

## RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE

June 21, 2023

Council President Flynn 1 City Hall Square, Suite 550 Boston, MA 02201

Re: Absence from the Special City Council meeting on Wednesday, June 21, at 12 p.m

Dear Council President Flynn,

I regret that I will be unable to attend the Special City Council meeting on Wednesday, June 21, at 12 p.m, regarding Docket #1132, a message disapproving the Annual Appropriation and Tax Order for FY2024, due to a prior commitment that I am unable to reschedule.

My nephew's graduation ceremony has long been scheduled for the same date and time, and is an event of great significance for both him and our family on a day that we were not scheduled to have a meeting, as I indicated at our Wednesday June 7th meeting when we were thinking additional meetings may be necessary.

I understand the importance of Docket #1132, and I assure you that my absence is not indicative of any lack of interest or concern regarding this matter. I have thoroughly reviewed the communication, and rest assured that I will be diligent in fulfilling all my duties and responsibilities forthcoming.

I believe in the importance of open communication, and I am committed to engaging with my constituents and fellow council members to achieve the best outcomes for our city.

I kindly request that my absence be duly noted, and I would appreciate it if you could share this letter with the City Council. Thank you for your understanding and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything or if there is anything I should be aware of. My staff will be attending, and I will thoroughly review the video, hearing minutes, and public testimony. Should you or any member of the public have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office directly at 617-635-4376, or at ruthzee.louijeune@boston.gov.

Sincerely,

Ruthzee Louijeune

Boston City Councilor At-Large