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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE THE SUMMER COMMUNITY PLAN

WHEREAS, Boston experiences violence year-round that contributes to ongoing community trauma; *and*

WHEREAS, Summer employment, internship, enrichment, and athletic opportunities promote healthy development, protect against summer learning loss, and deter community violence; *and*

WHEREAS, The city should plan around Community Response Policing, restart programs such as Community Ambassadors, expand BPHC's Men's Health Initiative, expand youth jobs, and more; *and*

WHEREAS, The City currently has the opportunity to ensure that municipal assets like pools, parks, and BCYF centers are in a state of good repair and appropriately staffed to provide summer programming for youth; *and*

WHEREAS, The City can forge stronger partnerships with various non-profits such as Boys and Girls Club, Boston Afterschool and Beyond, the Boston Project Ministry that provides summer activities and resources to youth; *and*

WHEREAS, For summer 2025, the City needs to be proactive so that everyone is protected from gun violence and violence of all kinds; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss summer violence and explore ways to strengthen community-driven reporting and that representatives from Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Youth Engagement & Advancement, the Boston Police Department, Office of Public Safety, Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Housing Authority, the Neighborhood Watch Unit, interested community organizations, and community members be invited to testify.

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