and that the acquisition, planning, clearance, conservation, restoration, renovation, rehabilitation, preservation or rebuilding of such areas for such purposes, including the provision of multi-modal and complete streets, enhancements and improved access to transit facilities, parks, flood control structures, greenways, technological infrastructure, recreational areas and other spaces and improvements in housing and commercial properties, are public uses and benefits for which private property may be acquired by eminent domain or regulated by reasonable orders, laws and directions and for which public funds may be expended for the betterment of the city.

It is hereby further declared that there is a serious issue of affordability in the city, including a shortage of housing in the city that can be afforded by persons and families of low and moderate income and including other issues of affordability in many forms including the ability for Bostonians to incubate, launch and grow businesses; that it is in the best interest of the commonwealth to encourage programs to provide jobs, opportunities, housing and other assistance for such persons without imposing on them undue financial hardship; and that in undertaking such programs and assistance using the tools and the powers set forth in this act, the agency will be able to promote the health and prosperity of all citizens of the city, and thereby serve a public purpose for the benefit of the general public.

It is hereby further found that there is a need in the city to improve energy and water efficiency in both new and existing buildings, to enhance indoor air quality and sustainability, to facilitate the implementation of zero-emission electricity generation, to further the use and proliferation of electric and other vehicles fueled by alternatives to fossil fuels, to further the use of low-emission and/or sustainable building materials and processes, to promote, support, and incentivize energy storage, building electrification, adaptive reuse of existing structures, urban cooling strategies, the conservation, restoration, and protection of coastal and marine habitats, greenhouse gas emission reduction activities, and to advance other projects in the city that address and implement climate resilience strategies, and that in undertaking such programs and assistance using the tools and the authorities set forth in this act the agency will promote the health and prosperity of all citizens of the city and thereby serve a public purpose for the benefit of the general public.

The provisions of this act relating to the issues addressed in this act are hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination.

Section 3. Definitions.

As used in this act, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:—

“agency,” the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

“authority,” the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

“affordable” or “affordability,” the ability of persons and families of low and moderate income to procure and retain within the city safe and secure housing that provides reasonable access to transportation, employment, and educational opportunities without the imposition of undue financial hardship, and the ability of persons seeking to incubate, launch and grow businesses within the city to pursue such opportunities without the imposition of undue financial hardship.

“affordable housing” the same meaning as set forth in section 17 of the boston zoning enabling act.

“boston zoning enabling act,” chapter 665 of the acts of 1956, as most recently amended by chapter 365 of the acts of 2020, and as may be further amended from time to time.

“city,” the city of Boston.

“community development,” actions, projects, or activities that develop and improve the city or its neighborhoods in ways consistent with the powers and duties of the agency and the objectives of this act, including but not limited to (i) creating or expanding economic, educational, transportation, or housing opportunities for low and moderate income people; (ii) creating or expanding economic opportunities for new or existing local businesses; (iii) establishing, improving, or enhancing public facilities, public social services, or physical or technological infrastructure; or (iv) improving, revitalizing, preserving, conserving, or rehabilitating the built environment or the natural environment.

“corporation,” the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston.

“department,” the Department of Housing and Community Development or its successor.

“effective date,” the date set forth in section 4 of this act.

“resilient” or “resiliency,” actions, projects, or activities that anticipate, assess, prepare for, respond to, reduce, mitigate, manage, or adapt to either the risks or the adverse impacts of climate change (including but not limited to extreme weather events, drought, coastal and inland flooding, sea level rise and increased storm surge, wildfires, and extreme temperatures), as such risks or adverse impacts may affect the city’s natural environment, the city’s built environment, the city’s economy, the city’s populace, or any combination thereof.

“zoning commission,” the Boston Zoning Commission.

Section 4. Effective Date. In order to provide the necessary time to plan for the implementation of this act, the provisions of this act shall be effective on a date that is one hundred eighty days from the date it is approved by the Governor.

Section 5. Abolition of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The Boston Redevelopment Authority, doing business as the Boston Planning & Development Agency, referred to in this act as the authority, is hereby abolished.

Section 6. Abolition of the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston. The Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston, referred to in this act as the corporation, is hereby abolished.

Section 7. Creation of the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

- (a) There shall be a public body politic and corporate to be known as the Boston Planning & Development Agency, in this act called the agency. The agency is hereby constituted as a public instrumentality of the city and the exercise by the agency of the powers conferred by this act shall be considered to be the performance of an essential governmental function.
- (b) Subject to the limitations set forth in this act, the agency is hereby constituted as a redevelopment authority of the city, and shall have all of the powers and duties conferred on redevelopment authorities pursuant to chapter 121B.

- (c) The agency shall also have all of the powers and duties of the Boston Redevelopment Authority as set forth in chapter 652 of the acts of 1960, as amended.
- (d) The agency shall also have all of the powers and duties of the economic development and industrial corporation of Boston as set forth in chapter 1097 of the acts of 1971, as amended, and all of the powers and duties conferred on economic development and industrial corporations pursuant to chapter 121C .
- (e) The agency shall be managed, controlled and governed by a board of five members who shall be appointed and shall serve in accordance with the requirements of chapter 121B.
- (f) Until such time as the authority and the corporation are abolished pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of this act, the agency shall work with the authority and the corporation toward the completion of an orderly transition of all matters detailed in section 15 of this act.

Section 8. Planning and Zoning Functions in the City of Boston.

- (a) Section 12 of chapter 652 of the acts of 1960, as most recently amended by section one of chapter 341 of the acts of 1993, is hereby amended by deleting the final paragraph.
- (b) Section 3 of the boston zoning enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the second sentence of that section and replacing it with the following:-

“No zoning regulation originally establishing the boundaries of a district or the regulations and restrictions to be enforced therein, and no such regulation amending the same as aforesaid, shall be adopted until the Boston Planning & Development Agency shall have submitted a report with recommendations concerning such regulation or amendment or allowed twenty days to elapse after receipt from the zoning commission of a request for such a report without making such a report, nor until after the zoning commission shall have given notice and held public hearing with respect to such regulation or amendment.”

- (c) Section 8 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the words “Boston Redevelopment Authority” where they appear in the seventh and

ninth paragraphs of that section and replacing them with the words:- “Boston Planning & Development Agency.”

- (d) Section 16 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the words “Boston Redevelopment Authority hereinafter referred to as BRA,” as they appear in the second paragraph of that section and replacing them with the words:- Boston Planning & Development Agency hereinafter referred to as the BPDA.”
- (e) Sections 16, 17, 18, 21 and 22 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by replacing the letters “BRA” each time they appear in said sections with:- “BPDA.”
- (f) Section 21 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the words “Boston Redevelopment Authority” as they appear in said section and replacing them with:- “Boston Planning & Development Agency.”

Section 9. Cooperation Between Agency and City.

- (a) To the maximum extent determined to be practicable by the agency and the city:
 - (i) the agency shall make use of the services of the agencies, officers and employees of the city and the city shall, if requested, make available such services, all in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of chapter 121B;
 - (ii) the city shall make use of the services of the agency and the agency shall, if requested, make available such services;
 - (iii) property owned by the agency determined by the agency to be no longer necessary in undertaking its statutory and other responsibilities may be transferred to the city, provided that the city shall accept such property subject to any existing lease.

Section 10. Additional Powers and Duties of the Agency. The agency shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes of relevant provisions of the General Laws, and shall have the following powers in addition to those specifically granted in this act:—

- (a) To prepare and implement plans to address issues pertaining to affordability in the entire city or in such areas of the city as it determines to be necessary, including the creation of new affordable housing and retention of existing affordable housing, and the development of methods to address business incubation and affordability in the city, subject, however, to the requirements of section 11 of this act;
- (b) To prepare and implement plans to provide for resiliency and to combat the impacts of climate change in the entire city or in such areas of the city as it determines to be necessary, subject, however, to the requirements of section 11 of this act;
- (c) To prepare and implement community development plans in the entire city or in such areas of the city as it determines to be necessary, subject, however, to the requirements of section 11 of this act;
- (d) To take necessary action and create policies and programs as needed to ensure the equitable distribution across the city of benefits from development.
- (e) To create and implement programs to address any historically inequitable distribution of agency resources or historically inequitable policies that may have led to inequities in the growth of the city.
- (f) To prepare plans to develop and test methods and techniques and to carry out demonstrations to implement projects and programs in furtherance of the objectives of this act;
- (g) To provide recommendations, advice, technical assistance and staffing to the zoning commission as may be requested by the director from time to time;
- (h) To create such internal offices, divisions, or departments as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this act;
- (i) To act as a public economic development agency for the purposes of chapter 30B and to dispose of by sale or lease or to acquire by purchase, lease, eminent domain or otherwise residential, institutional, industrial or commercial real property for purposes in furtherance of this act in accordance with a plan approved by the members of the agency;
- (j) To enter into, administer, extend, amend and enforce cooperation and other agreements with the city, state and federal agencies and other public and

private organizations and persons to further the objectives of this act, subject, however, to the provisions of applicable law;

- (k) To conduct research, issue reports and engage in similar activities consistent with its powers as detailed in this act; and
- (l) To perform any of the following acts in any location in the city irrespective of whether such location is included within an area covered by a plan adopted in accordance with this act: to make confirmatory eminent domain takings in order to confirm title to real estate; to make and receive loans to or from any party, to receive gifts from any party, and to make investments all for purposes consistent with this act; to acquire and transfer property discontinued by the public improvement commission or other city entity; to grant or receive utility easements; and to acquire or transfer a property interest to or from another public entity.

Section 11. Additional Requirements for Resiliency, Affordability, and Community Development Plans.

The following requirements shall apply to plans proposed pursuant to sections 10(a), 10(b) and 10(c) of this act.

- (a) Whenever the agency determines that such a plan should be implemented, it shall first submit said plan to the mayor of the city for approval. Such application shall be accompanied by the plan, a statement of the proposed method for financing the activities contemplated in the plan, and any such other information as the agency in its discretion deems advisable.
- (b) Whenever a public hearing on a plan is held, notice thereof shall be sent to the Boston Landmarks Commission together with a map indicating the area included in such plan.
- (c) No such plan shall be implemented until a public hearing on such plan has been held after notice provided in the manner required by section 20 of chapter 30A before the agency and the plan has been approved by the members of the agency and the mayor.
- (d) Every plan submitted to the mayor for approval shall include a description of the goals of the plan, the areas to be impacted by the plan and a statement describing how the plan is consistent with the planning conducted in those

areas, the proposed public and private improvements proposed as a part of the plan, and a financial plan associated with the plan together with findings by the members of the agency that the plan is consistent with this act and will further the agency's public purposes, and shall include a relocation plan prepared in accordance with the requirements of chapter seventy-nine A to the extent required by applicable law.

(e) The mayor shall not approve any such plan except upon a determination that the plan will further the purposes of this act, giving due consideration to the findings of the members of the agency set forth in Section 11(d) above.

(f) Every plan approved by the mayor that seeks financial assistance from any agency or authority of the commonwealth shall be subject to the further approval of the department and shall be submitted to the department together with such other material as the department may require.

(i) The department shall not approve any such plan unless the agency has made the findings required by this section, the mayor has approved the plan, and the department concurs in the findings made by the agency.

(ii) Within sixty days after submission of the plan, the department shall give written notice to the agency of its decision with respect to the plan. If the department disapproves any such plan, it shall state in writing in such notice its reasons for disapproval. A plan which has not been approved by the department when submitted may be submitted to the department again with such modifications, supporting data or arguments as are necessary to meet the department's objections. The department may hold a public hearing upon any plan submitted to it and shall do so if requested in writing within ten days after submission of the plan by the agency, the mayor, or twenty-five or more residents of the city.

(iii) Any provision in this subsection to the contrary notwithstanding, when the location of a proposed plan has been determined, the agency may, without awaiting the approval of the department, proceed to acquire or otherwise obtain control of such property within the plan area as is necessary to carry out the objectives of the plan; but it shall not, without the approval of the department if such approval is required by this subsection, unconditionally obligate itself to purchase or otherwise acquire any such property except as provided in section forty-seven of chapter 121B.

- (g) When the plan has been approved by the mayor, and to the extent required by this act, the department, and notice of such approvals has been given to the agency, the agency may proceed at once to take any and all actions to implement the plan including, without limitation, to acquire and dispose of real estate within the location of the plan area, either by eminent domain or by sale, grant, purchase, lease, gift, exchange or otherwise.

Section 12. Termination and Sunsetting of Urban Renewal Powers.

- (a) From and after the effective date, notwithstanding any provisions of chapter 121B to the contrary, the agency shall not be authorized to adopt any new urban renewal plan, nor to make any findings pertaining to blighted open, decadent or substandard conditions in the city, but shall, to the extent determined to be necessary or convenient for the agency as determined by its members, remain obligated to perform such actions, to enforce such conditions or to benefit from any restrictions or other provisions as such actions, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions are set forth in any contract or plan in effect as of the effective date
- (b) To the extent necessary to take an action, to enforce a condition, or to benefit from a restriction or other provision in such plan, the agency is hereby authorized to extend, terminate or amend such urban renewal and other plans that may be in existence as of the effective date subject to the requirements of applicable law and this section, and such additional terms as it may determine to be appropriate.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, contract or urban renewal plan to the contrary, prior to and upon the termination of any urban renewal plan, the agency shall be entitled to continue to enforce such conditions or to benefit from any restrictions or other provisions, as such actions, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions are set forth in any contract or plan in effect as of the effective date provided that the agency shall be authorized to terminate, extend, modify or amend any such condition, restriction or other provision by agreement.
- (d) In preparing, adopting and implementing any resiliency, affordability, community development or other plans authorized by this act, the agency shall, except as modified by the provisions of this act, be subject to the requirements and shall have all of the powers set forth in chapter 121B.

Section 13. Cooperation With Local, State and Federal Agencies and Programs.

The agency is authorized, with the approval of the mayor of the city, to enter into loans, grants, contracts and other agreements with the local, state, federal, or other government entity relative to the acceptance or borrowing of funds or other assistance for any project it is authorized to undertake in accordance with this act and to secure such local, state, federal and other funds and assistance as may be available, including, without limitation, funding and other assistance made available through chapters 43D and 40R of the general laws, the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000, the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and other laws or programs providing funding or other assistance consistent with the provisions of this act, as those laws and programs may be amended and revised from time to time, which loans, grants, contracts and other agreements shall contain such covenants, terms and conditions as the agency and such agency of the government may deem desirable.

Section 14. Matters Pertaining to Urban Redevelopment Corporations.

- (a) Projects undertaken by any entity approved under chapter 652 of the acts of 1960, as amended, and chapter 121A of the general laws shall, in addition to the types of projects authorized by said laws, also include projects authorized under section 10 of this act; provided, that each such project shall be accompanied by a plan and shall be otherwise subject to the requirements of section 11 of this act.
- (b) The agency shall be authorized to review, improve, approve and monitor any such project or plan in the same manner as provided by chapter 652, as amended, and said chapter 121A.

Section 15. Transfer of Personnel and Obligations.

- (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, as of the effective date: -
 - (i) all personnel employed by the authority or the corporation shall become employees of the agency consistent with and subject to the requirements of this act;

(ii) all assets, accounts, liabilities, obligations, real and personal property and debt of the authority and the corporation are hereby transferred to the agency, and, without further conveyance or other act, all the assets, accounts liabilities, obligations, real and personal property and debt, as well as all rights, powers and duties of the authority and the corporation shall be transferred to, and assumed by, the agency;

(iii) ownership, possession and control of all personal property, including, but without limitation, all equipment, books, maps, papers, plans, records and documents of whatever description then belonging to the authority and the corporation shall pass to, and be vested in, the agency without consideration or further evidence of transfer and shall thereafter be in the possession and control of the agency;

(iv) ownership, possession and control of all real property, including, without limitation, all land, buildings, easement, restrictions and other interests in land and other property that are owned or held by the authority or the corporation shall pass to, and be vested in, the agency without consideration or further evidence of transfer and shall thereafter be in the possession and control of the agency; and

(v) all duly existing contracts, leases, land disposition agreements, collective bargaining agreements and obligations of the authority and the corporation which are in force immediately before the effective date shall be deemed to be the obligations of the agency but shall otherwise be unaffected by this act, and no existing right or remedy with respect to any such matter shall be lost, impaired or affected by this act.

(b) The agency shall be authorized to establish such bylaws, systems, procedures, accounts, and processes as it determines to be necessary or desirable in connection with the assumption, management, operation and administration of the personnel, assets, accounts, liabilities, obligations, real and personal property and debt of the authority and the corporation.

(c) The agency shall have authority to exercise all rights and enjoy all interests conferred upon the authority and the corporation by any such contracts, leases, land disposition agreement or other obligation, including any collective bargaining agreement in existence as of the effective date.

- (d) The transfer provided by this act shall be effective upon the effective date and shall bind the agency and all other persons with or without notice and without any further action or documentation.
- (e) Without derogating from the foregoing, the agency may, from time to time, execute and record and file for registration with any registry of deeds or the land court or with the secretary of the commonwealth, as appropriate, a certificate confirming the agency's ownership of any interest in real or personal property formerly held by the authority or the corporation and transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act and establishing and confirming the rights so transferred.
- (f) This act shall not limit or impair the rights, remedies, or defenses of the agency, the authority or the corporation in or to any such action including, without limitation, chapter 258 of the General Laws; provided, however, that from and after the effective date any action pending related to such rights, remedies or defenses shall continue unabated and may be completed against or by the agency.
- (g) No existing rights of the holders of the bonds issued by the authority or the corporation shall be impaired, and the agency, as successor in interest to the authority and the corporation, shall maintain the covenants of the trust indentures pertaining to such bonds so long as such bonds shall remain outstanding.

Section 16. Survival of Existing Rules and Matters. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any order, rule, or regulation duly promulgated, or any license, permit, certificate, right or approval duly granted or held, by or on behalf of the authority or the corporation shall continue in effect from and after the effective date and shall be enforced by the agency until superseded, revised, rescinded or cancelled. Any proceeding before the authority or the corporation pending as of the effective date shall be assumed by the agency and shall continue unaffected and without need to be re-noticed or recommenced.

Section 17. Other Personnel Matters Related to Transfer of Employees.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the agency may enter into contracts to create and permit employee contributions to individual retirement accounts for employees of the agency pursuant to sections 64A to 64C, inclusive, of chapter 29 of the General Laws.

- (b) The provisions of section 52 of chapter 121B shall not apply to employees of the agency; provided, however, that such section shall continue to apply to any employee of the authority subject to the requirements of such section as of the effective date.
- (c) All members, officers and employees of the authority and the corporation transferred to the service of the agency shall be transferred without impairment of seniority, retirement or other statutory rights of employees, without loss of accrued rights to benefits, holidays, sick leave, vacation pension, and all other benefits, except as otherwise provided in this act. All employees of the agency shall be eligible for group insurance benefits provided by the group insurance commission or otherwise. Terms of service of employees of the authority and the corporation shall not be deemed to be interrupted by virtue of transfer to the agency.
- (d) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, retired employees of the authority and the corporation and the surviving spouses of active or retired employees who are eligible for group insurance coverage pursuant to this section and said chapter 32A shall have said eligibility and coverage transferred to the group insurance commission and shall receive the full extent of benefits provided to employees of the agency. Such persons shall cease to be eligible or insured by the authority or corporation, as applicable. The commission shall provide uninterrupted coverage for group life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance and group general or blanket insurance providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance benefits to the extent authorized under said chapter 32A. All questions relating to group insurance rights, obligations, costs and payments shall be determined solely by the group insurance commission, and shall include the manner and method for the payment of all required premiums applicable to all such coverage.
- (e) Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the eligibility and coverage of retired authority or corporation employees and the surviving spouses of active or retired employees who are eligible for group insurance coverage under a plan offered by the authority or corporation or who are insured under a plan offered by the authority or the corporation.
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, employees of the agency shall be eligible to become members of the Boston

retirement system, and notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary including, but not limited to, paragraph (c) of subdivision (8) of section 3 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, said system shall be responsible for all liability attributable to the service of such employees. The liabilities attributable to the service of such employees shall be recoverable by the city pursuant to the terms of said section 8.

- (g) Any employee of the corporation on the effective date may elect: (i) to join the Boston retirement system by written notification to the system of his or her intention in a manner according to a process adopted by the system and otherwise consistent with applicable law; and (ii) to increase his or her years of creditable service in the system by purchasing time up to an amount represented by his or her years of creditable service with the corporation according to a payment schedule and process adopted by the system and otherwise consistent with applicable law.

- (h) The agency, in cooperation with the city, shall complete a study of job titles in the authority and the corporation and shall determine the appropriate job titles for employees transferred to the agency and the appropriate job titles for employees to be transferred to the city. Employees transferred to the agency shall be placed in job titles as determined by the agency, in consultation with the city, and shall be paid wages and receive benefits consistent with the collective bargaining agreement governing such job title(s) (if any) or if no collective bargaining agreement exists for such employees, then consistent with the existing pay and benefits governing such job title(s). Employees transferred to the city shall be placed in job titles as determined by the city, in consultation with the agency, and shall be paid wages and receive benefits consistent with the collective bargaining agreement governing such job title(s) (if any) or if no collective bargaining agreement exists for such employees, then consistent with the existing pay and benefits governing such job title(s).

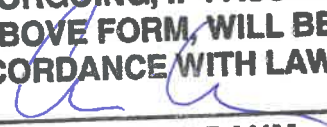
Section 18. Requirement for Audit. Not later than one year from the effective date, the city auditor shall complete and file with the agency, city council, mayor, and office of the state auditor a closeout audit of the authority and the corporation. The audit shall include a catalogue of the status of the authority's and corporation's finances, operations, revenues, debt structure, and internal policies and procedures and the transfer of such matters to the agency.

Section 19. Relationship to Other Laws. This act shall provide additional, alternative and complete methods for accomplishing the purpose of this act and shall be construed to be supplemental and additional to, and not in derogation of any powers conferred upon the agency by law; provided, however, that insofar as the provisions of this act are inconsistent with any general or special law, administrative order or regulation, the provisions of this act shall be controlling.

Section 20. Evidence of Abolition of Authority and Corporation. Sections 5 and 6 of this act shall be effective as of a date that is not more than ninety days from the effective date, and shall be evidenced by the filing of a certificate with the secretary of the commonwealth executed by authority and the corporation and acknowledged by the agency as the successor to the authority and the corporation.

Section 21. Severability. The provisions of this act are hereby declared to be severable and if any such provision or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any of the remaining provisions of said chapter or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that said chapter would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not been included therein.

Filed in Council: January 30, 2023

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

March 6, 2023

Dear Councilors:

Docket #0323, Message and order for your approval a proposed Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston was referred to the Committee on February 1, 2023, and sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu. The Committee held a public hearing on February 27, 2023, and a working session on March 3, 2023.

Summary of Legislation As Filed:

Docket #0323 formally abolishes the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and the Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC) of Boston. This Act transfers the powers and duties of those entities to an agency newly created by this Act and formally adopts this agency as the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). This Act also ends the period of Urban Renewal and narrows the scope of the newly formed BPDA to focus on three key planning principles: 1) resilience, including climate change mitigation and adaptation; 2) affordability, including the creation and retention of affordable housing and support of local businesses; and 3) equity, in the form of community development plans that ensure the equitable distribution of benefits derived from development in the city and redress the historical inequitable policies that may have led to inequities in the City's growth.

Information Gathered at Hearing and Working Session:

Chief of Planning and Director of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Arthur Jemison, BPDA General Counsel Lisa Herrington, and BPDA Deputy Chief for Development and Transportation Devin Quirk were present to testify on behalf of the Administration at both the hearing and the working session.

At the hearing, Councilors discussed challenges in ending urban renewal, most specifically the maintenance of enforcement of land disposition agreements (LDAs) and other tools that designate or protect affordable housing. It was explained that the Act authorizes the agency to continue to act as a public economic development agency, to fund worthy projects, to clear title issues, and to manage related property matters so long as they are in accordance with the new overarching principles. The Act also preserves the Chapter 30B real estate exemption and Chapter 121A tax tools, including the ability to do demonstration projects with Resilience, Affordability and Equity (RAE) purposes. This would allow the BPDA to engage in real estate transactions for creating seawalls, public private partnerships, small business incubators, affordable housing and more.

At the working session the Administration was asked to address concerns listed in written testimony submitted prior to the hearing. Several clarifications included that the new BPDA after passage of the home rule would be functionally the same with regards to concentration of power, applicability of the Charter, interaction with 121A and 30B, status as the City's planning board, and need for approval from the State Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). It was clarified that the Act will enable the BPDA to make findings based on RAE for 121A and demonstration projects. The Committee discussed mechanisms for continued enforcement of land disposition agreements (LDAs) and community use restrictions, since the Council had previously been extending these covenants through extensions of urban renewal. It was stressed that the overriding legislative intent of this Act is to preserve community value to the greatest extent possible. There was agreement that the BPDA's transition following this Act is intended to lean further into its authority to develop for public good. Other topics of discussion included the definition of equity within the home rule petition and how it relates to findings for community development.

At both the hearing and the working session, Councilors raised concerns about the implications of bringing BPDA's budget into the City's, impacts on current BPDA employees and their retirement accounts, impacts on BPDA assets and leases, and how a City department will function in relation to certain powers granted only by state law.

It was explained that the abolition and reformation of the BPDA involves three actions, only one of which is before the body in the current home rule petition. First are ongoing management efforts within the agency to improve the Zoning Code and Article 80; second are the series of proposals that will result in the transition of current BPDA staff to the City; and third is legislation to clean up residual legal items in state law that authorized the formation of the city's redevelopment authority and urban renewal to better reflect the operational realities of the current BPDA. The third item is the only one covered by Docket #0323. The Act abolishes the corporations known as the BRA and the EDIC that were established by special act in the 1960s, and reconstitutes those entities into one, to be formerly established by the Act as the BPDA. The BPDA will remain a quasi independent entity, and will retain its current powers with respect to mitigation payments and property management. Chief Jemison explained that the Act refocuses planning and development efforts through lenses of affordability, resiliency, equity, rather than blight and decadence, while allowing the agency to continue to grant tax relief for certain projects and support homeownership initiatives. Chief Jemison stressed that the HRP protects staff through the agency's rechartering and does not move any staff until further legislative action is taken in the future.

Summary of Amendments

Following deliberations at the hearing and working session, the following change is proposed to Docket #0323. The amendment addresses concerns about the enforcement of LDAs in perpetuity, but adding a specified end date, consistent with the ultimate end date of the majority of existing covenants. Section 12, subsection (c) is amended by adding the phrase "through December 31, 2060".

Section 12(c) now reads as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, contract or urban renewal plan to the contrary, prior to and upon the termination of any urban renewal plan, the agency shall be entitled to continue to enforce such conditions or to benefit from any

restrictions or other provisions, as such actions, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions are set forth in any contract or plan in effect as of the effective date through December 31, 2060, provided that the agency shall be authorized to terminate, extend, modify or amend any such condition, restriction or other provision by agreement.

Rationale and Recommended Action:

This legislation will simplify Boston’s quasi-governmental redevelopment entity by abolishing the BRA and EDIC and transferring the powers and duties of those entities into a new, singular entity named the BPDA. The Act also formally ends the urban renewal mission of eradicating blight and urban decay, and rededicates planning efforts to further resiliency, affordability, and equity (RAE) as the City moves into the future, which will allow the City to retain its powers with regards to enforcing planning and development efforts under those themes for the public good.

The Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, to which the following was referred:

Docket #0323, Message and order for your approval a proposed Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston,

submits a report recommending that this docket **ought to pass in an amended draft.**

For the Chair:



Ricardo Arroyo, Chair
Committee on Government Operations

**AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND MODERNIZE PLANNING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Boston is committed to seeking and obtaining every means available to improve and modernize comprehensive, city-wide planning and community development in a manner that advances today’s challenges of climate resiliency, affordability, and equity;

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, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:

**AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND MODERNIZE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. Statement of Purpose. It is the intent and purpose of this act to provide the city of Boston, in this act called the city, with the tools and powers necessary to guide certain public and private investments, and to otherwise address the issues and achieve the goals expressed further in this act, all of which are designed to make the city a more resilient, affordable and equitable community. It is further the intent of this act to encourage, to the maximum extent practicable, the increased cooperation and coordination between the city and the Boston Planning & Development Agency, in this act called the agency, through additional and comprehensive planning citywide, through increased transparency and public participation in the activities of the agency, and through the sharing, transfer and efficient deployment of personnel, funds, land and other resources. The powers and duties to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be carried out in a manner to promote equity amongst all, and that is, to the maximum extent practicable, fair, and equitable to all of the city’s residents and businesses.

Section 2. Declaration of Necessity. It is hereby declared that there exists in the city (a) areas that suffer disproportionately from historically inequitable treatment and lack of access to opportunities afforded to the city as a whole, creating wide disparities with respect to equality of economic opportunity, health, safety and quality of life; (b) a crisis created by the lack of affordability in the city for the city's businesses and residents measured against continual and high demand; and (c) threats to large areas of the city brought about by the effects of the changes to climate; that each of these issues has been extensively documented in studies and reports contributing to the passage of this act; that resiliency, affordability and equity are issues that require governmental intervention to be properly and comprehensively addressed; that each of these issues presents a threat, and contributes substantially, to the safety, health, and quality of life of the residents of and companies doing business in the city, necessitating excessive and disproportionate expenditure of public funds for the preservation of the public health and safety and quality of life and for the maintenance of adequate public spaces, services and facilities; that the city requires additional tools that are adaptable for today's economy and the economy of the future and the technology that is available today and that will be further advanced in the future; that these tools are necessary to create additional opportunities and guide the types of public and private investments deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of this act; that each of these issues constitute an economic and social liability which substantially impairs the city; that each of these issues decrease the value of private investments and threatens the sources of public revenue and the financial stability of communities within the city; that because of the economic and social interdependence of different communities and of different areas within the city and because of the critical need to address the needs of all of the city's citizens in an equitable manner, the redevelopment of land in accordance with one or more plans to address the issues that are the subject of this act are necessary; that, while some actions may be accomplished through existing means and law and through the operations of private action, through publicly initiated action, or through a combination of both private and public action, in cases where it is found that private actions taken alone are unlikely to remedy the conditions that lead to these issues, the actions authorized by this act, including but not limited to, the construction, financing, restoration, renovation, rehabilitation, preservation, or removal of structures and the acquisition and disposition of property as circumstances may warrant, and the general improvement of sites for these purposes is necessary to accomplish these objectives; the disposition of the property for the purpose of the foregoing, the exercise of powers consistent with this act and any assistance which may be given by the city and the agency created by this act are public uses and purposes for which public money may be expended

and the power of eminent domain exercised; and that the acquisition, planning, clearance, conservation, restoration, renovation, rehabilitation, preservation or rebuilding of such areas for such purposes, including the provision of multi-modal and complete streets, enhancements and improved access to transit facilities, parks, flood control structures, greenways, technological infrastructure, recreational areas and other spaces and improvements in housing and commercial properties, are public uses and benefits for which private property may be acquired by eminent domain or regulated by reasonable orders, laws and directions and for which public funds may be expended for the betterment of the city.

It is hereby further declared that there is a serious issue of affordability in the city, including a shortage of housing in the city that can be afforded by persons and families of low and moderate income and including other issues of affordability in many forms including the ability for Bostonians to incubate, launch and grow businesses; that it is in the best interest of the commonwealth to encourage programs to provide jobs, opportunities, housing and other assistance for such persons without imposing on them undue financial hardship; and that in undertaking such programs and assistance using the tools and the powers set forth in this act, the agency will be able to promote the health and prosperity of all citizens of the city, and thereby serve a public purpose for the benefit of the general public.

It is hereby further found that there is a need in the city to improve energy and water efficiency in both new and existing buildings, to enhance indoor air quality and sustainability, to facilitate the implementation of zero-emission electricity generation, to further the use and proliferation of electric and other vehicles fueled by alternatives to fossil fuels, to further the use of low-emission and/or sustainable building materials and processes, to promote, support, and incentivize energy storage, building electrification, adaptive reuse of existing structures, urban cooling strategies, the conservation, restoration, and protection of coastal and marine habitats, greenhouse gas emission reduction activities, and to advance other projects in the city that address and implement climate resilience strategies, and that in undertaking such programs and assistance using the tools and the authorities set forth in this act the agency will promote the health and prosperity of all citizens of the city and thereby serve a public purpose for the benefit of the general public.

The provisions of this act relating to the issues addressed in this act are hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination.

Section 3. Definitions.

As used in this act, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:—

“agency,” the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

“authority,” the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

“affordable” or “affordability,” the ability of persons and families of low and moderate income to procure and retain within the city safe and secure housing that provides reasonable access to transportation, employment, and educational opportunities without the imposition of undue financial hardship, and the ability of persons seeking to incubate, launch and grow businesses within the city to pursue such opportunities without the imposition of undue financial hardship.

“affordable housing” the same meaning as set forth in section 17 of the boston zoning enabling act.

“boston zoning enabling act,” chapter 665 of the acts of 1956, as most recently amended by chapter 365 of the acts of 2020, and as may be further amended from time to time.

“city,” the city of Boston.

“community development,” actions, projects, or activities that develop and improve the city or its neighborhoods in ways consistent with the powers and duties of the agency and the objectives of this act, including but not limited to (i) creating or expanding economic, educational, transportation, or housing opportunities for low and moderate income people; (ii) creating or expanding economic opportunities for new or existing local businesses; (iii) establishing, improving, or enhancing public facilities, public social services, or physical or technological infrastructure; or (iv) improving, revitalizing, preserving, conserving, or rehabilitating the built environment or the natural environment.

“corporation,” the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston.

“department,” the Department of Housing and Community Development or its successor.

“effective date,” the date set forth in section 4 of this act.

“resilient” or “resiliency,” actions, projects, or activities that anticipate, assess, prepare for, respond to, reduce, mitigate, manage, or adapt to either the risks or the adverse impacts of climate change (including but not limited to extreme weather events, drought, coastal and inland flooding, sea level rise and increased storm surge, wildfires, and extreme temperatures), as such risks or adverse impacts may affect the city’s natural environment, the city’s built environment, the city’s economy, the city’s populace, or any combination thereof.

“zoning commission,” the Boston Zoning Commission.

Section 4. Effective Date. In order to provide the necessary time to plan for the implementation of this act, the provisions of this act shall be effective on a date that is one hundred eighty days from the date it is approved by the Governor.

Section 5. Abolition of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The Boston Redevelopment Authority, doing business as the Boston Planning & Development Agency, referred to in this act as the authority, is hereby abolished.

Section 6. Abolition of the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston. The Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston, referred to in this act as the corporation, is hereby abolished.

Section 7. Creation of the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

- (a) There shall be a public body politic and corporate to be known as the Boston Planning & Development Agency, in this act called the agency. The agency is hereby constituted as a public instrumentality of the city and the exercise by the agency of the powers conferred by this act shall be considered to be the performance of an essential governmental function.
- (b) Subject to the limitations set forth in this act, the agency is hereby constituted as a redevelopment authority of the city, and shall have all of the powers and duties conferred on redevelopment authorities pursuant to chapter 121B.
- (c) The agency shall also have all of the powers and duties of the Boston Redevelopment Authority as set forth in chapter 652 of the acts of 1960, as amended.

- (d) The agency shall also have all of the powers and duties of the economic development and industrial corporation of Boston as set forth in chapter 1097 of the acts of 1971, as amended, and all of the powers and duties conferred on economic development and industrial corporations pursuant to chapter 121C .
- (e) The agency shall be managed, controlled and governed by a board of five members who shall be appointed and shall serve in accordance with the requirements of chapter 121B.
- (f) Until such time as the authority and the corporation are abolished pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of this act, the agency shall work with the authority and the corporation toward the completion of an orderly transition of all matters detailed in section 15 of this act.

Section 8. Planning and Zoning Functions in the City of Boston.

- (a) Section 12 of chapter 652 of the acts of 1960, as most recently amended by section one of chapter 341 of the acts of 1993, is hereby amended by deleting the final paragraph.
- (b) Section 3 of the boston zoning enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the second sentence of that section and replacing it with the following:-

“No zoning regulation originally establishing the boundaries of a district or the regulations and restrictions to be enforced therein, and no such regulation amending the same as aforesaid, shall be adopted until the Boston Planning & Development Agency shall have submitted a report with recommendations concerning such regulation or amendment or allowed twenty days to elapse after receipt from the zoning commission of a request for such a report without making such a report, nor until after the zoning commission shall have given notice and held public hearing with respect to such regulation or amendment.”

- (c) Section 8 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the words “Boston Redevelopment Authority” where they appear in the seventh and ninth paragraphs of that section and replacing them with the words:- “Boston Planning & Development Agency.”

- (d) Section 16 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the words “Boston Redevelopment Authority hereinafter referred to as BRA,” as they appear in the second paragraph of that section and replacing them with the words:- Boston Planning & Development Agency hereinafter referred to as the BPDA.”
- (e) Sections 16, 17, 18, 21 and 22 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by replacing the letters “BRA” each time they appear in said sections with:- “BPDA.”
- (f) Section 21 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the words “Boston Redevelopment Authority” as they appear in said section and replacing them with:- “Boston Planning & Development Agency.”

Section 9. Cooperation Between Agency and City.

- (a) To the maximum extent determined to be practicable by the agency and the city:
 - (i) the agency shall make use of the services of the agencies, officers and employees of the city and the city shall, if requested, make available such services, all in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of chapter 121B;
 - (ii) the city shall make use of the services of the agency and the agency shall, if requested, make available such services;
 - (iii) property owned by the agency determined by the agency to be no longer necessary in undertaking its statutory and other responsibilities may be transferred to the city, provided that the city shall accept such property subject to any existing lease.

Section 10. Additional Powers and Duties of the Agency. The agency shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes of relevant provisions of the General Laws, and shall have the following powers in addition to those specifically granted in this act:—

- (a) To prepare and implement plans to address issues pertaining to affordability in the entire city or in such areas of the city as it determines to be necessary, including the creation of new affordable housing and retention of existing affordable housing, and the development of methods to address business

incubation and affordability in the city, subject, however, to the requirements of section 11 of this act;

- (b) To prepare and implement plans to provide for resiliency and to combat the impacts of climate change in the entire city or in such areas of the city as it determines to be necessary, subject, however, to the requirements of section 11 of this act;
- (c) To prepare and implement community development plans in the entire city or in such areas of the city as it determines to be necessary, subject, however, to the requirements of section 11 of this act;
- (d) To take necessary action and create policies and programs as needed to ensure the equitable distribution across the city of benefits from development.
- (e) To create and implement programs to address any historically inequitable distribution of agency resources or historically inequitable policies that may have led to inequities in the growth of the city.
- (f) To prepare plans to develop and test methods and techniques and to carry out demonstrations to implement projects and programs in furtherance of the objectives of this act;
- (g) To provide recommendations, advice, technical assistance and staffing to the zoning commission as may be requested by the director from time to time;
- (h) To create such internal offices, divisions, or departments as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this act;
- (i) To act as a public economic development agency for the purposes of chapter 30B and to dispose of by sale or lease or to acquire by purchase, lease, eminent domain or otherwise residential, institutional, industrial or commercial real property for purposes in furtherance of this act in accordance with a plan approved by the members of the agency;
- (j) To enter into, administer, extend, amend and enforce cooperation and other agreements with the city, state and federal agencies and other public and private organizations and persons to further the objectives of this act, subject, however, to the provisions of applicable law;
- (k) To conduct research, issue reports and engage in similar activities consistent with its powers as detailed in this act; and

- (l) To perform any of the following acts in any location in the city irrespective of whether such location is included within an area covered by a plan adopted in accordance with this act: to make confirmatory eminent domain takings in order to confirm title to real estate; to make and receive loans to or from any party, to receive gifts from any party, and to make investments all for purposes consistent with this act; to acquire and transfer property discontinued by the public improvement commission or other city entity; to grant or receive utility easements; and to acquire or transfer a property interest to or from another public entity.

Section 11. Additional Requirements for Resiliency, Affordability, and Community Development Plans.

The following requirements shall apply to plans proposed pursuant to sections 10(a), 10(b) and 10(c) of this act.

- (a) Whenever the agency determines that such a plan should be implemented, it shall first submit said plan to the mayor of the city for approval. Such application shall be accompanied by the plan, a statement of the proposed method for financing the activities contemplated in the plan, and any such other information as the agency in its discretion deems advisable.
- (b) Whenever a public hearing on a plan is held, notice thereof shall be sent to the Boston Landmarks Commission together with a map indicating the area included in such plan.
- (c) No such plan shall be implemented until a public hearing on such plan has been held after notice provided in the manner required by section 20 of chapter 30A before the agency and the plan has been approved by the members of the agency and the mayor.
- (d) Every plan submitted to the mayor for approval shall include a description of the goals of the plan, the areas to be impacted by the plan and a statement describing how the plan is consistent with the planning conducted in those areas, the proposed public and private improvements proposed as a part of the plan, and a financial plan associated with the plan together with findings by the members of the agency that the plan is consistent with this act and will further the agency's public purposes, and shall include a relocation plan

prepared in accordance with the requirements of chapter seventy-nine A to the extent required by applicable law.

- (e) The mayor shall not approve any such plan except upon a determination that the plan will further the purposes of this act, giving due consideration to the findings of the members of the agency set forth in Section 11(d) above.
- (f) Every plan approved by the mayor that seeks financial assistance from any agency or authority of the commonwealth shall be subject to the further approval of the department and shall be submitted to the department together with such other material as the department may require.
 - (i) The department shall not approve any such plan unless the agency has made the findings required by this section, the mayor has approved the plan, and the department concurs in the findings made by the agency.
 - (ii) Within sixty days after submission of the plan, the department shall give written notice to the agency of its decision with respect to the plan. If the department disapproves any such plan, it shall state in writing in such notice its reasons for disapproval. A plan which has not been approved by the department when submitted may be submitted to the department again with such modifications, supporting data or arguments as are necessary to meet the department's objections. The department may hold a public hearing upon any plan submitted to it and shall do so if requested in writing within ten days after submission of the plan by the agency, the mayor, or twenty-five or more residents of the city.
 - (iii) Any provision in this subsection to the contrary notwithstanding, when the location of a proposed plan has been determined, the agency may, without awaiting the approval of the department, proceed to acquire or otherwise obtain control of such property within the plan area as is necessary to carry out the objectives of the plan; but it shall not, without the approval of the department if such approval is required by this subsection, unconditionally obligate itself to purchase or otherwise acquire any such property except as provided in section forty-seven of chapter 121B.
- (g) When the plan has been approved by the mayor, and to the extent required by this act, the department, and notice of such approvals has been given to the agency, the agency may proceed at once to take any and all actions to implement the plan including, without limitation, to acquire and dispose of

real estate within the location of the plan area, either by eminent domain or by sale, grant, purchase, lease, gift, exchange or otherwise.

Section 12. Termination and Sunseting of Urban Renewal Powers.

- (a) From and after the effective date, notwithstanding any provisions of chapter 121B to the contrary, the agency shall not be authorized to adopt any new urban renewal plan, nor to make any findings pertaining to blighted open, decadent or substandard conditions in the city, but shall, to the extent determined to be necessary or convenient for the agency as determined by its members, remain obligated to perform such actions, to enforce such conditions or to benefit from any restrictions or other provisions as such actions, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions are set forth in any contract or plan in effect as of the effective date
- (b) To the extent necessary to take an action, to enforce a condition, or to benefit from a restriction or other provision in such plan, the agency is hereby authorized to extend, terminate or amend such urban renewal and other plans that may be in existence as of the effective date subject to the requirements of applicable law and this section, and such additional terms as it may determine to be appropriate.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, contract or urban renewal plan to the contrary, prior to and upon the termination of any urban renewal plan, the agency shall be entitled to continue to enforce such conditions or to benefit from any restrictions or other provisions, as such actions, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions are set forth in any contract or plan in effect as of the effective date through December 31, 2060, provided that the agency shall be authorized to terminate, extend, modify or amend any such condition, restriction or other provision by agreement.
- (d) In preparing, adopting and implementing any resiliency, affordability, community development or other plans authorized by this act, the agency shall, except as modified by the provisions of this act, be subject to the requirements and shall have all of the powers set forth in chapter 121B.

Section 13. Cooperation With Local, State and Federal Agencies and Programs.

The agency is authorized, with the approval of the mayor of the city, to enter into loans, grants, contracts and other agreements with the local, state, federal, or other

government entity relative to the acceptance or borrowing of funds or other assistance for any project it is authorized to undertake in accordance with this act and to secure such local, state, federal and other funds and assistance as may be available, including, without limitation, funding and other assistance made available through chapters 43D and 40R of the general laws, the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000, the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and other laws or programs providing funding or other assistance consistent with the provisions of this act, as those laws and programs may be amended and revised from time to time, which loans, grants, contracts and other agreements shall contain such covenants, terms and conditions as the agency and such agency of the government may deem desirable.

Section 14. Matters Pertaining to Urban Redevelopment Corporations.

- (a) Projects undertaken by any entity approved under chapter 652 of the acts of 1960, as amended, and chapter 121A of the general laws shall, in addition to the types of projects authorized by said laws, also include projects authorized under section 10 of this act; provided, that each such project shall be accompanied by a plan and shall be otherwise subject to the requirements of section 11 of this act.
- (b) The agency shall be authorized to review, improve, approve and monitor any such project or plan in the same manner as provided by chapter 652, as amended, and said chapter 121A.

Section 15. Transfer of Personnel and Obligations.

- (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, as of the effective date: -
 - (i) all personnel employed by the authority or the corporation shall become employees of the agency consistent with and subject to the requirements of this act;
 - (ii) all assets, accounts, liabilities, obligations, real and personal property and debt of the authority and the corporation are hereby transferred to the agency, and, without further conveyance or other act, all the assets, accounts liabilities, obligations, real and personal property and

debt, as well as all rights, powers and duties of the authority and the corporation shall be transferred to, and assumed by, the agency;

(iii) ownership, possession and control of all personal property, including, but without limitation, all equipment, books, maps, papers, plans, records and documents of whatever description then belonging to the authority and the corporation shall pass to, and be vested in, the agency without consideration or further evidence of transfer and shall thereafter be in the possession and control of the agency;

(iv) ownership, possession and control of all real property, including, without limitation, all land, buildings, easement, restrictions and other interests in land and other property that are owned or held by the authority or the corporation shall pass to, and be vested in, the agency without consideration or further evidence of transfer and shall thereafter be in the possession and control of the agency; and

(v) all duly existing contracts, leases, land disposition agreements, collective bargaining agreements and obligations of the authority and the corporation which are in force immediately before the effective date shall be deemed to be the obligations of the agency but shall otherwise be unaffected by this act, and no existing right or remedy with respect to any such matter shall be lost, impaired or affected by this act.

- (b) The agency shall be authorized to establish such bylaws, systems, procedures, accounts, and processes as it determines to be necessary or desirable in connection with the assumption, management, operation and administration of the personnel, assets, accounts, liabilities, obligations, real and personal property and debt of the authority and the corporation.
- (c) The agency shall have authority to exercise all rights and enjoy all interests conferred upon the authority and the corporation by any such contracts, leases, land disposition agreement or other obligation, including any collective bargaining agreement in existence as of the effective date.
- (d) The transfer provided by this act shall be effective upon the effective date and shall bind the agency and all other persons with or without notice and without any further action or documentation.

- (e) Without derogating from the foregoing, the agency may, from time to time, execute and record and file for registration with any registry of deeds or the land court or with the secretary of the commonwealth, as appropriate, a certificate confirming the agency's ownership of any interest in real or personal property formerly held by the authority or the corporation and transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act and establishing and confirming the rights so transferred.
- (f) This act shall not limit or impair the rights, remedies, or defenses of the agency, the authority or the corporation in or to any such action including, without limitation, chapter 258 of the General Laws; provided, however, that from and after the effective date any action pending related to such rights, remedies or defenses shall continue unabated and may be completed against or by the agency.
- (g) No existing rights of the holders of the bonds issued by the authority or the corporation shall be impaired, and the agency, as successor in interest to the authority and the corporation, shall maintain the covenants of the trust indentures pertaining to such bonds so long as such bonds shall remain outstanding.

Section 16. Survival of Existing Rules and Matters. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any order, rule, or regulation duly promulgated, or any license, permit, certificate, right or approval duly granted or held, by or on behalf of the authority or the corporation shall continue in effect from and after the effective date and shall be enforced by the agency until superseded, revised, rescinded or cancelled. Any proceeding before the authority or the corporation pending as of the effective date shall be assumed by the agency and shall continue unaffected and without need to be re-noticed or recommenced.

Section 17. Other Personnel Matters Related to Transfer of Employees.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the agency may enter into contracts to create and permit employee contributions to individual retirement accounts for employees of the agency pursuant to sections 64A to 64C, inclusive, of chapter 29 of the General Laws.
- (b) The provisions of section 52 of chapter 121B shall not apply to employees of the agency; provided, however, that such section shall continue to apply to

any employee of the authority subject to the requirements of such section as of the effective date.

- (c) All members, officers and employees of the authority and the corporation transferred to the service of the agency shall be transferred without impairment of seniority, retirement or other statutory rights of employees, without loss of accrued rights to benefits, holidays, sick leave, vacation pension, and all other benefits, except as otherwise provided in this act. All employees of the agency shall be eligible for group insurance benefits provided by the group insurance commission or otherwise. Terms of service of employees of the authority and the corporation shall not be deemed to be interrupted by virtue of transfer to the agency.
- (d) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, retired employees of the authority and the corporation and the surviving spouses of active or retired employees who are eligible for group insurance coverage pursuant to this section and said chapter 32A shall have said eligibility and coverage transferred to the group insurance commission and shall receive the full extent of benefits provided to employees of the agency. Such persons shall cease to be eligible or insured by the authority or corporation, as applicable. The commission shall provide uninterrupted coverage for group life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance and group general or blanket insurance providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance benefits to the extent authorized under said chapter 32A. All questions relating to group insurance rights, obligations, costs and payments shall be determined solely by the group insurance commission, and shall include the manner and method for the payment of all required premiums applicable to all such coverage.
- (e) Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the eligibility and coverage of retired authority or corporation employees and the surviving spouses of active or retired employees who are eligible for group insurance coverage under a plan offered by the authority or corporation or who are insured under a plan offered by the authority or the corporation.
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, employees of the agency shall be eligible to become members of the Boston retirement system, and notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary including, but not limited to, paragraph (c) of subdivision (8) of section 3 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, said system

shall be responsible for all liability attributable to the service of such employees. The liabilities attributable to the service of such employees shall be recoverable by the city pursuant to the terms of said section 8.

- (g) Any employee of the corporation on the effective date may elect: (i) to join the Boston retirement system by written notification to the system of his or her intention in a manner according to a process adopted by the system and otherwise consistent with applicable law; and (ii) to increase his or her years of creditable service in the system by purchasing time up to an amount represented by his or her years of creditable service with the corporation according to a payment schedule and process adopted by the system and otherwise consistent with applicable law.
- (h) The agency, in cooperation with the city, shall complete a study of job titles in the authority and the corporation and shall determine the appropriate job titles for employees transferred to the agency and the appropriate job titles for employees to be transferred to the city. Employees transferred to the agency shall be placed in job titles as determined by the agency, in consultation with the city, and shall be paid wages and receive benefits consistent with the collective bargaining agreement governing such job title(s) (if any) or if no collective bargaining agreement exists for such employees, then consistent with the existing pay and benefits governing such job title(s). Employees transferred to the city shall be placed in job titles as determined by the city, in consultation with the agency, and shall be paid wages and receive benefits consistent with the collective bargaining agreement governing such job title(s) (if any) or if no collective bargaining agreement exists for such employees, then consistent with the existing pay and benefits governing such job title(s).

Section 18. Requirement for Audit. Not later than one year from the effective date, the city auditor shall complete and file with the agency, city council, mayor, and office of the state auditor a closeout audit of the authority and the corporation. The audit

shall include a catalogue of the status of the authority's and corporation's finances, operations, revenues, debt structure, and internal policies and procedures and the transfer of such matters to the agency.

Section 19. Relationship to Other Laws. This act shall provide additional, alternative and complete methods for accomplishing the purpose of this act and shall be construed to be supplemental and additional to, and not in derogation of any powers conferred upon the agency by law; provided, however, that insofar as the provisions of this act are inconsistent with any general or special law, administrative order or regulation, the provisions of this act shall be controlling.

Section 20. Evidence of Abolition of Authority and Corporation. Sections 5 and 6 of this act shall be effective as of a date that is not more than ninety days from the effective date, and shall be evidenced by the filing of a certificate with the secretary of the commonwealth executed by authority and the corporation and acknowledged by the agency as the successor to the authority and the corporation.

Section 21. Severability. The provisions of this act are hereby declared to be severable and if any such provision or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any of the remaining provisions of said chapter or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that said chapter would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not been included therein.

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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING A REVIEW OF COVID-19 RECOVERY FUNDS

- WHEREAS:* In an effort to mitigate the catastrophic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Government passed several impactful relief packages resulting in grants to the City of Boston of more than \$1.23 billion, all of which money must be responsibly appropriated and accounted for; *and*
- WHEREAS:* The CARES Act of March 2020 was a \$2.2 trillion stimulus from which the City of Boston received over \$221 million, including \$121 million in the Coronavirus Relief Fund, more than \$14 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency Funds, \$32 million in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund I), and \$54.8 million in other smaller funds, all of which the City acted quickly to utilize in FY20 and FY21 for pandemic response; *and*
- WHEREAS:* The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of December 2020 was a \$900 billion stimulus from which the City of Boston received \$144 million, including \$123 million in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund II) and \$21 million in dedicated funds for Emergency Rental Assistance and Housing (ERAP); *and*
- WHEREAS:* The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of March 2021 was a \$1.9 trillion national stimulus from which the City of Boston received \$865 million, including \$276 million in additional Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding (ESSER Fund III), \$30.1 million in further Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds (ERAP2), and \$558.70 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) subject to appropriation, all of which must be under contract by the end of calendar year 2024 and fully spent by the end of 2026; *and*
- WHEREAS:* In June 2021, the City Council took an unprecedented leadership role in the City of Boston's budget process to ensure that the FY22 operating budget not only dedicated \$55 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to offset local revenue declines, but was also accompanied by \$50 million in ARPA funds for various pandemic-related emergency needs and an additional \$31.5 million in ARPA funds appropriated to tackle some of the City's greatest challenges including housing, climate, and the public health crisis at Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard; *and*

- WHEREAS:* In November 2021, the City Council and Mayor Wu collaborated to appropriate \$8 million of ARPA SLFRF funding to a fare-free bus expansion pilot; *and*
- WHEREAS:* In January 2022, the City Council and Mayor Wu collaborated to appropriate \$5 million to enable an additional round of small business relief funding; *and*
- WHEREAS:* In June 2022, the City Council and Mayor Wu collaborated to appropriate a further \$402.2 million in ARPA SLFRF funding, including \$40 million in revenue replacement, more than \$200 million for affordable homeownership and rental housing creation programs – likely the most SLFRF funding devoted to housing by any city in the country – and approximately \$160 million divided between economic opportunity & inclusion, climate & mobility, equitable continuing pandemic response, arts & culture, behavioral health, and early childhood; *and*
- WHEREAS:* ARPA imposes federal compliance and reporting requirements to support transparency, responsibility, and equity in use of these vital fiscal resources, requiring that the City submit to the U.S. Treasury quarterly project and expenditure reports, along with annual recovery plan performance reports; *and*
- WHEREAS* The City of Boston dedicated \$5 million in ARPA funds to evaluation and equitable administration of this federal funding and has created an online dashboard to track its progress in encumbering and expending the appropriated funds, which shows that it will need to accelerate the pace of issuing contracts and grant agreements over the next four quarters in order to meet the required spending deadlines; *and*
- WHEREAS* The same level of data transparency does not exist in regard to the roughly \$400 million in ESSER funds under a similar expenditure timeline at Boston Public Schools, funds which were subject to School Committee rather than City Council appropriation, yet represent both a major opportunity for urgent post-pandemic interventions to support students and an area of concern in regard to long-term fiscal sustainability, given that even just regular School Department funding accounts for approximately 40% of the City’s annual operating budget; *and*
- WHEREAS:* The people of Boston deserve a close accounting and detailed updates on the ongoing expenditures of these once-in-a-generation federal funds to ensure an equitable and effective recovery in the City of Boston; *NOW THEREFORE BE IT*
- ORDERED:* That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the status and reporting of state and federal coronavirus fiscal recovery funds as appropriated, and that representatives of the mayoral administration including from the Administration and Finance Cabinet, the Equitable Recovery Coordinating Committee, Boston Equitable Recovery Taskforce, and any other interested members of the public be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 9, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA, COUNCILOR LIZ BREADON, COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON, BAKER, FLAHERTY, LARA, LOUIJEUNE, MEJIA, MURPHY AND FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS THE LOSS OF REHEARSAL SPACES FOR MUSICIANS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has recently lost its last remaining rehearsal spaces for musicians, displacing between 400 and 1100 artists; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In Charlestown, tenants at Charlestown Rehearsal Studios on 50 Terminal Street have recently been told that the owner will turn the music rehearsal studios into self-storage and will need to vacate June 1; *and*
- WHEREAS,** These evictions, in tandem with the closing of the Sound Museum in Brighton, will leave zero available rehearsal spaces in Boston or surrounding areas; *and*
- WHEREAS,** While solutions have been provided to those displaced from Brighton, there are no solutions on the horizons for those impacted by additional evictions from rehearsal spaces; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston is home to many incredible artists like New Edition, Aerosmith, Oompa, and many of the upcoming artists who attend the Berklee College of Music. Our city loses many of these artists to Los Angeles and New York because of the lack of resources and support provided by the City of Boston;
- WHEREAS,** Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, many of us relied on art, like music, to care for our mental health, and remain connected to the outside world. It is time that Boston thanks our musicians for the healing their talents provide; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the loss of rehearsal spaces for artists in the City of Boston and that the Office of Arts and Culture, the Art Stays Here Coalition, other stakeholders, and the public be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 25, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY, FRANK BAKER, ARROYO, BOK, BREADON, COLETTA, FLAHERTY, LARA, LOUIJEUNE, MEJIA AND FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER FOR A HEARING FOR THE POSSIBLE
CLOSING OF SEVERAL BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
BCYF COMMUNITY CENTERS THIS SUMMER

WHEREAS, Facility repairs are needed at many of our Boston Public Schools, and there are tentative plans underway to do HVAC remediation work at several of the schools that are connected to our Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) Community Centers over this summer; **and**

WHEREAS, Our community centers support children, youth, individuals, seniors, and families through a wide range of programs and services. They offer affordable opportunities to encourage healthy habits, promote physical fitness, and give people an opportunity to learn to swim, exercise in the gyms, participate in activities for all ages, and register their children for summer camp; **and**

WHEREAS, The tentative list of schools to be closed for repairs are Murphy, Tynan, Condon, Quincy and Ohrenberger. If all of these locations are closed this summer there will be hundreds of families displaced across the City who plan on signing their children up for summer camp at these community centers; **and**

WHEREAS, The Ohrenberger Community Center hosts the Camp Joy program that provides structured activities designed to help Bostonians with special needs ages 3-15 make new friends, have fun, learn and grow; **and**

WHEREAS, Making sure the much needed repairs at these locations are completed in a timely manner is a priority of ours. If any of these repairs have potential impact on summer programming at our community centers we need to know in advance so we can notify residents and make the necessary alternative plans to ease the impact this may have; **and**

WHEREAS, When there is a sudden closure of one of these community centers, it creates a disservice to residents. We need to bring all stakeholders together to make sure we are communicating between departments and including communities that will be most negatively impacted to ensure they have a voice in this process; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding the possible closing of several Boston Center for Youth and Families Community Centers this summer. Representatives from the administration,

including the Boston Public Schools Facilities, Public Facilities, BCYF and in addition members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Filed on: February 15, 2023



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

February 13, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled “Petition for a Special Law Authorizing the City of Boston to Implement Rent Stabilization and Tenant Eviction Protections.”

This Home Rule Petition will enable the City of Boston to implement rent stabilization to better protect families from displacement caused by exorbitant increases in rent. The measure would place needed limits on rapid rent increases to existing tenancies and ensure more stability for Boston residents by providing a level of certainty regarding how much their rent could increase each year. Tenants in Boston are often victim to steep rent increases, making it impossible for them to stay in their homes. In 2022, advertised rents across the City increased by 14 percent, while several neighborhoods saw increases in excess of 20 percent.

Modeled on successful policies in California and Oregon, this proposal seeks to maintain a robust development market, on which our new housing production depends. The maximum allowable rent increase would be set at the Boston Metro Consumer Price Index (CPI) + 6 percent, but in no event could rent for a unit exceed 10 percent in a year. This rent stabilization measure would exempt owner-occupied homes with six units or fewer.

The Home Rule Petition includes long sought tenant eviction protections, including just cause eviction protections. Under this proposed law, tenants could only be evicted for cause, such as failure to pay rent, substantial violations of the lease, or use of the unit for illegal purposes. Moreover, tenants who are subject to a ‘no fault’ just cause eviction would be entitled to receive relocation fees.

In addition, this Home Rule Petition also enables Boston to update its condominium and cooperative conversion to extend the protections of the original legislation to more properties and makes important updates to the rental registry’s data collection and uses to better support tenants.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Home Rule Petition expeditiously so we can begin to advocate for passage at the State House.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO IMPLEMENT RENT STABILIZATION AND TENANT EVICTION PROTECTIONS

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, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO IMPLEMENT RENT STABILIZATION AND TENANT EVICTION PROTECTIONS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows

SECTION 1. Findings and purpose. The general court finds and declares that a serious state of emergency exists in the City of Boston (“the City”) with respect to housing, whereby there is an inadequate supply of low cost rental housing; that, further action to protect residents from exorbitant rent increases and evictions is necessary to address serious threats to the public health, safety and general welfare, including housing insecurity, rent burden, homelessness, and displacement, and further finds that a rent stabilization ordinance will address the most egregious rent increases.

SECTION 2. Power for local rent regulation. The City of Boston may, by ordinance, regulate the rent in multi-family housing and provide for reasonable exemptions from such regulation.

- (a) This section shall not apply to the following types of residential properties or residential circumstances:
- (i) Properties with six or fewer dwelling units in which one of the dwelling units is the owner’s principal residence.
 - (ii) Units in hotels, motels, or other facilities occupied by transient guests.
 - (iii) Housing accommodations in a nonprofit hospital, religious facility, extended care facility, or licensed residential care facility for the elderly.
 - (iv) Dormitories owned and operated by an institution of higher education.
 - (v) Dwelling units in which the tenant shares bathroom or kitchen facilities with the owner who maintains their principal residence at the residential real property.
 - (vi) Dwelling units for which the permanent certificate of occupancy is less than 15 years old and were created as a result of 1) Ground up new construction, 2) a physical addition to an existing residential building, or 3) conversion from another use to residential.

- (vii) Dwelling units where the tenant pays a set percentage of their income to rent, either because they hold a voucher, the unit is public housing, the unit has a project based voucher, or where applicable federal or state law or administrative regulations specifically exempt them from rent stabilization regulations.
- (b) The City, on an annual basis, may set an annual maximum percentage rent increase for rental units covered by this section, based on the change in the consumer price index, plus six percent, or a maximum percentage increase of ten percent, whichever is lower. "Consumer price index" refers to the annual 12-month average change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Boston-Cambridge-Newton (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor in September of the prior calendar year.
- (c) For rental dwelling units covered by this section, an owner shall not, over the course of any 12-month period, increase the gross rental rate for a more than the percentage allowed in part (b) above, times the lowest gross rental rate charged for that tenant at any time during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the increase.
- (d) For a new tenancy in which no tenant from the prior tenancy remains in lawful possession of the dwelling unit, the owner may establish the initial rental rate not subject to this section. This section is only applicable to subsequent increases after that initial rental rate has been established.
- (e) The City may provide for fair return standards for the regulation of rent, which may include but are not limited to, changes to permissible rental rates based upon certain maintenance and capital costs and rapid increases in property taxes.
- (f) The City may set tenant notification and rental registration requirements as necessary to effectuate this section.
- (g) The City may establish or designate an administrator or board, to promulgate regulations pursuant to this section and govern local rent regulation.

SECTION 3. Just cause eviction protection. The provisions of this section shall be applicable to all housing accommodations in the City of Boston; provided however, that the City may provide for exemptions from the provisions of this section and any such exemption shall be included in an ordinance adopted by the City. The City may, by ordinance, provide that a owner shall not recover possession of a leased unit within residential dwelling unit unless the Housing Court finds that:

- (a) the tenant has failed to pay the rent to which the owner is entitled;
- (b) the tenant has violated an obligation or covenant of his or her tenancy not inconsistent with Massachusetts General Law chapter 93A, or this section, or the regulations issued pursuant thereto, other than the obligation to surrender possession upon proper notice; and the tenant has failed to cure such violation after having received written notice thereof from the owner;
- (c) the tenant is committing or permitting to exist a nuisance in or is causing substantial damage to the leased unit, or is creating a substantial interference with the comfort, safety or enjoyment of the owner or other occupants of the same or any adjacent accommodations;
- (d) the tenant has used or permitted a leased unit to be used for any illegal purposes;
- (e) the tenant, who had a written lease agreement which terminated or is a tenant at will, has refused, after written request or demand by the owner, to execute a written extension or renewal thereof or lease for a further term of like duration, at a rental rate that does not exceed the percentage set by the City of Boston, in accordance with this legislation and the ordinance enacted as a result of this legislation;

- (f) the tenant has refused the owner reasonable access to the unit for the purpose of making necessary repairs or improvements required by the laws of the commonwealth or the City of Boston, or for the purpose of inspection as permitted or required by such tenant's lease agreement or by law, or for the purpose of showing the leased unit to any prospective purchaser or mortgagee;
- (g) the person holding at the end of a lease term is a subtenant not approved by the owner;
- (h) the owner seeks in good faith to recover possession of a leased unit for his or her own use and occupancy or for the use and occupancy by his or her spouse, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, parents, grandparents, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law, and has provided the tenant with notice and a relocation payment as established by the City by ordinance; or
- (i) the owner seeks to recover possession for any other just cause, provided that his or her purpose is not in conflict with the provisions and purposes of said chapter 93A or this section.

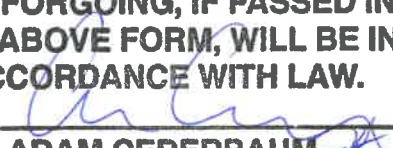
SECTION 4. Condominium and cooperative conversions. The City of Boston may, by ordinance, regulate the conversion of residential dwellings to condominiums or cooperatives. Such ordinance may include tenant notification requirements, relocation plans, tenant relocation payments, permits, permit fees, and exemptions. Notification requirements and relocation payments may vary based on income, age, and disability.

SECTION 5. Demolitions and substantial renovations. The City of Boston may, by ordinance, create requirements for tenant notification requirements, relocation plans, and tenant relocation payments where an owner is seeking to demolish or substantially renovate a property that requires a tenant to move. Notification requirements and relocation payments may vary based on income, age, and disability.

SECTION 6. Severance Clause. The determination or declaration that any provision of this act is beyond the authority of the general court or is preempted by law or regulation shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This act shall take effect immediately upon signing by the Governor.

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

BY  _____
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Offered by Councilors Kenzie Bok and Edward Flynn



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE

HOME RULE PETITION

- WHEREAS:* The Beacon Hill Historic District ("District") was created by Chapter 616 of the acts of 1955 (the "Enabling Act"), originally encompassing only the South Slope of Beacon Hill of Boston, with the intent of protecting historically important architectural features on Beacon Hill, and thereafter the Enabling Act was amended several times to enlarge the District to include more areas of Beacon Hill, including the entire Flat of Beacon Hill but only part of the North Slope of Beacon Hill; *and*
- WHEREAS:* When almost all of Beacon Hill's North Slope was added to the District by Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1963, a section of the North Slope was not included in the District, specifically an approximately 40-foot-wide area running from Charles Circle to Bowdoin Street along the Beacon Hill side of Cambridge Street ("40-Foot-Wide Area"); *and*
- WHEREAS:* There are numerous historically significant buildings in the 40-Foot-Wide Area, including the 1896 Puffer Building, located at 214-218 Cambridge Street; *and*
- WHEREAS:* In 1963, there was some concern that an expanded District encompassing the entire North Slope might interfere with the City of Boston's plans at that time to build a new fire station on the Beacon Hill side of Cambridge Street, to accommodate Engine Company 4 and Ladder Company 24, which has since been constructed at 200 Cambridge Street; *and*
- WHEREAS:* Especially given the significant new development project proposed by Massachusetts General Hospital expected to begin construction shortly, it is now important that the District be extended all the way down the North Slope of Beacon Hill to Cambridge Street, so as to bring those historic buildings that remain on the Beacon Hill side of Cambridge Street into the architectural protections afforded by the District and discourage their future demolition; *and*
- WHEREAS:* Another change being proposed would give the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission ("BHAC") the specific authority to levy fines for violations of the Enabling Act, as the Enabling Act currently provides for such fines to be imposed on violators of the historic preservation rules set forth therein, but does not specifically state that the BHAC can levy such fines, for which reason the BHAC does not currently levy fines to punish violations of the Enabling Act and the Beacon Hill Architectural Guidelines ("Guidelines"); *and*
- WHEREAS:* A further proposed change would require that any reconstruction that is done to an exterior historic architectural feature in the District after it is fully or partially altered or demolished for any reason of public safety must be done within the architectural requirements of the Enabling Act and Guidelines; *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 TO MAKE CERTAIN
CHANGES IN THE LAW RELATIVE TO THE HISTORIC BEACON HILL DISTRICT.**

SECTION 1. Chapter 616 of the acts of 1955, as amended by chapters 314 and 315 of the acts of 1958, chapter 622 of the acts of 1963, chapter 429 of the acts of 1965, chapter 741 of the acts of 1975, and chapter 450 of the acts of 2008, is hereby amended by striking section 1C as appearing in chapter 622 of the acts of 1963 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“Section 1C: The Historic Beacon Hill District, created by section one and enlarged and extended by sections one A and one B, is hereby further enlarged and extended to include an area contiguous thereto bounded as follows: -northerly by the southerly sideline of Cambridge street; easterly by Bowdoin street; southerly by Derne and Myrtle streets; westerly by Irving street; generally southerly by the northerly, easterly and westerly boundaries of the area defined in section one B; southerly by Revere street; westerly and northerly by Embankment road; and northerly by the southerly sideline of Charles street circle and Cambridge street; and including the traffic island in Charles street circle; and all estates therein, including the estates located at 131 and 141 Cambridge street and 2-16 Lynde street.”

SECTION 2. The first paragraph of section 11 of chapter 616 of the acts of 1955, as amended by chapter 314 of the acts of 1958 and chapter 429 of the acts of 1965, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence:

“The commission may levy such fine or fines on whoever violates this act, after due notice and public hearing.”

SECTION 3. Said chapter 616 of the acts of 1955, as amended by chapters 314 and 315 of the acts of 1958, is hereby further amended by striking out the second sentence of section 9 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

“Nor shall anything in this act be construed to prevent the full or partial alteration or demolition of any such feature, which the building commissioner shall certify to the commission, with such advance notice as practicable, is immediately required on an emergency basis because of an imminent unsafe or dangerous condition; provided, however, that any full or partial reconstruction of such feature after alteration or demolition shall be otherwise subject to all of the requirements of this act.”

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Filed on: March 6, 2023



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 8, 2023 AS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS*, Gender equality is a fundamental human right, and the full participation of women in every aspect of society is integral in solving the world's most threatening social, economic, and political problems; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, and far too often their efforts and their stories have gone untold or underappreciated – especially those of Black and brown women, immigrant women, transgender women, and those who have strengthened our communities across every generation; *and*
- WHEREAS*, LGBTQIA+ women and gender minorities around the world face intersecting forms of discrimination, be they lesbian/gay, bisexual, transgender, genderqueer, or intersex, and LGBTQIA+ women and gender minorities still disproportionately face gender-based violence, legal discrimination, and social inequality; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Black and brown transgender women face a disproportionately higher risk of becoming targets of violence, and the first two months of 2023 have seen the deaths of at least five transgender and gender non-conforming people whose lives have been tragically and inhumanely taken through violent means; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated the gender inequalities and health disparities women experience, for example, United States labor statistics reported in December 2020 show that women lost 156,000 jobs while men gained 16,000 jobs in the same period; *and*
- WHEREAS*, International Women's Day has roots in the labor movement and recognizes women workers organizing for better working conditions and fair treatment, and the empowerment of all working women in their homes, their workplaces, and in their communities is inextricably linked to generating equitable economic status, sustainable democracy, and inclusive security; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency created in 1998 charged with reviewing the status of women in Massachusetts, offering recommendations regarding policy, and to provide a permanent, effective voice for women of the Commonwealth and to promote their rights, opportunities, and equality for all; *and*

WHEREAS, The theme for the United Nations observance of International Women’s Day 2023 is “DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality,” aligned with the priority theme for the upcoming 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, “Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls”; *and*

WHEREAS, The United Nations Observance of IWD 2023 recognizes and celebrates the women and girls championing the advancement of transformative technology and digital education, exploring the impact of the digital gender gap on widening economic and social inequalities, and spotlight the importance of protecting the rights of women and girls in digital spaces and addressing online and information and communications technology-facilitated gender-based violence; *and*

WHEREAS, The month of March is recognized as National Women’s History Month by communities throughout the United States, and International Women’s Day is celebrated globally, in order to honor and celebrate the struggles and achievements of women; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council designates March 8, 2023 as International Women’s Day in the City of Boston to reflect on the progress made in, and to reaffirm the City’s commitment to, pursuing strategies that guarantee the basic human rights of women and girls, to promote the meaningful and significant participation of women in all aspects of society, to encourage equitable access to health care for all women and girls, and to support policy initiatives that seek to achieve gender equality and empower women.

Filed on: March 3, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EQUAL TREATMENT OF ALL MISSING WOMEN CASES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council is obligated to ensure that the City of Boston’s safety departments are responding to our residents' emergency needs in a promptly manner; *and*

WHEREAS, It took nearly two months before the Boston Police Department publicly announced the disappearance of Reina Carolina Morales Rojas—an East Boston resident, Salvadoran immigrant, and mother of two; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Morales Rojas was last seen on November 26, 2022, getting into a silver van in East Boston and subsequently being dropped off on Allston Street in Somerville. After multiple reports of her disappearance, the Boston Police Department publicly announced her disappearance on January 12, 2023; *and*

WHEREAS, Missing cases of women of color are often unmet with the same urgency as their white counterparts. In this case, Reina is not only a woman of color but also an immigrant, which further makes her susceptible to dismissive treatment; *and*

WHEREAS, Police protection should be afforded equally to all residents regardless of race, class, national origin, or gender; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council urges the City of Boston and the Boston Police Department to thoroughly investigate Ms. Morales Rojas’ disappearance; commit to ensuring plans are in place for how the Boston Police Department will respond to such cases moving forward; and maximize transparency with the community.

Filed on: March 8, 2023

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ADDRESSING DATA PRIVACY, SECURITY, AND CONTROL AT CITY OF BOSTON AGENCIES

- WHEREAS,** The residents of Boston place enormous trust in City agencies to effectively protect and safeguard their personal information; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Many residents must disclose personal information to City agencies in order to receive City services upon which they rely; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Low-income people are particularly reliant upon City services and therefore tend to provide more personal information to the City than do their wealthier neighbors; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Data breaches, leaks, and hacks, and the misuse and abuse of personal information, can and do occur in government and private industry at all levels; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City Council, the Wu Administration, and resident advocates have been working together to improve and streamline privacy and security practices throughout City agencies; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Many residents are unaware of the ways in which City agencies collect, share, and protect their personal information, their rights to control the sharing and use of their personal information, the City's ongoing efforts to improve privacy and data security practices, and existing laws and procedures meant to safeguard personal information; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Increased transparency surrounding the City's current and future efforts to safeguard personal information, and existing policies, procedures, training mechanisms, and laws aimed at securing personal information, is necessary in order for the City Council and the residents of Boston to provide meaningful accountability and oversight of the City's existing practices and procedures,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to address data privacy, security, and control in City of Boston agencies. The hearing will include representatives from

the administration, including the Boston Public Schools, the Boston Housing Authority, the Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Transportation Department, and the Boston Department of Innovation and Technology. Representatives of organizations with expertise on data privacy, immigrants rights, and the disparate impact of data collection on low-income people, and members of the public are also encouraged to testify virtually.

Filed in Council: March 8, 2023

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO AUDIT HOW THE BOSTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO LATINO SPANISH-SPEAKING
RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS, Latinos have led Boston’s growth since 1980, with a 256% increase in population, and now make up 20% of the city; *and*

WHEREAS, 43% of Latinos in Boston are foreign born and 25% of Latinos have limited proficiency in English and identify another language other than English as their primary language.

WHEREAS, In 2016, the Mayor signed an ordinance to make the City more accessible for people who use languages other than English, and thereby creating the Office of Language and Communication Access (LCA). It is important for officers who work in areas of high Latino concentration to work with the LCA to expand translation of vital documents; *and*

WHEREAS, The majority of Latinos are US citizens, either by birth or naturalization, yet many remain intimately linked to immigration; *and*

WHEREAS, Immigrants, especially undocumented immigrants, are less likely to contact law enforcement due to heightened fears around disclosure of their immigration status and police involvement in immigration enforcement. This results in an erosion of trust in law enforcement from immigrant and communities of color; *and*

WHEREAS, Although not a panacea, a key way of building community trust is by diversifying the police force, which also improves public safety. The Boston Police Department (BPD) has long failed to reflect the city’s population. Nearly 65% of uniformed officers remain white while other minority groups are underrepresented – 21.2% are Black, 11.3% are Latinx, and 2.6% are Asian; *and*

WHEREAS, The BPD needs to incorporate more inclusive hiring and promotion practices in Boston’s public safety agencies and build cultural and linguistic capacity to effectively serve Boston’s diverse populations; *and*

WHEREAS, The police force is intended to provide protection to all residents regardless of race, class, national origin, or gender. The City needs to conduct an independent audit surrounding issues of diversity, equity and inclusion and unconscious bias in the City's police department; *and*

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Boston City Council to ensure that all residents, including our Latino Spanish-speaking residents, feel safe and responded to by their local police departments, and the best way to do this is by offering transparency into their processes and accessibility to their services and resources in a language members of the community can understand; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to audit how the Boston Police Department responds to Latino Spanish-speaking residents in the City of Boston. Representatives from the administration, including the Boston Police Department, Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, and Language and Communication Access. Lawyers for Civil Rights, Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston, Neighbors United for a Better East Boston, Latinos Unidos en Massachusetts, Centro Presente, and members of the public are also encouraged to testify.

Filed in Council: March 8, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE AND TANIA FERNANDES-ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A STUDY ON CITY WAGES AND SERVICES FOR THE LOWEST PAID MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, Municipal employees' salary and wages have failed to keep pace with inflation, rising home prices and rents, along with the increasingly high cost of living, which has resulted in many low wage and under-employed city municipal workers; *and*

WHEREAS, According to the 2020 US Census the median individual income in Boston is \$37,582 per year and the average two bedroom rent is approximately \$3,500 per month and according to the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies the average median Boston income required to purchase a home is \$181,254 ; *and*

WHEREAS, Historically, working for the City of Boston as a clerk, administrative staff, custodial staff or program manager position has long been a pathway for steady and stable income and employment, and historically been a stepping stone toward financial freedom for many; *and*

WHEREAS, After 25 years of the Living Wage Ordinance, an ordinance requiring contractors who hold service contracts with the city to pay a living wage to employees covered by those contracts, the ordinance has yet to live up to its full potential to improve the health and well-being of municipal low-wage workers who are currently not covered; *and*

WHEREAS, We must stand in solidarity with our municipal union partners to increase the base wages of our lowest paid employees, so they may lead meaningful and dignity-affirming lives and be able to meet their basic needs without undue stress; *and*

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the City of Boston and her honor the Mayor to study raising the wages of all its lowest paid employees, and furthermore explore creating a municipal minimum wage, for the betterment of all its residents and the city as a whole; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED, The City of Boston conduct a review of all city employee salaries and incomes, and explore the creation of a minimum municipal wage, starting with our lowest wage workers, and report its findings to the City Council at hearing on the record.

Filed in Council: March 8, 2023

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

March 3, 2023

Councilor Flynn
(Councilor Mejia)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, March 18, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, June 16, 2023.

BiWeekly Payroll

Lybille Rocher	Secretary	\$1,000.00	part time
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BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

March 3, 2023

Councilor Flynn
(Councilor Baker)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, March 4, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 17, 2023.

BiWeekly Payroll

Amanda O'Connor	Administrative Asst.	\$1,923.08	full time
Julie Ryan	Secretary	\$2,692.30	full time

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

March 3, 2023

Councilor Flynn

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, March 4, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 10, 2023.

BiWeekly Payroll

Ron Cobb	City Messenger & Senior Legislative Asst.	\$3,060.60	full time
Juan A. Lopez	Research & Policy Director	\$3,316.53	full time
Cora F. Montrond	Senior Legislative Asst. & Budget Analyst	\$2,062.58	full time
Lorraine Schettino	Business Manager	\$2,789.37	full time

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

March 3, 2023

Councilor Flynn

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, March 11, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 17, 2023.

BiWeekly Payroll

Ron Cobb	City Messenger & Senior Legislative Asst.	\$3,326.74	full time
Juan A. Lopez	Research & Policy Director	\$3,934.20	full time
Cora F. Montrond	Senior Legislative Asst. & Budget Analyst	\$3,326.74	full time
Lorraine Schettino	Business Manager	\$3,308.86	full time



Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the March 8, 2023 Session

Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon¹

¹Section 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.

Assigned for Further Action

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: the Boston Public Health Commission. (Docket #0418)

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: BPS Transportation follow-up on a previous request. (Docket #0464)

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re BPS sexual assault and misconduct data. (Docket #0507)

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.

Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor³

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

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

Matters in Committee

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

- Ordinances:*** Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Loan Orders:*** Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
- Orders:*** Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Home Rule Petitions:*** Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
- Order for a Hearing:*** A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.
- Legislative Resolution:*** A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

2023 MATTERS IN COMMITTEE

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture & Special Events	0335	Worrell	Flynn, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring the 2026 NBA All-Star Weekend to Boston.	2 /1 /2023		
Arts, Culture & Special Events	0334	Lara		Order for a hearing regarding winter placemaking and Boston as a 'Winter City'.	2 /1 /2023	3/21/23	
Arts, Culture, & Special Events	0260	Coletta	Breadon, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to address the loss of rehearsal spaces for musicians in the City of Boston.	1 /25/2023	3/7/23	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0159	Bok	Breadon, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 recovery funds.	1 /11/2023	3/6/23	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0162	Bok	Worrell, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding enhancing Boston's COVID recovery via competitive federal grants provided by the B.I.L. and I.R.A.	1 /11/2023	4/14/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0144	Flynn	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss pest control in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/11/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0145	Flynn	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to discuss the safety of light poles, bridges, and other public infrastructure in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/4/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0146	Coletta	Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding the coordination of construction and utility permits.	1 /11/2023	4/19/203	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0154	Louijeune	Flaherty, Breadon	Order for a hearing on fire and emergency disaster relief services in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/3/23	

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0160	Bok	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding the supplemental sidewalk clearance program during snowstorms in Boston.	1 /11/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0258	Fernandes Anderson	Arroyo, Worrell	Order for a hearing to explore a digital marketplace pilot program.	1 /25/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0259	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss renaming the Roxbury branch of the Boston Public Library to the Nubian Library.	1 /25/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0340	Lara		Order for a hearing to discuss the rise in public consumer energy costs.	2 /1 /2023	3/28/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0378	Fernandes Anderson	Flaherty, Flynn	Order for a hearing to increase the pay for Municipal Officers.	2 /8 /2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0416	Bok	Breadon, Lara	Order for a hearing to discuss city services in regard to composting and the need of composting capacity in new construction and large buildings in Boston.	2 /15/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0417	Bok	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss digital equity and municipal broadband in relation to affordable housing in the City of Boston.	2 /15/2023	3/31/23	
City Services & Innovation Technoloty	0443	Bok	Louijeune, Flaherty	Order for hearing to discuss trash contracts and procedures in Boston.	2 /15/2023	4/11/23	
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0155	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss an increase in racist incidents in Boston and the Human Rights Commission's role in tracking, reporting, and addressing discrimination and civil rights violations.	1 /11/2023		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0158	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for migrant populations.	1 /11/2023		

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Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0164	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson, Bok	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1 /11/2023	3/23/23	
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0168	Louijeune	Worrell, Fernandes	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1 /11/2023		
Education	0142	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding a cradle-to-career educational data tracking system.	1 /11/2023		
Education	0147	Coletta	Lara, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	3/14/23	
Education	0163	Mejia	Worrell	Order for a hearing addressing sexual harassment in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023		
Education	0167	Mejia		Order for hearing on government transparency and accountability towards COVID safety in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	2/14/23	2/15/2023 Remains in Committee
Education	0173	Mejia	Lara	Order for a hearing on "Green New Deal for BPS" plans, specifically the plan to merge six schools into three and split each of them onto two campuses.	1 /11/2023		
Education	0244	Mejia		Order for a hearing on establishing a mental health curriculum in Boston Public Schools.	1 /25/2023	3/21/23	
Education	0245	Mejia	Lara, Arroyo	Order for a hearing examining the implementation and outcomes of restorative justice practices in the Boston Public Schools	1 /25/2023	2/16/23	
Education	0247	Lara	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the Academic Performance and Social-Emotional Well-Being of LGBTQ+ Students in Boston Public Schools.	1 /25/2023	3/16/23	

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Education	0254	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss how the Boston Public Schools can more effectively support the needs of its Muslim students.	1 /25/2023		
Education	0255	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools are addressing the needs of the parents of English language learner students.	1 /25/2023		
Education	0380	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to address the mental health needs of our students with a focus on guidance counselors.	2 /8 /2023		
Education	0457	Arroyo	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' lack of religious and dietary requirements for Jewish, Muslim and plant based students.	3 /1 /2023		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0149	Coletta	Bok, Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding a tree mitigation fund for the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	3/10/23	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0250	Lara	Arroyo, Fernandes	Order for a hearing on Installing Adjustable Height Basketball Hoops in the City of Boston Parks.	1 /25/2023	3/23/23	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0251	Lara	Bok, Coletta	Order for a hearing to Discuss Establishing A Walking City Trail Connecting Urban Green Spaces Across Boston Neighborhoods.	1 /25/2023	3/2/23	
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0165	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards service provision and spending on ELL students.	1 /11/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0169	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision-making protocols in city government.	1 /11/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0170	Mejia	Coletta, Louijeune	Order for a hearing on government accountability and transparency around the Clougherty Pool closure in Charlestown.	1 /11/2023		

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Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0241	Mejia	Lara	Order for a hearing regarding the Boston Public Schools Transportation system.	1 /25/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0242	Mejia	Lara, Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on an audit for Boston Public School's Special Education services and return on investment.	1 /25/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0243	Mejia	Arroyo	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1 /25/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0253	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress.	1 /25/2023	3/27/23	2/23/23 Hearing Postponed
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0341	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the payroll concerns of many of our Boston Public School teachers who are owed back pay.	2 /1 /2023	3/24/23	
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0238	Mejia	Flynn, Arroyo	Order for a hearing on accountability and acessibility of language access services in the City of Boston.	1 /25/2023		
Government Operations	0100	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance establishing the Office of Participatory Budgeting, amending the City of Boston Code V, with the insertion of a new Section 5-1.11.	12/14/2022	1/30/23	2022-1520, 2/7/23 working session, 2/8/23 Not Passed
Government Operations	0133	Worrell	Louijeune, Arroyo	Home Rule Petition Authorizing Additional Restricted Liquor Licenses.	1 /11/2023	3/9/23	
Government Operations	0135	Arroyo	Mejia	A Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1 /11/2023		1/24/23 working session, 1/25/23 Remains in Committee, 2/6/2023 working session, 2/8/23 Remains in Committee
Government Operations	0136	Arroyo		An Ordinance Creating a Municipal Identification Card in the City of Boston	1 /11/2023	4/3/23	

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Government Operations	0137	Arroyo	Breadon, Lara	An Ordinance Establishing Protections for the City of Boston Tree Canopy.	1 /11/2023	3/13/23	4/20/23 working session
Government Operations	0138	Louijeune	Arroyo, Bok	An Ordinance regulation and enforcement of keeping honey bees.	1 /11/2023	3/20/23	
Government Operations	0139	Louijeune	Bok, Arroyo	Text amendment to the Boston zoning code with respect to honey bees.	1 /11/2023	3/20/23	
Government Operations	0237	Fernandes Anderson		Ordinance and Amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in Regard to Measuring Racial Equity in Affordable Housing.	1 /25/2023		
Government Operations	0319	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Vivian Leonard as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	
Government Operations	0320	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Sammy Nabulsi as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	
Government Operations	0321	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Vivien Li as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	
Government Operations	0323	Mayor		Message and order for your approval a proposed Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston.	2 /1 /2023	2/27/23	3/3/23- WS, 3/1/23 Remains in Committee
Government Operations	0369	Mayor		Message and orders for your approval an acceptance of Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Relative to Cost-Of-Living Adjustments for Retirees.	2 /8 /2023	4/28/23	
Government Operations	0408	Mayor		Message and order for your approval, a home rule petition to the General Court RE: A Special Law Authorizing the City of Boston to Implement Rent Stabilization and Tenant Eviction Protections.	2 /15/2023	2/22/23, 3/2/23	3/6/23 -WS, 3/13/23-WS

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Government Operations	0410	Breadon	Louijeune, Bok	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances and authorizing the City of Boston to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the City of Boston for nonpayment of any local charges, fees or fines.	2 /15/2023		
Government Operations	0452	Breadon	Louijeune	Ordinance providing remote access to meetings of municipal public bodies.	3 /1 /2023		
Government Operations	0453	Bok	Flynn	Ordinance Amending the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 7-3, Bay Village Historic District.	3 /1 /2023		
Government Operations	0454	Arroyo	Coletta	Ordinance formally creating the Office of Food Justice and establishing a food recovery program in the City of Boston.	3 /1 /2023		
Government Operations	0455	Flynn	Worrell	Ordinance amending the City of Boston code relating to the study and report on the trafficking of illegal firearms.	3 /1 /2023		
Housing & Community Development	0157	Louijeune	Bok, Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1 /11/2023	2/9/23	
Housing & Community Development	0161	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding increasing public housing in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023		
Housing & Community Development	0240	Mejia	Lara, Worrell	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	1 /25/2023		
Housing & Community Development	0249	Lara	Fernandes Anderson	Oder for a hearing to discuss the Impact Of Inequitable Housing Code Enforcement of Boston's Proactive Rental Inspection Program.	1 /25/2023	3/14/23	
Housing & Community Development	0337	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding efforts to increase housing affordability for long-term residents.	2 /1 /2023		

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Housing & Community Development	0412	Lara		Order for a hearing to create a Renters' Bill of Rights for the City of Boston.	2 /15/2023	3/30/23	
Housing & Community Development	0456	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to restrict up-front rental costs for tenants.	3 /1 /2023		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0153	Louijeune	Worrell, Fernandes	Order or a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	1 /11/2023	4/7/23	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0338	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	2 /1 /2023		
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental	0256	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss ways of creating a partnership between colleges and high schools to create jobs and academic support for children.	1 /25/2023		
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental	0414	Breadon	Bok, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding targeted coordination of community benefits in the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program.	2 /15/2023	4/21/23	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0101	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Planning and Development Agency in the amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297.00) for the costs related to transportation improvement projects.	8 /10/2022		2022-0930
Planning, Development & Transportation	0102	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Million Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7,501,200.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal Highway Administration Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Works Department. The grant will fund a portion of the design cost for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue project.	9 /28/2022		2022-1166

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0104	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Alaa Mukahhal as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2024.	9 /28/2022		2022-1174
Planning, Development & Transportation	0105	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Theodora Massouh as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2024.	9 /28/2022		2022-1175
Planning, Development & Transportation	0150	Coletta		Order for a hearing regarding a comprehensive, district-wide planning process for Boston's waterfront.	1 /11/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0342	Lara	Baker	Order for a hearing to discuss the recovery and revitalization of the taxi industry.	2 /1 /2023	4/11/23	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0343	Fernandes Anderson	Lara	Order for a hearing regarding calling for a moratorium on all development on all city owned land in district seven prior to the request for proposal process.	2 /1 /2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0376	Mayor		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of Tremont Temple, Downtown Boston, MA, as a Landmark (In effect after February 22, 2023 if not acted upon).	2 /8 /2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0379	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing calling for District Increment Financing (DIF) to be Utilized in District Seven.	2 /8 /2023	3/16/23	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0413	Baker		Order for a hearing to discuss District Improvement Financing (DIF) from Kosciuszko Circle through Morrissey Boulevard Corridor.	2 /15/2023	3/16/23	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0451	Mayor		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of The Richards Building, Downtown Boston, MA, as a Landmark (In effect after March 19, 2023 if not acted upon).	3 /1 /2023		

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0119	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$235,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Food, Fuel and Shelter grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered b the Office of Human Services. The grant will fund the City's effort to expand its mobile outreach to connect people more equitably and effectively to housing, treatment and other services.	1 /11/2023		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0148	Coletta	Louijeune, Arroyo	Order for a hearing regarding contraception and menstrual product vending machines in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/4/23	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0156	Louijeune	Mejia, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss regulation of limited service pregnancy centers and crisis pregnancy centers in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/13/23	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0248	Lara	Arroyo	Order for a hearing to discuss the Disproportionate Criminalization of the LGBTQ+ Community and Their Health And Well-Being While Incarcerated.	1 /25/2023		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0257	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the need for a health center in Nubian Square.	1 /25/2023		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0151	Coletta	Louijeune, Bok	Order for a hearing to address contaminated beverages in clubs and bars.	1 /11/2023		3/7/23 WS Canceled, Rescheduled for 2/28/23 WS, 3/1/23 Remains in Committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0140	Murphy		Order for a hearing on efforts to proactively combat summer violence in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0143	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson,	Order for a hearing to address gun violence	1 /11/2023		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0166	Murphy	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to ensure that the Boston Police and Schools Safety officers work together to ensure a safe environment for all our students and staff in the Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	3/30/23	2/7/23 Hearing Canceled, 2/8/23 Remains in Committee

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0252	Flaherty	Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding public safety measure recommendations for Boston Public Schools and Boston Police.	1 /25/2023	3/30/23	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0458	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to Assess Expanded Hospital & Community-Centric Violence Prevention and Intervention.	3 /1 /2023		
Rules & Administration	0339	Flynn		Order for a meeting to review he Boston City Council rules.	2 /1 /2023		
Rules & Administration	0405	Fernandes Anderson		Order for an Ordinance to increase the Allocated Budget for City Council Staff.	2 /8 /2023		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0141	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to small businesses.	1 /11/2023		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0171	Mejia		Order for a hearing diversifying cannabis business models.	1 /11/2023	4/20/23	
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0239	Mejia	Arroyo	Order for a hearing on expanding access for minority business enterprises into high volume commercial centers.	1 /25/2023		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0263	Fernandes Anderson	Worrell	Resolution to request Walgreens to postpone all closures of Boston locations.	1 /25/2023		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0459	Arroyo		Order for a hearing to discuss challenges Latino owned businesses and entrepreneurs face when accessing government and corporate contracts.	3 /1 /2023		

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Strong Women, Families & Communities	0122	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 Age Strong Universal Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund senior center programs and services for older adults in Boston through small contributions from various donors in the amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).	1 /11/2023		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	0246	Lara	Flaherty, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to assess the need for a Senior Center in the neighborhood of West Roxbury.	1 /25/2023	2/2/23	
Strong Women, Families & Communities	0377	Flynn	Lara	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to swimming lessons and awareness of water safety.	2 /8 /2023		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	0415	Murphy	Baker	Order for a hearing for the possible closing of several Boston public schools and BCYF community centers this summer.	2 /15/2023	3/7/23	
Strong Women, Families, & Communities	0261	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the results of last year's youth summer jobs programs and the social emotional benefits of summer employment.	1 /25/2023	3/27/23	
Ways & Means	0152	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson, Bok	Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing and community investments.	1 /11/2023		
Ways & Means	0322	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding the City Budget.	1 /25/2023	3/28/23	4/10/23-WS (10am & 2pm) 4/13/23-WS

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Carol Lawrence

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

March 1, 2023

Sincerely

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston
 IN
CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louise

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

Carla Payne

In Recognition of:

Thanking you for your years of dedicated and unwavering service to Morning
 Star Baptist Church and the Greater Boston community.

We are forever in your debt. Many blessings on this new journey.

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

By: _____
 President of the City Council

Attest: _____
 Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Theodora Hanna

In Recognition of:

8 years of promoting digital equity and access; and

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

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston

IN CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

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

CARMEN I. PITTELLA

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

FEBRUARY 20, 2023

SINCERELY,

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Yahya Noor

In Recognition of:

IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH FOR TAWAKAL CAFE
AND IT'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY ; and
Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its
best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and
a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Father Americo Santos

In Recognition of:

His commitment and support to the East Boston community
and TPS recipient's campaign for permanent residency ; 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: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Ally Goulet
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Debra Colletti

Date: March 2nd, 2023

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN

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

JON SANTIAGO

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**YOUR ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CITY AND COMMUNITY AS AN ER
PHYSICIAN, A MEMBER OF THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE, AND AS A STATE
REPRESENTATIVE, YOUR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE IS
INVALUABLE AND COMMENDABLE; AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY
COUNCIL SEND ITS BEST WISHES TO YOU AS YOU TAKE OFFICE AS OUR FIRST
SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES, 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 CITY
OF BOSTON.**

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: 3/8/2023

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN

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

CASTLE SQUARE TENANTS ORGANIZATION

IN RECOGNITION OF:

YOUR WORK IN EMPOWERING THE RESIDENTS OF CASTLE SQUARE, AND IN PROVIDING RESOURCES AND SERVICES THAT ALLOW RESIDENT TO THRIVE AND HAVE A VOICE, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN OUR AAPI AND BLACK COMMUNITIES; AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL SEND ITS BEST WISHES TO CSTO'S 12TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY AND LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION, 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 CITY OF BOSTON.

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: 3/8/2023

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution
presented by
Councilor Erin J. Murphy

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

Crystal Galvin

In Recognition of:

Being elected to the Charlestown Neighborhood Council

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.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

Kelly Tucker
Kelli Gillen Forbes
Mary Catherine Boucher
Ameeth Deenanath
Jay Driscoll

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



In Tribute

presented by

Councilor Erin J. Murphy

The Boston City Council extends its deepest sympathy to you
and your family in the passing of your loved one:

Robin Milton

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

March 8th, 2023

Sincerely,

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: _____

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

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

Transforming Narratives of Gun Violence

for

Their commitment towards curbing gun violence in Boston. This is a joint initiative with Emerson College, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Using multi-disciplinary media projects, community conversations, and collaborative leadership, they forward anti-racist, human-centered, collaborative projects to break through political boundaries and emphasize the strengths of our diverse communities to save lives.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of City of Boston.

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Quintas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louiseune

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

Raymonde Jean

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

March 1, 2023

Sincerely

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

**Official Resolution
of Councilor Frank Baker**

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

Brian Carlson

In Recognition of:

**The Life Saving Award presented by the Emerald Society
& your dedication to City of Boston**

**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
of Councilor Frank Baker**

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

Brandon Williams

In Recognition of:

**The Life Saving Award presented by the Emerald Society
& your dedication to City of Boston**

**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
of Councilor Frank Baker**

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

Kyle Moran

In Recognition of:

**The Officer of the Year Award presented by the Emerald
Society
& your dedication to City of Boston**

**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
of Councilor Frank Baker**

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

William Parlon

In Recognition of:

**The Officer of the Year Award presented by the Emerald
Society
& your dedication to City of Boston**

**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
of Councilor Frank Baker**

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

Jeremiah Francis Foley

In Recognition of:

**The Person of the Year Award presented by the Emerald
Society
& your dedication to City of Boston**

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
of Councilor Frank Baker

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

Bernard E. Hicks Jr.

In Recognition of:

**The Officer of the Year Award presented by the Emerald
Society
& your dedication to City of Boston**

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

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

Nashira Baril

In Recognition of:

Your leadership as the Executive Director of Neighborhood Birth Center, creating a
more accessible and transformative birth experience to all and uplifting an
alternative model of care that centers the experience of the birthing person

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Magalis Troncoso Lama

In Recognition of:

Por sus innumerables aportes al arte y la cultura dominicana, por
enaltecer y preservar nuestros valores patrios

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Angel O. Gonzalez

In Recognition of:

Por su credibilidad, pasión, espíritu deportivo y disciplina dentro y fuera del terreno, por dedicar su vida al crecimiento del softball en Massachusetts

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Meliza Brea

In Recognition of:

**Por sus grandes aportes a la educación, gracias por forjar un
legado y mantener siempre viva nuestra dominicanidad**

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

City of Boston IN

CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

presented by

**Council President Ed Flynn &
Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty**

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

Danny Monahan

In recognition of:

Your steadfast commitment to the South Boston community. We recognize the important work you do on youth engagement and mentorship, spending 8 years at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, 7 years at the Tynan Community Center, 12 years at a Boys and Girls Club in California and 11 years at the Boston Centers for Youth and Families. We applaud your keen involvement in sports and coaching, running the successful Handball Tournament and Volleyball League at the L Street Bath House in the past, as well as in rejuvenating the L Street Brownies. We commend your dedicated efforts to raise funds in support of community groups such as the South Boston Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Trust Fund and the South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults.

Thank you for always going above and beyond for our youth and community.

Congratulations on the well-deserved Henry Knox Award!

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

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Juan Martinez

In Recognition of:

Por su liderazgo, compromiso, amor y dedicación a los más necesitados

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

City of Boston IN

CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

presented by

**Council President Ed Flynn &
Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty**

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

Joey Arcari

In recognition of:

Your work as President and CFO of the Broadway Hospitality Group. We recognize your two decades of experience and expertise in the restaurant industry and your success in managing an impressive portfolio such as Tavern in the Square, The Mercantile, The Broadway and The Playwright. We commend your work with our neighbors to develop distinctive commercial and residential projects in the City, and we applaud your active involvement as a Board of Director at South Boston Neighborhood House. We thank you for your generosity and support for our local non-profits and charities. You are an unsung hero in our community.

Congratulations on receiving the Henry Knox Award!

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

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN

CITY COUNCIL Official Resolution

presented by

**Council President Ed Flynn &
Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty**

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

Luanne O'Connor

In recognition of:

Your tireless dedication and devotion to the South Boston community. We thank you for always speaking up for your neighbors and for promoting all that is positive about South Boston. We commend the important work you do for South Boston Today, covering our local events, and your steadfast leadership at the City Point Neighborhood Association, where we deeply appreciate your tough and thorough questions about neighborhood projects. We recognize that you are a proud daughter of South Boston, hailing from 4 generations of South Bostonians. We applaud your active involvement in the community and your efforts to keep our neighborhood safe through neighborhood watch and crime prevention initiatives. Congratulations on receiving the well-deserved Henry Knox Award!

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

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Edwin Solano

In Recognition of:

Por su ardua labor, en la búsqueda del bienestar económico de nuestra comunidad.

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

City of Boston IN

CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

presented by

**Council President Ed Flynn &
Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty**

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

Officer Ayesha Lawton

In recognition of:

Your 17 years of service as a Boston Police Officer. We thank you for your exceptional community service in the neighborhoods of Mattapan and South Boston. We commend your dedication to strengthening relationships with the South Boston community, and your professionalism towards our neighbors, families and youth. We appreciate that you are quick to problem-solve and to develop strategies to tackle quality of life issues. We applaud your commitment to our youth, from developing a leadership program for young women, teaching self-defense classes, to assisting with holiday events for the youth. Thank you for always making our community feel safe and heard. Congratulations on receiving the Henry Knox Award!

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

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

CITY OF BOSTON
IN THE
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

presented by

**Council President Ed Flynn &
Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty**

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

Michael J. Donoban

In recognition of

Your 47 years of steadfast leadership and exceptional public service as the Clerk of the Superior Court (Civil Division) of Suffolk County, where you were the youngest person to be elected to the role in 1976.

As the longest-serving elected official in Boston's history, we honor your distinguished service and commitment to the residents of Boston and Suffolk County. We recognize that you are a proud son of Dorchester and South Boston, a graduate of Suffolk University and Suffolk Law School, and an esteemed lawyer. We commend your tireless dedication to giving back to the South Boston community, especially as a Gate of Heaven CYO youth basketball coach. Your devotion to bettering our communities has left an indelible impact on your neighbors in South Boston and the entire city. Congratulations and best wishes on your retirement!

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

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Clerk of the City of Boston

Boston City Council President

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Janet M. Peguero

In Recognition of:

Dominicana emprendedora que se ha convertido en una mujer exitosa en el área de negocios, inversionista, con una de las empresas más productivas de la ciudad

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Milagros Marte Martinez

In Recognition of:

Por su ejemplar trayectoria, compromiso, dedicación y valiosos servicios prestados a la comunidad

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Milagros Marte

In Recognition of:

Por recibir el reconocimiento de Excelencia Juan Pablo Duarte y por tu activismo comunitario

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Biannyi Peguero

In Recognition of:

For your contributions and activist role in community

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Grisel Greene

In Recognition of:

For your contributions and activist role in community

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Alanna Marte

In Recognition of:

**For your academic achievements and being a
scholarship recipient**

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Damilyis Gonzalez Ramos

In Recognition of:

**For your academic achievements and being a
scholarship recipient**

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Elianna Soto

In Recognition of:

**For your academic achievements and being a
scholarship recipient**

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Elody Damian

In Recognition of:

For your academic achievements and being a scholarship recipient

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

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Joshua Paulino Ozuna

In Recognition of:

For your academic achievements and being a scholarship recipient

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

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Yordenis Matos Espinal

In Recognition of:

For your academic achievements and being a
scholarship recipient

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 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: Julia Mejia

Date: _____

Official Resolution

OFFERED BY BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR

JULIA MEJIA

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

Nivia Piña y Hector Piña

In Recognition of:

**Por sus grandes aportes a la comunidad dominicana y por su
incansable labor en la búsqueda del bienestar colectivo, Por
siempre estar presente y apoyar las más nobles causas**

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

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Dr. Will Flawell

In Recognition of:

*your diligent work with indigenous students in Massachusetts
and your dedication to social justice advocacy*

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: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Dassie Sheecham
Ass. Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: 3/1/2023





Official Resolution

Offered by

Councilor At-Large Michael J Flaherty

Council President Edward Flynn

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

BRJELLE JEAN

In Recognition of:

Boys & Girls Club of Boston Youth of the Year 2023

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

Councilor At-Large Michael J Flaherty

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

Sister Evelyn Hurley, S.C.N.

In Recognition of:

Her 108th birthday, March 7th, 2023 as Sister Evelyn Hurley S.C.N.
Day in The City of Boston

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.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MICHAEL FLAHERTY AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT
EDWARD FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RECOGNIZING MARCH 7TH, 2023 AS SISTER EVELYN
HURLEY S.C.N. DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Sister Evelyn Hurley, S.C.N. was born on March 7, 1915; *and*

WHEREAS, Sister Evelyn Hurley is a member of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (S.C.N.) turned 108 years old on March 7, 2023; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2018, Sister Evelyn Hurley, S.C.N. delivered an inspiring invocation for the Boston City Council where her father served on the City Council and was Council President from 1949-1955; *and*

WHEREAS, Sister Evelyn taught for over 80 years including at St. Brigid Parish in South Boston, Massachusetts for over 64 years; *and*

WHEREAS, Sister Evelyn currently resides at the Sister of Nazareth Motherhouse in Nelson County, Kentucky but her heart and legacy will always remain in her beloved South Boston; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: We celebrate her amazing life of service to God and others of Sister Evelyn Hurley, S.C.N.;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED THAT: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, declares March 7, 2023, as Sister Evelyn Hurley, S.C.N. Day in the City of Boston in order to celebrate her incredible life of service.

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