

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON, DURKAN,
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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL'S LEGISLATIVE IMPACT ON DISTRICT 7 RESIDENTS AND ITS COLLABORATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION ON PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 7 TO IDENTIFY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, The residents of District 7, which includes Roxbury, the South End, Grove Hall, and part of Dorchester and the Fenway, are among the most vibrant and diverse in the city, but continue to face significant challenges in housing, environment, small business, education, workforce, and public safety; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council plays a crucial role in addressing these challenges through the passage of legislation, policy decisions, project decisions, and collaboration with the administration; *and*

WHEREAS, It is essential for the Boston City Council to ensure that its legislative work and projects align with the needs and aspirations of the residents of District 7 and that we maintain a constructive and effective partnership with the administration to address those needs; *and*

WHEREAS, It is necessary to review past and current legislative efforts to assess whether they have successfully addressed District 7's needs, whether they reflect collaboration with the administration, and whether the Council is filling the gaps that exist in the community; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the all City Councilors convene a hearing to review the legislative actions of the Boston City Council and their impact on the residents of District 7, to include:

1. A comprehensive review of legislation voted on by the Council that pertains to District 7, including any projects, decisions, or initiatives impacting the district;
2. An assessment of the collaboration between the City Council and the administration to address the needs of District 7, including any barriers or successes in working together;
3. An examination of whether the current legislative work of the City Council effectively addresses the needs of District 7 residents, or whether there are gaps in legislation that fail to meet these needs;

4. An evaluation of the effectiveness of policies filed by all Councilors as they relate to District 7, with a focus on whether At-Large Councilors actively participate in community meetings and collaborate with local stakeholders to gain a genuine understanding of the District's needs;
5. A discussion of how the Boston City Council can better support the needs of District 7, in collaboration with the administration, in the future.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That representatives from relevant City departments, including but not limited to the Mayor's Office Policy representative, the Mayor's Office of Housing or Planning and Development, the Department of Public Health, Mayor's Office of Economic, Opportunity, and Inclusion, Civic Groups/Associations, and community organizations serving District 7, be invited to provide testimony at the hearing.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That a report of the findings and any recommended actions be presented to the City Council for further discussion and potential legislative action.

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