OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL, BREADON, COLETTA ZAPATA, DURKAN, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, LOUIJEUNE, MEJIA, PEPÉN, SANTANA, AND WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS: Jose Reyes, 46, is a lifelong resident of the City of Boston, born and raised in Dorchester and with roots in Roslindale, who has witnessed both the challenges and the resilience of his community; *and*

WHEREAS: Known for his reliability and determination, Jose takes pride in his work and in contributing positively to those around him, reflecting the values of service he hopes to carry into law enforcement; *and*

WHEREAS: Growing up in Boston, Jose once saw policing as distant, but through life experience and the influence of his cousin, a police officer, he has come to embrace the profession as a calling and not just a job; *and*

WHEREAS: Jose believes that his life experience, emotional maturity, and perspective as a lifelong Bostonian equip him with the judgment, patience, and resilience necessary for 21st-century community policing; and

WHEREAS: He has expressed his desire to serve with pride, integrity, and responsibility, acknowledging that while challenges may arise, his commitment to "get it done" reflects both perseverance and accountability; *and*

WHEREAS: Jose now seeks to embrace the pride and sense of duty carried by officers across Boston, aspiring to represent the City with the same commitment to public service, community trust, and responsibility that he has long admired; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston, to be filed with an attested copy of this Order, be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT DIRECTING THE CITY OF BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS FOR JOSE REYES

<u>SECTION 1.</u> Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007, the City of Boston Police Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers for Jose Reyes. If Jose Reyes meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Police Department, he shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer.

SECTION 2.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed in Council: Oct 3, 2025