



Boston City Council

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Councilor – District 7

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Alex Geourntas

City Clerk

1 City Hall Square, Room 601

BOSTON, MA 02201

RE: Communication regarding Docket #0266 and #0587

Mr. Clerk,

I write to you to provide an update on the status of two dockets which I filed earlier this year. Docket #0266, Order for a hearing to discuss creating a fund for translation and interpretive services to be utilized at community meetings held by City Councilors, was filed on January 31, 2024. Docket #0587, Order for a hearing to examine and address issues surrounding residential parking in District 7, on March 27, 2024. I chose to submit one communication for these two dockets together because, although they address different issues, their procedural next steps will look quite similar.

We filed Docket #0266 to address an urgent and ubiquitous issue on the Council, namely the lack of translation and interpretation services available to Council members to be utilized outside of City Hall for community events and programming. While we originally intended to unpack this issue further, these concerns are longstanding and well-documented. Instead, later on in the year after we filed Docket #0266, we followed it up with Docket #1050, Ordinance to establish an internal discretionary incidentals fund for each Council office. The passage of this ordinance would allow every City Council to access funds for services for which we do not currently provide funding, including but not limited to translation/interpretation services at community meetings. As of the writing of this letter, we are in the process of scheduling a hearing with the Committee on Government Operations so that we can continue with this effort in the new legislative year having already held an introductory hearing on the subject.

Similarly, the goals and objectives behind Docket #0587 have also been incorporated into a new docket which thoroughly and comprehensively addresses a broader array of issues in District 7. Docket #1391, Order for a hearing to discuss a holistic vision for District Seven in order to redress historic racial harm and to uphold District Seven Constituents' Civil Rights, inaugurates our office's

goal to create a strategic master plan for District 7 that comprehensively addresses issues such as parking and transportation, education, housing, economic development, public health and safety, and much more. The purpose of this hearing order is to de-silo these issues, and so it only feels most appropriate to streamline the various hearing orders filed throughout the year into one hearing order to discuss this vision holistically. As such, I do not intend to refile Docket #0587 in the new year in order to focus on the D7 Holistic Vision hearing order. I look forward to the opportunity to work with my colleagues on creating a truly comprehensive and holistic vision for D7.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tania Fernandes Anderson', written in a cursive style.

Tania Fernandes Anderson
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