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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EQUAL TREATMENT OF ALL MISSING WOMEN CASES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council is obligated to ensure that the City of Boston's safety departments are responding to our residents' emergency needs in a promptly manner; *and*

WHEREAS, It took nearly two months before the Boston Police Department publicly announced the disappearance of Reina Carolina Morales Rojas—an East Boston resident, Salvadoran immigrant, and mother of two; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Morales Rojas was last seen on November 26, 2022, getting into a silver van in East Boston and subsequently being dropped off on Allston Street in Somerville. After multiple reports of her disappearance, the Boston Police Department publicly announced her disappearance on January 12, 2023; *and*

WHEREAS, Missing cases of women of color are often unmet with the same urgency as their white counterparts. In this case, Reina is not only a woman of color but also an immigrant, which further makes her susceptible to dismissive treatment; *and*

WHEREAS, Police protection should be afforded equally to all residents regardless of race, class, national origin, or gender; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council urges the City of Boston and the Boston Police Department to thoroughly investigate Ms. Morales Rojas' disappearance; commit to ensuring plans are in place for how the Boston Police Department will respond to such cases moving forward; and maximize transparency with the community.

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