



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- [0236](#) Message and order for your approval a new home rule petition to the General Court, “Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Residential Tax Relief in the City of Boston.
- [0237](#) Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contains within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)-Forensic Group.

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Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 13, 2025.

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0241 Message and order temporarily extending Urban Renewal Plans in the City of Boston until March 31, 2027 or passage of a proposed relevant Home Rule Petition.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

0242 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Midori Morikawa, as a member of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, effective immediately.

- [0243](#) Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding discrepancies in the 2024 Boston Detainer Requests.
- [0244](#) Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding the Boston Crime Lab Director.
- [0245](#) Communication was received from Councilor Breadon regarding her absence from the City Council meeting on January 15, 2025.
- [0246](#) Communication was received from Councilor Breadon regarding the passage of Chapter 360 of the Acts of 2024, An Act increasing the maximum amount of penalties which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the City of Boston.
- [0247](#) Communication was received from Kenzie Bok, Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority regarding and update on the elevator situation at several Boston Housing sites.
- [0248](#) 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 December 4, 2024.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

- [0112](#) Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Transdev and its bus drivers.
- [0113](#) Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the Collective Bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment, an increase for regular wages and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025.

- 0114** Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Four Hundred Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$421,318.00) to provide funding for the Mayor’s Office of Housing for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and SEIU Local 888, Mayor’s Office of Housing.
- 0115** Message and order for a supplemental appropriation for the Mayor’s Office of Housing for FY25 in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$421,318.00) to cover the FY25 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and SEIU, Local 888 Mayor's Office of Housing. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in January of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$250.00, \$500.00, \$900.00, and \$800.00 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year.
Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025.
- 0116** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$860,169.70) in the form of a grant for the One Stop Career Center grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund comprehensive career services and resources to unemployed job seekers such as reviewing job postings, career counseling and job coaching, education/skills training, and job placement assistance.
- 0108** Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of One Hundred Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000.00) for purposes of funding the Housing Accelerator Program. The expenditures related to the program are one-time in nature and are assumed to be non-recurring costs of the City, therefore, are appropriate to be funded with non-recurring revenue.
Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on December 2, 2024.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 0249** **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance amending City of Boston Code 18-1.2B to make certificates of birth and death free.

- 0250** **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding the feasibility and impact of a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax in Boston.
- 0251** **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Order for a hearing to investigate the use, impact, and potential ban of algorithmic price setting in the Boston rental housing market.
- 0252** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss expanding the urban tree canopy in District 2.
- 0253** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veteran Services.
- 0254** **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.
- 0255** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss new cancer presumptions announced by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.
- 0256** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss discrepancies in Boston's 2024 detainer requests.
- 0257** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.
- 0258** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss exploring Nickerson Field and other facilities for a Women's Professional Soccer Team.
- 0259** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at the BHA Ruth Barkley apartments.
- 0260** **Councilor Worrell and Bredon offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the use of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in the City of Boston.
- 0261** **Councilor Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to address programming needs for older adults in the City of Boston.
- 0262** **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a Parks Administrator for Downtown Parks including the Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square and Christopher Columbus Park.

- 0263 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a City Wide Merchandise Licensing Program.
- 0264 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding strategies to expand homeownership programs in Boston.
- 0265 Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the preservation of historical artifacts in Boston Public Schools slated for closure or merger.
- 0266 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and expanding the safety surge program in the City of Boston.
- 0267 Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes.
- 0268 Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide
- 0269 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss residential property values and the assessing process.
- 0270 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Order to adopt the Good Landlord Tax Abatement as a local option in the City of Boston.
- 0271 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in support of the replacement of concurrent traffic signals in the City of Boston.

GREEN SHEETS:

15/25 Legislative Calendar for January 15, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 0272 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Maura Doyle.
- 0273 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Evangeline Roussel Lucien.
- 0274 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Nakama Kamara.

- 0275** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating The Chery Family.
- 0276** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Samuel Luxama.
- 0277** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Haitian Artists Assembly of Massachusetts.
- 0278** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Flynn Foley.
- 0279** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Xiamen University Alumni Association in New England.
- 0280** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the National Asian Women's Association.
- 0281** Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing PN Transportation
- 0282** Councilor Worrell and Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing January 20 as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the City of Boston.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 13, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval a new home rule petition to the General Court, "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Residential Tax Relief in the City of Boston."

Thank you for your leadership over the last year to advance legislation to stabilize tax bills and protect residents from significant property tax increases through multiple rounds of approvals. As you know, the consensus legislation passed twice by the Boston City Council and the MA House of Representatives did not receive a vote before the MA Senate after a single senator exercised a procedural block three times during the legislature's informal session last month. In ending the session without a vote on this measure, members of the Senate and business groups walked away from the agreed upon compromise legislation that had been advanced a second time through the Council and House at their direction, suggesting that the final property valuation numbers were not as dire as the worst case scenarios outlined, so residents should absorb the impending tax increases.

Since then, residents across Boston have received their Fiscal Year 2025 third quarter tax bills, reflecting very significant increases. We continue to hear from residents across the city who have been shocked at the jump in taxes they now owe due to the divergence in residential and commercial property values. The taxes for the average single family home receiving a residential exemption increased 10.4%, which is nearly \$575 for the year and a 21% bill-to-bill increase. When expanded to include additional residential property types—not only single family homes but also duplexes, condos, and standalone apartments without commercial components—average annual taxes increased 14.9%, around \$833 for the year, or a 30% bill-to-bill jump.

These averages mask the variation across different neighborhoods and properties, and it has been widely documented that many residential taxpayers received a significantly higher increase due to a combination of regular market value changes and the added impact of the commercial tax responsibility shift that the administration sought to avoid through legislation. While individual value changes vary by neighborhood and individual property, the overall shift of commercial responsibility increases the burden on residents across all residential property types and neighborhoods.

More than 55% of all residential property owners received a bill with an annual increase greater than 9% (or quarter-to-quarter bill jump of more than 18%). Had the compromise legislation

been approved by the State Senate last month, this would have been reduced to 21.5% of residential properties with such a significant increase. With these January bills, the average commercial property received a 3.4% reduction in taxes—about \$7,745 dollars less than the previous year. For office buildings, the tax decrease was even larger: a 7% drop.

As our administration reiterated for months, in FY25, the split between residential and commercial taxpayers now puts the burden on residential taxpayers for a 44.07% total share of the property tax levy, up from 41.67% in FY24. This is the single largest year-over-year shift since 2007, and is exactly the dynamic our legislation sought to avoid.

Now that the scale of tax increases is documented and clear, this refiled home rule petition proposes to provide immediate needed relief to residential taxpayers this year through the same compromise tax rate agreed upon after months of negotiations and legislative process, as well as adopting the multiyear rates agreed upon for tax stability over the next two years. Additionally, this legislation has been updated to include new provisions that address specific concerns raised through that legislative process. In sum, this new legislation:

1. Sets the FY25 tax rate to levels which were agreed upon by business groups and previously voted on by the Boston City Council and the House of Representatives. This would allow for relief by adjusting the final quarterly property tax bill for the fiscal year in April 2025. The legislation would need to be passed by March 2025 in order to operationalize this measure.
2. Establishes tax classification levels between residential and commercial property in Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, consistent with the levels that were previously agreed to in the October 2024 compromise legislation, in order to provide future stability for residential and commercial taxpayers through this period of economic transition.
3. As included in earlier compromise legislation, this gives the City the authority to appropriate up to \$15 million for any years that the commercial portion of the levy is greater than the amount currently allowed to offset potential impacts on small businesses due to the shift.
4. Expands property tax relief for low-income seniors by modifying the eligibility criteria for the 41C senior tax relief program, as well as increasing the amount of the exemption. These changes will modernize the dated criteria which has shrunk the pool of eligible applicants in recent years and will provide much needed financial assistance to a group of residents most impacted by property tax increases.
5. As included in earlier compromise legislation, increases the exemption for small businesses on personal property to \$30,000 so any neighborhood business with less than that amount in personal property would not be taxed. This increase would expand the number of small businesses across Boston exempt from personal property tax under this exemption provision from approximately 2,500 to 5,000.
6. In the event the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025 does not change as outlined above, it gives the City of Boston the legal authority to issue some degree of residential tax rebates from surplus funds. The amount of money and the rebate shall be determined by the City of Boston and will be subject to an appropriation reviewed and approved by the Council.

Earlier this month, the City developed a tax calculator so residents can see how much they would have saved if the earlier compromise legislation were in effect. The tax calculator can be found here: boston.gov/tax-calculator.

I urge your Honorable Body to advance this special act and the consensus incorporated to deliver stability for all Boston taxpayers and excellent City services for all residents and stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to regulate property taxes in the City of Boston beginning in fiscal year 2025, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston, to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 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 RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION, THE SENIOR HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION 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: Notwithstanding section 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025 the tax rates in the City of Boston shall be the rates that would have occurred were a 181.5% shift in place at the time of their setting. The residential tax rate for property in the City of Boston, which applies to residential real property and open space, shall be \$11.03 per \$1,000 of value, and the commercial tax rate for property in the City of Boston, which applies to commercial real property, industrial real property, and personal property, shall be \$26.92 per \$1,000 of value. In order to go into effect, this section must be enacted by the General Court prior to March 1, 2025.

SECTION 2: Notwithstanding section 1A of chapter 58 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of revenue shall further adjust the minimum residential factor of the City of Boston determined under said section 1A of said chapter 58 for fiscal years 2026, and 2027, if adoption of such factor for any such year would result in the residential property class bearing a higher percentage of the total property tax levy than the percentage of the total

property tax levy imposed on the residential property class in fiscal year 2024. The new minimum residential factor for such year shall be (a) for fiscal year 2026, 50 per cent subject to such adjustment upward as may be required to provide that the percentage of the total tax levy imposed on any class of real or personal property shall not exceed 180 per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of the taxable property of the class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, (b) in fiscal year 2027, 50 per cent subject to such adjustment upward as may be required to provide that the percentage of the total tax levy imposed on any class of real or personal property shall not exceed 178 per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of the taxable property of the class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, (c) in fiscal year 2028 and thereafter, the determination of the minimum residential factor shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions detailed in section 1A of chapter 58. Payments made under section 38H of chapter 59 of the General Laws, and similar provisions of special acts, that are included in the tax levy for purposes of determining the minimum residential factor under said section 1A of said chapter 58 shall be so included in the determination of any factor under this section.

SECTION 3: Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 30B of the General Laws, or any other general or special law, and subject to appropriation by the City of Boston, in each fiscal year in which the total tax levy imposed on the class of commercial property exceeds one hundred seventy five per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of that class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all the taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, the City of Boston is authorized to expend up to fifteen million dollars to make grants and provide programs for the purpose of supporting small businesses impacted by the shift of the tax levy beyond the aforementioned one hundred seventy five per cent. The term “small business” as used in this section shall mean a business with its principal place of business located in Boston, with fewer than fifty employees or less than five million dollars in annual revenue.

SECTION 4: Notwithstanding clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59 or any other general or special law to the contrary, with respect to real property in the City of Boston the following factors determining exemption for real property under clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59 shall be adjusted as follows: (1) increasing the sum of \$500 contained in the first sentence of clause 41C to \$1500; (2) increasing the amounts contained in subclause (B) of said first sentence whenever they appear in said subclause from \$13,000 dollars and from \$15,000 dollars to fifty percent of

Area Median Income as adjusted for household size, as is published annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as required by Section 8 of the Federal Housing Act of 1937 (42 USC Section 1437f), as amended, and the relevant year of the calculation shall be the most recent figure available as of July 1 of the start of the fiscal year to which the exemption is sought; and (3) increasing the amounts contained in subclause (C) of said first sentence whenever they appear in said subclause from \$28,000 dollars to not more than \$80,000 and from \$30,000 to not more than \$110,000. These adjustments shall not be further modified by the second sentence of clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59.

SECTION 5: (a) Notwithstanding section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the City of Boston shall be permitted to allow for an exemption from taxation of personal property not in excess of \$30,000 of value.

(b) The city council of the City of Boston, with the approval of the mayor, shall vote to establish a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation. Said value shall be subject to limitation pursuant to subsection (a).

SECTION 6: Only in the event that the tax rates for the City of Boston for fiscal year 2025 are not changed by March 1, 2025, pursuant to Section 1 of this act, from the tax rates certified in December of 2024, the City of Boston shall be authorized to issue rebates to those taxpayers who received the residential exemption in fiscal year 2025. These rebates shall be a uniform amount of money for each eligible taxpayer to be paid out of a pool of money appropriated by the City of Boston for this express purpose. The amount of the rebate shall be calculated by the Collector-Treasurer of the City of Boston with the approval of the mayor of the City of Boston. This rebate shall be in addition to any exemptions allowed under chapter 59; provided, however, that in no instance shall the taxable valuation of such property after all applicable exemptions and this rebate be reduced below ten per cent of its full and fair cash valuation, unless that is explicitly provided for in any specific section of chapter 59. In order to go into effect, this section must be enacted by the General Court prior to July 1, 2025.

SECTION 7: Effective Date. Sections 1, 2, 3 and 6 of this act shall take effect immediately upon passage. Sections 4 and 5 of this act shall take effect upon passage and be applicable to fiscal year 2026 and all following fiscal years.

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

BY _____
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL 13



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 13, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by one hundred twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$128,700) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detectives Benevolent Society (BPDBS) – Forensic Group.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER REDUCING THE FY25 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$128,700).

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

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$128,700

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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BY *[Signature]*
ADAM CEDERBAUM *hmcw*
CORPORATION COUNSEL



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 13, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Police Department for FY25 in the amount of one hundred twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$128,700) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detectives Benevolent Society (BPDDBS) – Forensic Group. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a market adjustment to base wages in FY25, as well as base wage increase of 2% to be given in January of 2026 and 2027 and flat amounts of \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January of 2026 and 2027, after the percent increases.

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

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$128,700) TO COVER THE FY25 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE BPDBS – FORENSIC GROUP.

ORDERED: That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$128,700) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds and taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

211000	Boston Police Department	Personnel Services	\$128,700
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BY



**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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

01-13-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$500,000.00**) in the form of a grant, FY25 Training Academy Earmark, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department.

The grant would fund the purchase of equipment and supplies, and to fund training initiatives for the Boston Fire Training Academy to ensure the department remains current in the firefighting services.

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

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY25 Training Academy Earmark FUNDS, AWARDED BY Massachusetts Department of Fire Services.

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$500,000.00**) would fund the purchase of equipment and supplies, and to fund training initiatives for the Boston Fire Training Academy to ensure the department remains current in the firefighting services. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, FY25 Training Academy Earmark award not to exceed the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$500,000.00**).

Docket # _____

In City Council Passed _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum
Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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01-13-2025

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Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

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January 13, 2025

To The City Council

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I herewith submit for your approval, an Order to accept and expend for the benefit of the City of Boston, through the Boston Police Department, a donation from the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Radiological Security (ORS) of a 2024 GMC Sierra 4WD Crew Cab Pickup valued at Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-Three (\$60,233.00) dollars. The truck will be used as a Radiological Security Awareness and Response (RSAR) support truck and will allow the Boston Police Department (Department) to continue the sustainment of RSAR training programs. The truck will be distributed to the Department's Hazardous Materials Response Unit. This donation is part of a nationwide program through the ORS.

The possibility of terrorists acquiring radioactive materials to construct a radiological dispersal device, or "dirty bomb" is one of the greatest threats to our nation's security. One of our nation's top priorities is protecting these materials from nefarious use in a terrorist incident. The Department has been a partner with the ORS for many years. The Department has hosted the ORS RSAR training programs and received training equipment to support the mission of preventing the high-activity radioactive materials within the City of Boston from being used in acts of terrorism. This donation will assist the Department's efforts in providing these training programs by ensuring that the Department has the necessary resources.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may accept the truck expeditiously and use them for the purpose for which they were granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE DONATION OF A 2024 GMC SIERRA PICKUP FROM THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICE OF RADIOLOGICAL SECURITY IN SUPPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE UNIT'S TRAINING PROGRAMS.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through the Boston Police Department, be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with Section 53A½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws to accept and expend a donation from the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Radiological Security (ORS) of a 2024 GMC Sierra 4WD Crew Cab Pickup with a value of Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-Three (\$60,233.00) Dollars. The Boston Police Department will utilize the vehicle to support the Hazardous Materials Response Unit's Radiological Security Awareness and Response (RSAR) training programs.

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

BY _____

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Kmw



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 13, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your consideration and approval: *An Order Temporarily Extending Urban Renewal Until March 31, 2027.*

Two years ago we requested and your Honorable Body passed an extension to Urban Renewal “for the shorter of either (a) two (2) additional years (i.e., to March 31, 2027), or (b) until such time that the Home Rule petition passes.” This extension was vital, so as not to put at risk the important land use protections covered in the LDAs that Urban Renewal protects. Although passed by the House of Representatives in the last state legislative session, the home rule petition was not passed by the State Senate, and the deadline of March 31, 2025 is imminent. Therefore, we must return to the Council with a request to extend Urban Renewal and the protections embedded within it, as the City will once again pursue the necessary state legislative approvals in this next legislative session on Beacon Hill. This is necessary to ensure we have a legal mechanism to uphold the City’s protection of income restricted housing, senior-preference housing, open space, and community institutions without a lapse in protections while seeking state action.

We will refile a new home-rule petition before the Council at a later date to continue seeking state authorization to end Urban Renewal while retaining important protections, with full recognition of the City’s history. The use of urban renewal left scars on Boston’s communities, particularly the West End and Roxbury/South End, applied to eradicate what was then described as “blight and urban decay.” Today, the City uses our planning and development authority to deliver on much needed resiliency, affordability, and equity to address Boston’s housing crisis, improve the health and safety of Boston’s residents and businesses, and continue to make Boston a great place to live and work for all its residents. By passing this order, the Council will help protect more than 8,700 income-restricted units across the city.

AN ORDER TEMPORARILY EXTENDING URBAN RENEWAL PLANS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON UNTIL MARCH 31, 2027 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, 2027), or (b) until such time that the Home Rule petition passes and becomes effective.

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 ("DHCD"). In March 2022, the BPDA (now Planning Department), Council and DHCD sunset two (2) 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 Planning Department 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 proposal herein, to advance resiliency, affordability, and equity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Wu', written in a cursive style.

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER TEMPORARILY EXTENDING URBAN RENEWAL PLANS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON UNTIL MARCH 31, 2027 OR PASSAGE OF A PROPOSED RELEVANT HOME RULE PETITION.

- WHEREAS: Urban Renewal was a federally established and state authorized set of planning tools and funding for municipalities to address blighted areas by acquiring property, relocating residents and businesses, and in some cases clearing away old buildings to make room for new development and uses; and
- WHEREAS: In practice, low-income communities were targeted for demolition, often then replaced with development of new residential and commercial uses benefiting wealthier residents; and
- WHEREAS: Early uses of Urban Renewal powers by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) caused harmful and unnecessary destruction of homes resulting in unjust social equity outcomes within the City of Boston, most notably in the West End where thousands of immigrant, low-income, and working-class residents were evicted; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Boston is working tirelessly to promote the sound and responsible growth of its neighborhoods and to provide places for Boston's residents to live, work, and recreate; and
- WHEREAS: The result of this activity has been the creation and preservation of homes and businesses, as well as parks, schools, libraries and other public facilities, playing a role in building Boston's reputation as one of the world's most vibrant and livable cities; and
- WHEREAS: The BRA currently maintains twelve (12) active Urban Renewal Plans originally approved by the BRA, the Boston City Council, the Mayor of Boston and the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which were most recently extended for two (2) years in January 2023, and before that were extended in 2022; and
- WHEREAS: The twelve Urban Renewal Plans scheduled to expire on March 31, 2025 utilize specific Urban Renewal tools and protections that maintain Land Disposition Agreements (LDAs) that protect existing affordable housing, open space, institutional and community uses, and senior housing; and
- WHEREAS: The Mayor has submitted to the City Council a Home Rule Petition entitled "An Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston," which, when passed by the Commonwealth's legislature, will

functionally terminate and sunset the Urban Renewal powers of the BRA and will extend the protections and enforcement rights (but not the BRA's other urban renewal powers) under the existing Urban Renewal Plans;

WHEREAS: Upon passage of the Home Rule Petition and its subsequent implementation, the extension of the Urban Renewal Plans shall be voided;

WHEREAS: By their provisions and previous extensions granted, the plans, the protections established and the powers conferred therein will terminate on March 31, 2025 unless so extended; and

WHEREAS: The BRA seeks a two (2) year extension for the twelve (12) active Urban Renewal Plans that are set to expire on March 31, 2025, or until passage by the state legislature and implementation of the proposed home rule petition terminating Urban Renewal Plans and transferring land use protections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED: That the City Council does hereby approve the extension of the term of the Urban Renewal Plans listed below, to the earlier of March 31, 2027, or until the passage by the state legislature and implementation of the proposed home rule petition entitled An Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston:

1. Brunswick-King Urban Renewal Plan
2. Campus High School Urban Renewal Plan
3. Central Business District South Station Urban Renewal Plan
4. Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan
5. Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan
6. Fenway Urban Renewal Plan
7. Government Center Urban Renewal Plan
8. Kittredge Square Urban Renewal Plan
9. Park Plaza Urban Renewal Plan
10. South Cove Urban Renewal Plan
11. South End Urban Renewal Plan
12. Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan

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**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

December 9, 2024

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 Section 6 of Chapter 108 of the Acts of 1991, I hereby appoint the following Member to the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, effective immediately:

Midori Morikawa of 93A Wachusett Street, Boston, MA 02130.

This Member was nominated by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and will serve a term expiring on November 15, 2026.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

January 9, 2025

Michael Cox
Commissioner, Boston Police Department
1 Schroeder Plaza
Boston, MA 02120

RE: 2024 Boston Detainer Requests

Dear Commissioner Cox,

I am writing today seeking clarification regarding the number of federal immigration detainer requests Boston received in 2024. The Boston Herald reported today that there were 198 immigration detainer requests by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) last year, far higher than the 15 detainer requests communicated by the Boston Police Department in a letter to the City Clerk. I have concerns and questions about the discrepancy of this data.

According to the article, ICE requested the Boston Police Department to transfer custody of 198 individuals, citing that these individuals were involved in criminal activity. The report stated the criminal charges included violent and serious crimes such as armed robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, assault to murder, possession of a firearm, possession of a large capacity weapon, possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, trafficking of heroin, indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, and trafficking over 200 grams of cocaine. If there were 183 more individuals that were requested to be detained by federal law enforcement officials, why were they not also accounted for in your letter to the City Clerk? It is important that the Boston City Council and the public are provided with the most accurate and up-to-date statistics to inform our policies.

It is critical that the Boston Police Department maintains a positive and respectful working relationship with federal law enforcement partners. When someone commits a crime, regardless of immigration status, we can't stand in the way of justice for a victim or respect for the rule of law and society. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor
U.S. Navy (Retired)



Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

January 10, 2025

Mayor Michelle Wu
1 City Hall Square, Suite 550
Boston, MA 02201

Michael Cox
Commissioner, Boston Police Department
1 Schroeder Plaza
Boston, MA 02120

RE: Boston Crime Lab Director

Dear Mayor Wu and Commissioner Cox,

I am writing today with regard to the Boston Crime Lab, specifically with the position of the Director of the Crime Lab. Given the prolonged vacancy of this position, and challenges within the Crime Lab with staffing shortages and delays in the testing of sexual assault kits, I would like to ask that your office consider a residency waiver for the Director of Crime Lab.

In addition, I would like to ask for an increase in the salary range of the position to attract more applicants. It is critical that the Boston Police Department Crime Lab is drawing the talent and leadership it needs to to run effectively. I hope you will take this into consideration.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor
U.S. Navy (Retired)



Boston City Council

LIZ BREADON

Councilor – District 9

January 13, 2025

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

Dear Clerk Geourntas:

I am writing to inform you of my absence from the regular meeting of the Boston City Council scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2025. I am continuing to recover from recent knee replacement surgery and look forward to attending meetings in the Iannella Chamber as soon as I am able.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth Breadon".

Liz Breadon

District 9

Allston-Brighton



Boston City Council

LIZ BREADON

Councilor – District 9

January 13, 2025

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

Re: Passage of Chapter 360 of the Acts of 2024, An Act increasing the maximum amount of penalties which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the City of Boston

Dear Clerk Geourntas:

I am pleased to notify the City Council of the enactment of Chapter 360 of the Acts of 2024, *An Act increasing the maximum amount of penalties which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the City of Boston*. For your reference, a copy of the enacted legislation is enclosed.

This Act amends the City Charter provision under Chapter 448 of the Acts of 1854, which establishes the City's authority to impose fines for non-criminal violations of local ordinances. The maximum penalty for civil violations has been increased from \$300 to \$2,000, with a provision to adjust for inflation every five years starting January 1, 2025. Any adjustments to specific fine amounts set by the *City of Boston Code, Ordinances*, will require further approval by the City Council and Mayor.

This Charter Amendment reflects the culmination of nearly two years of collaborative effort, initiated as a proposed Order for a Petition for a Special Law (home rule petition) filed as *Docket #0410* on February 10, 2023. The City Council approved the Order on December 6, 2023, and it was signed by the Mayor on December 20, 2023. The Petition was subsequently filed as *House Bill 4507* in the 193rd General Court in March 2024. It passed the House of Representatives on July 22, 2024, the Senate on December 26, 2024, and was enacted by both chambers on December 30, 2024. The Governor signed the legislation into law on January 8, 2025.

Historically, the statutory maximum fine was set at \$50 in 1854 (equivalent to about \$1,850 in present value) and was raised only twice: to \$200 in 1976 (about \$1,050 today) and to \$300 in 1989 (about \$750 today). The City unsuccessfully petitioned in 2005 and 2007 to raise this maximum to \$1,000 (about \$1,500 today). Decades without adjustments for inflation disincentivized compliance with local ordinances, enabling some violators to treat the fines as merely the cost of doing business in our City.

This achievement strengthens the City's ability to enforce ordinances effectively and proactively, providing a stronger tool to meaningfully improve the quality of life for residents. I extend my gratitude to members of the Boston legislative delegation and leadership in the Senate and House for their support and concerted efforts to ensure the passage of this Charter Amendment. I also look forward to working with the City Council and Mayor to implement this new authority as we enhance enforcement and compliance efforts while assessing the City's existing sources of revenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Breadon

District 9

Allston-Brighton

cc: Corporation Counsel, Law Department, City of Boston
Chief of Policy and Strategic Planning, Mayor's Office, City of Boston
Director, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, Mayor's Office, City of Boston

Chapter 360
of the Acts of 2024

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court

AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PENALTIES WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED FOR VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES 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. Section 35 of chapter 448 of the acts of 1854, as most recently amended by section 102 of chapter 341 of the acts of 1989, is hereby further amended by striking out in the second sentence the words "three hundred dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$2,000.

SECTION 2. Said section 35 of said chapter 448, as so amended, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

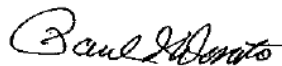
The maximum penalty set forth in this section shall be adjusted for inflation, rounded to the nearest \$100, on January 1, 2025, and on January 1 every 5 years thereafter, based on the annual percentage change in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Mass.-N.H. Core Based Statistical Area, all items or its successor index.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, December 30, 2024.

Passed to be enacted,



Acting
, Speaker.

In Senate, December 30, 2024.

Passed to be enacted,



Acting
President.

January 8, 2024. 2025

Approved,

at 1 o'clock and 03 minutes, P. M.



Governor.



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January 6, 2025

Dear Councilor Flynn,

Thank you for your letter. I agree on the urgent need to improve the elevator situation at Ruth Barkley; as you know, thanks to the Mayor and Council's support through the City capital budget, we have bid out a design contract for the eight tall elevators there and are in the process to award it to a certified engineering firm. One of those elevators is the 14 East Brookline one that you reference (not #16), which has had a long-term outage; unfortunately, it isn't viable to repair it without fully modernizing it, so we would expect it to be the first one prioritized within this contract.

As for 42 Harrison Archway, we already bid out and awarded a modernization project for both its cabs, and have been awaiting the arrival of parts so that work can commence. The contractor has informed me that it will begin tomorrow, January 7th. That project will begin with the cab that has been out for the long-term there. During any modernization process, obviously one cab will have to be offline for an extended period so that it can be modernized.

For that reason, we have offered transfers to households at 42 Harrison Archway and 14 East Brookline St that are concerned with continuing to rely on a single elevator cab, and we are seeking to accommodate those who wish to take us up on that offer. We also have an elevator protocol that enables us to employ a chair service contractor to get residents down and up for major appointments in the case of an extended outage. Unfortunately we have to give the contractor about 24 hours of notice, which means that it doesn't work as a back-up when the elevator fails on the same day as an appointment. This caused one resident to miss a medical appointment in December; we proactively scheduled the chair service so that resident could attend a second appointment, but ultimately the elevator was repaired by the time of the second appointment. In the future we will make sure residents know that for a critical medical appointment, they can call Boston Fire to carry them down if BHA cannot order the chair service in time.

Starting next week, my maintenance supervisory team will be temporarily headquartered at Ruth Barkley Apartments, in order to ensure further on-the-spot responsiveness to issues that arise at that site. Thank you for your concern regarding your constituents and our residents at Ruth Barkley; I hope we can continue to advocate together for the investments that this site has sorely need for so long.

Sincerely,



Kenzie Bok

Administrator
Boston Housing Authority

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Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

January 6, 2025

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 December 4, 2024, viz.

- 1434 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant for the BPS Sundays pilot support grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Arts & Culture. The grant will fund the BPS Sundays Cultural Museum Access Pilot Program.
Approved by the Mayor December 9, 2024
- 1619 Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of One Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$1,515,000.00) for the purpose of paying the costs of a feasibility study through schematic design for the roof, window, and door replacement projects for the following schools: Kenny Elementary School, O'Donnell Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, Chittick Elementary School, Everett Elementary School, Gardner Pilot Academy, Lyndon Elementary School, and Murphy K-8 School.
Approved by the Mayor December 9, 2024
- 1672 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifteen Million Nine Hundred Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$15,904,976.56) in the form of a grant for the EDA Good Jobs Challenge, awarded by the United States Department of Commerce to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund technical training, project planning, and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes.
Approved by the Mayor December 9, 2024

1705 Message and order for your approval an Order to declare surplus parcel of land currently owned by the City of Boston located at Codman Square Park on Talbot Avenue in Dorchester District (Ward 17, Parcel 1704781300), and shown on the plan recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds under Book 2016 Page 513, entitled Parcel Consolidation Plan, Codman Square, Codman Commons, Boston (Dorchester), MA, September 2016; and to transfer the parcel to the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for the care, custody, management and control of said parcel.

Approved by the Mayor December 9, 2024

1760 Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Property Management Department for FY25 in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$170,118) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 173 (NEPBA Patrol Officers). The terms of the contract are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. The major provision of the contract includes a base wage increase of 2% to be given in October of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$500, \$250, \$900, and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year; as well increases to the uniform allowance and weekend differential.

Approved by the Mayor December 9, 2024

1761 Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollar (\$170,118) to provide funding for the Property Management Department for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 173 (NEPBA Patrol Officers).

Approved by the Mayor December 9, 2024

1764 Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$149,525.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Cadets Association. The terms of the contract are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contact include a base wage increase of 2% to be given in January of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$500.00, \$250.00, \$900.00, and \$800.00 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal, year, after the percent increase. Members will also receive an increase in uniform allowance.

Approved by the Mayor December 9, 2024

1773 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept the donation of Twenty (20) HEPA air scrubber with a fair market value of Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$28,750.00), donated by Distributor Corporation of New England to be administered by Property Management Department. Distributor Corporation of New England is a local HVAC wholesale company who in partnership with the Boston Public Health Commission, seeks to improve air quality in office environments and building interiors. This donation will support the Property Management Department's mission to ensure that all City buildings provide a safe and healthy environment for employees and constituents.

Approved by the Mayor December 9, 2024

Respectfully,



Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 6, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by six million, six hundred thirty-seven thousand, four hundred eighty-six dollars (\$6,637,486) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

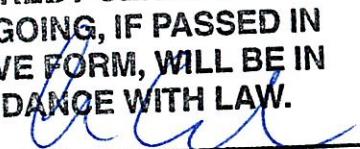
AN ORDER REDUCING THE FY25 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY SIX MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$6,637,486).

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

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$6,637,486

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
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ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY


ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL *Kmw*



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 6, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Public Schools for FY25 in the amount of six million, six hundred thirty-seven thousand, four hundred eighty-six dollars (\$6,637,486) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment and increase for regular wages, an increase in charter wages, and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35.

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

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



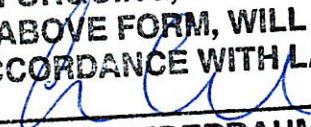
CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING SIX MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$6,637,486) TO COVER THE FY25 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRANSDEV AND ITS BUS DRIVERS.

ORDERED: That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, the sum of SIX MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$6,437,486) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

Boston Public Schools

\$6,637,486

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**
BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL *Kmw*



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 6, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by four hundred twenty-one thousand, three hundred eighteen dollars (\$421,318) to provide funding for the Mayor's Office of Housing for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 888, Mayor's Office of Housing.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

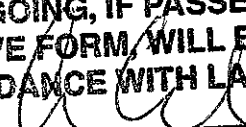


CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER REDUCING THE FY25 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$421,318)

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

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$421,318

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL** Kimw



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 6, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation order for the Mayor's Office of Housing FY25 in the amount of four hundred twenty-one thousand, three hundred eighteen dollars (\$421,318) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 888, Mayor's Office of Housing. The terms of the contract are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2%, to be given in January of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$250, \$500, \$900, \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year after the percent increase. The agreement also includes an increase to on-call pay and the uniform allowance.

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

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

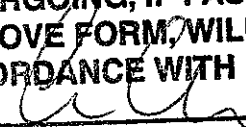
CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING BY FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$421,318) TO COVER THE FY25 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND SEIU, LOCAL 888, MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOUSING.

ORDERED: That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, the sum of FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$421,318) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds and taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws: -

188000	Mayor's Office of Housing	Personnel Services	\$408,318
188000	Mayor's Office of Housing	Supplies & Materials	\$13,000

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

BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL** *AMW*



City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

01-06-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (**\$860,169.70**) in the form of a grant, One Stop Career Center grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund comprehensive career services and resources to unemployed job seekers such as reviewing job postings, career counseling and job coaching, education/skills training, and job placement assistance.

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

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND One Stop Career Center grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the MassHire Department of Career Services, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (**\$860,169.70**) would fund comprehensive career services and resources to unemployed job seekers such as reviewing job postings, career counseling and job coaching, education/skills training, and job placement assistance. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the MassHire Department of Career Services, One Stop Career Center grant award not to exceed the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (**\$860,169.70**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING ONE HUNDRED TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$110,000,000) BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE HOUSING ACCELERATOR PROGRAM.

ORDERED: That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, the sum of ONE HUNDRED TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$110,000,000) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds on hand as certified by the Director of Accounts pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

189 Housing Accelerator Program \$110,000,000

To be used for the Housing Accelerator Program.

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

BY _____

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

KMW



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

December 2, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of One Hundred Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000) for purposes of funding the Housing Accelerator Program.

The expenditures related to the program are one-time in nature and are assumed to be non-recurring costs of the City, therefore, are appropriate to be funded with non-recurring revenue. As such, unrestricted prior-year budgetary fund balance, or free cash, will be used as the source of funding for this \$110,000,000 appropriation request. The City's free cash has been certified by the Director of Accounts at the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and is now available for appropriation.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this order.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER TO AMEND CITY OF BOSTON CODE CH. 18, SEC. 1.2B TO MAKE CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH FREE

WHEREAS, The City of Boston currently charges \$12 to obtain a certificate of birth, or death, and \$14 to obtain a certificate of birth, or death through the mail; *and*

WHEREAS, Birth certificates are needed for many things, including enrolling in a free, public education, starting a youth job, re-entering the workforce after incarceration, and obtaining a marriage certificate; *and*

WHEREAS, Death certificates are necessary for next-of-kin to access accounts, benefits, and more; *and*

WHEREAS, There was an annual average of 20,548 births and 8,420 deaths in Boston during 2020-23; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Finance Commission issued an advisory in December 2024 that these fees can be an obstacle to employment and thus should be removed; *and*

WHEREAS, Constituents have reported being charged more than \$50 through online services to obtain their birth, and death certificates, and making it free would make residents more cognizant that it's free and thus less likely to fall for these online services; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston waived all library late fees in 2022 in a similar vein of the public good and reducing financial barriers; *and*

WHEREAS, It would be best to waive all fees to obtain a birth, or death certificate; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

Section 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 18, Section 1.2B clause 13 is hereby amended by striking “birth,” “, or death” and “and in the case of a certificate as to the record of a birth an additional fee of forty (\$40.00) dollars if the request is made on a weekend or a holiday.” from the first sentence. This section shall be further amended by adding the following sentence after

the first sentence, “The fee of the City Registrar for furnishing a certificate as to the record of a birth, or death shall be free.”

Section 2.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 18, Section 1.2B clause 14 is hereby amended by striking “birth,” and “, or death”. This section shall be further amended by adding the following sentence after the first sentence, “The fee of the City Registrar for furnishing a certified copy of a record or paper relating to a birth, or death shall be free.”

Section 3.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 18, Section 1.2B clause 14A is hereby amended by striking “birth,” and “, or death”. This section shall be further amended by adding the following sentence after the first sentence, “The fee of the City Registrar for furnishing a certified copy of a record or paper relating to a birth, or death by mail shall be free.”

Section 4.

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

Section 5.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Filed on: January 13, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPACT OF A SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGE TAX IN BOSTON

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is committed to promoting the health and well-being of its residents, addressing disparities in health outcomes, and reducing the burden of preventable diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease; *and*

WHEREAS, Research has demonstrated that sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) are a significant contributor to adverse health outcomes, including type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and obesity, which disproportionately affect low-income and minority communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Studies from multiple U.S. cities that have implemented SSB taxes, including Philadelphia, San Francisco, Boulder, Oakland, and Seattle, have shown that they can lead to significant reductions in SSB consumption; *and*

WHEREAS, SSB taxes are highly cost-effective and can generate substantial public health benefits by reducing chronic diseases and lowering healthcare costs; *and*

WHEREAS, Evidence from cities with existing SSB taxes shows that tax revenues have been effectively used to address public health and equity concerns and fund health promotion, nutrition education, access to healthy foods, and early childhood development programs, with a significant portion of funds benefiting communities most impacted by health inequities; *and*

WHEREAS, The implementation of an SSB tax in Boston could generate significant revenues that could be reinvested in public health initiatives and equity-focused programs to further reduce health disparities and improve community well-being; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED, That the Boston City Council, within the appropriate committee, convenes a public hearing to investigate the feasibility and impact of implementing a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax in the City of Boston.

Filed on: 1/7/2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO INVESTIGATE THE USE, IMPACT, AND POTENTIAL BAN OF ALGORITHMIC PRICE SETTING IN THE BOSTON RENTAL HOUSING MARKET

WHEREAS, The City of Boston continues to experience an acutely tight housing market, which has driven rents to rise rapidly, and its share of rent-burdened households exceeds the U.S. average; *and*

WHEREAS, Recent years have seen the emergence of revenue management software programs, often referred to as "algorithmic devices," which allow landlords to utilize non-public competitor data to set or recommend rental prices and occupancy levels, thereby reducing competition and contributing to rent increases; *and*

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and ten state attorney generals, including Massachusetts, filed an amended federal complaint on January 7, 2025 against six of the nation's largest landlords and leading rental algorithmic device maker – RealPage – accusing the company of violating antitrust laws by fostering collusion and coordination among landlords and replacing competition with collective pricing strategies that lead to inflated rents; *and*

WHEREAS, The DOJ complaint details how these algorithms use non-public data from landlords to generate rent recommendations, guide landlords to artificially inflate rents by limiting competition, and even suggest to landlords to maintain vacancies rather than reduce rent prices, which in totality exacerbates the housing affordability crisis; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has a vested interest in maintaining affordable and stable housing for its residents and the use of algorithmic devices that rely on non-public information runs counter to the City's interest; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council convenes a hearing to assess the use and impact of algorithmic price-setting tools, such as RealPage, in the City of Boston's rental housing market and investigate the potential for an ordinance to be passed in Boston banning the use of non-public information driven algorithmic price setting in the rental housing market.

Filed on: January 8, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS EXPANDING THE URBAN TREE CANOPY IN DISTRICT 2

- WHEREAS:** Having a healthy urban tree canopy is important to our environment and quality of life, as trees not only beautify our landscapes, but they also provide filters for pollutants, absorb excess stormwater runoff, provide shades during hot summers, and other environmental and public health benefits; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** Residents across the city treasure the trees in their neighborhoods, and view the trees as an integral part of their community, and residents of District 2 have often advocate for more tree plantings in their neighborhoods, especially as it encompasses neighborhoods with low tree coverage, such as Chinatown, Downtown, and South Boston; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** The City released its Urban Forest Plan in September of 2022, which lays out strategies for the preservation, cultivation, and expansion of our urban canopy, and the City Council passed the tree protection ordinance late 2023, which regulates the process of tree removals, trimming, and maintenance; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** Aside from preservation of trees, we also need to expand our tree coverage to ensure that every neighborhood has a healthy tree canopy. The Urban Forest Plan finds that neighborhoods in the south and west parts of the city have more trees, while neighborhoods in the north and east parts of the City, such as South Boston, have the least tree coverage. As of 2019, South Boston only had 8% tree coverage, and a census tract in Chinatown only had 7%, while the city average was 27%; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** In thinking of expanding tree canopies in our neighborhoods, we need to identify areas that would be suitable for new tree plants, select appropriate tree species that would survive in our environment, and ensure that the City has sufficient staffing levels to plant and maintain our trees; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** The expansion of our tree canopies, especially in neighborhoods that have low tree coverage, should be a priority for our continued efforts to combat climate change, and community input about the removal of trees is also an issue of climate justice; *and*,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss ways to expand our urban tree canopies in District 2 and City of Boston. Representatives from the Parks Department, environmental justice organizations, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in City Council: January 15, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE GOALS AND PRIORITIES OF CITY OF BOSTON'S OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has a substantial and diverse veterans population, with more than 13,000 veterans residing in Boston, according to the most recent U.S. Census data; *and*

WHEREAS: Veterans and military families have proudly served our country and earned their benefits from our city, state, and federal governments; *and*

WHEREAS: Our veterans community is diverse, and with varied needs. It is therefore important to ensure that there are services and resources catered to the unique needs of different groups, such as returning veterans, women veterans, LGBTQ+ veterans, and homeless veterans, and more; *and*

WHEREAS: We need to ensure that our VAs have the appropriate counseling services for returning veterans, gender specific healthcare for our women veterans, respectful healthcare providers for our LGBTQ+ veterans, housing services for our homeless veterans, and other catered services; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston has one of the best departments in the country that support our veterans and military families. The City of Boston's Office of Veterans Services work closely with our veterans and military families to connect them to resources and services that they have earned, and they also work closely with our state and federal partners to empower and support our veterans and military families; *and*

WHEREAS: Aside from service referrals, the Office of Veterans Services also know firsthand the gaps in service that need to be addressed, ways to better serve our veterans in need, and areas of policy that should be amended; *and*

WHEREAS: In order to provide the appropriate services to veterans with different needs, we need to ensure that our Office of Veterans Services have the resources they need to perform their work in supporting our veterans, and to carry out their goals and priorities; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss resources available to veterans and military families through Boston's Veteran Services, as well as their goals and priorities for this year and beyond. Representatives from the City of Boston's Veterans Services and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL AND COUNCILOR JOHN FITZGERALD



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS LONG-TERM CITY JOB VACANCIES

WHEREAS, The City of Boston's Fiscal Year 2025 operating budget was \$4.64 billion, covering more than 18,000 employees; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston had nearly 2,000 vacancies as of RFIs submitted in April 2024, including nearly 550 at the Boston Police Department, 400 in Boston Public Schools, more than 300 at the Boston Transportation Department, more than 150 at the Boston Public Commission, and more than 150 on Public Works; *and*

WHEREAS, These vacancies include roles that need to be filled for the city's government to reach its full potential; *and*

WHEREAS, Work for unfilled jobs can either be outsourced to contractors without a residency requirement, reallocated elsewhere in the department's budget, or partially reassigned to the city's general fund;

WHEREAS, Cities such as Los Angeles give specific numbers on long-term job vacancies in their budgets; *and*

WHEREAS, A better understanding of job vacancies and unused money would give a more accurate picture of the city's budget for the upcoming fiscal year, allow the city to strategize how to fill vacant positions, and empower city employees and unions to advocate for higher compensation; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is actively creating the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, which will include projections for full-time employees; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the current status of unfilled jobs in city departments and that representatives of the City's Position Review Committee, Boston Public Schools, Boston Police Department, Boston Public Health Commission, Public Works, Boston Center for Youth and Families and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: Jan. 10, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS NEW CANCER PRESUMPTIONS ANNOUNCED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

WHEREAS: On January 8th, 2025, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that they have expanded several types of cancers to be presumptive for service-connection. This includes acute and chronic leukemias, multiple myelomas, myelodysplastic syndromes, myelofibrosis, urinary bladder, ureter, and related genitourinary cancers; *and*

WHEREAS: The expansion will lower the burden of proof for veterans to receive medical care and assume the conditions are service-related, allowing treatment at no-cost; *and*

WHEREAS: Veterans who are eligible for the presumptions include Gulf War Veterans who served in Somalia or the Southwest theater of the Gulf War on or after August 2nd, 1990, and Post 9/11 Veterans, who served in Afghanistan, Iraq, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, or Uzbekistan and the airspace above these locations on or after September 11th, 2001; *and*

WHEREAS: According to the VA, the presumptive status for urinary bladder, ureter, and related genitourinary cancers came into effect on January 2nd, 2025, and the presumptions for acute and chronic leukemias, multiple myelomas, and myelodysplastic syndromes, myelofibrosis have kicked in on January 10th, 2025; *and*

WHEREAS: This important announcement follows the signing of the PACT Act in 2022, which expanded benefits to over 3.5 million U.S. service members and veterans who were exposed to Burn Pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances while serving overseas. Prior to the PACT Act's passage, many veterans lacked the proper documented evidence to prove these toxic exposures to receive treatment; *and*

WHEREAS: When we send our veterans in harm's way, we have a moral obligation to care for them when they return. We encourage our veterans with the cancers previously mentioned to seek care through the VA; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the significance of these new cancer presumptions from the Department of Veterans Affairs for service-connection. Representatives from the City of Boston Office of Veteran Services, the Boston VA Medical Center, and any other relevant stakeholders are welcome to attend.

Filed in Council: January 15, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON 2024 DETAINER REQUESTS

WHEREAS: The Boston Police Department (BPD) recently communicated in a letter to the Boston City Council that it had rejected 15 detainer requests from the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in 2024; *and*

WHEREAS: On January 9, 2025, media reports stated that ICE indicated that there were 198 immigration detainer requests last year, far higher than the number of detainer requests communicated by the Boston Police Department; *and*

WHEREAS: Reports indicated that the criminal charges on the detainer requests included violent and serious crimes such as armed robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, assault to murder, possession of a firearm, possession of a large capacity weapon, possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, trafficking of heroin, indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, and trafficking over 200 grams of cocaine; *and*

WHEREAS: Public safety is one of the foremost concerns in our neighborhoods and communities. Given the large discrepancies in the detainer request numbers, it is important that the Boston City Council and the public are provided clarification and explanation of these discrepancies, as well as the most up-to-date information to help inform policy-making; *and*

WHEREAS: It is critical that when someone commits a violent crime, regardless of immigration status, we do not stand in the way of justice for a victim. We must have respect for the rule of law and society. The Boston Police Department must maintain a positive and respectful working relationship with our federal law enforcement partners; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the 2024 detainer requests in the City of Boston. Representatives from the Boston Police Department are invited to attend.

Filed in Council: January 15, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS ACCESSIBILITY IN BOSTON CITY HALL

WHEREAS: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) enshrines and protects the rights of people with disabilities throughout the country. Signed in 1990, it protects people with disabilities from discrimination in many areas of public life, including employment, public accommodations, transportation, access to state and local programs and services, parking, voting, etc; *and*

WHEREAS: The Boston Disabilities Commission supports and facilitates full and equal participation in all aspects of life by persons with disabilities. Their work includes reducing architectural, procedural, attitudinal, and communication barriers for persons with disabilities; promoting equity in housing, education, employment, transportation for them, and civic activities; and ensuring compliance with Title II of the ADA; *and*

WHEREAS: Over the years, Boston City Hall has made improvements to ensure compliance with the ADA and improve accessibility for people with disabilities. The latest include a new accessible entrance on the second floor and a sloping promenade in the City Hall Plaza renovation in 2022, and the installation of a vertical lift at City Hall's third floor entrance to the mezzanine area; *and*

WHEREAS: However, there is more work to be done to improve accessibility inside the building. Aging infrastructure continues to limit accessibility in certain areas of the building, such as the broken escalators connecting the second and third floors in City Hall. These escalators have been down for over a year, and it is important to review access within other parts of the building to ensure those with disabilities can fully access all floors, departments, and meeting rooms; *and*

WHEREAS: In addition, the verticality of the main stairs connecting the third floor onto the mezzanine often require caution to use given the short length of the brick and the reflective shine which makes it difficult for people to see, especially when going downwards. While the current guardrails help, the safety of these stairs need to be enhanced to prevent people from tripping and falling; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall. Representatives from the Disabilities Commission, Property Management Department and Landmarks Commission are invited to attend.

Filed in Council: January 15, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS EXPLORING NICKERSON FIELD AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR A WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL SOCCER TEAM

- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston and Boston Unity Soccer Partners are partnering to bring BOS Nation FC, a women's professional soccer team to Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS:** While it is important that the city supports women's professional sports and a new professional soccer team, it is critical that we acknowledge the risk of investing almost \$100 million in White Stadium for a private-public partnership that was intended for the residents of Boston, especially as there is considerable community opposition for the project; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Nickerson Field at Boston University is a potentially ideal location for a professional women's soccer team, as it has a large capacity of nearly 10,000 seats, and a state-of-the-art field that stands as one of only 10 artificial fields in the United States that has a FIFA 2 Star certification; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In addition, Nickerson Field already has the necessary infrastructure in place, and its proximity to the Green Line will allow fans to easily access the stadium. It is also located in Allston, an area that has ample businesses, restaurants and bars that can support spectators, who in turn can bolster local businesses and increase revenue for the city; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Moreover, Allston is also where many of our young people, local and international students live, many of whom may look forward to the prospect of having a women's soccer team in Boston and can provide an instant fan base for BOS Nation FC; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The city and team could save \$182 million that could be used toward a rental agreement with the university and helping to fund the MBTA, while City of Boston could save approximately \$70 million on a White Stadium proposal that focuses solely on student athletes and residents; *and*
- WHEREAS:** There are also other potential sites that are worth consideration, such as the proposed soccer stadium for the New England Revolution team at Everett. The practicality of having two professional soccer stadiums in such close proximity makes little financial sense, and investing almost \$100 million in a stadium renovation and creating a successful venture carries significant risks; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss exploring Nickerson Field and other facilities for a Women's Professional Soccer Team. Representatives from the Boston Planning Department, Boston University and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 15, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE ELEVATORS AT THE BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (BHA) RUTH BARKLEY APARTMENTS

WHEREAS: In recent years, aging elevators at Boston Housing Authority (BHA) developments have posed public safety concerns. Residents reported frequent breakdowns, being stuck in elevators, elevators skipping floors, and prolonged periods of disrepair. There are increasing concerns that these conditions violate federal and state laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); *and*

WHEREAS: Over the last two years, tenants at the Ruth Barkley Apartments in the South End reported frequent elevator breakdowns, with multiple elevators facing long-term outages. In December 2024, residents complained that two of the elevators at the complex had been out of service for a year while another had been operating on and off since Thanksgiving Day; *and*

WHEREAS: Due to these outages, residents, including seniors and persons with disabilities shared the challenges of not being able to go about their daily lives, such as getting groceries, picking up medication, staying active, going to medical, family and social appointments, and accessing basic services. A resident missed two chemotherapy sessions as a result of the elevator outage, and residents on higher floors complained of the isolation and negative impact that the prolonged outages had on their physical and mental health; *and*

WHEREAS: In January, the BHA reported that it has put a bid out for a design contract for the modernisation of eight elevators at the Ruth Barkley Apartment. It also reported that it has offered transfers to households who are concerned with continuing to rely on a single elevator cab; *and*

WHEREAS: Elevator access is essential for our seniors and persons with disabilities. It is imperative that BHA continues to communicate these plans and protocols in a timely manner to residents, and ensure that residents do not continue to miss critical check ups, screenings and appointments; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the latest status of the BHA Elevator Modernisation at the Ruth Barkley Apartments and plans to accommodate those who need to go to critical appointments during elevator outages. Representatives from the Boston Housing Authority and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: January 15, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL AND LIZ BREADON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE USE OF BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS) IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are large-scale energy storage technologies which utilize batteries to store and quickly provide dispatchable power to electric grids in instances of high demand or grid failure; *and*
- WHEREAS,** BESS are a new and rapidly growing technology; a 2023 study done by McKinsey and Company’s Battery Accelerator Team estimated the global demand for BESS technology to double by 2030; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There is a demonstrated need for battery-stored energy in Boston to meet rising electrical demand, provide backup power in response to incidents of short-term volatility or grid failure, and support of our City’s aging infrastructure; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Carbon Free Boston is the City of Boston’s initiative to become carbon neutral by 2025, and BESS play a crucial role in the transition to sustainable energy by allowing for the energy generated through solar, wind, and other renewable sources to be stored when production outweighs demand, providing reliable delivery of green energy to customers regardless of time of day or weather conditions; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that 90% of BESS operating capacity uses lithium-ion based batteries, which FEMA has identified as presenting a unique challenge to firefighters and first responders because, in large BESS facilities, a “failure of one lithium cell can cascade to include hundreds of individual cells. The hot flammable gases can result in an explosion, or a very difficult to extinguish fire”; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Battery Energy Storage facilities are typically placed close to customer load in order to rapidly supplement existing power delivery during peak usage or provide backup energy in cases of grid failure, necessitating the construction and retention of BESS facilities in highly-populated urban areas; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There are currently two proposed BESS facility projects in the City of Boston, one in Brighton and one in Hyde Park/Mattapan, and both proponents have

displayed a commitment to community engagement and education that can set the foundation for future BESS installations; *and*

WHEREAS, A robust conversation is necessary surrounding BESS facilities within Boston, including discussion of their significant potential to bolster our grid capacity and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, as well as the unique challenges they present to firefighters, emergency management, and other first responders due to their use of large lithium-ion batteries; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the use of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the City of Boston, and that representatives of relevant City departments, electricity utility companies, battery storage providers, state and local energy regulatory agencies, researchers, and interested members of the public be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 15, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BENJAMIN J. WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS PROGRAMMING NEEDS FOR OLDER ADULTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The City is committed to addressing challenges that adults 60 or older face to ensure that they may age with dignity and maintain a healthy quality of life in the City of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Older adults are projected to continue growing as a proportion of Boston’s population, accounting for over 20% of the City’s total population by 2030; *and*
- WHEREAS,** An October 2024 report issued by Health Management Associates (“HMA”) identified several barriers that prevent older adults in Boston from participating in programming, including transportation to spaces, limited program availability, scheduling conflicts, and proximity to offerings; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Dedicated programming and spaces for older adults can reduce the impacts of social isolation which are linked to a range of negative outcomes, including increased prevalence of chronic diseases, cognitive decline, and heightened risk of dementia; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Senior centers play a crucial role in fostering health, social interaction, and community engagement among older adults and function as community hubs that offer a full range of activities and services designated to enhance the quality of life for older Americans; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston currently has four city-run senior centers. The HMA report recommended Boston “shift toward a larger number of city-owned and operated senior centers” because they will “support more flexibility in scheduling and programming”; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Due to the expected growth of Boston’s older adult population, the HMA Report highlighted “the need for Boston to evaluate the current capacity of city-invested spaces and determine the need for expansion over the next 5-10 years, particularly in neighborhoods projected to experience significant population growth”; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to address barriers that prevent older adults in Boston from participating in senior programming and to discuss the feasibility of creating a senior center in West Roxbury. Representatives from the Age Strong Commission and relevant departments will be invited to testify at this hearing to be scheduled off-site in West Roxbury.

Filed on: January 15, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE CREATION
OF A PARKS ADMINISTRATOR FOR DOWNTOWN
PARKS INCLUDING THE BOSTON COMMON, PUBLIC
GARDEN, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE MALL, COPLEY
SQUARE AND CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK

WHEREAS, Millions of people annually enjoy Boston’s network of downtown parks including the Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square and Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park; *and*

WHEREAS, These 5 downtown parks are under the management of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and benefit from the additional stewardship of nonprofit partners including the Friends of the Public Garden and the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park; *and*

WHEREAS, This year Boston has achieved the great accomplishment of hiring a dedicated full-time administrator and six new full-time maintenance and natural resources staff for the largest park in the city of Boston, Franklin Park, a result of the Franklin Park Action Plan and the advocacy of the Franklin Park Coalition; *and*

WHEREAS, The Franklin Park Administrator is responsible for, among other duties: coordinating all management and operations activities in Franklin Park in alignment with City priorities and Franklin Park plans; setting goals for park management and operations improvements; establishing management protocols and ensuring compliance with shared policies and procedures by all entities operating within the park on a regular basis or for special events; building partnerships with community organizations and leaders to sustain the community’s critical role in park stewardship; coordinating the calendar of events at Franklin Park; strengthening daily and special event management; collaborating with other BPRD divisions around park maintenance, capital improvements, recreational programs, permitting, business operations, marketing and communications, and park safety; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Common Master Plan lays out a bold vision for the future, proposing over \$150 million in capital improvements as well as improvements in parks care and management, and calls for the inclusion of a Parks administrator, which would centralize the management of the park’s operations and programming, resulting in a focused and consistent implementation of park protocols and practices; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square Park, and Christopher Columbus Parks are some of the most permitted parks in the city, with hundreds of small and large-scale events and an estimated seven million visitors annually; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council convene a hearing to discuss appointing a salaried Parks Administrator to manage our five downtown parks thereby responsibly creating climate resilient, equitable accessible, clean and updated open park spaces, which the general public can enjoy for years to come.

Filed on: 01/13/2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF A CITY WIDE MERCHANDISE LICENSING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Boston is a world class city, celebrated throughout the world, for our rich history, diverse neighborhoods, and legacy of arts, culture, and education; *and*

WHEREAS, Iconic symbols and logos connected to the City of Boston hold no license and may currently be reproduced by any entity; *and*

WHEREAS, Many cities, including New York, engage in licensing merchandise, which involves granting permission to use the city's branding on products such as apparel, souvenirs, and accessories; *and*

WHEREAS, The Citywide Merchandise Licensing Program in New York City has been successful in generating revenue through licensing rights for various iconic brands associated with the city, annual licensing sales exceeded \$24M in revenue in 2009; *and*

WHEREAS, Licensed merchandise featuring iconic Boston symbols, landmarks, and neighborhoods would foster a sense of pride among residents and visitors and offer a way for people to express their connection to the city; *and*

WHEREAS, Licensing agreements for City-branded merchandise would allow the City of Boston to earn revenue through royalties and/or fees, and when a licensed business creates and sells City of Boston-themed merchandise (such as T-shirts, hoodies, mugs, or souvenirs), the proceeds could benefit public goods and services via support to City of Boston departments; *and*

WHEREAS, As a popular tourist destination, City of Boston licensed merchandise would provide tourists with a tangible memento of their visit and a last reminder to visit again; *and*

WHEREAS, Licensing encourages local businesses to participate in the production and sale of branded merchandise, which stimulates economic activity, creates jobs, and supports small businesses within the city; *and*

WHEREAS, When people wear or use Boston-branded merchandise, it acts as free advertising, advancing interest in the city, its culture, attractions and thereby contributing to Boston's brand visibility on a global scale; *and*

WHEREAS, Merchandise licensing presents the opportunity to collaborate with local artists, designers, and creators whose involvement would only serve to further community connections and celebrate the City's creative talent; *and*

WHEREAS, Well managed licensing would be needed to carefully maintain the integrity of the brand and ensure that the merchandise aligns with Boston's image and values, and cities around the country have proven that careful construction of a brand allows for continued production to remain authentic; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the relevant City departments including the Office of Tourism, Sports & Entertainment, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, and those staff who work in the vein of small business, entrepreneurship, and the innovation economy should come before the City Council to discuss the potential for licensing City of Boston merchandise and evaluate the appropriate measures needed for the drafting of a request for proposal (RFP).

Filed on 1/13/2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING
STRATEGIES TO EXPAND HOMEOWNERSHIP
PROGRAMS IN BOSTON**

WHEREAS, Homeownership is a vital pathway to building generational wealth, stabilizing communities, and fostering long-term neighborhood investment, yet the City of Boston faces an ongoing housing affordability crisis that makes homeownership increasingly unattainable for many; *and*

WHEREAS, The City offers financial assistance programs for first-time homebuyers, such as grants for down payments, low fixed interest rate mortgages through the ONE+Boston program, and matched-savings opportunities for first-generation homebuyers through the STASH program, which require applicants to meet specific income, residency, and other requirements; *and*

WHEREAS, The Neighborhood Homes Initiative uses City-owned land to create affordable homeownership opportunities for Boston homebuyers, providing subsidies to developers to ensure affordability, with homes priced between up to \$400,000 and affordable to households earning between up to \$100,000, and under a time limited resale restriction; *and*

WHEREAS, Community Land Trusts play a crucial role in preserving affordable housing and providing long-term homeownership opportunities, particularly for seniors, helping provide targeted strategies of support including developing accessible housing, offering property maintenance services, and capping property taxes or lease fees to align with seniors' fixed incomes; *and*

WHEREAS, A comprehensive approach to promoting homeownership must also address systemic inequities, including racial and economic disparities in access to housing and credit markets; *and*

WHEREAS, Current City initiatives such as foreclosure prevention programs, down payment assistance, and financial literacy efforts play a critical role in addressing barriers to homeownership but require further expansion and innovation to meet the scale of the current demand; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to explore strategies to expand and enhance homeownership programs, including but not limited to foreclosure prevention, down payment assistance, the development and support of Community Land Trusts, and financial literacy initiatives.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SLATED FOR CLOSURE OR MERGER

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Schools (BPS) has recently proposed the closure and merger of several schools, including Excel High School, Dever Elementary School, and the Mary Lyon Pilot High School, as part of their Long-Term Facilities Plan; *and*

WHEREAS, Many of these schools have histories spanning well over a century and contain significant historical artifacts and memorabilia, such as plaques, photographs, documents, and memorials that reflect Boston's rich educational heritage; *and*

WHEREAS, The closure of these schools raises concerns about the preservation of these historical artifacts, which are vital to maintaining the community's historical fabric and honoring the legacy of Boston's educational institutions; *and*

WHEREAS, Councilor Flynn has highlighted the importance of preserving significant memorials, including the World War I Memorial at Excel High School, which honors veterans who served in both World Wars, underscoring the need for a comprehensive preservation plan; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has a responsibility to ensure that the historical artifacts from schools undergoing closure or merger are carefully preserved, transported, and stored in a manner that prevents deterioration and allows for continued public access and educational use;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the development of a comprehensive plan for identifying, preserving, transporting, and storing historical artifacts from Boston Public Schools affected by closures or mergers; and that the City Archivist, the Boston Public Schools administration, alumni associations, local historical societies, and other relevant stakeholders be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 15, 2025.



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY,
TRAFFIC-CALMING, AND EXPANDING THE SAFETY SURGE
PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS: Pedestrian safety is a critical component of public safety and overall quality of life for our residents, and the City of Boston is committed to pedestrian safety as part of Vision Zero - the goal of having zero serious and fatal traffic crashes; *and*

WHEREAS: The city lowered its default speed limit on neighborhood streets from 30 mph to 25 mph in 2017, with calls from City Councilors to lower it further to 20 mph. The City Council has also held multiple hearings for several years on pedestrian safety, concurrent pedestrian phasing traffic signals, and advocacy on using federal infrastructure funding to install infrastructure such as speed humps, raised crosswalks, pedestrian islands and rapid flash beacons in our neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: Over the weekend, a SUV struck a pedestrian on Dorchester Avenue at Andrew Square before crashing into a restaurant due to speeding and reckless driving. Unfortunately, the pedestrian tragically passed away from his injuries, and the driver and passenger are in critical condition; *and*

WHEREAS: Last year, a 4 year-old child was fatally struck by a truck at Sleeper Street and Congress Street in the Fort Point Neighborhood. As of October 2024 last year, there were 137 crashes and eight pedestrian fatalities in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: These tragedies remind us of the work that must be done to realize Vision Zero in terms of the traffic-calming infrastructure improvements, slower speeds and enhanced traffic enforcement by the Boston Police Department to address pedestrian and traffic safety where congestion has gradually increased over the years; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2023, the City of Boston announced the Safety Surge program, in which they have begun to install zones of speed humps on eligible neighborhood streets, redesign intersections, and make changes to traffic signals in order to make our streets safer for our pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists; *and*

WHEREAS: The installation of speed humps is welcomed by many residents as a way to slow down cars, but currently speed humps are only being installed on smaller side streets, but not on wider and busier streets where cars are consistently speeding and serious crashes also occur with residents having to cross main streets, commercial roads, high traffic corridors, and bus routes; *and*

WHEREAS: Main streets, commercial roads, high traffic corridors, and bus routes are often dangerous for pedestrians as that is where the majority of pedestrian and vehicular traffic are located. These areas should also have traffic-calming infrastructure in place to force speeding vehicles to slow down and allow pedestrians, our seniors, persons with disabilities, and young families to cross the street more safely; *and*

WHEREAS: It is critical for the City of Boston to continue its focus on pedestrian safety and traffic calming improvements to realize Vision Zero - including whether the Safety Surge program should be updated with infrastructure to be installed on main streets, commercial roads, high traffic corridors, and bus routes to ensure road safety for all; *and*

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss ways to improve pedestrian safety by updating and expanding the Safety Surge program. Representatives from the Boston Transportation Department and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed in Council: January 15, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ERIN MURPHY AND ED FLYNN

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENT ATHLETES**

WHEREAS: Many of our student athletes and BPS athletic teams practice and compete at facilities that are far away from their schools, and are reliant on school buses to transport athletes to their games and practices; *and*

WHEREAS: However, there are instances where school buses do not show up at all for student athletes who are expecting transportation, leaving them stranded at their schools, or have to find transportation on their own to get to their games; *and*

WHEREAS: East Boston High has faced ongoing issues with athletic transportation. Last month, the Boston Latin Academy hockey team experienced last-minute bus cancellations, forcing young athletes to drive themselves and their teammates to games in Lowell and Lynn; *and*

WHEREAS: This is unfortunately not a new issue, as the Boston Globe reported in 2022 on how student athletes often had to scramble to find ways to get to games outside of the city because there were no buses available; *and*

WHEREAS: Student athletes need to be supported and be able to attend their games in and out of the city, and BPS need to ensure that there are enough buses to transport our student athletes; *and*

WHEREAS: There should be reliability and predictability in BPS transportation for our student athletes, so that they can prepare and make plans about transportation ahead of their games, and be able to arrive at the location on time; *and*

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes. Representatives from Boston Public Schools and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed in Council: January 15,



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO-THOUSAND-TWENTY-FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS THE PLANS UNDERWAY TO DO FACILITIES WORK THIS SUMMER AT SEVERAL OF OUR BUILDINGS THAT MAY IMPACT THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE FOR OUR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND SENIORS

WHEREAS, Facility repairs have been needed at many of our Community Centers and Boston Public Schools for many years now, and much needed HVAC remediation work thankfully started last summer at several of these buildings; **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 healthy activities for all ages, and register their children for summer camp: **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 for our children, seniors, and families we need to know in advance so we can help coordinate with residents and make the necessary alternative plans to ease the impact this may have on hundreds of summer school students, summer camp children and seniors that rely on these city programming opportunities; **and**

WHEREAS, When there is a closure of one, or more, buildings for repairs it may create a disservice to the residents. Bringing all stakeholders together to make sure we are communicating between departments to ensure that the community has a voice in this process, and has the proper time to prepare and make alternative plans is imperative; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding the possible closing of several community centers and schools this summer, so we can discuss the impact it may have on the health and city programming for our youth, families, and seniors. Representatives from the appropriate departments of the administration will be invited, and in addition members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Filed in Council: January 15, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

Order for a hearing to discuss residential property values and the assessing process

WHEREAS, The City of Boston faces deep questions surrounding affordability, revenue, spending, investment, and the future of the work environment and its impact on residential and commercial property values and taxation.

WHEREAS, Many questions exist surrounding the assessing process and its impact on residential tax bills: why can property values vary between nearby parcels, why can property values vary considerably over a short timeframe, what exact considerations and factors are relied upon in establishing a property's value, what methods are used to determine a property's value, and do multiple options exist in that regard, and more.

WHEREAS, Resources do exist for relief in the form of exemptions, abatement, and, potentially rebates, but the qualifications for those programs, the process to apply for them, the amount of relief available, and the timeframe involved should be communicated to residents to achieve full communication and transparency and to ensure residents have every available tool at their disposal.

WHEREAS, The assessing process should be fully explored with potential options for creative and comprehensive solutions considered alongside. Such discussion should undertake a general and specific analysis which includes a full articulation of the factors, considerations, and information are part of the assessing process and comprise a property's value, what valuation methods exist and are there benefits or drawbacks to each, what exact dollar values are associated with home improvements, what role do nearby and other property sales have in the assessing process, and answers to the questions identified in the paragraphs above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the above with representatives from the relevant City Department/s and/or divisions. Community advocates and the public will also be invited to attend and testify.

Filed on the 15th day of January, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER TO ADOPT THE GOOD LANDLORD TAX
ABATEMENT AS A LOCAL OPTION IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Boston residents are living through the height of the housing crisis. Many residents have been pushed out of their neighborhoods, the City, and many others are on the brink of homelessness or currently homeless; *and*
- WHEREAS,** According to a 2024 Boston Apartment Rental Market Report from Boston Pads, rental unit availability has expanded, but remains limited. The current Real-Time Availability Rate (RTAR) for Boston apartments is 3.91%. As of mid-July 2024, the real-time availability rate (RTAR) for Boston apartments was 3.79%. This is a 34.69% increase from the previous year and a 54.93% increase since mid-July 2022. The RTAR is closer to what it was before the pandemic than in the previous two years, when it was at record lows; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As of January 2025, the average rent in Boston, Massachusetts is \$3,393 per month. This is 118% higher than the national average of \$1,553 per month. Costs to keep units in good shape have increased for small landlords. Property owners often turn to raising their rents leaving renting families and individuals with limited options for affordable housing; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The “Good Landlord Tax Abatement” passed with the Massachusetts tax package at the end 2023. The property tax exemption allows municipalities to adopt a local property tax exemption for affordable real estate that is rented by a person whose income is less than a certain income level set by the City or Town; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Eligible landlords in the City of Boston must have tenants’ with a household income of 80% AMI or less, provide year-round rental units, and must provide rent prices that do not exceed 30% of a household’s total income, as determined “affordable” by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); *and*
- WHEREAS,** In order to deliver more housing to renters at affordable rates, the City of Boston must enact policy that provides incentives and support for landlords who want to provide affordable housing opportunities, but are unable to afford doing so; *and*

WHEREAS Opting into M.G.L. c. 59, § 50 will incentivize landlords to keep their rents below market rate and award good landlords who are already securing rents at accessible Area Median Income levels. Thus, the City of Boston will develop more opportunities affordable housing opportunities for tenants; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the City accept M.G.L. c. 59, § 50, a local option allowing cities and towns to provide an exemption for real property classified as Class One, residential in the city or town. To qualify for the exemption, the property shall be: (i) rented at an affordable housing rate, as determined by the City of Boston and in accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development guidance and regulations; (ii) rented on a yearly basis; and (iii) occupied year-round by a person or persons whose household income does not exceed an amount to be set by the City of Boston; provided, however, that said income shall not be more than 200 per cent of the area median income.

Effective Date. This local option shall be effective upon passage.

Filed on: January 15, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE REPLACEMENT OF
CONCURRENT PEDESTRIAN PHASING TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON**

- WHEREAS:** Pedestrian safety is one of the biggest issues we face in the City of Boston and a critical component of public safety and overall quality of life; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2019, two pedestrians were struck by a van at the intersection of Melcher and Summer Streets in Fort Point at the site of a concurrent phasing traffic signal, and one of them passed away due to her injuries; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Residents throughout the city have called attention to the dangerous situation where pedestrian has a signal to cross the street at the very same time that vehicles have a signal to turn at an intersection, with the expectation that the motor vehicle will yield to the pedestrian in the crosswalks; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that we review the practice of concurrent pedestrian phasing traffic signals at intersections throughout the city and make the necessary changes to focus on improving pedestrian safety in Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Crashes that occur in Boston continue to remind us of the work that must be done to improve pedestrian safety, along with traffic-calming infrastructure. As our city becomes more developed and densely populated, the increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic means that many areas of our streetscape need improvement and change to ensure safety for all in our neighborhoods; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council supports the replacement of concurrent phasing traffic signals citywide to improve pedestrian safety.

Filed in City Council: January 15, 2025



Legislative Calendar for the January 15, 2025 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.

In effect February 2, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of One Hundred Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000.00) for purposes of funding the Housing Accelerator Program. The expenditures related to the program are one-time in nature and are assumed to be non-recurring costs of the City, therefore, are appropriate to be funded with non-recurring revenue. **(Docket #2024 -1765 / #2025-0108)**

In effect March 9, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Transdev and its bus drivers. **(Docket #0112)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the Collective Bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment, an increase for regular wages and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025. **(Docket #0113)**

Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Four Hundred Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$421,318.00) to provide funding for the Mayor's Office of Housing for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and SEIU Local 888, Mayor's Office of Housing. **(Docket #0114)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation for the Mayor's Office of Housing for FY25 in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$421,318.00) to cover the FY25 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and SEIU, Local 888 Mayor's Office of Housing. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in January of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$250.00, \$500.00, \$900.00, and \$800.00 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025. **(Docket #0115)**

Assigned for Further Action

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding all newly created job positions. **(Docket #0191)**

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 Mayor*³

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.

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0104	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$305,600.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhances the quality of life in the City of Boston.	11/20/2024	2024-1679
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0154	Worrell	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring NBA All-Star Weekend and the MLB All-Star Game to Boston.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0156	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0160	Worrell	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks statue.	1/8/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0123	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to declare surplus City-owned computers that are no longer of use to City employees. Once the Department of Innovation and Technology determines that a City-owned computer has reached the end of its useful life and has little to no resale value, the Department wishes to donate the surplus computers to a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30B § 15. The computers would be sanitized by the Department of Innovation and Technology in accordance with industry standards to remove any City data prior to donation. The computers would then be refurbished by a charitable organization for future use by Boston residents to close the digital divide.	1/8/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0157	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.	1/8/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0170	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss food access, sustainability, and the need for a food hub in East Boston.	1/8/2025	

2025 Matters in Committee

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Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0168	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss a holistic vision for District Seven in order to redress historic racial harm and to uphold District Seven Constituents' Civil Rights.	1/8/2025	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0172	Mejia	Louijeune, Anderson	Order for a hearing to address critical issues in jail-based voting and empower incarcerated communities to strengthen democracy.	1/8/2025	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0184	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Mejia	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.	1/8/2025	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0187	Louijeune	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1/8/2025	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0188	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1/8/2025	
Education	0147	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address growing concerns over the White Stadium Project's costs, community input, and transparency.	1/8/2025	
Education	0149	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss BPS' plans to protect students during heat emergencies.	1/8/2025	
Education	0151	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/8/2025	
Education	0171	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Santana	Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum pilot program in Boston Public Schools.	1/8/2025	
Education	0182	Louijeune	Weber	Order for a hearing to explore the effectiveness of high-dosage tutoring and other academic recovery strategies.	1/8/2025	
Education	0235	Worrell	Murphy	Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public Schools' closures for 2026-27 and its long-term facilities plan.	1/8/2025	

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0103	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$456,500.00) in the form of a grant, for FY25 MVP Action Grant, awarded by the Executive Office of Energy & Environment Affairs to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund the permit submittals for the project in FY26, with a goal of completing the MEPA permitting process and submitting permits to other applicable Local, State and Federal permitting agencies.	8/28/2024		2024-1282
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0110	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC), awarded by the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department. The grant will fund the prospect of cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes.	12/4/2024		2024-1767
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0120	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$36,638.00) in the form of a grant, for FY23 Mass Trails Grant, awarded by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund the enhancement of trails and trail access in the Dorchester Community.	1/8/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0155	Worrell		Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0169	Coletta Zapata	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the implementation and funding of coastal resilience strategies and the establishment of a climate bank.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0134	Worrell	Mejia	Ordinance to enhance driveway accessibility.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0135	Weber	Pepén, Santana	Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		

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Government Operations	0136	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance establishing street food enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of non-motorized street food carts.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0137	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance regarding employee safety within Boston's oil terminals.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0138	Louijeune		Ordinance codifying the Office of Returning Ciutizens.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0139	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0140	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Ordinance establishing the Office of Inspector General within the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0141	Mejia		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0142	Murphy	Worrell, Flynn	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Increase its Residential Exemption.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0143	Worrell	Murphy, Mejia	Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Senior Homeowner Property Tax Exemption.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0144	Louijeune	Mejia, Santana	Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0145	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Petition for a Special Law Re: To establish the Commission of Inspectors General on Financial Management.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0102	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (25,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Harvard Allston Brighton Fund grant, awarded by the Harvard Business School to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the creation of affordable homeownership, affordable rental housing in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods.	3/27/2024	2024-0572
Housing & Community Development	0158	Worrell	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	1/8/2025	

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Housing & Community Development	0178	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher program.	1/8/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0185	Louijeune	Fernades Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1/8/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0116	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$860,169.70) in the form of a grant for the One Stop Career Center grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund comprehensive career services and resources to unemployed job seekers such as reviewing job postings, career counseling and job coaching, education/skills training, and job placement assistance.	1/8/2025	1/14/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0195	Flynn	Murphy	Resolution supporting Project Labor Agreements at White Stadium and all City of Boston construction projects valued at or more than \$35 million.	1/8/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0124	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of J. Andres Bernal as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring July 1, 2027.	1/8/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0127			Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of Petition #224.07, Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Square Boston, MA 02201, as a Landmark (in effect after February 7, 2025 if not acted upon).	1/8/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0161	Durkan	Santana	Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to remove parking minimum requirements for new development.	1/8/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0189	Durkan	Coletta Zapata	Order regarding a Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code Regarding the Bulfinch Triangle District Use Regulations.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0105	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of William Harry Shipps, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024		2024-1687

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Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0106	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Samantha Riemer, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024		2024-1688
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0107	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Janet Peguero, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring October 27, 2029.	11/20/2024		2024-1689
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0173	Mejia	Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0174	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0175	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0176	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	1/8/2025	1/21/25, 1/22/25	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0177	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	1/8/2025	1/24/2025	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0180	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding equity in City contracts.	1/8/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0100	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Sandro Galea, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		2024-0286

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0101	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Elsie Tavares, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024	2024-0287
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0117	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$593,750.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Hazmat Earmark grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the needs of the hazardous materials response teams, as specified the line items 8324-0000 and 8324-0050 of the FY25 General Appropriation Act.	1/8/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0118	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$395,746.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, awarded by United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Domestic Violence Management Analyst at the Family Justice Center, a Hub & Center of Responsibility Coordinator, and a Technology Coordinator for multiple data collection, reporting, and record management systems.	1/8/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0119	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 FY22 COVID-19 SA/DV Trust Fund, awarded by the MA Department of Public Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two full-time Domestic Violence advocates who will work with social services agency partners at the Boston Public Health Commission Family Justice Center.	1/8/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0128			Communication was received from the Police Commissioner Michael A. Cox in accordance with Section 3 of the Boston Trust Act regarding civil immigration detainer results for calendar year 2024.	1/8/2025	

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0153	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore the summer community plan.	1/8/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0163	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss enhanced public safety measures during large events in Boston.	1/8/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0164	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss 2024 crime statistics.	1/8/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0167	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	1/8/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0186	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	1/8/2025	
Rules & Administration	0162	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding the use of nondisclosure, confidentiality, and any and all other types of employment agreements	1/8/2025	
Rules & Administration	0190	Weber		Order to implement a nondisclosure agreement prohibition policy for Boston City Council.	1/8/2025	
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0150	Worrell	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the distribution of Boston's 225 new liquor licenses and provide ongoing support to restaurateurs.	1/8/2025	
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0152	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	1/8/2025	
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0159	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review and establish a "Business Owner 101" program for grant recipients.	1/8/2025	

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Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0109	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Nazzaro Community Center Renovation grant, awarded by the United States Department of Treasury, passed through the MA Executive Office of Economic Development, to be administered by Property Management. The grant will fund repairs and capital improvements to maintain current functionality and programming at the Nazzaro Community Center.	12/4/2024	2024-1766
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0111	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.	12/4/2024	2024-1769
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0121	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the city of Boston to accept and expend a donation of a Vectra Fitness Cable Multi Station Weight Machine, valued at Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$12,599.00) donated by Fitness Equipment Service of New England. The purpose of this donation is to enhance the fitness program and facilities at the BCYF Roslindale Center for the benefit of the Roslindale neighborhood.	1/8/2025	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0183	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding the City of Boston's response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and related resources for survivors.	1/8/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0165	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the process of establishing Hero Squares in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0166	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	1/8/2025	

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Ways & Means	0108	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of One Hundred Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000.00) for purposes of funding the Housing Accelerator Program. The expenditures related to the program are one-time in nature and are assumed to be non-recurring costs of the City, therefore, are appropriate to be funded with non-recurring revenue. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on December 2, 2024.	12/4/2024	1/14/2025	2024-1765
Ways & Means	0112	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Transdev and its bus drivers.	1/8/2025	1/13/2025	
Ways & Means	0113	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the Collective Bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment, an increase for regular wages and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025.	1/8/2025	1/13/2025	
Ways & Means	0114	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Four Hundred Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$421,318.00) to provide funding for the Mayor's Office of Housing for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and SEIU Local 888, Mayor's Office of Housing.	1/8/2025	1/13/2025	

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Ways & Means	0115	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation for the Mayor's Office of Housing for FY25 in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$421,318.00) to cover the FY25 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and SEIU, Local 888 Mayor's Office of Housing. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in January of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$250.00, \$500.00, \$900.00, and \$800.00 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025.	1/8/2025	1/13/2025	
Ways & Means	0148	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.	1/8/2025		
Ways & Means	0179	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss efforts to cancel medical debt.	1/8/2025		
Whole	0181	Louijeune	Pepén, Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.	1/8/2025		

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

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

Maura Doyle

In Recognition of:

**Her Seventieth Birthday and Retirement after Thirty
Two at the Supreme Judicial Court including Twenty
Eight Years as Clerk**

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

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Evangeline Roussel Lucien

In Recognition of:

Your dedication to preserving the spirit of Haitian art and culture in New England as an art patron and volunteer, and for your long-standing commitment to the Haitian Artists Assembly of 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 a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: *Ruthzee Louijeune*
President of the City Council

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

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louijeune*

Date: 01/10/2025



City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY

Councilor Sharon Durkan

Be It Resolved, that the Boston City Council Celebrates:

Nakama Kamara

- WHEREAS,** Nakama Kamara has demonstrated outstanding dedication, academic excellence, and an unwavering commitment to serving our nation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** They have shown exemplary leadership, resilience, and a profound spirit of service, embodying the core values that safeguard our freedoms and uphold the highest ideals of the United States Air Force; *and*
- WHEREAS,** By embracing every challenge and opportunity, this not only marks a significant personal milestone but also inspires future generations to follow in their footsteps; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council proudly honors Nakama Kamara, applauds their achievements, and salutes their dedication to defending our country. We extend our sincere congratulations and wish their continued success as they embark on their journey in the United States Air Force.



By: *Deborah Loujeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex G. Santos*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Sharon Durkan*

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Chery Family

In Recognition of:

Joseph Chery for thirty years of art curating for HAAM, art patron Esther Chery, young artist Eliana Chery and artist Edna Chery for their devotion in nurturing, supporting and promoting Haitian art in New England

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



By: *Ruthzee Louijeune*
President of the City Council

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

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louijeune*

Date: 01/10/2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Samuel Luxama

In Recognition of:

Expanding the vitality and richness of Haitian art in Western Massachusetts through the opening of Gallery Luxama, the first Haitian art gallery in Leominster

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



By: *Ruthzee Louijeune*
President of the City Council

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

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louijeune*

Date: 01/10/2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

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

Haitian Artists Assembly of Massachusetts

In Recognition of:

Their invaluable contributions to using the arts to build bridges across communities and generations, as well as their unwavering partnership with 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.



By: *Ruthzee Louiseune*
President of the City Council

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

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louiseune*

Date: 01/10/2025

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

Flynn Foley

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Congratulations on being inducted into The Robert J. Fulton, SJ Chapter of the National Honor Society! We commend your service, leadership and character, and we are so proud of you!

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

**OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN**

波士頓市議會議員 - 愛德華、費連

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

XIAMEN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN NEW ENGLAND

IN RECOGNITION OF:

YOUR DEDICATED EFFORTS IN ENGAGING AND ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY.

WISHING YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR;

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

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

DAVID WONG

IN RECOGNITION OF:

The celebration of your book release. Thank you for your service, commitment and contributions to the Chinese 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

OFFERED BY
CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN
波士頓市議員 - 愛德華、費連

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

THE NATIONAL ASIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

IN RECOGNITION OF:

ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK TO UPLIFT ASIAN WOMEN'S VOICES IN OUR CITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
TIRELESS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH CREATIVITY,
ESSENCE, AND PARTICIPATION. WE WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN 2025; AND BE IT RESOLVED
THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO YOU IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS;
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
of Councilor Benjamin Weber**

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

PN Transportation

In Recognition of:

10 years in business in the City of Boston

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



By: *Ruthyee Fournelle*
President of the City Council

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

Offered by: *Ben Weber*

Date: *January 15, 2025*

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 20 AS THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the pursuit of equality, economic justice, and civil rights for all through nonviolent activism and was a pivotal leader in the American Civil Rights Movement; *and*

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. King's historic leadership led to landmark victories such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which transformed American society and expanded civil liberties for millions of citizens; *and*

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. King's message of hope, unity, and love transcends time and continues to inspire generations to challenge injustice and pursue the dream of a more inclusive and equitable society; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston holds a special place in the Rev. Dr. King's legacy as the city where he earned his PhD in Systematic Theology from Boston University and met his wife, Coretta Scott King, strengthening Boston's historic connection to his life and mission; *and*

WHEREAS, The creation of the Embrace statue, dedicated in 2023, attracts thousands of visitors each year and provides those visitors with a solemn opportunity to contemplate the civil rights history and honor the contributions of the Rev. Dr. King as well as Boston's leaders of color; *and*

WHEREAS, Recognizing January 20, 2025, as The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the City of Boston provides an opportunity for reflection on Dr. King's legacy and a reaffirmation of our commitment to equity, peace, and justice for all communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston continues to address systemic challenges, including housing inequity, economic disparity, and racial injustice, making Dr. King's teachings on civil rights, community engagement, and nonviolent advocacy profoundly relevant to ongoing efforts to foster inclusivity and equity in the city; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes January 20, 2025, as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the City of Boston and encourages all residents to

honor his legacy by participating in activities that foster community unity and advance his dream of justice and equality for all.

Filed on: January 10, 2025