

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT 7 WHITE STADIUM TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, The redevelopment and operation of White Stadium, located within Franklin Park and District 7 represents one of the most consequential public land use decisions facing the City of Boston, and Franklin Park is the City's largest green space and a cornerstone of daily life for residents across District 7 and from surrounding neighborhoods, working families, Boston Public Schools students, youth sports organizations, and community programs year-round; *and*

WHEREAS, The redevelopment and operation of White Stadium will significantly impact residents, small businesses, and community institutions of District 7 and residents have raised serious concerns regarding whether proposed community benefits, contracting practices, workforce opportunities, and mitigation measures will result in meaningful and equitable outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS, Large public-private projects in District 7 have historically failed to deliver sustained economic opportunity to Black and Brown-owned businesses, contractors, workers, and youth without clear oversight and accountability structures; *and*

WHEREAS, There is a demonstrated need for stronger community partnership to ensure that equitable infrastructure improvements, transportation planning, and neighborhood investments support existing residents and small businesses rather than overburdening or displacing them; *and*

WHEREAS, The Mayor and the Boston Unity Partners group have expressed commitments to equity, inclusion, and community opportunities, which require ongoing collaboration with community representatives to ensure those commitments are improved upon and upheld; *and*

WHEREAS, Since the beginning of the White Stadium redevelopment process, residents have expressed concern regarding the pace of decision-making and the adequacy of community input, particularly following the execution of lease agreements and the commencement of construction activities throughout the entirety of the White Stadium redevelopment project;

WHEREAS, The creation of an independent District 7 White Stadium Task Force is critical to provide specialized expertise, sustained community partnership, enhanced transparency, and long-term accountability for impacts affecting the surrounding neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, A District 7 White Stadium Task Force would promote transparent communication, meaningful community engagement, and accountability by monitoring project decisions, reviewing agreements and studies, receiving public concerns, and ensuring compliance with equity, workforce, environmental, and community benefit commitments; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Council supports the creation of a White Stadium Task Force that is composed of the District 7 Councilor and includes members from District 7 representing a range of professional expertise and community leadership, including one resident with experience in transportation or infrastructure planning, one resident with experience in the energy and/or environmental justice sectors, one resident with expertise in public procurement and contracting, and one resident with experience in economic development or Black and Brown-business advocacy, empowered to request relevant information from the Administration; receive complaints from the public; request, receive, and review documentation and financial records as well as audits conducted by the City Auditor; review agreements, studies, and operational plans; coordinate across City and state agencies and provide structured, ongoing recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council.

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