

December 2, 2025

Nicholas Ariniello Commissioner, Boston Assessing Department 1 City Hall Square, Room 301 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Commissioner Ariniello,

The Boston City Council is scheduled to meet tomorrow in a hearing to discuss tax rates for residential and commercial property owners in Boston.

At this time, we have not received the data that the City of Boston is required to submit to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) each year. Last year, we had a similar situation as we were asked to discuss and debate tax policy in Boston without the data for justification at this very same hearing.

So at this time, I respectfully request that your office release the data, particularly on the unilaterally determined valuations for residential and commercial property owners. It is essential the city council debate matters before us, particularly as consequential as taxes and tax rates, with the most up to date and accurate information. Anything less would be a disservice to the residents, businesses and taxpayers of Boston. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 617-635-3203, or at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

Sincerely,
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Boston City Councilor, District 2