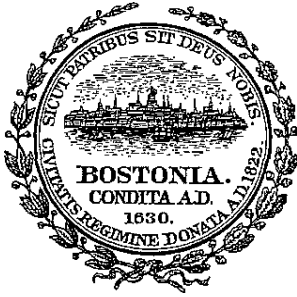


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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO EXPLORE A NEED FOR A SENIOR RECREATIONAL CENTER IN ROXBURY

- WHEREAS,** The city of Boston derives strength from the invaluable contributions and wisdom of the generations that have played an instrumental role in its foundation and development; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In Roxbury, each elderly resident has significantly contributed to the growth and success of our community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Our seniors have served the city selflessly for decades, assuming roles of caretakers, mentors, aunts, uncles, and even parents in some cases; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is incumbent upon us to reciprocate by ensuring our seniors are provided with the necessary resources and facilities that cater to their specific recreational needs; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Roxbury is in need of a state-of-the-art senior recreational center equipped with comprehensive programs that address the holistic well-being of our esteemed seniors; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This recreational center will not only sustain our seniors but also enhance the aesthetic appeal of our neighborhood, offering activities that promote both enjoyment and leisure; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Recognizing successful models in cities such as North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Rockville, Maryland, which have dedicated spaces specifically for senior recreational centers outside of community centers; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The BYCF Shelbourne in Roxbury, which formerly provided senior programming twice a week, has faced a hiatus in senior programs and services since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT;**

RESOLVED: The Boston City Council shall undertake a thorough exploration of the necessity for a senior-specific recreational center in Roxbury, designed to address the holistic health and leisure requirements of our senior residents.

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