

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER OF COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

The Rules of the Boston City Council, Municipal Years 2022-2023, as amended, shall be further amended as follows:

Under “Committees of the Council”, add the following:

Committee on the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which shall focus on supporting the survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, crafting strategies for prevention, and reporting. It shall review, update, and propose legislation and city ordinances that deter domestic abuse and violence, aiming for a legal framework that protects victims and holds perpetrators accountable. The committee shall work with organizations and stakeholders to bring awareness to the public about the prevalence of domestic violence, and advocate for survivors, especially those in our communities of color, and those in our LGBTQ+ and immigrant communities, including expanding language and communications access to immigrant communities related to this issue. The committee shall concern itself with all matters relating to domestic violence, including identifying ways to provide resources for survivors, educate the public about this issue, and to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence in the City of Boston. The committee shall collaborate with local law enforcement, social services, and community organizations to create effective responses to domestic abuse and violence, and ensure equitable access to these essential support services.

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