

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO PREEMPTIVELY PLAN SUMMER VIOLENCE MITIGATION STRATEGIES

**WHEREAS,** Boston experiences predictable surges in violence during the summer months that contribute to on-going community trauma; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Increases are primarily driven by young people who have been released for summer vacation; *and*

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

**WHEREAS,** Summer opportunities of all types are not equitably distributed throughout the city; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Summer opportunities are least accessible in the neighborhoods that experience the largest surges in violence; *and*

**WHEREAS,** City investments in violence prevention and equity must be holistic, community-based, and support organizations working to provide services upon which the City relies; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City has the opportunity to support community organizations that provide services, invest in its own facilities and citizens in historically underfunded neighborhoods, and participate in community building, outreach, & engagement;  
***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss preemptive measures to ensure the City is properly prepared to support community organizations and engage in direct programming and outreach to mitigate surges in violence during the summer months and that representatives from Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Boston Public Health Commission, Economic Opportunity & Inclusions, Library, Workforce Development, Youth Engagement & Advancement, interested community organizations, and community members be invited to testify.

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