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Re: Councilor Santana Absence letter for Boston City Council Meeting.

Dear Council President Breadon,

Throughout this summer, I have been dealing with persistent and unresolved health issues. Last Thursday, I went to have those issues evaluated by medical professionals, which ultimately led to an extended hospital stay.

Because I remain hospitalized while I undergo additional testing and evaluation, I will unfortunately be unable to attend today's Boston City Council meeting. I want Boston residents to know that while this has been an unexpected and difficult moment for me personally, I am receiving exceptional care from the team at the Shapiro Cardiovascular Center at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

I am deeply grateful for the outpouring of support and well-wishes I have received from friends, colleagues, and residents across Boston. As someone who has always believed in the power of community, I can say that those messages have meant more to me than I can fully express during this time.

My focus right now is on following my doctors' guidance, completing the necessary testing, and making a full recovery. I look forward to returning to City Hall and to the communities I have the privilege of representing as soon as I am able.

In the meantime, our work for the city continues without interruption. My staff is actively managing the daily operations of our Council office, assisting residents, and ensuring that our summer youth jobs initiatives remain fully on track. If you need assistance with municipal services, I encourage you to reach out directly to my team, who remain ready to help.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and understanding. I look forward to being back with you soon.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Santana

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