

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



## **CITY OF BOSTON**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX**

### **ORDER FOR A HEARING TO CONFRONT THE TERMINATION OF FEDERAL PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS AND EXAMINE THE CITY OF BOSTON'S RESPONSE TO PROTECT AFFECTED RESIDENTS**

**WHEREAS,** Haitian immigrants have been granted federal protected status, including Temporary Protected Status (TPS), due to extraordinary and temporary conditions in Haiti such as political instability, widespread violence, natural disasters, humanitarian crises, and the inability of the Haitian government to safely receive returning nationals; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Federal protected status allows eligible Haitian immigrants to lawfully remain in the United States, obtain work authorization, and be protected from deportation for the duration of the designation, enabling families to achieve stability and contribute fully to their communities; *and*

**WHEREAS,** On February 3, 2026, the federal government allowed Haitian protected status to expire, resulting in the loss of legal protections and work authorization for many Haitian residents across the country, including those living in the City of Boston; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The expiration of protected status places Haitian individuals and families at immediate risk of deportation, job loss, housing insecurity, family separation, and diminished access to healthcare and other essential services; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is home to a vibrant and longstanding Haitian community and has a responsibility, consistent with its values as a welcoming city, to assess the impacts of this federal action and identify municipal policies, legal resources, service coordination, and advocacy strategies to protect and support affected residents; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to confront the consequences of the expiration of federal protected status for Haitian immigrants as of February 3, 2026, and to determine what actions the City of

Boston should take to mitigate harm, support impacted families, and advocate for continued protections and relief.

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