



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE B.C.Y.F. JACKSON MANN COMMUNITY CENTER AND SERVICES IN ALLSTON-BRIGHTON

- WHEREAS,** The Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) Jackson Mann Community Center has provided educational, cultural, social, recreational, and critically important community services to diverse residents of Allston-Brighton of all ages since 1976; and,
- WHEREAS,** The BCYF Jackson Mann Community Center shares its site with the Jackson/Mann K-8 School and the Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; and,
- WHEREAS,** The BCYF Jackson Mann is the only BCYF center serving Allston-Brighton's 77,000 residents, providing critical services including childcare, emergency shelter, cooling stations for elders in extreme heat, in addition to the facility being co-located with two schools and serving as an election poll site for five precincts of 7,500 voters; and,
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston and Boston Public Schools (BPS) have allocated \$1 billion to school infrastructure through the BuildBPS initiative's 10-Year Educational and Facilities Master Plan for new construction, major renovations, and facilities improvements; and,
- WHEREAS,** In fall 2018, BPS requested the City's Public Facilities Department commission an external full-scale building assessment of the Jackson/Mann facility, resulting in an independent engineering report, and an April 9, 2019 letter from the BPS Interim Superintendent identified the necessity to initially vacate the Jackson Mann building following the 2020-2021 academic year, impacting the Jackson/Mann K-8 School, the Horace Mann School, and the BCYF Jackson Mann Community Center; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Jackson/Mann facility is anticipated to close following the 2021-2022 school year, and there is no clear plan in place for the BCYF Jackson Mann Community Center; and,
- WHEREAS,** BCYF, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, and the Public Facilities Department have undergone extensive siting studies and community engagement processes for BCYF locations in the North End and presently in Dorchester; and,
- WHEREAS,** The cooperation and commitment of all City agencies involved is essential to ensure a holistic and transparent community engagement process to ensure the present Armington Street site remains dedicated to a state-of-the-art school site and community center serving the Allston-Brighton community; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the public process of rebuilding the BCYF Jackson Mann Community Center and the current status of capital planning, and that representatives of the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, Boston Public Schools, the Public Facilities Department, members of the Jackson Mann Community Center board, the BCYF foundation, neighborhood organizations, residents, and members of the public be invited to attend.