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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

HEARING ORDER RECLAIMING THE REGGIE LEWIS
TRACK AND ATHLETIC CENTER FOR OUR BOSTON
PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETES

WHEREAS, The Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center is dedicated to Massachusetts public high schools track and field meets and practices. The “Reggie” is located in Roxbury, and regarded as one of the premiere athletic facilities in the Northeastern United States.; *and*

WHEREAS, When the Center opened in 1995 there was an understanding with the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the state that the Boston community would benefit first, before surrounding suburbs did.; *and*

WHEREAS, As the years have passed, the ability for Boston Public School student-athletes to have access to optimal practice times has eroded. Practice time on the track has increasingly been awarded to suburban track teams at the expense of BPS student-athletes who can’t access the track during the times made available to them.; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public School student-athletes are offered practice times from 2:30pm-3:30pm, and unfortunately many of our schools dismiss too late to get to the “Reggie” in time. There is also no access to practice busses to transport our student-athletes there even if they were able to arrive on time.; *and*

WHEREAS, Dorchester TechBoston Academy indoor track team practices by running through the hallways, up and down the stairwells and through doorways. There are other BPS schools that have to do the same thing.; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss. Representatives from the Boston Public School’s Athletic Department, Reggie Lewis Center, community advocates, and the public, will be invited to testify.

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