



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

0526 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Ninety Thousand Seventy-One Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$1,190,071.64) in the form of a grant for the Carry-in WIOS Adult Program, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Department. The grant will fund services to help job seekers access employment, education, skills, training, apprenticeships and support services.

0527 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the BPS Sunday's Phase 2 Grant, awarded by the Pilot House Philanthropy to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The program will fund the learning and evaluation components of the BPS Sundays pilot program.

0528 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Mayor’s Office of Human Services’ Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative, awarded by Boston Children’s Hospital to be administered by the Office of Human Services. The grant will fund an annual citywide activation summit for youth, hosting recurring professional development sessions and network convening for youth workers and conduct a youth needs assessment.

0529 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Workforce Training Fund Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund programming to help address business productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to Massachusetts businesses for training current and newly hired employees.

0530 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$58,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY19 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, prevention efforts, and research and development.

0531 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$41,828.60) in the form of a grant for the Shelter Supplemental Funding Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund MassHire career centers with supplemental funding to support emergency assistance (EA) shelters residents with training and employment opportunities.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

0532 Communication was received from Nicholas Gove regarding the updated City of Boston Traffic Rules and Regulations.

- 0533** Communication was received from the Commemoration Commission of the report entitled "Commemoration Commission Progress Report" January 2025.
- 0534** Communication was received from Scott Finn, City Auditor, regarding the City of Boston's Fiscal 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
- 0535** Communication was received from Lawrence S. DiCara, Chairman of the Audit Committee, updating the City Council of their meetings held with independent auditor KPMG LLP for the year ending December 31, 2024.
- 0536** Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding proposed minor modification to twelve of Boston's Urban Renewal Plan Areas.
- 0537** Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding the Boston Police Department Crime Lab.
- 0538** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of December 11, 2024.
- 0539** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of January 29, 2025.
- 0540** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of February 5, 2025.
- 0541** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of February 12, 2025.
- 0542** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Torres as a Trustee of the Allston-Brighton Community Fund.
- 0543** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Audrey Seraphin as a member of the Boston Cultural Council, for a term expiring February 25, 2028.
- 0544** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Alison Yueming Qu as a member of the Boston Cultural Council, for a term expiring February 25, 2028.

- [0545](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Therlande Louissaint as a member of the Boston Cultural Council, for a term expiring February 25, 2028.
- [0546](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Nicole DuFauchard as a member of the Boston Cultural Council, for a term expiring February 25, 2028.
- [0547](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Ty-Juana Flores as a member of the Boston Cultural Council, for a term expiring February 25, 2028.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- [0396](#) The Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation to which was referred on February 5, 2025, Docket #0396, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$775,855.00) in the form of a grant, for the 2025 Community Connections Program Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, passed through the Boston Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, to be administered by the Transportation Department, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
- [0448](#) The Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation, to which was referred on February 12, 2025, Docket #0448, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fourteen Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,400,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Safe Street and Roads for All, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, passed through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, to be administered by the Transportation Department, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

- [0148](#) Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.

[0237](#) Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contains within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)-Forensic Group.

[0238](#) Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)- Forensic Group. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a market adjustment to base wages in FY25, as well as base wage increase of 2% to be given in January 2026 and 2027 and flat amounts of \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January 2026 and 2027, after the percent increases.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 13, 2025.

[0407](#) Message and order for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.

[0268](#) Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide.

[0144](#) Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

[0548](#) **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** An Ordinance Amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances Chapter VII Section 7-5.

[0549](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Pension Benefits for Firefighter Leo J. Bracken.

[0550](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Pension of Michael Sullivan.

[0551](#) **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding expanding internship opportunities for students with disabilities in Boston Public Schools.

- 0552 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss current population projections and preparation for the 2030 decennial census.
- 0553 Councilor Breadon and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review capital planning, budgeting, and project management practices in the capital program of the City of Boston.
- 0554 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss public authority-ordered towing practices in the City of Boston.
- 0555 Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing and celebrating Irish-American Heritage Month.
- 0556 Councilor Santana and Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in support of prioritizing funding for the Boston Public Schools Parent Mentor Program operated by St. Stephen's Youth Programs.
- 0557 Councilor Mejia and Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing February 27th, 2025 as Dominican Independence Day.
- 0558 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in support of Eve Griffin.
- 0559 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution denouncing cuts to personnel and service at the Department of Veteran Affairs.
- 0560 Councilor Durkan and Breadon offered the following:** Resolution condemning federal cuts to National Institutes of Health funding for Boston and Massachusetts.
- 0561 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing March as Women's History Month in the City of Boston.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

- 0562** Councilor Louijuene offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Briejah Ayers and Isabelle Nelson in City Council, effective February 22, 2025.
- 0563** Councilor Louijuene offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Julian Viviescas Mejia in City Council, effective March 3, 2025.

GREEN SHEETS:

26/25 Legislative Calendar for February 26, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 0564 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Black History Team at Keystone.
- 0565 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Maria McLaren.
- 0566 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Danielle Legros Georges.
- 0567 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Stephen W. Powers.
- 0568 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Lauren C. DeMato (D'Ambrosio).
- 0569 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution in memory of William J. Chisholm.
- 0570 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution in memory of James A. "Jim" Kearney.
- 0571 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing United in Care Services.
- 0572 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Mattapan BPL Anniversary.
- 0573 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Clemacus (Marcus) James.
- 0574 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston.
- 0575 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts.
- 0576 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing J.J. Foley's Cafe.
- 0577 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Que Shing Chinese Music and Opera.

- 0578** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Wong Family Association.
- 0579** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Franklin Park Coalition.
- 0580** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers.
- 0581** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing African American Veterans and their families.
- 0582** **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Faith Christian Church upon its 45th anniversary.
- 0583** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Police Officer Mark G. Walsh.



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02-24-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-FOUR CENTS (**\$1,190,071.64**) in the form of a grant, Carry-in WIOA Adult Program, awarded by United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund services to help job seekers access employment, education, skills training, apprenticeships and support services.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Carry-in WIOA Adult Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Labor AND MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor and MassHire Department of Career Services, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-FOUR CENTS (**\$1,190,071.64**) would fund services to help job seekers access employment, education, skills training, apprenticeships and support services. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of Labor, and MassHire Department of Career Services' Carry-in WIOA Adult Program award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-FOUR CENTS (**\$1,190,071.64**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law.

by *Adam Cederbaum*

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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The grant would fund the learning and evaluation component of the BPS Sundays pilot program.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the BPS Sundays Phase 2 grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Pilot House Philanthropy.

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ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Pilot House Philanthropy, the BPS Sundays Phase 2 grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$150,000.00**).

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The grant would fund an annual citywide activation summit for youth, host recurring professional development sessions and network convenings for youth workers and conduct a youth needs assessment

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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Mayor's Office of Human Services' Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative FUNDS, AWARDED BY Boston Children's Hospital.

WHEREAS, the Boston Children's Hospital, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$125,000.00) would fund an annual citywide activation summit for youth, host recurring professional development sessions and network convenings for youth workers and conduct a youth needs assessment Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Boston Children's Hospital, Mayor's Office of Human Services' Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$125,000.00).

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$95,000.00**) in the form of a grant, the Workforce Training Fund grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund programming to help address business productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to Massachusetts businesses for training current and newly hired employees.

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WHEREAS, the MassHire Department of Career Services, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$95,000.00**) would fund programming to help address business productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to Massachusetts businesses for training current and newly hired employees. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the MassHire Department of Career Services, the Workforce Training Fund grant award not to exceed the amount of NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$95,000.00**).

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$58,000.00**) in the form of a grant, FY19 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program, awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department.

The grant would fund fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, prevention efforts, and research and development.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY19 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY Federal Emergency Management Agency.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$58,000.00**) would fund fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, prevention efforts, and research and development. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY19 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program award not to exceed the amount of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$58,000.00**).

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02-24-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS (**\$41,828.60**) in the form of a grant, the Shelter Supplemental Funding grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund MassHire career centers with supplemental funding to support emergency assistance (EA) shelter residents with training and employment opportunities.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Shelter Supplemental Funding grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the MassHire Department of Career Services, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS (**\$41,828.60**) would fund MassHire career centers with supplemental funding to support emergency assistance (EA) shelter residents with training and employment opportunities. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the MassHire Department of Career Services, the Shelter Supplemental Funding grant award not to exceed the amount of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS (**\$41,828.60**).

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Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

January 31, 2025

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

Pursuant to the Boston, Massachusetts Municipal Code 7-15 Ordinance 2021 c. 19 § 1 that created the Commemoration Commission, which states that the Commission will file a bi-annual progress report with the City Clerk, the Commemoration Commission and City staff present this iteration of the report.

Best,



Genesis Pimentel
Commemoration Commission Manager
Office of Historic Preservation



COMMEMORATION COMMISSION PROGRESS REPORT

January 2025



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1. SUMMARY

I. COMMEMORATION COMMISSION UPDATE

At the time of the previous report in July 2024, there were 44 members of the Commemoration Commission. Two appointed members have stepped away from their roles, putting the Commission at 42 members. In 2024, there were four Commemoration Commission meetings, starting in January. Amanda Zettel and Jean-Luc Pierite remain the co-chairs of the Commission.

We need to fill two appointed roles – Member from a Neighborhood with a Historic District and Member from the Boston Preservation Alliance.

II. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

The Events, Exhibits, and Trails subcommittee co-chairs are Imari Jeffries and Suzanne Taylor. The subcommittee has 14 members. There were nine Events, Exhibits, and Trails meetings in 2024, starting in February.

The Timelines, Archives, and Curricula subcommittee co-chairs are Joe Bagley and Bob Allison. The subcommittee has 15 members. There were 10 Timelines, Archives, and Curricula meetings in 2024, starting in February.

The Legislation and Preservation Tools subcommittee chair is Lydia Lowe. Former co-chair Alison Frazee stepped down in December 2024. The subcommittee has 15 members. This subcommittee has had two commissioners step down, both of which are in the process of being replaced. There were 10 Legislation and Preservation Tools meetings, starting in February 2024.

2. VISION

I. MISSION STATEMENT

“The Commission exists to affirm that our diverse and intertwined community histories are of great value to the City of Boston, that historical tourism should be a driver of true shared prosperity, that inclusive and honest historical memory is a crucial public good worthy of attention and resources, and that communities all over the City should have the tools and resources to research, preserve, acknowledge, and celebrate their history.”¹

The purpose of the Commemoration Commission is to highlight the importance of historic and cultural preservation of Boston. Like the Office of the Boston Bicentennial, the Commemoration Commission was created to reflect on our histories and pour into the mechanisms that protect, support, and boost history. Unlike the Office of Boston Bicentennial, the Commemoration Commission was created with the express purpose of uncovering blind spots, dealing with both noble and oppressive legacies, and connecting current Bostonians with the histories, ideologies, and truths that mattered enough to shape the past and to shape the present.

The creation of the Office of Historic Preservation and the Commemoration Commission affirms that the purpose for its existence matters, and that the execution of the plans created by the Commission will not only matter but will have the opportunity to shape the future of our City.

II. GOALS AND NEEDS

The Commemoration Commission identified these goals in 2024. This section will provide a view on which departments and other organizations might be able to take on the implementation of the goal alongside the Commemoration Commission team. If possible, this will also identify any potential need for additional staff and a sense of budget.

¹ Boston, Massachusetts, Municipal Code 7-15, Ord. 2021 c. 19 § 1.

| Goal | Collaborators | Needs |
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| <p>Design and Launch an official City of Boston Website & accompanying Social Media channels. This should be a central communications vehicle for any and all events and activities within the city over 2025 and 2026, with a list of all commemorative activities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Department of Innovation and Technology ● Organizations that are producing events? ● Office of Historic Preservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The website and social media will need to be connected to the Commemoration Commission ● It will need to have dedicated staff working on keeping it updated, potentially across multiple City departments ● There should be website redirects ● There will need to be a way to tie the Commemoration Commission into the website and branding ● Need a sense of the ongoing budget required for the creation and upkeep of a website and social media |
| <p>Branding: Develop distinctive Boston 250 and Boston 400 brands that will be used on all public events, media, organizations, etc. (Say more about what the desire for placement is from the Commemorations Commission discussions)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Department of Innovation and Technology Branding and Graphic Design staff ● Mayor's Office of Partnerships ● Freedom Trail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will need to be Boston 250 and Boston 400 branding, with logos and taglines ● The Freedom Trail Foundation has offered to support Boston's efforts in marketing through their grant. |
| <p>Marker Program: Plan and establish a permanent historic marker program for the city of Boston that highlights places, people and situations that have been important to the city's history and evolution. In particular, make certain a marker program expresses the full story of Boston and all its people in time.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Office of Arts and Culture ● Parks and Recreation ● Office of Historic Preservation ● The Freedom Trail Foundation ● Revolutionary Spaces ● Embrace Boston | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Commemoration Commission would like to start a marker program that is special to the 250th first, in which people can get specific landmarks to have plaques ● There is a need to design a special Commemoration Commission plaque that will also translate into the future Marker Program ● The Commemoration Commission recommends that a Marker Program for historic site be create and sit in the Office of Historic Preservation ● There will be a need for a dedicated staff person ● We would need a typology of what is being commemorating ● We need cost of production for a plaque, need cost for installation of plaques, and there is potential for recommendation of how many plaques a year can be produced and installed. ● There will need to be a cost estimate of a |

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| | | full-time staff person running the program. |
| Walking Trails: Develop a series of walking trails that introduce city residents and visitors to the rich history of Boston and its neighborhoods. These tours may be general or thematic. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement; Neighborhood Services • Historic Preservation • Walk Boston • Boston by Foot • The Freedom Trail • Boston Women’s Heritage Trail • Immigrant History Trail • Live Like a Local • Any other trails and tours institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking trails need potential GIS mapping • A process that determines the length, location and interpretation of at least one new trail per Boston neighborhood. • Need a place to be compiled and exist on both Boston250 website and boston.gov website when they are created. • The City has an opportunity to create an app or use mapping specifically, so that the different trails and organizations can be consolidated for tourists who would like to explore multiple parts of the City. This would have to include DoIT, Language Access, and many other relevant departments. |
| Leverage engagement with the arts as a means of expressing Boston culture. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Culture • Historic Preservation • Mayor’s Office of Partnerships • Cultural institutions • Youth organizations • Local artist collectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art expresses the values, thoughts, and culture of a City. By creating opportunities for sculptors to create Boston-related art, for poets and singers to host open-mic nights, for painters to paint their communities, and for all of these communities to be able to put on galas, events, or even be featured in art institutions will not only attract residents and tourists, but it will elevate Boston’s art scene through economic stimulation and recognition. • It will also allow for youth artists the ability to express themselves with a platform. There is a need to collaborate with institutions to create these events. • There is a potential to create toolkits that guide the creation and success of these events. |
| The 250th would benefit from creating toolkits with funding that allow communities to create 250th events across all neighborhoods, so that they can create or amplify existing events like parades or festivals. In terms of advertising for | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor’s Office of Partnerships • Economic Opportunity and Inclusion • Arts and Culture • Community Engagement • Historic Preservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local communities and groups often do not have funding capacity to commemorate history with large events. With a potential modeling off of the MA250 Field Guide, there can be a Boston Field Guide for throwing events. • In addition, there should be financial incentive to put these events on such as comping a public facility cost, so that there is less financial burden on people interested |

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| tourism, media partners and advertising City events as well as annual events will be a net positive. | | <p>in having events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City should have a vehicle that event planners can utilize to promote events. |
| The City of Boston has an incentive to partner with local businesses and cultural institutions, as per the Commemoration Commission ordinance, to boost the local economy and highlight staple businesses. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Opportunity and Inclusion • Arts and Culture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local businesses and cultural institutions stand to gain from the tourism that will stimulate our economy. With the branding coming from the City (Boston 250), businesses and local institutions can become partners and owners of what Boston 250 represents. Like the Bicentennial's 'passport' program that gave discounts for hotels and restaurants, this will boost the local economy and contextualize what institutions mean to their neighborhoods. |

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| History Database Index of existing repositories and projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Public Library • Archives • Historic Preservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Boston Public Library is working on a database that will live with them. • There will be a need to map these repositories and clearly define the database's purpose. |
| The Boston Bicentennial created the Neighborhood Stories series. The opportunity to recreate the series and have an oral historic record of today to reflect on how the City has changed is important for tracking Boston's historical narratives. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Community Engagement • Boston Public Library • Archives • Office of Historic Preservation • Mass Memories Road Show (RoPA) • Mass Humanities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to collaborate with institutions that will be undertaking this work because they already have similar projects. • There is a need for Historic Preservation Staff as well as Community Engagement staff to partner with organizations like WBUR and others to interview people. • It can be both a booklet and it can be a video format, which would be new for the 250th. |
| Data, Resources, Archives collection and curation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archives • Boston Public Library • Museums and Universities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a need to identify how the curation and collection of archives and other resources will be selected and sorted. • There will need to be partnership considerations for who will end up hosting these archival collections. |

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| Digitizing archives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Department of Innovation and Technology ● Archives ● Boston Landmarks Commission ● Boston Public Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Digital Commonwealth ● Digitization Specialists ● Community Preservation Office ● State Archives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Digitizing archives will require a selection process for which archives will be digitized and where those digital copies will be stored. ● Digitization might require funding for contracting digitization specialists. ● Where possible, relationships with archival institutions with the capacity and desire to undertake digitization projects should be cultivated. ● Once archives are digitized, their online repositories should be advertised and made well-known. |
| Language access and other accessibility accommodations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Office of Equity and Inclusion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All digital resources should be made accessible where possible. |
| Museum curations, BPL exhibitions, BPS curriculum, internship, boosting other history and archival institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boston Public Library ● Boston Public Schools ● Arts and Culture ● Historic Preservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will be a need to collaborate with museums and Boston institutions. ● The creation of internships for Boston students is an important way to get youth interested in history and related fields for potential future careers. ● With Boston Public Library, their book curations and the content they promote can be thematic and topical. ● Museums can also work on their exhibitions to align with the commemorative nature of these times, including through internships for students and through partnering with local art institutions as well as relevant City departments. |

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| Article 85 Reform is a named goal in the ordinance for the Legislation and Preservation Tools subcommittee. The goal is to reform the legislation to ensure better protection for historic structures and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planning Department ● Inspectional Services ● Zoning ● Boston Landmarks Commission | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is a need to do an analysis on Article 85 and how effective it is in preventing empty lots and preserving historic buildings. ● There is a need for a significant increase in the demolition delay time period, understanding that ISD still has the ability to interfere wherever a dangerous building stands. ● There is a need for the City to take on the |

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| <p>to reconsider Article 85 as a climate action tool.</p> | | <p>advocacy of preservation of housing through avoiding demolition where possible in favor of deconstruction and salvage as a climate action tool and as a tool of naturally occurring affordable housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to recontextualize delay into Demolition Alternatives. |
| <p>The Historic and Cultural Resource Survey is also a named goal in the ordinance, as it is recommended that Certified Local Governments all have one, and it</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Landmarks Commission • Office of Arts and Culture • Metropolitan Area Planning Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because the City of Boston has never done a full inventory of its cultural and historic resources, it is possible that buildings that were never known to be significant are demolished. Having a cultural and historic resource survey would enable the BLC and its staff to know immediately when a resource is significant and why. In addition, a resource survey would identify important historic and cultural artifacts in communities that have been impacted by Urban Renewal in the past, that are being impacted by development currently, and will allow communities of color and low-income communities better advocate for themselves. • There is a need for a multi-year budget of millions of dollars to undertake the surveying of this historic City. • There is a need for a staff person inside of Historic Preservation who, alongside the Assistant Survey Director, as a Survey & GIS Project Manager, oversees the GIS Mapping of this project. • SurveyLA has a good model—it identifies a platform that would be necessary in hosting the survey (ARCHES), and then a website or webpage where this information is publicly available. |

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| <p>Simplification of Landmark Petition Process</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Landmarks Commission | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Landmark Petition process can be time-consuming, and may be inaccessible both to those who are unaware this process exists and to those who might not have the ability to go through the process but would like to preserve their neighborhood's character. • There could be public training and education sessions where members of the public learn about landmarks and the petition process, if staff time allows. • There could be a form that residents fill out stating their interest to landmark a building that is public, so that another resident with the ability to go through the petition process might undertake the process based on what communities want to see landmarked. • All relevant departments as well as public facing institutions like the City Council should advertise the landmark process and encourage their constituents to engage with the process. • With the creation of a Marker Program, landmarks can and would be eligible to have a plaque that goes alongside their new landmark status. |
| <p>Mitigation procedures and a mitigation fund for the loss of cultural/historic resources and environmental impact when a demolition occurs</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Department • Office of Arts and Culture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO), the subcommittee recommends that historic preservation adopt an ordinance and a system that will allow for the calculation of emissions released when demolishing a building, the use of the Carbon Avoided Retrofit Estimator, the creation of something like Alternative Compliance Payments (or use of the Legacy Fund). There needs to be a process for offsetting the impact of cultural, historic, and environmental loss. |

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| <p>More historic districts, more legitimacy and weight for cultural districts, more tools for preservation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Landmarks Commission • Office of Arts and Culture • Office of Historic Preservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because Article 85 governs demolition delay of significant buildings but does not stop demolition altogether, it is only one tool in the historic preservation toolbox that does not always end in preservation. • If there is incentive and excitement for new historic districts, people might go through the process of petitioning for a new district to protect their resources. • Since every district requires a Preservation Planner, new districts can only be created with a budget for new staff. • Because budgets might not necessarily increase, a deep dive into other tools for historic preservation protection that exist and can be adopted by the City is necessary. • In addition, since cultural districts are designated as a tool to preserve and reuse historic buildings alongside MHC guidelines, more research should be done in how that is supported and how more support can be provided. |
| <p>Allow for Chinatown to be considered for landmark district status</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Landmarks Commission • Legal • Other government entities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinatowns in New England have disappeared due to displacement and demolitions. Since Chinatown is in an area where there will always be considerable development, there is a need to protect this site of heritage that is a staple of the United States and its long history with immigration. • Chinatown is seen as a neighborhood distinct from Downtown, and this means that Chapter 772 merits some reconsideration to allow this neighborhood the potential to become a historic district |
| <p>Deconstruction Ordinance for climate change mitigation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Department • Office of Historic Preservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Deconstruction ordinance is a project that came out of Zero Waste Boston. It was found that demolition and construction materials contribute a significant amount of waste. • As a climate action tool, deconstruction was being explored in order to reduce waste in landfills, in order to reduce the embodied carbon released through demolition, and in order to use historic preservation and demolition delay as a climate action tool. • Historic Preservation once again must partner with Environment to work on a |

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| | | <p>deconstruction ordinance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City Council as well as the Mayor and other relevant departments should consider supporting a deconstruction ordinance that would help reduce Boston's carbon footprint. |
| <p>Community Preservation/Inter-office collaboration</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Preservation Office • Office of Housing • National Trust for Historic Preservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with existing projects in Affordable Housing like Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing, Office to Housing, Additional Dwelling Units. • Collaboration with CPA on marker programs. • The ordinance calls for recommending changes to CPA, so collaboration with CPA on what is feasible and plausible to amend would be necessary. |
| <p>Economic studies about why historic preservation is good for local economy, jobs, affordability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investments in other studies and preservation tools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Economic Opportunity • Historic Preservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ordinance states that it would like to affirm that historical tourism should be a driver of true shared prosperity and that inclusive and honest historical memory is a crucial public good worthy of attention and resources. • We believe that if we partner with the appropriate departments to do research into the creation of jobs and how historic preservation boosts the local economy, there would be an incentive to continue the programs that promote historic preservation and commemoration since they provide economic growth. |

3. SUCCESSES

I. INTERNAL

Based on the challenges identified in the previous progress report, the Commission and its staff have been working alongside many other departments to address the challenges presented by Open Meeting Law. The challenges included being unable to reach quorum due to the size of the commission, and the inability to create a fleshed-out recommendation for commemoration as required by the ordinance because all communication between a quorum of commissioners must be public, properly noticed, and must not run the risk of violating Open Meeting Law by reaching quorum through serial communication.

The Commission and City staff have worked to update the ordinance founding the Commemoration Commission such that the quorum for the Commission meetings will be reduced from 23 to 19. The ordinance has also been updated to change the subcommittees into advisory committees, so that the three subcommittees which are currently public bodies might act as advisory bodies to the Commission instead. This will allow for a dedicated group of people to work on planning recommendations for the upcoming commemorations that the Commission can approve and recommend to relevant City departments. The amendments to the original ordinance are being reviewed by the City Council.

II. EXTERNAL

The Commission staff member has fostered many new relationships with external partners that will be crucial during times of commemoration. She is working with Bunker Hill 250 in Charlestown, with East Boston and Chelsea on the 250th of the Battle of Chelsea Creek, with the British Consulate for the 250th of the American Revolution, and many other organizations and groups with a vested interest in planning around commemorative events and activities.

She partners with organizations planning events to provide them support in navigating City of Boston processes for hosting special events. She acts as a liaison between communities and organizations. She, when possible, tries to support existing commemorative events, and is responsible for the creation and execution of any projects that fall under the jurisdiction of the Office of Historic Preservation.

4. CHALLENGES

I. INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS

The Commemoration Commission faces specific challenges, including a lack of budget, a lack of appropriate staffing, a disconnect in interdepartmental engagement, and a missed opportunity for community engagement.

Since its inception, the Commemoration Commission team has not had any budget allocated for the creation of commemorative materials or events. Furthermore, the City had not allocated any funding specifically for the 250th in any City department. Commissioners felt that, given the lack of budget conversations being had across the board, it would be difficult to create recommendations with no sense of the budget landscape. In addition, the lack of budget given to the Office of Historic Preservation and Commemoration Commission team meant that there could be no meaningful projects coming out of the team and department in which the Commission sits. If the Office of Historic Preservation and the Commemoration Commission team had appropriate funding, there might be more capacity to push forward some projects and goals.

The question of budget ties into the discussion around staffing, community engagement, and interdepartmental engagement. Currently, the Commission has one staff member overseeing every aspect related to the Commemoration Commission and to commemoration at large. One staff member is not an adequate number of people working on the goals of the Commission and commemoration. The commissioners feel a negative impact because of the inefficiency that comes from having one person designated to do all aspects of the work.

Because there is one staff member overseeing all aspects of the Commission, it also comes at the cost of a lasting impact of what the City could do in terms of community engagement. If there were other staff on the Commemoration Commission team, the Office of Historic Preservation could plan more meaningful engagements with residents across the City of Boston. Residents would be able to have a more hands-on role in determining what histories need to be told during this commemorative moment and there would be potential for meaningful commemorative activities to include the everyday person.

Since the ordinance states that “the primary responsibility of the Boston Commemoration Commission is to advise the Mayor and relevant departments,” consideration must be given to how the Commission and the City departments interact.² While the intention seemed to be that the City departments be part of the Commission and be able to implement what the Commission would plan, that is not what ended up

² Boston, Massachusetts, Municipal Code 7-15, Ord. 2021 c. 19 § 1.

happening. Because of how the Commission is structured, departments do sit on the Commission as members but often cannot meaningfully publicly share the draft stages of what they work on. Departments had also started planning their own commemorative processes as the Commission began to form, which

means some of their work has not been able to be introduced or vetted by the Commission. In addition, if and when the City department members who sit on the Commission get a recommendation from the Commission, the question around how the Commission is engaged after a department or internal group takes ownership of a recommendation still exists.

As stated in the first report, a project management group created for the implementation of commemorative events made up of staff members from multiple City departments—many of whom sit on the Commission—continues to meet. There has been more engagement between this team and the commissioners, but questions remain surrounding the need for the Commission to recommend plans if City groups are undertaking both the planning and implementation processes of the City’s 250th activations.

However, given that there are City departments collaborating to push forward commemorative activations, there might be a positive impact in having multiple internal City teams created so that every subcommittee might have a group that reviews their recommendations and provides their support for implementation, with reports written updating the Commission on its progress.

5. NEXT STEPS

Looking ahead, the Commission should first and foremost have the two empty positions filled as soon as possible.

If the ordinance change gets passed through City Council, there will have to be a larger discussion and support around the implementation of the changes and how it will impact the commissioners. In addition, there will need to be more learning opportunities for everyone to understand the new capacities of the advisory bodies as well as potential restrictions.

In addition, we hope that there are budget considerations for the Office of Historic Preservation and the Commemoration Commission team to be able to increase its staffing as well as take on dedicated commemorative opportunities, including the creation of a Marker Program inside of the Office of Historic Preservation for not just the 250th and 400th, but as a long-term output of the commemorations.

As the concept of Boston 250 begins to take shape, we hope that the Commemoration Commission and the City of Boston can streamline and continue to shape their engagement processes with one another, so that there is no redundancy and a sense of purpose that exists in the output of the City's commemoration process.

6. APPENDIX

I. COMMEMORATION COMMISSION MEMBER LIST

Events, Exhibits, and Trails

Jay Ash, Massachusetts Competitive Partnership

John Borders IV, Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment

Karin Goodfellow, Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture

Juan Eusebio, Local 26 Union Member

Faries Gray, Massachusetts Tribe

Eric Hanson-Plass, National Parks Service of Boston (NPS)

Imari Jeffries, Embrace Boston

Juan Lopez, Latinx History Expert

Dave O'Donnell, Meet Boston

Celia Richa, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce

Nat Sheidley, Revolutionary Spaces

Kyera Singleton, The Royall House

Suzanne Taylor, The Freedom Trail Foundation

Noelle Trent, Museum of African-American - Boston

Legislation and Preservation Tools

Kenzie Bok, Boston Housing Authority

Chelsea Blanchard, Historic Preservation Architect & Executive Director of the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) Designee

Michael Creasey, NPS

Lynn Smiledge, BLC Chair Designee

Senator Mike Rush, Boston Legislative Delegation

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, Boston City Council

Jean-Luc Pierite, North American Indian Center of Boston

Lydia Lowe, Chinatown Community Land Trust

Boston Preservation Alliance

Amanda Zettel, Charlestown Preservation Society

Rebecca Tomasovic, Planning Department

Margaret Dyson, Treasury Department

Neighborhood with a Historic District

Kathy Kottaridis, Director of Historic Preservation & Environment, Energy and Open Space Designee

Timelines, Archives, and Curricula

Bob Allison, Suffolk University & Revolution 250

Joe Bagley, City Archaeologist

Kimberly Barzola, Society of American Archivists & Archivists and Archives of Color

Tatiana M.F. Cruz, Simmons University

Carolyn Goldstein, Mass Memories Road Show - UMass Boston

Angela Hedley-Mitchell, Boston Public Schools

Joan Ilacqua, The History Project

Dory Klein, Boston Public Library & The Boston Research Center (BRC) - Northeastern University

Collin Knight, Live Like a Local Tours Boston

Kristen Lafferty, City Archivist

David Leonard, Boston Public Library

Giordana Mecagni, Northeastern University Special Collections, BRC, East Boston Museum and Historical Society

Liza Stearns, NPS

Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Massachusetts Historical Society

Cedric Woods, Institute for New England Native American Studies - UMass Boston



City of Boston
Mayor Michelle Wu
Auditing

January 24, 2025

Mr. Alex Geourntas
City Clerk
Boston City Hall
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Section 40 of Chapter 44, please find attached to this email the City of Boston's Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for your records.

Sincerely,

Scott Finn

Scott Finn
City Auditor

CC: Ashley Groffenberger
Veronica Imbaro

Lawrence S. DiCara, Chairman 617-749-9403
Jaclyn Youngblood



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS
Audit Committee

February 13, 2025

The Members of the Boston City Council:

We are writing to update you on our activities as members of the Audit Committee of the City of Boston ("City") for the year ended December 31, 2024. During this period, we had five meetings with the City's independent auditor, KPMG LLP ("KPMG"), and the City Auditor to discuss various aspects of the City's audit as follows:

January 25, 2024

The Committee was briefed on the status of the City's fiscal 2023 financial statement audit. KPMG informed the Committee that the City's financial statements were expected to be issued in late February with unmodified opinions.

KPMG then provided the Committee with an update on the status of the Federal single audit. It was noted that the expected issuance of the 2023 Single Audit report is scheduled to occur in late March.

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

March 21, 2024

The Committee was briefed on the status of the City's fiscal 2023 financial statement audit. KPMG informed the Committee that the City's financial statements were issued on February 26, 2024, with unmodified opinions.

KPMG then provided the Committee with an update of the status of the Federal single audit. KPMG informed the Committee that the City's Federal single audit was still in progress due to delays with certain programs.

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

June 13, 2024

KPMG briefed the Committee on the status of the City's fiscal 2024 financial statement audit. The Committee was informed that the interim audit procedures, which included substantive test work, were currently in process. No issues were noted to date and the final phase of the financial statement audit is set to begin in September 2024. KPMG also informed the Committee that the testing of the City's information technology (IT) controls relied upon as part of the audit was currently in process. It was noted that no observations were identified as a result of this test work thus far.

KPMG then provided the Committee with a status of the City's fiscal 2024 Federal single audit. It was noted that the major programs to be audited cannot be confirmed until there is a final schedule of expenditures of

federal awards. However, for those programs that KPMG was able to determine would be subject to testing, KPMG informed the Committee that fieldwork had begun. It was noted that based on the City's preliminary expenditures to date, 12 major programs are currently expected to be tested as part of the fiscal 2024 audit.

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

September 12, 2024

KPMG briefed the Committee on the status of the City's fiscal 2024 financial statement audit. The Committee was informed that the final phase of fieldwork has begun, and no issues have arisen to date. KPMG then informed the Committee that the City's information technology controls were deemed effective for the fiscal year 2024 audit such that reliance could be placed on identified application controls of the City's Peoplesoft system. KPMG then confirmed the target date of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) issuance is still December 2024.

KPMG then provided the Committee with a status of the City's fiscal 2024 Federal single audit. It was noted that fieldwork progress has been made for most of the programs subject to audit. It was noted that based on the City's final expenditures, 12 major programs are expected to be tested as part of the fiscal 2024 audit. KPMG then confirmed the target date for issuance of the 2024 Federal single audit report is March 2025.

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

December 12, 2024

KPMG briefed the Committee on the status of the City's fiscal 2024 financial statement audit. The Committee was informed that KPMG was in the process of finalizing its substantive procedures and starting the completion process. KPMG then informed the Committee that the timing of the issuance of the City's ACFR is expected to be end of December 2024.

KPMG then provided the Committee with a status of the City's fiscal 2024 Federal single audit. KPMG noted that the execution of the 2024 Federal single audit, which included review of 12 major programs, has taken a track parallel to the completion of the financial statement audit. The Committee was informed that the final phase of testing was in process. KPMG then re-confirmed the target date of issuance of the 2024 federal single audit report to be March 31, 2025.

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

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Similar to the past several years, the City achieved strong financial results in fiscal 2024. The City continues to be in strong financial condition, particularly when compared with other cities across the Commonwealth and other large cities across the country. The City's Standard & Poors AAA and Moody's AAA bond ratings were reaffirmed in May 2024.

From a financial perspective, the City continues to be heavily dependent on real and personal property taxes for its General Fund revenues. For fiscal 2024, such revenues compose approximately 73% of General Fund revenue on a budgetary basis. While real and personal property tax revenue growth has exceeded the annual

increase limitations of Proposition 2 ½ over recent years (approximate 4-6% growth in each of the past three fiscal years), this has largely been driven by new growth to the assessment roll from a robust construction market. Should such new growth slow in future years, the City could experience reductions in annual incremental real and personal property taxes necessary to fund increases in spending for delivery of services and other fixed costs required to maintain current service levels.

The potential limitations on real and personal property taxes created by Proposition 2 ½ are exacerbated by the relatively small proportion of General Fund revenues created from other tax streams. Approximately 6% of fiscal 2024 General Fund revenues on a budgetary basis were generated through excise taxes. Compared with other major metropolitan cities across the country, the City has a relatively limited suite of tax revenue streams to fund General Fund expenditures, with the majority of such revenues coming from motor vehicle excise taxes, hotel/motel room excise taxes, meals excise taxes, and jet fuel taxes. Because of these limited number of excise taxes, the financial benefit gained from expanded economic activity within the City is often muted to some degree, while spending to support such expanded activity often grows.

The City also continues to depend substantially on revenue from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Such revenues represented approximately 12% of fiscal 2024 General Fund revenues on a budgetary basis. The gross revenues from the Commonwealth have generally been static since 2015, however, such revenues net of State and district assessments have declined by approximately 5.3% and 5.1% in FY 2024 and FY 2023, respectively.

The City was awarded approximately \$1 billion in total federal funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) since fiscal 2020. This funding has provided relief for the City, Boston Public Schools and other local organizations and will continue to do so over the next few years. The City has already obligated 100% of the CARES Act, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and ARPA funds. Going forward, federal funds will represent a smaller percentage of the total funds available to the City.

As it relates to expenditures, the City should continue to explore ways to make service delivery more efficient and effective in an effort to contain costs while meeting the service needs of the City's constituency and various statutorily mandated service requirements. The cost-effectiveness of service delivery will only grow in importance as the City faces near-term increases in fixed expenditures associated with reducing the unfunded obligations associated with pension and postemployment health care benefits (OPEB) for City employees. The City continues to make strides in reducing these unfunded obligations, including maintaining a funding path to eliminate the unfunded pension liability by 2027 and making advance contributions to reduce the OPEB obligation. Such efforts, while resulting in increased expenditures in the near term, will put the City on stronger long-term economic footing, and should be continued.

With all of these factors that may impact revenue and expenditure levels in the future, the Committee believes the City should be mindful of committing current budgetary resources for programs and other costs that amount to fixed future obligations in order to ensure budgetary flexibility and discretion should key revenue sources be negatively impacted or expenditures associated with core service delivery face non-discretionary increases.

The Committee also believes the City should remain focused on cybersecurity, which is a risk area that is not abating. While prevention is critical, it is also important to focus on training, detection, containment and response. These risks are more than an information technology risk but are an enterprise-wide business issue that affects strategy, compliance, and relationships with vendors, suppliers, employees, and constituents. A

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The Members of the Boston City Council
February 13, 2025

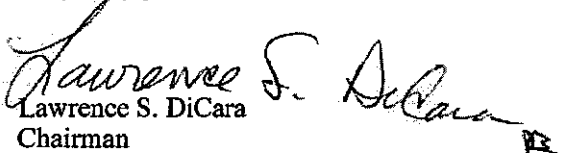
robust and frank dialogue is vital to helping the City learn to live with cyber risk and making cybersecurity a competency across the organization. While the City has policies and procedures in place, the threats around cybersecurity continuously evolve and it is critical for the City's policies and procedures to evolve at the same time as the resources in place today may not necessarily be sufficient in the future.

During this past year, there has been much discussion, at City Hall and the State House and among those who observe City government, regarding the finances of the City. Boston is the envy of other cities across the country, given the stability of its revenue base. Nevertheless, prudent management of City finances is essential in an environment where interest rates remain relatively high, and wage increases are reflective of the rate of inflation. Going forward, it may not be possible to do every item on the municipal "To Do" list. It is important that the Mayor and the City Council listen carefully to those who understand the City. The City has had over a decade of low interest rates, low inflation and minimal wage increases; that has now changed. Lastly, as the Committee files this report, we have absolutely no comprehension of the changes to the City budget as a result of dramatic changes to federal policies being undertaken by the new administration.

The City's audit reports discussed above are on file in the City Clerk's office.

During the past year, the Committee members received the full cooperation of the City Auditor in dealing with the issues presented to us. If any member of the City Council has further questions about our activities, please contact me at 617-749-9403.

Very truly yours,


Lawrence S. DiCara
Chairman



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

February 21, 2025

To the City Council

Dear Councilors:

In compliance with the order passed by your Honorable Body December 6, 1976, this is to inform you that the following was filed by the Boston Planning and Development Agency with the City Clerk on February 11, 2025.

*“Proposed Minor Modification to twelve of Boston’s Urban
Renewal Plan Areas”*

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

MF/pmf



February 10, 2025

Alex Geourntas
Boston City Clerk
One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Proposed Minor Modification to twelve of Boston's existing Urban Renewal Plan Areas.

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

In accordance with the policies adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") Board on December 12, 2004 and April 14, 2016 with respect to proposed urban renewal actions of the BRA, I am hereby notifying the Boston City Clerk's Office that the BPDA proposes to adopt a minor modification to the following Urban Renewal Plan Areas in Boston (Government Center, South End, Washington Park, Downtown Waterfront, Charlestown, Fenway, South Cove, Campus High School, Central Business District: South Station, Park Plaza, Brunswick-King, and Kittredge Square).

Two years ago, we requested and received an extension to Urban Renewal "for the shorter of either (a) two (2) additional years (i.e., to March 31, 2025), or (b) until such time that the Home Rule petition passes" (referring to *An Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston*). This extension was vital, so as to not put at risk the important land use protections covered in the LDAs that Urban Renewal protects. Although passed by the House of Representatives in the last state legislative session, the home rule petition was not passed by the State Senate, and the deadline of March 31, 2025 is imminent. Therefore, we must return to the Council with a request to extend Urban Renewal and ensure we have a legal mechanism to uphold the City's protections of income restricted housing, open space, and more while seeking state action. The extension thus is requested for the shorter of either (a) two (2) additional years (i.e., to March 31, 2027), or (b) until such time that the Home Rule petition is signed into law.

I have enclosed a copy of the proposed minor modification resolution. If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Max Houghton, Policy Specialist at max.houghton@boston.gov. Thank you

Sincerely,

Kairos Shen
Director

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGARDING MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN URBAN RENEWAL PLANS OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Boston maintains thirteen (13) active urban renewal plans ("**Plans**") originally approved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("**Authority**"), Boston City Council, and the Mayor of Boston between 1957 and 1980; and

WHEREAS, the City's urban renewal program effectuated great change in the City's inner neighborhoods, including the creation of new homes, new businesses, new schools, new parks, and civic spaces, new infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Federal funding for urban renewal was eliminated in the early 1970's; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boston suffered several economic downturns in the decades following the elimination of federal funding, including years in the 1970's, 1980's, 1990's, 2000's, and most recently during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, despite the best efforts of the City of Boston and the Authority, several of the plans' renewal actions, design objectives, and other community development purposes remain incomplete; and

WHEREAS, several of the Plan areas had contain open, blighted, decadent, and/or substandard properties that remain detrimental to the safety, health, morals, welfare, or sound growth of the surrounding community, and without the tools provided by the plans it is unlikely that the properties will be redeveloped through the ordinary operations of private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, by their provisions, the Plans and the powers conferred, and programs set forth will terminate all twelve (12) of the existing plans on March 31, 2025, unless so extended; and

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks a two-year extension for twelve (12) of the currently active Plans; and

WHEREAS, each Plan includes within its provisions the ability to modify said termination or anticipated completion date and extend said Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick-King Urban Renewal Plan ("Brunswick-King Plan"), Project No. Mass. R-168 received approval from the Authority on November 30, 1972 (Early Land) and as amended on February 22, 1973, from the Boston City Council on February 12, 1973, and from the Mayor of Boston on February 15, 1973, and as amended on February 28, 1973, and from the Division of Urban Renewal of the Massachusetts Department of Community Affairs (together with its successor agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the "Commonwealth") on March 3, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Chapter VI of the Brunswick-King Plan, entitled "Modification and Termination," provides that the Brunswick-King Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority, provided: that any amendment that in the reasonable opinion of the Authority substantially or materially alters or changes the Brunswick-King Plan must be subject to the Federal, State, and local approvals then required by law; that no amendment to any provision of Chapter VI shall be effective concerning any land disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns; that if the Brunswick-King Plan is recorded no such amendment shall be effective until the amendment is also recorded; and

WHEREAS Chapter VI of the Brunswick-King Plan also provides that the Brunswick-King Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of its approval by the Commonwealth, said date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March 16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Campus High School Urban Renewal Plan ("Campus High School Plan"), Project No. Mass. R-129 received approval from the Authority on August 11, 1966 (Early Land) and from the Boston City Council on December 28, 1966 (Early Land), and on June 7, 1971, from the Mayor of Boston on December 30, 1956 (Early Land) and June 9, 1971, and from the Commonwealth on December 23, 1969 (Early Land) and June 30, 1972; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the Campus High School Plan, entitled "Modification and Termination" provides that the Campus High School Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority, provided: that any amendment in the opinion of the Authority substantially or materially alters or changes the Campus High School Plan must be subject to the Federal, State, and local approvals then required by law; that no amendment to any provision of Chapter XII shall be effective with respect to any land

disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns; that if the Campus High School Plan is recorded no such amendment shall be effective until the amendment is also recorded; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the Campus High School Plan also provides that the Campus High School Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of its approval by the Commonwealth, said date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March 16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Central Business District Urban Renewal Plan - South Station ('CBD South Station Plan'), Project No. Mass. R-82C, received approval from the Authority on May 23, 1968, from the Boston City Council on February 24, 1969, from the Mayor on February 28, 1969, and from the Commonwealth on December 31, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the CBD South Station Plan, entitled "Modification and Termination" provides that the CBD South Station Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority, provided: that any amendment that in the reasonable opinion of the Authority substantially or materially alters or changes the CBD South Station Plan must be subject to the Federal, State, and local approvals then required by law; that no amendment to any provision of Chapter XII shall be effective with respect to any land disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns; that if the CBD South Station Plan are recorded no such amendment shall be effective until the amendment is also recorded; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the CBD South Station Plan also provides that the CBD South Station Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of approval by the City Council and the Mayor of Boston, said date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March 16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan ('Charlestown Plan'), Project No. Mass. R- 55, received approval from the Authority on March 25, 1965, from the Boston City Council on June 7, 1965, from the Mayor of Boston on June 10, 1965, and from the Commonwealth on July 6, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the Charlestown Plan, entitled "Amendment and Termination," provides that the Charlestown Plan may be modified by the Authority, provided: that any amendment that alters the boundary or basic elements be made in accordance with the Federal, State, and local approvals required by law at the original approval; that no amendment to any provision of Chapter XII shall be effective with respect to any land disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the Charlestown Plan also provides that the Charlestown Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of its approval by the City Council, said date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March 16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Plan ("Waterfront Plan"), Project No. Mass. R-77, received approval from the Authority on April 24, 1964, from the Boston City Council on June 8, 1964, from the Mayor of Boston on June 11, 1964, and from the Commonwealth on August 26, 1964; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XI of the Waterfront Plan, entitled "Modification and Termination" provides that the Waterfront Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority, provided: that any amendment that in the reasonable opinion of the Authority substantially or materially alters or changes the Waterfront Plan must be subject to the Federal, State, and local approvals then required by law; that no amendment to any provision of Chapter XI shall be effective with respect to any land disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XI of the Waterfront Plan also provides that the Waterfront Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of its approval by the City Council, said date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March 16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Fenway Urban Renewal Plan ("Fenway Plan"), Project No. Mass. R-115, received approval from the Authority on November 24, 1965, from the Boston City Council on December 20, 2005, from the Mayor of Boston on December 23, 1965, and from the Commonwealth on April 26, 1967; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the Fenway Plan, entitled "Modification and Termination" provides that the Fenway Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority, provided: that any amendment that in the reasonable opinion of the Authority substantially or materially alters or changes the Fenway Plan must be subject to the Federal, State, and local approvals then required by law; that no amendment to any provision of Chapter XII shall be effective with respect to any land disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns; that if the Fenway Plan is recorded no such amendment shall be effective until the amendment is also recorded; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the Fenway Plan also provides that the Fenway Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of its approval by the Commonwealth, said date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March 16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Government Center Urban Renewal Plan ("Government Center Plan"), Project No. Mass. R-35, received approval from the Authority on May 29, 1961, (Early Land) and June 5, 1963, from the Boston City Council on June 5, 1961 (Early Land) and May 25, 1964, from the Mayor of Boston on June 6, 1961, (Early Land) and May 26, 1964, and from the Commonwealth on June 24, 1964; and

WHEREAS, Chapter IX of the Government Center Plan, entitled "Provision for Modification and Termination " provides that the Government Center Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority, provided: that any amendment that substantially changes the Government Center Plan must be approved by the City Council and the Commonwealth; no modification to the Government Center Plan shall be effective with respect to any land disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns; and

WHEREAS, Chapter X of the Government Center Plan also provides that the Government Center Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of its approval by the City Council, said date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March 16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Kittredge Square Urban Renewal Plan ("Kittredge Square Plan"), Project No. Mass. R-167 received approval from the Authority on November 30, 1972, and as amended on February 22, 1973, from the Boston City Council on February 12, 1973, from the Mayor of Boston on February 28, 1973, and from the Commonwealth on March 3, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Chapter VI of the Kittredge Square Plan entitled "Modification and Termination," provides that the Kittredge Square Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority, provided: that any amendment that in the reasonable opinion of the Authority substantially or materially alters or changes the Kittredge Square Plan must be subject to the Federal, State, and local approvals then required by law; that no amendment to any provision of Chapter VI shall be effective with respect to any land disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns; that if the Kittredge Square Plan is recorded no such amendment shall be effective until the amendment is also recorded; and

WHEREAS, Chapter VI of the Kittredge Square Plan also provides that the Kittredge Square Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of its approval by the Commonwealth, said date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March 16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Park Plaza Urban Renewal Plan ("Park Plaza Plan") received approval from the Authority on July 15, 1971, from the Boston City Council on December 6, 1971, from the Mayor of Boston on December 22, 1971; and from the Commonwealth on November 23, 1976; and

WHEREAS, Chapter M of the Park Plaza Plan, entitled "Modification and Termination," provides that the Park Plaza Plan may be adjusted in minor ways from time to time by the Authority, provided: that any substantial change requires the same state and local approvals which would be required on submission of a new plan; that any change which increases any prescribed floor area ratio or height limit or which alters the uses prescribed for any parcel shall be deemed substantial; and

WHEREAS, Chapter M of the Park Plaza Plan also provides that the Park Plaza Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of its approval by the City Council and the Mayor of Boston, said date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March

16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the South Cove Urban Renewal Plan ("South Cove Plan"), Project No. Mass. R-92, received approval from the Authority on June 10, 1965, from the Boston City Council on July 26, 1965, from the Mayor of Boston on July 29, 1965, and from the Commonwealth on August 27, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the South Cove Plan, entitled "Modification and Termination" provides that the South Cove Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority, provided: that no amendment to the South Cove Plan shall be effective with respect to any land disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns; that any amendment that in the reasonable opinion of the Authority substantially or materially alters or changes the South Cove Plan, must be subject to the necessary Federal, State, and local approvals; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the South Cove Plan also provides that the South Cove Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of its approval by the City Council and the Mayor of Boston, said date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March 16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the South End Urban Renewal Plan ("South End Plan"), Project No. Mass. R-56 received approval from the Authority on May 2, 1962, (Early Land) and September 23, 1965, from the Boston City Council on October 3, 1962 (Early Land) and December 5, 1965, from the Mayor of Boston on October 3, 1962 (Early Land) and December 7, 1965, and from the Commonwealth on October 15, 1962 (Early Land) and January 17, 1966; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the South End Plan, entitled "Modification and Termination;" provides that the South End Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority, provided: that no amendment to the South End Plan shall be effective with respect to any land disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns; that any amendment that in the reasonable opinion of the Authority substantially or materially alters or changes the South End Plan must be subject to the necessary Federal, State, and local approvals; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the South End Plan also provides that the South End Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of its approval by the City Council and the Mayor of Boston, said date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March 16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan ("Washington Park Plan"), Project No. Mass. R-24 received approval from the Authority on June 27, 1962 (Early Land) and January 16, 1963, from the Boston City Council on August 13, 1962 (Early Land) and on February 18, 1963, from the Mayor of Boston on A14, 1964, 1962 (Early Land) and February 26, 1963, and from the Commonwealth on August 29, 1962 (Early Land) and March 15, 1963; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the Washington Park Plan entitled "Modification and Termination" provides that the Washington Park Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority, provided: that no amendment to the Washington Park Plan shall be effective with respect to any land disposed of or contracted for disposition by the Authority without the consent of the other party or such other party's successors or assigns; that any amendment that substantially or materially alters or changes the Washington Park Plan must be approved by the City Council and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Chapter XII of the Washington Park Plan also provides that the Washington Park Plan shall be in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date of its approval by the City Council, said the date was most recently extended by the Boston City Council on February 15, 2023, by the Authority on March 16, 2023, and by the Commonwealth on March 29, 2023, with an extension to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that certain urban renewal areas require continuing efforts to accomplish their goals and maintain certain benefits that have been achieved; and

WHEREAS, although the urban renewal extension is underway, the Authority is seeking this extension to allow Boston's existing urban renewal plans to be in alignment with the timeline for legislative consideration of a relevant Home Rule Petition pertaining to Urban Renewal. The extension thus is requested for the shorter of either (a) two (2)

additional years (i.e., to March 31, 2027), or (b) until such time that the Home Rule petition is signed into law and becomes effective.

WHEREAS, the Authority recognizes that certain plans, including the Brunswick- King, Campus High School Plan, the CBD South Station Plan, the Charlestown Plan, the Downtown Waterfront - Faneuil Hall Plan, the Fenway Plan, the Government Center Plan, Kittredge Square Plan, Park Plaza Plan, the South Cove Plan, the South End Plan, and the Washington Park Plan, have outstanding restrictions that must reviewed and protected to fulfill the goals established within the plans and therefore require extension at this time; and,

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That the Authority does hereby modify the Brunswick-King Plan, Campus High School Plan, the CBD South Station Plan, the Charlestown Plan, the Downtown Waterfront - Faneuil Hall Plan, the Fenway Plan, the Kittredge Square Plan, the Park Plaza Plan, the Government Center Plan, the South Cove Plan, the South End Plan, and the Washington Park Plan (together, the "Plans") to incorporate the following language:

"Notwithstanding the termination dates and provisions within this plan, the plan shall not terminate before March 31, 2027."

2. That this modification is found to be a minor modification that does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plans.



Boston City Council

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Councilor - District 2

February 21, 2025

Michael Cox
Commissioner, Boston Police Department
1 Schroeder Plaza
Boston, MA 02120

RE: Testifying at the Forensic Science Oversight Board

Dear Commissioner Cox,

I am writing today to communicate that I recently testified at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Forensic Science Oversight Board regarding the Boston Police Department Crime Lab.

At the Board Meeting on February 14th, which was also attended by members of the Boston Police Crime Lab staff, I noted to the Board of my concerns that the position of the Boston Police Department Crime Lab Director has been vacant for over two years, which has impacted the operations and morale within the Crime Lab. I highlighted challenges regarding staffing shortages, delays with the testing of sexual assault kits, and the need for advanced testing equipment such as Y-screening, and I also advocated for a new, state of the art Crime Lab.

In addition, I shared that last year, the Boston City Council voted to internally reallocate \$1 million within the Boston Police Department to support the work of the Boston Police Crime Lab, including \$700,000 from BPD Personnel Services and \$300,00 from BPD Equipment to the Crime Lab.

I would like to reiterate that given the prolonged vacancy of the Crime Lab Director position, there should be consideration of a residency waiver for this role, and an increase in the salary range of the position to attract more applicants. It is critical that the Boston Police Department Crime Lab is drawing on the talent and leadership it needs to to run effectively. I hope you will take this into consideration.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2
U.S. Navy (Retired)



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

February 12, 2025

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of December 11, 2024, viz.

1507 Message and order requesting and recommending that the city hold in-person early voting for both the September 9, 2025, Preliminary Municipal Election (presuming this body acts favorably on my separate submission related to the date of the Preliminary) and the November 4, 2025, Municipal Election. I make this request in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.54, § 25B (c)(1) upon the request of the registrars of the City of Boston. That statute provides a local option to allow for in-person early voting for any Preliminary or Municipal Election.

Approved by the Mayor January 2, 2025

1508 Message and order at the recommendation of the Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners, I hereby transmit for the approval of your Honorable Body an Order fixing the date of the 2025 Preliminary Municipal Election as September 9, 2025.

Approved by the Mayor January 2, 2025

1545 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Seven Thousand Three Hundred Four Dollars (\$307,304.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 DMH CIT TTAC Grant awarded by the MA Department of Mental Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the implementation of 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for officers under the umbrella of the BPD Street Outreach Unit.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

- 1546 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Sixty-Five Dollars (\$280,065.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two Criminalist positions, overtime, lab supplies, equipment, and continuing education expenses.
Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024
- 1564 Order for a hearing regarding nominations for the Civilian Review Board and Internal Affairs Oversight Panel within the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency.
Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024
- 1622 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Hundred Dollars and Four Cents (\$56,890.04) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Municipal Road Safety grant, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation, passed through the MA Executive Office of Safety and Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant would fund high-visibility traffic enforcement of motor vehicles laws, including but limiting to, speeding and aggressive driving, distracted driving, impaired driving, and occupant protection, as well as traffic safety equipment.
Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024
- 1673 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eleven Million Nine Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$11,952,986.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY2024 Urban Area Security Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to be administered the Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness. The grant will fund the enhancement of regional preparedness and capabilities in designated high-threat, high-density areas.
Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

1674 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$4,460,897.00) in the form of a grant, for the FFY24 Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Grant Program, awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund abatement, inspection, risk assessment, temporary relocation, and interim control of lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned, single-family and multi-family housing units that are occupied by low-income families.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

1675 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Three Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$2,305,847.00) in the form of a grant for the FY24 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness grant, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness. The grant will fund regional planning efforts to manage catastrophic incidents, including extreme weather events and their impact.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

1676 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Securing the Cities Continuation Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund continued enhancements for regional capabilities to detect, identify, report, and interdict nuclear and other radioactive materials out of regulatory control and provide regional training and exercise opportunities necessary to enhance regional capabilities.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

1677 Message and order for your approval an appropriation Order in the amount of Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$925,000.00) for Cemetery Division of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Trust Office of the Treasury Department to be funded from the Cemetery Trust Fund established under Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1961.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

- 1680 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 DMH Co-Response Grant, awarded by the MA Department of Mental Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two full-time recovery coaches through BEST and provide training to officers.
Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024
- 1681 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY25 DMH Training Grant, awarded by the MA Department of Mental Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund to reimburse overtime cost to backfill Crisis Intervention Team training and other mental health trainings for officers.
Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024
- 1715 Order relative to the adoption of Tax Classification in the City of Boston in FY 2025.
Approved by the Mayor December 12, 2024
- 1768 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$195,690.30) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Adult Activities Administration grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the creation of a seamless system of adult education, workforce preparation and training services.
Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024
- 1770 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the Annual Boston Address Verification procedures mandated by the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board.
Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

1771 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$74,266.67) in the form of a grant, for the FY2020 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund critically needed resources to carry out fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, prevention efforts, and research and development.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

1772 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$71,335.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY24 Emergency Management Performance Agency, to be administered by the Office of Emergency Preparedness. The grant will fund the enhancement of operational capacity at the Boston Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and promote the professional development of The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

1827 Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Six Dollars (\$55,606.00) to provide funding for the Public Health Commission (PHC) for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between PHC and SEIU Local 888, Counselor Unit.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

1828

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation order for the Public Health Commission for FY25 in the amount of Fifty-Five Six Hundred Six Dollars (\$55,606.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Public Health Commission (PHC) and the SEIU Local 888, Counselor Unit. The term of the contract is October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increase of 2% in January of 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027; and flat amount additions of \$500.00, \$250.00, \$900.00, and \$800.00 to be added in January of 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027, after the percent increases. The contract also includes an increase in longevity pay.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on December 9, 2024.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

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Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$29,378.00) to provide funding for the Public Health Commission (PHC) for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between PHC and SEIU Local 888, Clerical Technical Unit.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

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Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Public Health Commission for FY25 in the amount of Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$29,378.00) to cover the three FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Public Health Commission (PHC) and the SEIU Local 888, Clerical Technical Unit. The term of the contract is October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2% in January 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027, with a 1.5% base wage increases of in January of 2022; and flat amount additions of \$500.00, \$250.00, \$500.00 and \$800.00 to be added in January 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027, after the percent increases. The contract also includes new steps and an increase in longevity pay.

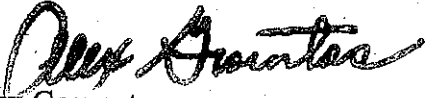
Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on December 9, 2024.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

1831 The Constable Bond of Christopher Phillips having been duly approved by the Collector-Treasurer was received and approved under the usual terms and conditions.

Approved by the Mayor December 13, 2024

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alex Geourtas".

Alex Geourtas
City Clerk



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

February 12, 2025

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of January 29, 2025

- 0189 Order regarding a Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code Regarding the Bulfinch Triangle District Use Regulations.
Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025
- 0120 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$36,638.00) in the form of a grant, for FY23 Mass Trails Grant, awarded by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund the enhancement of trails and trail access in the Dorchester Community.
Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025
- 0121 Message and order authorizing the city of Boston to accept and expend a donation of a Vectra Fitness Cable Multi Station Weight Machine, valued at Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$12,599.00) donated by Fitness Equipment Service of New England. The purpose of this donation is to enhance the fitness program and facilities at the BCYF Roslindale Center for the benefit of the Roslindale neighborhood.
Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

0123 Message and order for your approval an Order to declare surplus City-owned computers that are no longer of use to City employees. Once the Department of Innovation and Technology determines that a City-owned computer has reached the end of its useful life and has little to no resale value, the Department wishes to donate the surplus computers to a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30B § 15. The computers would be sanitized by the Department of Innovation and Technology in accordance with industry standards to remove any City data prior to donation. The computers would then be refurbished by a charitable organization for future use by Boston residents to close the digital divide.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

0338 Order to adopt laws concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

Respectfully,



Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



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City Clerk

February 12, 2025

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of February 5, 2025

0103 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$456,500.00) in the form of a grant, for FY25 MVP Action Grant, awarded by the Executive Office of Energy & Environment Affairs to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund the permit submittals for the project in FY26, with a goal of completing the MEPA permitting process and submitting permits to other applicable Local, State and Federal permitting agencies.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

0104 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$305,600.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhances the quality of life in the City of Boston.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

0109 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Nazzaro Community Center Renovation grant, awarded by the United States Department of Treasury, passed through the MA Executive Office of Economic Development, to be administered by Property Management. The grant will fund repairs and capital improvements to maintain current functionality and programming at the Nazzaro Community Center.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

0111 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Age Strong Universal Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund senior center programs and services for older adults in Boston.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

0118 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$395,746.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, awarded by United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Domestic Violence Management Analyst at the Family Justice Center, a Hub & Center of Responsibility Coordinator, and a Technology Coordinator for multiple data collection, reporting, and record management systems.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

0119 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY22 COVID-19 SA/DV Trust Fund, awarded by the MA Department of Public Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two full-time Domestic Violence advocates who will work with social services agency partners at the Boston Public Health Commission Family Justice Center.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

0239 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Training Academy Earmark, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the purchase of equipment and supplies, and to fund training initiatives for the Boston Fire Training Academy to ensure the department remains current in the firefighting services.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

0240 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend for the benefit of the City of Boston, a donation from the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Radiological Security (ORS) of 2024 GMC Sierra 4WD Crew Cab Pickup valued at Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars (\$60,233.00). The truck will be used as a Radiological Security Awareness and Response (RSAR) support truck and will allow the Boston Police Department to continue the sustainment of RSAR training programs.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

0402 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Creative Aging Program, awarded by Goddard House Assisted Living to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund bringing arts programming to older adults in Boston.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

0408 Message and order for your approval an order confirming that Ringer Playground is permanently dedicated for park and playground purposes, as required by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), for parks receiving aforesaid grant assistance. This confirmation is required to receive a grant awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for renovations to Ringer Playground located in the neighborhood of Allston-Brighton.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 2025

Respectfully,



Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

February 24, 2025

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of February 12, 2025

- 0236 Message and order for your approval a new home rule petition to the General Court, "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Residential Tax Relief in the City of Boston."
Approved by the Mayor February 13, 2025
- 0241 Message and order temporarily extending Urban Renewal Plans in the City of Boston until March 31, 2027 or passage of a proposed relevant Home Rule Petition.
Approved by the Mayor February 19, 2025
- 0293 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$145,687.72) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Violence Against Women's Act, a STOP Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provide services for victims in Jamaica Plain, as well as for Spanish-speaking victims citywide and also supporting overtime for all Civilian Domestic Violence Advocates citywide.
Approved by the Mayor February 19, 2025



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

0453 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Childcare Entrepreneur Fund Grant, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund charitable and educational activities related to Childcare.

Approved by the Mayor February 19, 2025

0456 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the VBS-Horrigan Stock Donations, awarded by John Horrigan, passed through the City of Boston Trust Funds, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund various expenses at the Veronica B. Smith Senior Center in Brighton.

Approved by the Mayor February 19, 2025

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 14, 2025

Mark Jackson
Project Manager, New England Development
75 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

Re: Trustee Appointment

Per the Declaration of Trust for the Allston-Brighton Community Fund, and to fill a vacancy, I hereby appoint the following Trustee:

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Torres of 446 Cambridge Street, Unit 206, Allston, MA 02134.

This Member will serve until a successor is appointed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

cc:
Alex Geourntas, City of Boston Clerk



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 24, 2025

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 5, 5.9, as amended, I hereby appoint the following Member to the Boston Cultural Council:

Audrey Seraphin of 37 N Beacon Street, Apt 204, Boston, MA 02134.

This Member shall serve a term expiring on February 25, 2028. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 24, 2025

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 5, 5.9, as amended, I hereby appoint the following Member to the Boston Cultural Council:

Alison Yueming Qu of 40 Traveler Street, Unit 607, Boston, MA 02118.

This Member shall serve a term expiring on February 25, 2028. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 24, 2025

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 5, 5.9, as amended, I hereby appoint the following Member to the Boston Cultural Council:

Therlande Louissaint of 10 Williams Street, Apartment 25, Boston, MA 02119.

This Member shall serve a term expiring on February 25, 2028. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 24, 2025

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Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 5, 5.9, as amended, I hereby appoint the following Member to the Boston Cultural Council:

Nicole DuFauchard of 80 Harold Street, Boston, MA 02119.

This Member shall serve a term expiring on February 25, 2028. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 24, 2025

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
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Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 5, 5.9, as amended, I hereby appoint the following Member to the Boston Cultural Council:

Ty-Juana Flores of 5b Carlisle Street, #3, Boston, MA 02121.

This Member shall serve a term expiring on February 25, 2028. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



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Michelle Wu

02-03-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (**\$775,855.00**) in the form of a grant, the 2025 Community Connections Program grant, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Transportation, passed through the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, to be administered by the Transportation Department.

The grant would fund the replacement and electrification of Blue Bikes Stations and repurpose single space parking meter poles for 1600 with bicycle racks.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the 2025 Community Connections Program grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Massachusetts Department of Transportation AND Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Transportation Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (**\$775,855.00**) would fund the replacement and electrification of Blue Bikes Stations and repurpose single space parking meter poles for 1600 with bicycle racks. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization' the 2025 Community Connections Program grant award not to exceed the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (**\$775,855.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

February 18, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation was referred the following dockets for consideration:

Docket #0396, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$775,855.00) in the form of a grant for the 2025 Community Connections Program grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, passed through the Boston Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, to be administered by the Transportation Department.

Docket #0448, Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fourteen Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,400,000.00) in the form of a grant, Safe Streets and Roads for all, awarded by US DOT-National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, passed through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, to be administered by the Transportation Department.

These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and were referred to the Committee on February 5, 2025 (Docket #0396) and February 12, 2025 (Docket #0448) .

Summary of Legislation

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This grant will fund three key projects managed by the Boston Bikes Team:

1. **Bluebikes Station Replacements:** The team will replace Bluebikes stations that have reached the end of their lifespan. Bike share has been operational in Boston for over 14 years. To maintain the system's reliability, ensure its proper upkeep, and preserve its visual impact on public spaces, the team will replace stations approximately every 10 years. This grant will support the replacement of about 12 stations. A list of potential stations for replacement includes: East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (20 Maverick Square), Bennington St at Constitution Beach, Honan Library, Wentworth Institute of Technology - Huntington Ave at Vancouver St, Roxbury YMCA - Warren St at MLK Blvd, Boylston St at Jersey St, Blue Hill Ave at Southwood St, The Lawn on D, W Broadway at D St, Franklin Park Zoo - Franklin Park Rd at Blue Hill Ave, Congress St at Northern Ave, Brighton Center - Washington St at Cambridge St, Bunker Hill Community College, Washington St at Egremont Rd, Government Center - Cambridge St at Court St,



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Deerfield St at Commonwealth Ave, Ink Block - Harrison Ave at Herald St, Savin Hill T Stop - S Sydney St at Bay St, Troy Boston, Oak Square - 615 Washington St. The aforementioned potential stations represent more stations than what is supported by the grant funding; the City will utilize developer mitigation funding to complete the remaining stations.

2. **Electrification of Bluebikes Stations:** The City is piloting the electrification of two Bluebikes stations, which will enable e-bikes to charge directly in the docks, eliminating the current reliance on battery swapping. E-bikes were introduced to the system over a year ago, and their popularity has been remarkable, making up 25% of all trips last year, despite comprising less than 15% of the fleet. To maintain e-bike functionality, the City's operator currently uses battery swappers to exchange depleted batteries. Data from other systems suggests that electrifying about 30 of the busiest stations could reduce the need for battery swapping by 80%, as a significant percentage of trips occur at these stations. However, electrified stations are costly due to higher equipment prices and additional installation requirements such as trenching and engineering. This grant will fund the electrification of two stations as a pilot project, allowing the City to evaluate real-world implementation costs and the permitting process before considering a larger scale electrification effort. The team plans to select stations for electrification from the top ten Boston stations by e-bike trips, which are as follows: South Station - 700 Atlantic Ave, Charles Circle - Charles St at Cambridge St, Boylston St at Fairfield St, Cross St at Hanover St, Valenti Way at Haverhill St, Christian Science Plaza - Massachusetts Ave at Westland Ave, Chinatown T Stop, Commonwealth Ave at Agganis Way, Nashau Street at Red Auerbach Way, Landmark Center - Brookline Ave at Park Dr.
3. **Bike Parking Conversion:** As the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) modernizes the City's parking meters with multispace meters, the team will convert as many existing parking meter poles as possible into bike parking racks. The grant will fund the purchase of bike rack "sleeves," which fit over existing meter poles and are easily secured. This efficient method will significantly increase bike parking in high-demand commercial areas of the city.

The total grant amount from the Massachusetts Planning Organization is \$775,855, with a required municipal match of \$193,963. These matching funds will come from the City's existing budgets for bike share and bike parking.

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Information Received at Hearing

On Thursday, February 20, 2025 the Committee held a hearing to discuss Dockets #0396 and #0448.

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Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that these matters **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Sharon Durkan, Chair
Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation



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The Administration presented a detailed overview of how the monies will be used across the City. Docket #0396 will fund the replacement and electrification of Blue Bikes Stations and repurpose 1,600 single-space parking meter poles to create bicycle racks. Docket #0448 is the US DOT-National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant that will support BTD in implementing upgrades in line with Boston's Signal Operations Design Policy, which emphasizes pedestrian safety by increasing crossing times and reducing high-risk turns. These improvements will be targeted at key intersections, particularly those in Boston's High Crash Network, where data shows the greatest need for intervention.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that these matters **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Sharon Durkan, Chair
Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL, JULIA MEJIA, BENJAMIN WEBER, COLETTA ZAPATA, FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, PEPÉN, SANTANA, AND LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FY26 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools' Fiscal Year 2025 budget totals more than \$1.5 billion; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools' Fiscal Year 2026 budget will be the first budget in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic to not include any ESSER funding; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper will present the FY26 budget to the School Committee on the first Wednesday of February; *and*

WHEREAS, For Fiscal Year 2025, the City Council worked collaboratively with Boston Public Schools starting in January to allow more advocacy from the Council before the School Committee approved the budget in March; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston School Committee remains an unelected body, despite a 2021 non-binding resolution that was supported by 79 percent of Boston voters, thus leaving the City Council as the only direct district-level line from constituents to the Boston Public Schools budget; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools is committed to creating a physical budget book for Fiscal Year 2026, which will be similar to BPS budget books from last decade and will allow for more public transparency earlier in the budget process; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools began actively working on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget starting in the fall of 2024, and the City Council engaged with Boston Public Schools starting in November 2024 to better advocate for priorities of the students in FY26; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold a committee meeting in February, a working session in early March, multiple hearings in April, and that representatives of Boston Public Schools and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 3, 2025



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 13, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by one hundred twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$128,700) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detectives Benevolent Society (BPDBS) – Forensic Group.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER REDUCING THE FY25 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$128,700).

ORDERED: That the appropriation heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, be reduced by the following amount:

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$128,700

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**
BY *[Signature]*
ADAM CEDERBAUM *hmcw*
CORPORATION COUNSEL



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 13, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Police Department for FY25 in the amount of one hundred twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$128,700) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detectives Benevolent Society (BPDBS) – Forensic Group. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a market adjustment to base wages in FY25, as well as base wage increase of 2% to be given in January of 2026 and 2027 and flat amounts of \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January of 2026 and 2027, after the percent increases.

As originally presented to you, the FY25 budget request included a Reserve for Collective Bargaining - a separate appropriation to fund projected collective bargaining increases. A separate order has been filed to reduce that appropriation to support this supplemental request.

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$128,700) TO COVER THE FY25 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE BPDBS – FORENSIC GROUP.

ORDERED: That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$128,700) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds and taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

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| 211000 | Boston Police Department | Personnel Services | \$128,700 |
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**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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BY



**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Kmw



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

February 3rd, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit this ordinance for your consideration and approval: **Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers Ordinance**

This ordinance will enable the City of Boston to better ensure safety on our streets by requiring that national third-party delivery platform companies maintain a valid permit from the City and take proactive steps to ensure the safe operation of their delivery workforce and crack down on dangerous operations by delivery workers using motorcycles, mopeds, and motorized scooters.

To obtain a permit, delivery companies must submit to the City proof of adequate insurance coverage for operators and share data pertaining deliveries, including data on unsafe and illegal vehicle operations on city streets. This carefully tailored ordinance is focused on the largest third-party delivery providers, which concentrate large volumes of traffic in certain areas of the City, particularly at certain times of day. The ordinance does not apply to small businesses with a small number of delivery drivers or other types of deliveries, such as those made by FedEx, UPS, or Amazon. By establishing this new permit process, this ordinance will establish rules and regulations governing the oversight of third-party delivery services within the City of Boston in furtherance of the public interest, safety, and convenience.

This ordinance follows a concerning uptick in complaints regarding the impact of third-party food delivery on City streets. Residents have made 105 reports through 311 about increased traffic and congestion, illegal double parking, as well as reckless and unsafe delivery drivers on scooters, mopeds, motorbikes, and e-bikes in 2024. The City of Boston, and in particular the Boston Police Department, remain focused on enforcing the traffic violations across Boston. This new ordinance will complement existing enforcement efforts by providing new data.

Insurance Requirement: This ordinance will require all third-party delivery providers to obtain umbrella liability insurance coverage for all workers utilizing their platform in order to receive a permit to operate in Boston. This policy must cover all workers regardless of what



vehicle type they use to make deliveries. This common sense policy will protect residents, and ensure they have protection in case of an accident.

Data Sharing: Currently the City of Boston does not have access to reliable data on where and when food deliveries are happening. This ordinance will require the delivery platforms to provide the City with data on food delivery trips in Boston, including about the types of vehicles used to complete deliveries in Boston, which areas experience the highest number of orders, and where and how quickly trips are completed. The City will also look to secure data from companies that documents unsafe and illegal operations by delivery drivers, including speeding and wrong-way driving. Access to this information will allow the City to better tailor enforcement and manage the safe operations of our streets, and help the City hold these companies accountable for the actions of their workforce.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on this Order, to improve the safety of residents and to better regulate third party delivery platforms in the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers Ordinance

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is experiencing an alarming increase in unlawful and dangerous operation of motorcycles, mopeds, and motorized scooters by drivers offering delivery services, frequently via Third-Party Deliver Providers; and

WHEREAS, Residents have witnessed widespread and ongoing incidents of running red lights, driving on city sidewalks, driving the wrong way down one-way streets, driving at speeds in excess of posted limits, and collisions. This type of operation puts residents, any pedestrian or driver of a motor vehicle who encounters them, and drivers themselves in imminent danger; and

WHEREAS, In the past year, Boston 311 received 105 reports from residents reporting delivery drivers on mopeds operating recklessly, such as driving on city sidewalks, going the wrong way on one-way streets, driving at speeds in excess of posted limits, and endangering pedestrians in the crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2024, city officials sent a joint letter to the leadership of major Third-Party Delivery Providers, DoorDash, GrubHub, and UberEats, detailing a major increase in dangerous and unlawful behavior by delivery drivers in Boston and warning of an increase in enforcement actions by the Boston Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Starting in June 2024, the Boston Police increased targeted enforcement of traffic violations by delivery workers in the interest of pedestrian safety, including in Copley Square, on Washington Street in Downtown, and in the Fenway. Since then the City of Boston has impounded more than 75 improperly registered mopeds used by delivery workers; and

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department will continue their efforts to enforce traffic laws and discourage third-party delivery platforms from having their operators drive recklessly in the interest of fast delivery; and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston expects all companies operating in the City to prioritize the safety of our residents, workers, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The continuous failure by many delivery drivers to operate safely or to abide by rules and regulations suggests a lack of accountability and oversight necessary to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, Some Third-Party Delivery Providers appear to provide little to no safety training for their operators or ongoing oversight of how their operators behave on Boston streets. Although Delivery Providers collect detailed trip information on their deliveries, including speeding, illegal turns and wrong-way driving, the companies do not share this information and do not use it to hold their drivers accountable for safe operation; and

WHEREAS, Third-Party Delivery Platforms share little to no information with the City of Boston about their operations, and thus limit the City’s ability to plan for and manage the impacts of their services; and

WHEREAS, Inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers will allow the City of Boston to require that Third-Party Delivery Providers take responsibility for their impacts on residents and city streets, by requiring the Providers to apply for, receive, and maintain a valid permit from the City in order to provide delivery services in Boston. This ordinance will establish rules and regulations governing the oversight of these services within the City of Boston in furtherance of the public interest, safety, and convenience; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, is hereby amended in Chapter XVII by inserting the following new section after existing Section 17-21:

17-22 Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers

17-22.1 Purpose & Scope

- a. *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to establish rules and regulations governing the oversight of Third-Party Delivery Services within the City of Boston in furtherance of the public interest, safety, and convenience.
- b. *Scope.* This ordinance applies to every Third-Party Delivery Provider operating within the City of Boston.

17-22.2 Definitions

BTD: Boston Transportation Department.

Third-Party Delivery Operator (“Operator”): Any person or entity that provides Third-Party Delivery Services through a Third-Party Delivery Provider.

Third-Party Delivery Order (“Order”): A single request by a customer for Third-Party Delivery Services either originating from or ending at a location in the City of Boston.

Third-Party Delivery Provider (“Provider”): Any person or entity that operates a website, mobile application, or other internet service that offers or arranges for the on-demand delivery by a third party of food or beverages prepared by more than one food service establishment other than a grocery or convenience store, which facilitates more than 1,000,000 Orders per year originating or ending in the City of Boston, and which is owned and operated by a person other than the person who owns the offered food service establishment.

Third-Party Delivery Provider Permit (“Permit”): A written approval issued by BTB authorizing a Third-Party Delivery Provider to provide Third-Party Delivery Services in the City of Boston.

Third-Party Delivery Services (“Services”): The delivery of food to a customer from a food service establishment, as facilitated by a Third-Party Delivery Provider.

Third-Party Delivery Vehicle (“Vehicle”): A vehicle, whether motorized or otherwise, that is used by an Operator to provide Services, including but not limited to motor vehicles, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, non-motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, low-speed motor vehicles, and limited use motor vehicles as defined by M.G.L. c. 90, § 1, and regulated by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles pursuant to 540 C.M.R. 2.00.

17-22.3 *Third-Party Delivery in the City of Boston*

No Third-Party Delivery Provider shall provide Third-Party Delivery Services except in compliance with the provisions of this section.

17-22.4 *Third-Party Delivery Provider Permit Process*

- a. A Provider shall maintain a valid Permit in order to provide Services within the City of Boston.
- b. A Provider shall, in a manner that BTB prescribes, apply to BTB for a Permit and apply annually to renew its Permit. BTB shall not grant or renew a Permit unless it is consistent with the public interest for the Provider to render Services within the City of Boston. BTB may revoke a Permit if the Provider is not in compliance with this section or if it is

inconsistent with the public interest for the Provider to render Services within the City of Boston.

- c. To obtain a Permit, a Provider shall submit the following to BTM:
 - i. Proof of adequate insurance as certified by BTM in accordance with the provisions of this section;
 - ii. A certification that the Provider will comply with the data requirements of this section; and
 - iii. Proof of provision of the disclosures required below.

17-22.5 Insurance

- a. A Permit shall only be valid for the explicit time period covered by the effective dates of the Provider's relevant insurance policy submitted pursuant to Subsection 17-22.4(c)(i).
- b. Insurance coverage requirements shall be determined by BTM, but shall include, at a minimum:
 - i. Coverage for liability, personal injury, collision, and medical payment in the event that any uninsured or underinsured Operator is involved in a crash;
 - ii. Coverage including Operator using all modes of transportation; and
 - iii. Coverage for all times when an Operator is active on the Provider's platform, including when waiting for, picking up, or delivering an Order.
- c. Upon application to operate, and before an Operator can provide Services, a Provider shall clearly and conspicuously provide an Operator with the following disclosures:
 - i. A statement that the Operator's own insurance policy might not provide coverage during the provision of Services; and
 - ii. A statement of the insurance coverage that the Provider supplies, including the types of coverage and the limits for each coverage, in each circumstance:
 - 1. an Operator available to receive requests for Services but not engaged in Services;
 - 2. an Operator engaged in Services; and
 - 3. an Operator neither available to receive requests for Services nor engaged in Services.

17-22.6 Data Reporting Requirements

- a. No less than once a month, each Provider shall submit to BTM, in a format approved by BTM, data related to each Order in the month prior to the previous month and shall include:
 - i. a unique ID number for each Order;

- ii. the type of Vehicle used for each Order;
 - iii. the power source of the Vehicle used, including but not limited to whether the Vehicle is propelled by internal combustion, battery-sourced electricity, or is a hybrid;
 - iv. the name, address, longitude, and latitude of the vendor from which the delivery Order originated;
 - v. the 15-digit FIPS Code for the census block to which the Order was delivered;
 - vi. the distances traveled, in increments of 1/10 of a mile, (A) between Order acceptance and arrival at the vendor, and (B) between the vendor and the delivery location;
 - vii. the date and time of the origination and termination, calculated to the nearest minute;
 - viii. the total time, in minutes, that (A) the Operator spent between Order acceptance and arrival at the vendor, (B) the Operator spent stopped at the vendor waiting for the Order, (C) the Operator spent driving to deliver the Order, and (D) the Operator spent delivering the Order; and
 - ix. if multiple Orders were picked up or delivered by the Operator during the course of this delivery (e.g., by multi-restaurant ordering or batching), a list of ID numbers (as defined in subsection (a)(i) above) for other Orders that were combined with this Order.
- b. Each Provider shall submit to BTM, upon BTM request, additional data for the purposes of congestion management, which may include, but shall not be limited to:
- i. the total number of Operators that utilized the Provider's digital network within specified geographic areas and time periods and broken out by mode of transportation as determined by BTM;
 - ii. the total time spent and total miles traveled by Operators in such geographic areas or time periods as determined by BTM:
 - 1. while engaged in traveling on the way to pick up an Order;
 - 2. while picking up an Order from a food service establishment;
 - 3. while engaged in traveling to deliver an Order; or
 - 4. while delivering an Order to the buyer.

17-22.7 Enforcement

The provisions of this section may be enforced by all enforcement mechanisms authorized, including but not limited to the noncriminal disposition process of M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D, and, if applicable, by seeking to restrain a violation by injunction.

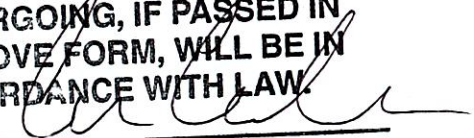
Any Provider that accepts a fee for facilitating Services when such Provider does not have a valid Permit shall be fined three hundred dollars (\$300) per day per restaurant from which Services are available and/or three hundred dollars (\$300) per Order. The BTDC Commissioner or a designee may also seek an injunction from a court of competent jurisdiction prohibiting the provision of Services by any unpermitted Provider.

17-22.8 Severability

The provisions of this section are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

17-22.9 Effective Date

This section shall take effect six months after passage.

I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.
BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL *Kmw*

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ERIN MURPHY, ED FLYNN, COLETTA ZAPATA,
FITZGERALD, MEJIA, SANTANA, WEBER, WORRELL AND LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO-THOUSAND-TWENTY-FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS THE PLANS UNDERWAY
TO DO FACILITIES WORK THIS SUMMER AT SEVERAL OF OUR
BUILDINGS THAT MAY IMPACT THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE
FOR OUR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND SENIORS

WHEREAS, Facility repairs have been needed at many of our Community Centers and Boston Public Schools for many years now, and much needed HVAC remediation work thankfully started last summer at several of these buildings; **and**

WHEREAS, Our community centers support children, youth, individuals, seniors, and families through a wide range of programs and services. They offer affordable opportunities to encourage healthy habits, promote physical fitness, and give people an opportunity to learn to swim, exercise in the gyms, participate in healthy activities for all ages, and register their children for summer camp: **and**

WHEREAS, Making sure the much needed repairs at these locations are completed in a timely manner is a priority of ours. If any of these repairs have potential impact on summer programming for our children, seniors, and families we need to know in advance so we can help coordinate with residents and make the necessary alternative plans to ease the impact this may have on hundreds of summer school students, summer camp children and seniors that rely on these city programming opportunities; **and**

WHEREAS, When there is a closure of one, or more, buildings for repairs it may create a disservice to the residents. Bringing all stakeholders together to make sure we are communicating between departments to ensure that the community has a voice in this process, and has the proper time to prepare and make alternative plans is imperative; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding the possible closing of several community centers and schools this summer, so we can discuss the impact it may have on the health and city programming for our youth, families, and seniors. Representatives from the appropriate departments of the administration will be invited, and in addition members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Filed in Council: January 15, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, JULIA MEJIA, HENRY SANTANA,
FERNANDES ANDERSON, PEPÉN, WEBER AND WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) empowers voters to express their preferences more fully by ranking candidates in order of preference, enhancing the expressive quality of the voting process; *and*

WHEREAS, RCV ensures that elections are decided by candidates who have broad consensus support, thereby reinforcing the legitimacy and acceptance of election outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS, This voting method minimizes strategic voting, as voters can support their preferred candidate without fear that their choice might inadvertently benefit less favored candidates; *and*

WHEREAS, RCV can lead to a more diverse group of candidates choosing to run for office, as the system's inclusive nature reduces barriers to entry by diminishing the fear of marginalization from split allegiances; *and*

WHEREAS, RCV encourages candidates to campaign positively and build alliances with other candidates' supporters to garner second-choice rankings, promoting a more constructive and less adversarial political dialogue; *and*

WHEREAS, The flexibility of RCV allows voters to support their true first-choice candidate without concern for electoral viability, fostering a political environment where ideas can be judged on their merit rather than electoral practicality; *and*

WHEREAS, Moving from the current "Top-two" to a "Top-four" system can be accomplished with just three simple changes: 1) Promote four, rather than two, candidates from preliminary elections for mayor and district city councilor, 2) Allow voters to rank up to four candidates on their ballot for all general elections for mayor and city councilors, and 3) use standard ranked ballot tabulation methods appropriate to the number of seats being elected; *and*

WHEREAS, A "Top-four" system would lower the chances of non-incumbents or newer candidates from theoretically harming another more established candidate's

chances of winning. When candidates like these do not run, many in the community are disappointed and the democratic process loses what may be an important perspective; *and*

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that RCV can help to reduce polarization in politics by rewarding candidates who can appeal to a wider range of the electorate, thus enhancing overall political stability and satisfaction; *and*

WHEREAS, The adoption of RCV is associated with higher levels of voter engagement and satisfaction, as the system provides a more satisfying and representative voting experience; *and*

WHEREAS, RCV has been adopted across various municipalities and jurisdictions in the United States, including in New York, California, Hawaii, and Maine, demonstrating its versatility and effectiveness in enhancing voter choice and satisfaction, which is evident from its implementation in cities that have seen increased voter engagement and reduced electoral polarization; *and*

WHEREAS, The question of ranked-choice voting was previously on the state ballot in 2020 and ultimately failed, with 55% of Massachusetts voters statewide voting no, yet 62% of Boston residents voted in support of moving to ranked-choice voting; *and*

WHEREAS, The implementation of RCV is a testament to the commitment of a democracy to adapt and evolve its electoral systems to better meet the needs of its citizenry, reflecting a responsive approach to governance; *and*

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting promotes fair and representative elections by allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference, which supports a more democratic process by enabling the election of candidates who can command a broad consensus among voters, and leads to a higher representation of traditionally underrepresented groups in elected positions, thereby making the electoral process more inclusive and reflective of the community; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN BOSTON

SECTION 1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Act, the following terms have the following meanings:

1. “Active candidate,” any candidate who has not been eliminated or elected, and is not a withdrawn or deceased candidate.
2. “Election threshold,” the number of votes sufficient for a candidate to be elected in a multi-winner election.
3. “Highest-ranked active candidate,” the active candidate assigned to a higher ranking than any other active candidate.
4. “Ranking,” the number available to be assigned by a voter to a candidate to express the voter’s preference for that candidate. The number “1” is the highest ranking, followed by “2” and then “3” and so on.
5. “Round,” an instance of the sequence of voting tabulation described in section 3(a) for single-winner contests or section 3(b) for multi-winner contests.
6. “Withdrawn candidate,” a candidate who has filed (or had an authorized designee file) a signed letter of withdrawal prior to election day according to Massachusetts law, and where a certificate of substitution has not been filed according to Massachusetts law to fill the vacancy.
7. “Deceased candidate” means a candidate who has died after five o’clock in the afternoon on the twelfth Tuesday preceding the preliminary election, and where a certificate of substitution has not been filed according to Massachusetts law to fill the vacancy.

SECTION 2. General Provisions.

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, all regular and special elections in the city of Boston for the positions of mayor and district city councillor involving three or more qualified candidates, and all regular elections for the position of city councillor-at-large, shall be conducted by ranked choice voting. In any contest using ranked choice voting, the general election ballot shall allow voters to rank four candidates, including write-in lines, in order of preference.
- (b) Section 64 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 2 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “blank spaces equal to the number for which a voter may vote for such office” and inserting in place thereof the following words:

blank spaces equal to the number of seats to be elected to such office.

- (c) Section 15 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 1 of chapter 233 of the Acts of 1993, is hereby amended by adding between the first sentence and the second sentence the following sentence:

The number of votes a defeated candidate received shall be the number of votes the candidate had in the last round of tabulation before the candidate was eliminated, as described by Section 3(b) of this Act and any implementing regulations.

- (d) Section 59 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 9 of chapter 342 of the Acts of 1983, is hereby amended by deleting the first two sentences in their entirety and by replacing them with the following sentences:

At every election conducted by ranked choice voting, each voter shall be entitled to submit one vote with up to four rankings for each office. At every other municipal election, each voter shall be entitled to vote for not more than one candidate for the office of mayor and district city councillor and not more than four candidates for the office of city councillor-at-large. The elections commission shall establish rules for what instructions shall be printed on the ballot to inform voters how to fill out the ballot.

SECTION 3. Preliminary Elections.

- (a) Section 57C of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 7 of chapter 342 of the Acts of 1983, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 22, the word “two” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- four.
- (b) Section 61 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 2 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word “two”, and inserting in place thereof the following word:-four.
- (c) Said section 61 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 19, the words “twice the number to be elected”, and by inserting in place thereof the following words:

the number of names that would have been printed in the event of no tie vote.

- (d) Section 15A of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 1 of chapter 233 of the Acts of 1993, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7 the word “two”, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- four.

SECTION 4. Tabulation of Ranked Choice Ballots.

Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, votes in ranked choice voting contests shall be tabulated as follows:

(a) Single-Winner Tabulation. In all contests for mayor and district city councillor conducted by ranked choice voting, each ballot shall count as one vote for the highest-ranked active candidate on that ballot. The candidate with the greatest number of votes at the end of tabulation is elected. Tabulation shall proceed in rounds as follows:

- (1) If there are more than two active candidates, the active candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and votes for the eliminated candidate are counted for each ballot's next-ranked active candidate.
- (2) If there are two or fewer active candidates, tabulation is complete.

(b) Multi-Winner Tabulation. In all contests for city councillor-at-large conducted by ranked choice voting, each ballot shall count in whole or in part for the highest-ranked active candidate on that ballot. The election threshold shall be determined by dividing the number of votes cast by five, rounding down to the nearest whole number, and adding one. Tabulation shall proceed in rounds. Any candidate who receives a number of votes equal to or exceeding the election threshold shall be declared elected. If a candidate exceeds the election threshold, the excess part of each vote received by that candidate shall instead be counted for each ballot's next-ranked active candidate. When a candidate is eliminated, votes shall be counted for each ballot's next-ranked active candidate. The election commission shall establish and publish uniform rules and best practices for the administration of multi-winner ranked choice voting contests.

(c) Treatment of Ballots.

- (1) An undervote is a ballot that does not rank any candidates in a particular contest. An undervote does not count as an active or inactive ballot in any round of tabulation of that contest.
- (2) An inactive ballot is a ballot that ceases in a round of tabulation to count for any candidate for the remainder of the tabulation of the contest because either:
 - (A) All candidates ranked on the ballot have become inactive; or
 - (B) The ballot includes an overvote and any candidates ranked higher than the overvote have become inactive. An overvote occurs when a voter ranks more than one candidate at the same ranking.
- (3) During tabulation, a ballot shall remain active and continue to count for its highest-ranked active candidate notwithstanding any skipped or repeated rankings on the ballot. A skipped ranking occurs when a voter leaves a ranking unassigned but ranks a candidate at a subsequent ranking. A repeated ranking occurs when a voter ranks the same candidate at multiple rankings.

(d) Ties. If two or more candidates are tied with the fewest votes, and tabulation cannot continue until the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, then the

candidate with the fewest votes in the prior round shall be defeated. If two or more such tied candidates were tied in the prior round, the second tie shall be decided by referring similarly to the number of votes for each candidate in the second-prior round. This process shall be applied successively as many times as necessary. The election commission shall establish a method of tiebreaking that will be used if two or more candidates are tied with the fewest votes in the first round of tabulation.

SECTION 5. Results Reporting.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 60 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 2 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951; or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, votes in ranked choice voting contests shall be reported as follows:

- (a) **Unofficial Results.** The election commission shall promulgate rules or guidance to ensure the release of unofficial results after the polls close, including round-by-round results, which shall be first released as soon as a reasonable number of precincts have reported but shall make the best effort to provide by 11:59PM on election night.
- (b) **Final Results.** In addition to any other information required by law to be reported with official final results, the election commission shall make public:
 - (1) the number and percentage of votes that each candidate received in each round of the official tabulation; and
 - (2) the number of ballots that became inactive in each round for the reasons set out in section 3(c)(2), reported as separate figures.

SECTION 6. Regulatory Authority.

The election commission shall have the authority to promulgate whatever rules are necessary to implement this Act.

SECTION 7. Severability.

If any provision of this Act, or the application of any provision of this Act to any person, office, or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act and the application of its provision to any person, office, or circumstance, shall not be affected by the holding.

SECTION 8. Voter Acceptance and Effective Date.

The following question shall be placed on the ballot to be used at a regular state or municipal election or a special election called for the purpose of presenting the question to the voters:

Shall an act entitled "An Act to Implement Ranked Choice Voting for the City of Boston" be accepted?

The city law department shall prepare the summary of the question, which shall appear on the ballot along with the question provided in this section.

If a majority of votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, the city shall be taken to have accepted the Act, but not otherwise. The Act shall take effect immediately upon approval of said question; provided, however, that it shall be applicable only to municipal elections in which the regular or special election for that contest is 365 days or more after the day the Act is accepted.

Filed on January 8, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CITY OF BOSTON CODE,
ORDINANCES CHAPTER VII
SECTION 7-15

WHEREAS: Boston has the opportunity to use the upcoming 250th anniversary of 1776 in 2026, the upcoming 400th anniversary of the founding of Boston in 2030, and other significant historical anniversaries for all our local communities to tell the full range of our history, including the struggles and accomplishments of Boston’s Indigenous, Black, immigrant, womens’, and LGBTQ+ communities who are too often left out of the official narrative; *and*

WHEREAS: The organization Revolutionary Spaces recently modeled such an approach with its commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the 1770 Boston Massacre, which centered on the diverse individuals who were killed and resulted in the commission of a new play about Crispus Attucks by Boston-based playwright Miranda ADEkoje; *and*

WHEREAS: Bostonians like George Middleton — an African-American who built the oldest standing house on Beacon Hill, served in the American Revolution, and pushed for equal school rights for Black children as early as 1800 — were central to the early days of the Republic and ought to be better known; *and*

WHEREAS: Upcoming anniversaries provide Boston with an opportunity to both plan commemorative events and update local and state laws concerning historic buildings in ways that marshal investment and attention to more fully preserve and honor a history that includes all Bostonians, not only white, affluent, and well-known historical figures; *and*

WHEREAS: Creating tourism, events, and exhibits around historically significant anniversaries can help to boost the local economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and if planning is inclusive and intentional, the City can ensure local, minority, women, and LGBTQ+ owned businesses in every neighborhood are promoted and able to benefit, as will the diverse community of local hospitality workers; *and*

WHEREAS: Exhibits in the Boston Public Library’s branch libraries and engaging local historical curricula in the Boston Public Schools afford the opportunity to make every Bostonian feel ownership over and connection to the City’s history in its

full depth and diversity, and to expose young people to the empowering and enriching possibilities of historical research and narrative; *and*

WHEREAS: For us to truly preserve all of Boston’s history, our City’s mechanisms for historic preservation and our inventories of Boston’s physical history must be revamped so as to ensure that less well-resourced areas are also receiving preservation attention and protection; *and*

WHEREAS: To make the best use of this opportunity to revitalize and revolutionize our approach to our local history, and to leverage related available federal, state, and private funds, Boston must begin the conversations now and establish a Boston Commemoration Commission to lay out a road-map for the next ten years leading up to the City’s 400th anniversary; *and*

WHEREAS: Reforming the Commemoration Commission is necessary to accomplish these goals in an orderly and efficient manner; ***NOW THEREFORE***

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter VII, Section 7-15 is hereby amended by replacing the existing section 7-15, *Boston Commemoration Commission* and replacing it with the following new section and subsections.

7-15 Boston Commemoration Commission.

7-15.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the Boston Commemoration Commission. The Commission is herein tasked with developing and executing a plan to mark upcoming historical anniversaries, including but not limited to the United States Sestercentennial (250th) in 2026 and the 400th anniversary of the founding of the City of Boston in 2030, while investing in inclusive and robust historical resources and preservation tools. The intent of this ordinance is to ensure that the many diverse community voices and organizations who steward Boston’s history and the City departments with responsibilities related to historical narrative, exhibits, curricula, archives, preservation, and event-planning are all able to work together to deepen the public opportunities to engage with that history, in collaboration with state and federal partners. This ordinance affirms that our diverse and intertwined community histories are of great value to the City of Boston and its residents, that historical tourism should be a driver of true shared prosperity, that inclusive and honest historical memory is a crucial public good worthy of attention and resources, and that communities all over the City should have the tools and resources to research, preserve, acknowledge, and celebrate their history.

7-15.2 Establishing the Boston Commemoration Commission.

The Boston Commemoration Commission will include members appointed by the Mayor, including:

1. One (1) member who represents a tourism-related Boston business outside downtown
2. One (1) member who represents a tourism-related Boston business in the downtown area
3. One (1) member from the Boston Chamber of Commerce
4. One (1) member from The Boston Foundation
5. One (1) member from the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership
6. One (1) member from Embrace Boston
7. One (1) members who is an archivist and is seeking to preserve a diverse history
8. One (1) member who is a digital archivist or preservation specialist seeking to preserve a diverse history
9. One (1) member from a non-profit institution with major Boston historical holdings
10. One (1) member representing a neighborhood with a Historic District
11. One (1) member involved in history in a Boston neighborhood without a Local Historic District
12. One (1) member affiliated with the North American Indian Center of Boston
13. One (1) member from the Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag
14. One (1) member from the Museum of African American History
15. One (1) member with an expertise in local Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) history
16. One (1) member with an expertise in local Indigenous history
17. One (1) member with an expertise in local Black history
18. One (1) member with an expertise in local European immigrant history
19. One (1) member with an expertise in local Latinx history
20. One (1) member with an expertise in local women's history
21. One (1) member with an expertise in local LGBTQ+ history
22. One (1) member with an expertise in local intellectual history
23. One (1) member from the Massachusetts Historical Society
24. One (1) member from the Boston Preservation Alliance
25. One (1) member from Revolutionary Spaces
26. One (1) member from the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau
27. One (1) member who is a hospitality worker
28. One (1) member of the Boston Legislative Delegation
29. One (1) member of the Boston City Council

And the following members, ex-officio:

- 30-32. One (1) member from National Parks of Boston, representing the Boston National Historic Park, the Boston African American National Historic Site, and the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area

And the following people or their designees, ex officio:

33. Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion
34. Chief of Arts and Culture
35. The City Archivist
36. The City Archaeologist
37. President of the Boston Public Library
38. Director of the Office of Historic Preservation
39. Collector-Treasurer, as steward of the Community Preservation Trust Fund

The Boston Commemoration Commission may be advised by stakeholder groups structured by theme, including but not limited to: (1) Events, Exhibits, and Trails, (2) Timelines, Archives, and Curricula, and (3) Legislation and Preservation Tools. The Commission may establish additional stakeholder groups as it deems appropriate. These stakeholder groups shall take no official votes, shall consist of any persons the Commission may wish to invite, shall meet on a schedule determined by the Commission and regardless of whether a majority of invitees can attend, and may only share ideas and recommendations in a nonbinding fashion with the Commission.

The City shall assign the equivalent of two (2) full-time staff with these staff persons to be drawn from such City departments as may be most appropriate.

The Boston Commemoration Commission's full meetings will be open for any organizational member of Revolution 250 and/or of state-level Commissions focused on commemorating Massachusetts history to attend.

The Boston Commemoration Commission members shall serve without compensation. Members will elect a Chair or Co-Chairs for the Boston Commemoration Commission every two years with a simple majority vote.

The Boston Commemoration Commission will exist until June 30, 2031.

The Boston Commemoration Commission shall first convene within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this ordinance. Should there be a vacancy or resignation in any of the above positions, the Mayor will appoint a new representative from another equally relevant office or organization within ninety (90) days. Members of the Boston Commemoration Commission will remain members as long as the Commission exists or unless voted to be removed by a majority vote of the Commission.

7-15.3 Responsibilities and Authorities of the Boston Commemoration Commission.

The primary responsibility of the Boston Commemoration Commission is to advise the Mayor and relevant departments on making Boston's celebrations of significant upcoming historic anniversaries, as well as Boston's preservation policies and tools, robust and inclusive of all history, including the history of Indigenous, Black, immigrant, LGBTQ+, women, and other historically marginalized communities. The Boston Commemoration Commission will provide the Mayor and relevant departments with reports and recommended actions for: a) commemorating upcoming historical anniversaries that are significant to Boston, b) collaborating

with state-level commemoration and historic commissions, c) ensuring that the City applies in a timely and robust fashion for any available Federal or State funds, and d) recommending how to collaborate with state-level and regional commemoration efforts.

This Commission will meet quarterly. Additional meetings may be held to work on specific issues as they relate to the overall work of this Commission. The Commission will file a bi-annual (every 6 months) progress report of findings and recommendations with the Clerk to update the City and community. Any plans, timelines, and proposals presented by the Commission to the Clerk may be adjusted and refined by vote of the Commission over the course of its existence.

At any point, the Commission may be called upon to testify to and update the City Council on their progress.

If the Commission determines necessary, the Commission is authorized to continue meeting beyond June 30, 2031, provided the Commission continues to provide bi-annual reports to the Clerk.

The Commission reports submitted to the Clerk and any documents pertaining to the governing of the Commission will be publicly available.

Section 2.

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

Section 3.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Filed on: February 26, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, **Leo J. Bracken** sustained serious injuries while in the performance of his duties, and as a result is incapacitated from further service as a Fire Lieutenant; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:
AN ACT RELATIVE TO PENSION BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTER LEO J. BRACKEN**

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, and in order to promote the public good, the Boston retirement board shall retire Leo J. Bracken, a firefighter of the city of Boston, who as a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of his duties on October 17, 2019, is totally and permanently injured and incapacitated for further service as a firefighter. Leo J. Bracken shall receive a yearly amount of pension equal to the regular rate of compensation which would have been paid to him had he continued in service as a Boston firefighter at the grade held by him at the time of his retirement. Upon the retirement of Leo J. Bracken, the retirement board of the city shall forthwith pay to him all amounts credited to him in the annuity savings fund of the retirement board of the city. Such retirement shall become effective as of the date following the last day on which he is entitled to receive regular compensation.

SECTION 2. Leo J. Bracken shall be entitled to receive indemnification for all hospital, medical and related expenses that have been, or may be incurred after the date of his retirement as a result of the injuries sustained by him while in the performance of his duties, under section 100 of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. Upon the death of Leo J. Bracken, if his wife Susan K. Bracken survives him, the Boston retirement board shall pay to Susan K. Bracken an annuity in the amount of three-fourths of the amount of pension that would have been payable to said Leo J. Bracken had he continued to live.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: February 26, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, Michael Sullivan served as a Police Officer with the City of Warwick, Police Department from December 3, 2000 to October 31, 2005 during which time he paid into the City of Warwick, RI retirement system;; *and*

WHEREAS, Michael Sullivan was appointed to the Boston Police Department on October 31, 2005 and has served honorably since his appointment to the Boston Police Department, earning two medals of honors and the prestigious William J. Taylor Meritorious Service Award, and has served in the Crimes Against Children Unit for eight years protecting residents and children of the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 32, Section 4(f) provides creditable service for periods of out-of-state service for teachers, but not other government employees, in the case of any member who has acquired the right to credit for such service as a member of the teacher's retirement system, or creditable service for periods of intra-state service in other governmental units where no system existed in the case of any employee who is a member of any system, shall be allowed as provided for in subdivision (4) or (5) respectively, of section three, or as provided for under corresponding provisions of earlier laws to the extent that such credit had been established prior to January 1, 1946; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENSION OF MICHAEL SULLIVAN

SECTION 1.

Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the Boston retirement board shall credit Michael Sullivan, a member of the Boston retirement system, with creditable service for the period of December 3, 2000 to October 31, 2005, inclusive, for the

purpose of determining his superannuation retirement allowance pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision (2) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

Before the date that any retirement allowance becomes effective in the case of Michael Sullivan, he shall pay into the annuity savings fund of the retirement system of the city in one (1) sum or installments, upon such terms and conditions as the board may prescribe, an amount equal to that which would have been withheld as regular deductions from his regular compensation for such previous service, plus buyback interest.

SECTION 2.

The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the mayor approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The mayor is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

SECTION 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: February 26, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING EXPANDING
INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools (BPS) serves approximately 45,000 students across 125 schools, with about 21% enrolled in special education programs; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Private Industry Council (PIC), in partnership with the City of Boston and BPS, facilitates the Mayor’s Summer Jobs Program, connecting high school students to internships across various sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity (YEO) offers both summer and year-round employment opportunities for Boston youth through programs like SuccessLink, aiming to bridge opportunities for personal and professional growth; and

WHEREAS, current internship programs may not adequately address the unique needs of students with disabilities, potentially limiting their access to valuable work-based learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, inclusive internship opportunities are essential for equipping students with disabilities with the skills, confidence, and professional networks necessary for post-secondary success; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between the BPS Office of Special Education, the departments overseeing internship programs, and the YEO is crucial to develop and implement inclusive internship opportunities; and

WHEREAS, engaging local employers and community organizations is vital to creating a diverse range of internship placements that accommodate and support students with varying abilities; and

WHEREAS, ensuring equitable access to internships aligns with the City of Boston’s commitment to diversity, inclusion, and academic excellence for all students; and

WHEREAS, feedback from special education teachers and parents of students with disabilities highlights a pressing need for expanded internship opportunities tailored to these students; now

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss strategies for expanding internship opportunities for students with disabilities within Boston Public Schools. Representatives from the BPS Office of Special Education, the departments managing internship programs, the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity, local employers, community organizations, students, parents, and special education teachers shall be invited to testify on current challenges and propose actionable solutions to enhance inclusivity in internship offerings.

Filed on the 26th day of February, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS CURRENT POPULATION PROJECTIONS AND PREPARATION FOR THE 2030 DECENNIAL CENSUS

- WHEREAS*, Population projections inform crucial decisions related to Boston’s future, such as the housing units needed to house the future population, school facilities needed to educate the City’s children, community centers to provide programming, dormitories to house students of colleges and universities, and more; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Projections take into account cohort birth, death, and migration rates; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The United States Census Bureau conducts the federal decennial census as an official count of every person and household, and initial figures from the 2020 Census enumerated a population of 675,647 residents in the City of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The American Community Survey is Census Bureau survey providing on a yearly basis vital and more detailed demographic data on jobs and occupations, educational attainment, veteran and disability status, homeowners and renters, language spoken at home, commuting patterns, poverty status, and more; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Census Bureau also conducts an annual Population Estimates Program between each decennial census, known as intercensal estimates, calculated using a “population base” determined by the results of the last decennial census, which takes into account population change including births, deaths, and migration; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Census Bureau also conducts annual Housing Unit Estimates, beginning with the results of the last decennial census and factoring in a local government unit’s reported building permits and new residential construction; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The official decennial census enumeration not only determines the population base for future population estimates, but postcensal population estimates are also used to determine the distribution of billions of dollars in state and federal funding, and are used by public officials, planners, policymakers, and researchers to assess past and present conditions to plan for the future; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Research Division of the City of Boston Planning Department recently issued a presentation demonstrating the Division’s population projections from 2020 to 2035 for Boston’s population by age group; *and*

- WHEREAS,* Analysis conducted by the Research Division found that in the 2020 Census, “Allston’s population fell by 5.9 percent, with a 40 percent decline in the group quarters population, suggesting that the college dorm population of Allston may not have been correctly counted in the wake of the pandemic evacuation”; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The City of Boston successfully challenged the 2020 Census enumeration of the population in group quarters to show a net undercount of 6,290 residents in dormitory and correctional facilities, correction for which would more accurately reflect Boston’s 2020 population base as 681,937 individuals; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Annual population estimates continue to undercount the age 18 to 24 population compared to the decennial census, and, in addition to the group quarters population, there are concerns about undercounts of the household population across Boston, adjustments for which could more accurately reflect Boston’s 2020 population as closer to almost 700,000 individuals; *and*
- WHEREAS,* In addition to official census figures, supplemental sources for insightful demographic data can include real estate databases, the City’s annual resident listing, annual reports of student enrollment and housing submitted pursuant to the University Accountability Ordinance; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The Research Division presentation projects that Charlestown, the South Boston Waterfront, and Allston will experience the highest percentage population growth from 2024 to 2035; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The next federal decennial census will be in 2030 and preparation at the Census Bureau is underway to ensure a complete count, providing crucial opportunities for state and local input on program design through field tests and stakeholder engagement; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Demographic data is a public asset, essential for informing complex policy decisions such as service delivery, targeted allocation of public funds and resources, strategic responses to crises, measure success, improve the efficiency of government programs, and due diligence must be paid to ensure its accuracy; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- ORDERED:* That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss current population projections and preparation for the 2030 decennial census, and that representatives of City departments, including the Research Division of the Planning Department, the UMass Donahue Institute, and interested members of the public be invited to attend.

Filed on: February 26, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW CAPITAL PLANNING, BUDGETING, AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN THE CAPITAL PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS*, The City of Boston maintains a vast inventory of capital assets, including hundreds of miles of roads, dozens of bridges, parks in every neighborhood, and more than 300 municipal buildings and facilities that deliver essential city services, and investment in the City’s infrastructure is an investment in its future; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The City’s Five-Year Capital Plan is primarily financed through general obligation (G.O.) bonds, supplemented by other City funds and state and federal grants, with \$1.75 billion in outstanding G.O. debt as of June 30, 2024, of which 45 percent is scheduled for repayment within 5 years and 75 percent within 10 years; *and*
- WHEREAS*, As of June 30, 2024, the City had a debt limit of \$11.32 billion, with net outstanding debt, principal redeemed, and authorized but unissued (A&U) debt totaling \$4.22 billion, including \$2.56 billion of A&U within the debt limit and \$219 million outside of the debt limit, leaving a statutory capacity to authorize an additional \$7.09 billion in debt; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The City’s Debt Management Policy enforces fiscal responsibility by limiting debt service to under 7 percent of Operating Budget expenditures, ensuring rapid repayment of principal with at least 35 to 40 percent repaid within 5 years and 65 to 70 percent repaid within 10 years, and capping variable rate debt at 20 percent of outstanding principal; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Capital projects progress through multiple stages of funding and development, beginning with inclusion in the Capital Plan with an initial funding allocation, followed by an initial study and scope assessment conducted by the managing department (typically 6–12 months), a community engagement and design phase that informs final project plans (typically 1–2 years), construction commencing upon completion of design and permitting (typically 1–2 years), project completion, including final finishings and the start of asset use (typically 3–6 months), and ongoing maintenance funded through the City’s Operating Budget for the remaining life of the asset; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Capital Projects Fund, a governmental fund used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities, is primarily financed by proceeds from G.O. bonds and federal and state grants, and, as of the close of fiscal year 2024, had assigned encumbrances totaling \$460.3 million and a fund balance of \$87.0 million; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Loan orders currently authorize both the encumbrance of debt and the appropriation of bond proceeds for statutory purposes (G.L. c. 44, §§ 7 and 8, G.L. c. 121B, and St. 1971, c. 1097) for various City departments and agencies; these loan orders permit the issuance of bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness, without a statutory approval timeline and without a legally adopted annual budget governing the Capital Projects Fund; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Capital Budgeting program of the Office of Budget Management (OBM) is responsible for preparing and managing the City’s multi-year capital plan, overseeing capital construction projects, equipment acquisitions, and contracts, and monitoring all capital fund appropriations, including revenue from bonds and grants; *and*

- WHEREAS*, OBM facilitates an annual capital planning process that begins with a capital improvement project request period, during which departments identify and submit proposals for funding to address their facility, equipment, infrastructure, and planning needs, and proposals recommended for funding are included in a multi-year spending plan that incorporates both new projects and those previously authorized; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Public Facilities Department, overseen by a three-member commission, is responsible for coordinating capital improvement projects within its jurisdiction, which includes providing project management services for design and construction at City-owned buildings, such as new facilities, major renovations, facility upgrades, infrastructure improvements, and programming and siting studies and analyses; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Additional capital planning and project management responsibilities outside the jurisdiction of the Public Facilities Department are distributed across the City’s Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Transportation Departments, while the School Department manages certain planning functions for school facilities; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The City’s financial management is supported by the Boston Administrative Information Systems (BAIS), an integrated financial and human capital management system that specializes in encumbrance control, budget management, position and payroll allotment, fund accounting, and capital project and grant management; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Division of Local Services of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue has produced comprehensive resources to assist municipalities in carrying out their responsibilities in planning, financing, and implementing capital improvements; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Government Finance Officers Association, a trade organization of government finance officials which regularly recognizes the City’s distinguished operating budget presentation, provides multi-year capital planning resources, conducts performance evaluations, and develops model policies to guide data-driven decision-making based on best practices of local governments across the country; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Best practices for a multi-year capital plan include effective stakeholder engagement, strategic identification and prioritization of expected needs, established project scope and costs, proper monitoring and oversight, public project progression status reports, disclosure of significant changes, and project close-out procedures; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The City is implementing a new planning process for city facilities to develop a more data-informed and maintenance-focused capital budget, including a Citywide Facility Conditions Assessment to standardize and track building needs across departments, an Asset Essentials Database to centralize asset management, a Citywide Needs Assessment to align capital priorities with demographic and service gaps, and the formation of a Capital Planning Working Group to enhance interdepartmental coordination; *and*
- WHEREAS*, As the City of Boston approaches the fortieth anniversary of its first five-year capital plan, a comprehensive performance review is timely; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- ORDERED*: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review capital planning, budgeting, and project management practices in the capital program of the City of Boston, and that decision-making officials representing City departments involved in all stages of the capital program, industry professionals, community stakeholders, and interested members of the public be invited to attend.

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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PUBLIC AUTHORITY-ORDERED TOWING PRACTICES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS*, The Transportation Oversight Division of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) monitors and regulates the rates and practices of common carriers used to transport passengers and property, including trucks, railways, buses, household moving companies, and towing companies; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Pursuant to G.L. c. 159B, § 6B, the Department has jurisdiction over certain tow company charges such as maximum tow rates and fees associated with “involuntary towing” of motor vehicles, which include police-ordered towing, public authority-ordered towing, and trespass towing; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Police or public authority-ordered tows often occur after an accident on a public way, during a snow emergency, street cleaning, or when a stolen vehicle is recovered; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Trespass towing generally refers to a contractual arrangement between a property owner and a licensed tow company to remove unauthorized vehicles, and property owners may hire a company to monitor a property and conduct trespass tows; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The DPU does not have jurisdiction to regulate the terms of the contracts between property owners and tow companies or the rates associated with voluntary tows; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Several departments, including the Boston Transportation, Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments, and individual school sites, separately procure towing services, whether for vehicles in the City fleet, street sweeping enforcement, evidentiary purposes, heavy duty, off-hour emergencies, or for the disposal of motor vehicles declared abandoned; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Parking and towing policies are inconsistent across school facilities, both for faculty and staff during the school day and for neighborhood residents parking after school and overnight, and information about contracted towers are not always posted; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The City of Boston can establish the description of services and specifications for the multi-year contracts awarded to licensed tow operators as qualified vendors conducting public authority-ordered towing; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- ORDERED*: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss public authority-ordered towing practices in the City of Boston, and that representatives of City departments, Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MASSPIRG), Statewide Towing Association, consumers, licensed tow operators, and interested members of the public be invited to attend.

Filed on: February 26, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Over the past two centuries, Irish immigrants and their descendants have played a vital role in the growth and development of the City of Boston. The Irish American community has enriched Boston's cultural, social, and economic fabric, making significant contributions that have shaped the city into what it is today; and

WHEREAS, During the Great Famine (An Gorta Mór) of the 1840s, Irish immigrants arrived in Boston, seeking refuge from hardship, only to face prejudice, poverty, and discrimination. Despite these challenges, they worked in the construction of the city's infrastructure, in labor-intensive industries, and in various public service roles, laying the foundation for Boston's rise as a major American city; and

WHEREAS, As the Irish American population in Boston grew, so too did their influence in key sectors. Irish Americans have been central to the development of the city's public safety workforce, contributing significantly to the police and fire departments. They also played a pivotal role in the city's political landscape, with several prominent Irish American politicians serving in local government and public office. Boston's Irish-American community has been a cornerstone in the city's rich labor movement, advocating for the rights of workers and the marginalized; and

WHEREAS, Today, Irish Americans continue to be a driving force in Boston's thriving cultural scene, contributing to its vibrant arts, music, and literary traditions. They are also influential in Boston's universities, businesses, and community organizations, with a legacy of social engagement that reflects the enduring spirit of resilience and community pride; and

WHEREAS, As we celebrate Irish-American Heritage Month, we honor not only the national contributions of the Irish American community, but also the profound impact they have had specifically on Boston's identity—fostering a spirit of unity, perseverance, and cultural diversity that defines the character of our city;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the Boston City Council hereby proclaims March as Irish-American Heritage Month in the City of Boston, paying tribute to the remarkable contributions of Irish Americans to the city's history and continued progress. In recognition of Irish-American Heritage Month, the Boston City Council directs the Property Management Department to raise the Irish flag on March 12, 2025, in honor of the rich heritage and lasting legacy of the Irish American community in Boston.

Filed on: February 26, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRIORITIZING FUNDING FOR THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM OPERATED BY ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 2017, the Parent Mentor Program (PMP) has been instrumental in building strong partnerships among parents, teachers, and school administrators in Boston Public Schools (BPS); *and*

WHEREAS, By matching Parent Mentors with classroom teachers to work one-on-one or in small groups two-and-a-half hours a day, the program provides over 12,000 hours of direct support to 800 students annually; *and*

WHEREAS, This innovative initiative offers three key benefits for our city: enhanced family engagement in schools, direct support for students, and increased economic mobility for families as they take on roles as educators in our schools; *and*

WHEREAS, The Parent Mentor Program is operated by St. Stephen's Youth Programs (SSYP), a nationally-recognized leader in innovative family and community engagement. Their exemplary service delivery and commitment to excellence have made the PMP a national model in its field. By setting rigorous standards for service quality and demonstrating outstanding results, SSYP has shown that community-based, family-centered initiatives can be both transformative and scalable — serving as a benchmark for similar programs across the country; *and*

WHEREAS, More than just an academic intervention, the PMP cultivates a nurturing school environment where every student benefits from the presence of engaged, supportive adults, which aligns perfectly with Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget priority of fostering "A Network of Caring and Supportive Adults"; *and*

WHEREAS, Equally important, the PMP creates critical economic opportunities and pathways to upward mobility for Boston residents. All Parent Mentors are Boston residents who receive job skills training as well as a living wage by participating in the program. In addition to financial stability, these Parent Mentors benefit from comprehensive leadership development, early literacy training, and workshops on culturally and linguistically responsive teaching practices; *and*

WHEREAS, These investments translate into tangible career opportunities, with nearly 40% of Parent Mentors transitioning into school-based roles including paraprofessionals, lunch monitors, and bus monitors. St. Stephen’s Youth Programs further supports these career pathways by offering no-cost professional credentials through initiatives such as Urban College’s Lead Teacher program and the Center for Teaching and Licensure’s Paraprofessional prep course. In so doing, the PMP not only empowers individuals economically but also helps create a sustainable pipeline of educators who reflect the Boston community; *and*

WHEREAS, The continued success and expansion of this transformative program depends on a stable and collaborative funding model. With the anticipated cessation of ESSER funds in FY26, the financial burden risks shifting entirely to individual schools — a scenario that is neither feasible nor equitable. Instead, a cost-sharing approach with a dedicated commitment from the BPS Central Office is critical to sustain this program; *and*

WHEREAS, The Parent Mentor Program is an investment in both the academic success of our students and the economic empowerment of Boston families, and this program should be maintained — and, if possible, expanded — to ensure more students and families can benefit from this invaluable resource.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council collectively supports the Boston Public Schools Parent Mentor Program operated by St. Stephen’s Youth Programs, and advocates for sustaining or expanding funding for this program in the BPS FY26 Budget in order to avoid disrupting its profound impact for our students.

AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council respectfully requests that BPS and the Boston School Committee give every possible consideration to including at least \$476,000 in the FY26 Budget for the Parent Mentor Program, the minimum investment required to sustain the existing program scale that serves 800 students annually, with 40 Parent Mentors operating in six schools; and further requests the examination of expansion of this program to serve all Boston neighborhoods.

AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to The Honorable Mayor Michelle Wu, BPS Superintendent Mary Skipper, and the entire Boston School Committee.

Filed in Council: February 26, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS JULIA MEJIA AND ENRIQUE PEPEN.



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-FIVE**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 27TH, 2025 AS DOMINICAN
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

- WHEREAS,** The Dominican Republic declared its independence on February 27, 1844, marking the establishment of a sovereign nation and the beginning of a rich history of resilience, culture, and self-determination; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Dominican community has made significant contributions to the social, cultural, economic, and political fabric of the City of Boston, enriching neighborhoods and strengthening the city's diverse heritage; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston is home to a vibrant Dominican population, with many families, business owners, and community leaders shaping the city's future through advocacy, entrepreneurship, education, and civic engagement; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Dominicans in Boston own over 550 businesses, contributing to the city's economic growth, job creation, and cultural vitality, strengthening commercial districts in neighborhoods; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Dominican Independence Day is a time to celebrate the perseverance and sacrifices of the patriots of including Juan Pablo Duarte, Francisco del Rosario Sánchez, and Matías Ramón Mella, who fought for the nation's sovereignty; *and*
- WHEREAS** This celebration serves as an opportunity to honor Dominican history, arts, music, and traditions while also recognizing the ongoing contributions of Dominican Bostonians to the city and beyond; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is committed to recognizing and uplifting the cultural heritage of all immigrant communities and stands in solidarity with Dominicans in commemorating this important day; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED,** In recognition of Dominican Republic Independence Day, the Boston City Council orders the Property Management Department to raise the flag of the Dominican Republic on February 27th, 2025.

.Filed in Council: February 26, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EVE GRIFFIN

WHEREAS: Eve Griffin is a Librarian at the Boston Public Library and has served as the Curator of Fine Arts at the Special Collections Department in the Central Branch for over twelve years. She is deeply committed to the Boston Public Library's mission and educating the public about special collections and cultural heritage; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2019, Eve was diagnosed with breast cancer, and unfortunately, over the past few years, her diagnosis has progressed to stage 4, metastatic breast cancer, which is a terminal condition; *and*

WHEREAS: To receive treatment, Eve has used up all of her sick days and paid leave, and had to take unpaid time off; *and*

WHEREAS: In November 2024, Eve submitted a request to the Boston Public Library Professional Staff Association (PSA) Extended Sick Leave Fund Committee, or "Sick Bank", in order to continue treatment without loss of pay. While PSA granted Eve the request, the Boston Public Library denied it. When PSA pressed for a reason for the denial, the Boston Public Library did not provide one; *and*

WHEREAS: Currently, Boston Public Library employees do not receive long-term disability benefits, and the donated Sick Bank has been a useful tool for those who need this time; *and*

WHEREAS: As leaders of the city, it is important to show compassion and understand the needs of our workers who are battling terminal illness. Fighting terminal illness is stressful enough, and they should never have to worry about the financial burden of absences on their pay; *and*

WHEREAS: Eve should be allowed to utilize the sick bank hours to attend her doctor's appointments and pursue treatment without losing pay. Boston Public Library Senior Leadership should work with the PSA Executive Board to reconsider granting Eve donated sick bank time so that she can continue treatment without being financially burdened; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council supports Eve Griffin in her request to the Boston Public Library Board to receive additional sick leave through the Boston Public Library Professional Staff Association (PSA) sick bank.

Filed on: February 26th, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION DENOUNCING CUTS TO PERSONNEL AND SERVICE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

- WHEREAS:** Over the last two weeks, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) laid off thousands of government workers as part of the efforts by the White House to dramatically cut the size of the federal workforce; *and*
- WHEREAS:** This included over 1000 government employees at the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), many of whom were still in their probationary periods; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to the the National Federation of Federal Employees, the federal government is the single largest employer of veterans in the United States, and veterans make up about 30% of the 2.2 million federal employees, many of whom are disabled veterans; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The scale of these layoffs, and the potential of more firings in the U.S. military, have created a lot of uncertainty, confusion, fear and anger in the veteran community. Employees shared that the reasons for the terminations are unclear, and the reasons cited such as performance-driven terminations do not align with their reviews; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Many are concerned that the firings would negatively impact veteran unemployment, and put millions of veterans' benefits at risk. It was also reported that service lines at VA hospitals and clinics have been halted, and beds and operating rooms at VA facilities have been suspended; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Disabled Veterans have also shared concerns regarding delays in disability compensation cases, increases in wait times at VA medical facilities, and delays to important medical appointments; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Since President Biden signed the PACT Act in 2022 to support veterans and military families exposed to toxins and environmental hazards, over 1 million veterans and their survivors have received disability benefits. In addition, over 5.6 million veterans have been screened for toxic exposures, and over 740,000 veterans have enrolled in the VA between 2022 to 2024; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In recent months, the VA requested an additional \$6.6 billion to address their healthcare shortfall, and could run into problems with the medical hiring system and operations if the money is not approved; *and*
- WHEREAS:** These layoffs are reckless and have real impacts on the benefits, and healthcare of veterans and military families. The VA serves more than 9 million people, and there

are veterans who struggle with a host of medical issues, including unique service-related challenges as well as mental health challenges who require treatment; *and*

WHEREAS: Last Friday, Congressman Stephen Lynch held a rally with the veterans and government workers, as well as city and state officials outside the VA Medical Center in West Roxbury to denounce the terminations; *and*

WHEREAS: We must fight against cuts to the federal workforce and services at the VA. We must ensure our veterans and military families do not experience any interruptions to their benefits, healthcare and other services they receive; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

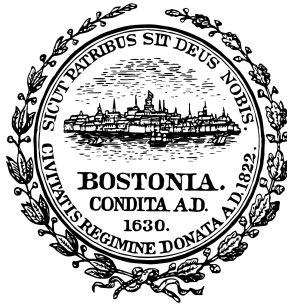
That the Boston City Council denounces the latest terminations to personnel and services at the Department of Veteran Affairs and calls for the White House to reinstate all VA employees who were fired without cause; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

That the Boston City Council commits to advocating and fighting for our veterans and military families to ensure their benefits, services and programs are not interrupted.

Filed on: February 26th, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN AND LIZ BREADON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING FEDERAL CUTS TO NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH FUNDING FOR BOSTON AND MASSACHUSETTS

WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health (NIH) plays a crucial role in funding medical and public health research that saves and improves lives; *and*

WHEREAS, Massachusetts ranks as the top state per capita for NIH funding, bringing in approximately \$3.5 billion annually, supporting nearly 30,000 jobs, and fueling thousands of research projects that contribute to medical progress, economic growth, and global competitiveness; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston has been the top recipient of NIH funding among all U.S. cities for over two decades, with institutions such as Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Boston Children’s Hospital leading pioneering research efforts; *and*

WHEREAS, The proposed cuts to NIH funding, including the arbitrary cap on indirect cost reimbursements, would result in devastating consequences for Boston’s research institutions, leading to lab closures, job losses, stalled clinical trials, and delays in life-saving treatments; *and*

WHEREAS, These cuts threaten Boston’s economy, which is deeply tied to the “eds and meds” sector, as higher education and medical research collectively contribute billions of dollars annually and sustain tens of thousands of jobs in the region; *and*

WHEREAS, Massachusetts Attorney General Campbell successfully secured a temporary restraining order against the Trump administration’s attempt to defund NIH-supported research, recognizing the immediate harm that these cuts would cause to public health, research innovation, and economic stability; *and*

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts congressional delegation, Mayor Michelle Wu, and leaders from cities across the nation have strongly opposed these funding cuts, emphasizing that they would undermine medical progress, weaken Boston’s global leadership in science, and jeopardize future healthcare advancements;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council strongly opposes the proposed NIH funding cuts and urges the federal government to fully restore and protect NIH funding to ensure the continuation of critical medical research and innovation.

Filed on: February 24, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is a time to honor the achievements, resilience, and leadership of women throughout history and to recognize the vital contributions women have made to society, culture, and progress in every field; and

WHEREAS, Women of all backgrounds have been at the forefront of transformative social, political, and economic movements, advocating for justice, equity, and the advancement of human rights, often without due recognition; and

WHEREAS, The women of Boston have played a pivotal role in shaping the city's history and future, from trailblazing leaders in politics, labor, education, medicine, and the arts to the countless women who have strengthened our neighborhoods and communities through their perseverance and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Women continue to face systemic barriers to equality, including disparities in wages, healthcare access, political representation, workplace protections, and protections from gender-based violence, underscoring the need for continued advocacy and policy reforms; and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is committed to advancing gender equity, ensuring equal opportunities, and fostering an inclusive environment where all women and girls can thrive; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of Women's History Month serves as a reminder of the ongoing work necessary to dismantle systemic inequalities, uplift women's voices, and champion policies that support the empowerment of all women, including transgender women, non-binary individuals, and gender minorities who continue to face discrimination and violence; and

WHEREAS, The month of March provides an opportunity for the City of Boston to celebrate women's achievements, educate future generations about their historical impact, and reaffirm the city's commitment to gender equity, representation, and justice; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes March as Women's History Month in the City of Boston and urges all residents to reflect on the profound contributions of women past and present, to support efforts toward full gender equity, and to continue working toward a future where all women and girls have the opportunity to succeed and lead in every aspect of society.

Filed on the 26th day of February, 2025

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

February 21, 2025

Councilor Louijuene

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, February 22, 2025 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, May 23, 2025.

BiWeekly Payroll

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| Brieajah Ayers | Legislative Assistant | \$1,237.50 | part time |
| Isabelle Nelson | Legislative Assistant | \$1,575.00 | full time |

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

February 21, 2025

Councilor Louijuene

ORDERED: That effective Monday, March 3, 2025 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 14, 2025.

BiWeekly Payroll

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| Julian Viviescas Mejia | Administrative Asst. | \$2,500.00 | full time |
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Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the February 26, 2025 Session

Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon¹

¹Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.

In effect March 9, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Transdev and its bus drivers. **(Docket #0112)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the Collective Bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment, an increase for regular wages and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025. **(Docket #0113)**

In effect March 16, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contains within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)-Forensic Group. **(Docket #0237)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)- Forensic Group. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a market adjustment to base wages in FY25, as well as base wage increase of 2% to be given in January 2026 and 2027 and flat amounts of \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January 2026 and 2027, after the percent increases. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 13, 2025. **(Docket #0238)**

In effect April 6, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers. **(Docket #0407)**

Assigned for Further Action

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Sidewalk repair deposits and refunds (disaggregated). **(Docket #0340)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Capital Projects in D7 from 2020 to date. **(Docket #0341)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Maintenance and Improvements of streets and sidewalks in District 7 from 2020 to date. **(Docket #0342)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding Boston Public Schools (BPS) Code of Conduct Violations. **(Docket #0489)**

Order requesting certain information under section 17F re: vehicles owned, leased, or otherwise utilized by the City of Boston. **(Docket #0490)**

2 - Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.

*Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor*³

³Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:

Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.

Matters in Committee

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

- Ordinances:*** Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Loan Orders:*** Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
- Orders:*** Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Home Rule Petitions:*** Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
- Order for a Hearing:*** A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.
- Legislative Resolution:*** A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

2025 Matters in Committee

| Committee | Docket # | Sponsor | Co-Sponsor(s) | Docket Description | Date referred Hearing(s) | Notes |
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| Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events | 0154 | Worrell | Durkan, Louijeune | Order for a hearing to bring NBA All-Star Weekend and the MLB All-Star Game to Boston. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events | 0156 | Worrell | Louijeune | Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events | 0160 | Worrell | Flynn, Mejia | Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks statue. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events | 0479 | Louijeune | Santana | Order for a hearing to update and replace Black Heritage Trail signage. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Boston's COVID-19 Recovery | 0476 | Durkan | Worrell, Louijeune | Order for a hearing on Boston's distribution and implementation of COVID-19 relief funding and programs. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Boston's COVID-19 Recovery | 0482 | Murphy | | Order for a hearing to examine the impact of expiring COVID-related grant funding and other expenditures on City programs and staffing. | 2/12/2025 | |
| City Services & Innovation Technology | 0157 | Worrell | Louijeune, Coletta | Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations. | 1/8/2025 | |
| City Services & Innovation Technology | 0170 | Coletta Zapata | Mejia, Louijeune | Order for a hearing to discuss food access, sustainability, and the need for a food hub in East Boston. | 1/8/2025 | |
| City Services & Innovation Technology | 0257 | Flynn | | Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall. | 1/15/2025 | |
| City Services & Innovation Technology | 0308 | Pepén | Santana, Weber | Order for a hearing to improve recruitment of civilian crossing guards to serve Boston families. | 1/29/2025 | |
| City Services & Innovation Technology | 0310 | Pepén | Louijeune, Worrell | Order for a hearing to discuss the establishment of a Mattapan Square Task Force for economic and cultural growth. | 1/29/2025 | |
| City Services & Innovation Technology | 0314 | Coletta Zapata | Louijeune, Worrell | Order for a hearing regarding fire emergencies and the creation of a Fire Victim Fund. | 1/29/2025 | |

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| City Services & Innovation Technology | 0316 | Durkan | Pepén, Louijeune | Order for a hearing to discuss a pilot program for waste containerization. | 1/29/2025 | |
| City Services & Innovation Technology | 0324 | Flynn | Anderson, Mejia | Order for a hearing to discuss the notification process for abutters meeting in the City of Boston. | 1/29/2025 | |
| City Services & Innovation Technology | 0333 | Santana | Durkan, Louijeune | Order for a hearing regarding gender-neutral bathrooms in City-owned buildings. | 1/29/2025 | |
| City Services & Innovation Technology | 0418 | Flynn | | Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study. | 2/5/2025 | |
| Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement | 0168 | Fernandes Anderson | | 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. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement | 0172 | Mejia | Louijeune, Anderson | Order for a hearing to address critical issues in jail-based voting and empower incarcerated communities to strengthen democracy. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement | 0184 | Louijeune | Coletta Zapata, Mejia | Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement | 0187 | Louijeune | Worrell, Anderson | Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement | 0188 | Louijeune | Fernandes Anderson | Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Education | 0147 | Murphy | Flynn | Order for a hearing to address growing concerns over the White Stadium Project's costs, community input, and transparency. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Education | 0149 | Worrell | Weber, Mejia | Order for a hearing to discuss BPS' plans to protect students during heat emergencies. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Education | 0151 | Worrell | | Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education. | 1/8/2025 | |

2025 Matters in Committee

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| Education | 0171 | Coletta Zapata | Louijeune, Santana | Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum pilot program in Boston Public Schools. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Education | 0182 | Louijeune | Weber | Order for a hearing to explore the effectiveness of high-dosage tutoring and other academic recovery strategies. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Education | 0235 | Worrell | Murphy | Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public Schools' closures for 2026-27 and its long-term facilities plan. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Education | 0265 | Murphy | Flynn | Order for a hearing to discuss the preservation of historical artifacts in Boston Public Schools slated for closure or merger. | 1/15/2025 | 3/4/2025 | |
| Education | 0267 | Murphy | Flynn, FitzGerald | Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes. | 1/15/2025 | 2/27/2025 | |
| Education | 0313 | FitzGerald | Pepén, Santana | Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to high-quality school options for Boston Public School students in all neighborhoods. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Education | 0318 | Flynn | Murphy, Mejia | Order for a hearing to discuss inancial literacy programs in Boston Public Schools. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Education | 0334 | Santana | Mejia, Weber | Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools can expand the use of evidence-based best practices for Inclusive Learning Environments for multilingual and special education learners. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Education | 0339 | Santana | | Order for the Boston City Council to hold a series of Policy Briefings with Boston Public Schools leadership. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Education | 0417 | Flynn | | Order for a hearing to discuss Holocaust and Genocide Education in Boston Public Schools. | 2/5/2025 | | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0155 | Worrell | | Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0169 | Coletta Zapata | FitzGerald | Order for a hearing regarding the implementation and funding of coastal resilience strategies and the establishment of a climate bank. | 1/8/2025 | | |

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| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0252 | Flynn | Durkan | Order for a hearing to discuss expanding the urban tree canopy in District 2. | 1/15/2025 | | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0260 | Worrell | Breadon | Order for a hearing to discuss the use of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in the City of Boston. | 1/15/2025 | 3/25/2025 | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0262 | Durkan | Louijeune, Coletta | Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a Parks Administrator for Downtown Parks including the Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square and Christopher Columbus Park. | 1/15/2025 | | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0292 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Parks & Recreation Department. The grant will fund the maintenance of the City of Boston Animal Shelter, and assistance with medical care for sick or injured animals (whose owners are Boston residents), through donations in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0315 | Coletta Zapata | Weber | Order for a hearing to assess a ban on polystyrene products in the City of Boston. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0395 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the UCFC-Program, awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture, passed through The Corps Network, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the historic workforce investment of boosting the City's tree cover in various neighborhoods. | 2/5/2025 | | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0399 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$449,710.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston MVP Action Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environment Affairs to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant will fund building a database and map of current and projected flooding impacts, focusing primarily on storm water and riverine flooding. | 2/5/2025 | | |

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| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0424 | Murphy | | Order for a hearing to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed White Stadium redevelopment on Franklin Park. | 2/5/2025 | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0425 | Murphy | | Order for a hearing on the environmental preservation of Boston's historical parks and green spaces. | 2/5/2025 | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0461 | Mayor | | Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jessica Boatright as a member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) Review Board, for a term expiring April 24, 2026. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0519 | Coletta Zapata | | Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Reginald Stovell as a member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) Review Board, for a term expiring May 26, 2026. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks | 0520 | Coletta Zapata | | Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Lori Ferriss as a member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) Review Board, for a term expiring July 13, 2026. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Government Operations | 0134 | Worrell | Mejia | Ordinance to enhance driveway accessibility. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Government Operations | 0135 | Weber | Pepén, Santana | Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston. | 1/8/2025 | 2/10/25-working session, 2/12/25-remains in committee |
| Government Operations | 0136 | Coletta Zapata | Mejia, Worrell | Ordinance establishing street food enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of non-motorized street food carts. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Government Operations | 0137 | Coletta Zapata | | Ordinance regarding employee safety within Boston's oil terminals. | 1/8/2025 | 3/6/25-working session |
| Government Operations | 0138 | Louijeune | | Ordinance codifying the Office of Returning Citizens. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Government Operations | 0139 | Weber | Mejia, Pepén | Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston. | 1/8/2025 | |

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| Government Operations | 0140 | Mejia | Worrell, Anderson | Ordinance establishing the Office of Inspector General within the City of Boston. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Government Operations | 0141 | Mejia | | Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Reorganization of the Boston School Committee. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Government Operations | 0142 | Murphy | Worrell, Flynn | Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Increase its Residential Exemption. | 1/8/2025 | 1/27/2025 | 1/29/25-remains in committee |
| Government Operations | 0144 | Louijeune | Mejia, Santana | Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston. | 1/8/2025 | | 2/25/25-working session |
| Government Operations | 0145 | Mejia | Worrell, Anderson | Petition for a Special Law Re: To establish the Commission of Inspectors General on Financial Management. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Government Operations | 0249 | Worrell | Coletta, Louijeune | Ordinance amending City of Boston Code 18-1.2B to make certificates of birth and death free. | 1/15/2025 | | 2/24/25-hearing canceled |
| Government Operations | 0296 | Mayor | | Message and order for your approval an Order extending the City's acceptance of M.G.L. c.32B, §19, to be effective until June 30, 2027, upon my approval and execution of a written agreement with the Public Employee Committee (PEC). | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Government Operations | 0304 | Coletta Zapata | | Ordinance codifying the Office of Food Justice in the City of Boston. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Government Operations | 0305 | Fernandes Anderson | | Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing. | 1/29/2025 | 3/18/2025 | |
| Government Operations | 0337 | Murphy | FitzGerald | Order for a hearing regarding the transition and operations of the new City Planning Department. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Government Operations | 0406 | Mayor | | Message and order for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Certain Affordable Housing and Cultural Space in the Brighton Section of the City of Boston." | 2/5/2025 | | |
| Government Operations | 0407 | Mayor | | Message and order for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers. | 2/5/2025 | 2/24/2025 | |

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| Government Operations | 0411 | Pepén | FitzGerald | Ordinance to establish a school bus violation detection monitoring system. | 2/5/2025 | |
| Government Operations | 0468 | Worrell | | Ordinance to Establish RISE: Reshaping Inequities through Systematic Empowerment. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Government Operations | 0469 | Murphy | Flynn | Petition for a Special Law Re: The Use of Nondisclosure, Confidentiality, and Other Employment Agreements in the City of Boston | 2/12/2025 | |
| Government Operations | 0470 | Breadon | Louijeune, Pepén | Petition for a Special Law re: An Act requiring that broker fees in the City of Boston be paid by the party who solicits a licensed broker. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Housing & Community Development | 0102 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (25,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Harvard Allston Brighton Fund grant, awarded by the Harvard Business School to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the creation of affordable homeownership, affordable rental housing in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods. | 3/27/2024 | 2024-0572 |
| Housing & Community Development | 0158 | Worrell | Louijeune, Pepén | Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Housing & Community Development | 0178 | Worrell | | Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher program. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Housing & Community Development | 0185 | Louijeune | Fernades Anderson | Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Housing & Community Development | 0251 | Durkan | Santana, Louijeune | Order for a hearing to investigate the use, impact, and potential ban of algorithmic price setting in the Boston rental housing market. | 1/15/2025 | |
| Housing & Community Development | 0259 | Flynn | | Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at the BHA Ruth Barkley apartments. | 1/15/2025 | |
| Housing & Community Development | 0264 | Louijeune | Worrell | Order for a hearing regarding strategies to expand homeownership programs in Boston. | 1/15/2025 | |

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| Housing & Community Development | 0327 | Santana | Breadon, Louijeune | Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians. | | 1/29/2025 | |
| Housing & Community Development | 0329 | Santana | Weber, Louijeune | Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers. | | 1/29/2025 | |
| Housing & Community Development | 0474 | Durkan | Santana, Breadon | Order for a hearing to assess the efficacy of the City of Boston Municipal Code's University Accountability Ordinance. | | 2/12/2025 | |
| Housing & Community Development | 0488 | Fernandes Anderson | | Resolution in support of establishing a community preference policy for affordable housing development to mitigate displacement in Boston neighborhoods. | | 2/12/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0195 | Flynn | Murphy | Resolution supporting Project Labor Agreements at White Stadium and all City of Boston construction projects valued at or more than \$35 million. | | 1/8/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0254 | Worrell | FitzGerald, Mejia | Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies. | | 1/15/2025 | 3/4/2025 |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0294 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant, from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund services to underserved populations in the hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban, in basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. | | 1/29/2025 | |

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| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0295 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston Tax Help Coalition Santander Bank Grant, awarded by Santander Bank, N.A. to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the Boston Tax Help Coalition to provide pathways from poverty to financial empowerment by maximizing the impact of tax credits through free tax preparation, financial education, and economic stability opportunities. | 1/29/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0323 | Flynn | Pepén, Mejia | Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities. | 1/29/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0328 | Santana | | Order for a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development past successes and future opportunities of Youth Jobs offered by the City of Boston. | 1/29/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0397 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$702,244.22) in the form of a grant, for the REDEA Program for Field CY24 Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs. | 2/5/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0398 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$626,466.57) in the form of a grant, for the Carry-in WIOA Dislocated Workers Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a program to help dislocated workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment. | 2/5/2025 | |

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| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0400 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$410,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Funding, awarded by the MA Executive Office for Administrative & Finance to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund to support the Center for Working Families' Boston Tax Help Coalition in assisting low-income taxpayers with personal income tax filing for the 2024 tax session. | 2/5/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0401 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$254,921.00) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Youth Activities Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a program that focuses primarily on out-of-school youth, between ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment. | 2/5/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0403 | Mayor | | Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$109,271.70) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Dislocated Worker Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund individualized career services and training services, for dislocated workers to rejoin the workforce as early as possible and overcome barriers to employment. | 2/5/2025 | |

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| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0404 | Mayor | | Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Four Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$94,089.00) in the form of a grant, for the Wagner Peyser Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development. The grant will fund individual reemployment needs of unemployment insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments and application assistance for training and education resources and programs. | 2/5/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0405 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston Grant, awarded by The Baupost Group to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund opportunities for young people ages 12-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support. | 2/5/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0416 | Mejia | Weber | Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees. | 2/5/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0449 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$2,294,289.00) in the form of a grant for the WIOA Youth Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a comprehensive youth employment program to serve eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment. | 2/12/2025 | |

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| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0450 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twelve Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$1,761,212.70) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Adult Activities, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund services to help job seekers access employment, education, skills training, apprenticeships and support services. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0451 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$1,076,177.00) in the form of a grant, for the Wagner Peyser Program, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0452 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$983,445.30) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Dislocated Workers Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a program to help dislocated workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment. | 2/12/2025 | |

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| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0454 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$43,312.50) in the form of a grant for the FYOB MLK Scholars Program Grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation, passed through the Philanthropic Initiative, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund summer jobs, financial education, and professional development opportunities for Boston youth. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0455 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Carry-In Regional Planning Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund regional planning efforts to address the creation of regional pipeline programming for high demand industries and occupations in alignment with regional planning priorities. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development | 0473 | Weber | Mejia, Louijeune | Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and the Boston Residents Jobs Policy. | 2/12/2025 | |
| PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental Relations | 0472 | Flynn | Mejia | Order for a hearing to review the PILOT program in the City of Boston. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0124 | Mayor | | Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of J. Andres Bernal as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring July 1, 2027. | 1/8/2025 | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0161 | Durkan | Santana | Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to remove parking minimum requirements for new development. | 1/8/2025 | 1/28/25-hearing canceled |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0266 | Flynn | Santana, FirzGerald | Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and expanding the safety surge program in the City of Boston. | 1/15/2025 | |

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| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0307 | Pepén | Durkan, Worrell | Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0309 | Pepén | FitzGerald, Flynn | Order for a hearing to explore the creation of Safe School Zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0311 | Pepén | Mejia, Worrell | Order for a hearing to address the displacement of Bostonians as a result of new and future development. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0319 | Flynn | Mejia, Worrell | Order for a hearing to discuss the proposed zoning amendment to remove the half mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0321 | Flynn | | Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0326 | Mejia | | Order for a hearing to examine accountability, transparency, and accessibility in administrative procedures for complying with Boston Landmarks Commission recommendations. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0396 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$775,855.00) in the form of a grant, for the 2025 Community Connections Program Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, passed through the Boston Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund the replacement and electrification of Blue Bikes Stations and repurpose single space parking meter poles for 1600 with bicycle racks. | 2/5/2025 | 2/20/2025 | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0423 | Murphy | Flynn, Pepén | Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston. | 2/5/2025 | | |

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| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0448 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fourteen Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,400,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Safe Street and Roads for All, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, passed through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund systemic safety improvements to traffic signals at 50 locations across the City of Boston. | 2/12/2025 | | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0471 | Flynn | FitzGerald | Order for a hearing to discuss requiring all micro-mobility devices to be licensed, registered and insured. | 2/12/2025 | 2/20/2025 | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0477 | Durkan | FitzGerald, Louijeune | Order for a hearing to discuss contractor parking regulations, permitting, and enforcement in Boston. | 2/12/2025 | | |
| Planning, Development, & Transportation | 0478 | Fernandes Anderson | Mejia | Order for a hearing to evaluate alternative options for the center running bus lane on Blue Hill Avenue and Columbus Avenue. | 2/12/2025 | | |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0105 | Mayor | | Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of William Harry Shipps, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029. | 11/20/2024 | | 2024-1687 |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0106 | Mayor | | Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Samantha Riemer, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029. | 11/20/2024 | | 2024-1688 |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0107 | Mayor | | Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Janet Peguero, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring October 27, 2029. | 11/20/2024 | | 2024-1689 |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0173 | Mejia | Pepén | Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0174 | Mejia | | Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment. | 1/8/2025 | | |

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| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0175 | Mejia | | Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0176 | Mejia | Worrell, Anderson | Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government. | 1/8/2025 | 1/21/25, 1/22/25 | |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0177 | Mejia | | Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures. | 1/8/2025 | 1/24/2025 | |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0180 | Worrell | Mejia | Order for a hearing regarding equity in City contracts. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0415 | Mejia | | Order for a hearing to audit the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. | 2/5/2025 | 3/10/2025 | |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0462 | Mayor | | Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Lawrence DiCara as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2026. | 2/12/2025 | | |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0475 | Fernandes Anderson | | Order for a hearing to review and evaluate the Boston City Council's legislative impact on District 7 residents and its collaboration with the administration on projects in District 7 to identify areas for improvement. | 2/12/2025 | | |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0480 | Mejia | Worrell | Order for a hearing to evaluate the year-to-date financial performance of the FY2025 operating budget. | 2/12/2025 | | |
| Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility | 0481 | Mejia | | Order for a hearing to audit the financial impact of the Boston Police Department's compliance with City of Boston code section 11-1.1. | 2/12/2025 | | |
| Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery | 0100 | Mayor | | Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Sandro Galea, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026. | 2/7/2024 | | 2024-0286 |

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| Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery | 0101 | Mayor | | Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Elsie Tavares, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026. | 2/7/2024 | | 2024-0287 |
| Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery | 0306 | Pepén | Louijeune | Order for a hearing on health access in Hyde Park. | 1/29/2025 | 3/20/2025 | |
| Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery | 0330 | Santana | Breadon, Coletta | Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery | 0331 | Santana | Anderson, Weber | Order for a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery | 0332 | Santana | FitzGerald, Coletta | Order for a hearing regarding Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery | 0422 | Murphy | FitzGerald, Flynn | Order for a hearing to discuss the immediate reinstatement of and sustainable funding for the Community Syringe Redemption Program. | 2/5/2025 | 3/13/2025 | |
| Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery | 0460 | Mayor | | Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Dr. Gualde Valdez as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health, for a term expiring January 15, 2028. | 2/12/2025 | | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0128 | Flynn | Murphy | Communication was received from the Police Commissioner Michael A. Cox in accordance with Section 3 of the Boston Trust Act regarding civil immigration detainer results for calendar year 2024. | 1/8/2025 | 3/6/2025 | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0153 | Worrell | Louijeune | Order for a hearing to explore the summer community plan. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0163 | Murphy | Flynn, Pepén | Order for a hearing to discuss enhanced public safety measures during large events in Boston. | 1/8/2025 | 1/28/25, 2/13/25 | 1/29/25-remains in committee |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0164 | Flynn | Worrell | Order for a hearing to discuss 2024 crime statistics. | 1/8/2025 | | |

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| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0167 | Flynn | | Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0186 | Louijeune | Worrell | Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0256 | Flynn | | Order for a hearing to discuss discrepancies in Boston's 2024 detainer requests. | 1/15/2025 | 3/6/2025 | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0322 | Flynn | Murphy | Order for a hearing to discuss ways to ensure operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of a 911 system outage. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0335 | Santana | Worrell, Flynn | Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Fire Department. | 1/29/2025 | 3/17/2025 | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0336 | Santana | Worrell, Flynn | Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0394 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$1,735,107.39) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative Grant awarded by MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs. | 2/5/2025 | | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0412 | Santana | | Order for a hearing regarding the public safety requirements and possible locations for a new Emergency Operations Center in the City of Boston. | 2/5/2025 | 3/18/2025 | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0413 | Santana | | Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Office of Emergency Management, including the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and Emergency Management Performance Grant. | 2/5/2025 | 3/27/2025 | |

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| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0414 | Mejia | Louijeune, Pepén | Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act. | 2/5/2025 | | |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | 0421 | Murphy | Flynn | Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and police staffing in Boston. | 2/5/2025 | 3/13/2025 | |
| Rules & Administration | 0162 | Murphy | | Order for a hearing regarding the use of nondisclosure, confidentiality, and any and all other types of employment agreements | 1/8/2025 | 1/31/2025 | |
| Rules & Administration | 0420 | Santana | | Order for a hearing to explore ways to increase community engagement and better facilitate public participation for Boston City Council Hearings. | 2/5/2025 | | |
| Small Business & Professional Licensure | 0150 | Worrell | Louijeune, Mejia | Order for a hearing to review the distribution of Boston's 225 new liquor licenses and provide ongoing support to restaurateurs. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Small Business & Professional Licensure | 0152 | Worrell | | Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Small Business & Professional Licensure | 0159 | Worrell | | Order for a hearing to review and establish a "Business Owner 101" program for grant recipients. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Small Business & Professional Licensure | 0263 | Durkan | | Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a City Wide Merchandise Licensing Program. | 1/15/2025 | | |
| Strong, Women, Families, & Communities | 0183 | Louijeune | Coletta Zapata, Durkan | Order for a hearing regarding the City of Boston's response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and related resources for survivors. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Strong, Women, Families, & Communities | 0261 | Weber | FitzGerald, Worrell | Order for a hearing to address programming needs for older adults in the City of Boston. | 1/15/2025 | | |
| Strong, Women, Families, & Communities | 0268 | Murphy | Flynn | Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide. | 1/15/2025 | 2/25/2025 | |
| Strong, Women, Families, & Communities | 0317 | Flynn | Mejia, Murphy | Order for a hearing to discuss elderly scamming. | 1/29/2025 | 2/13/2025 | 2/11/25-hearing canceled |

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| Strong, Women, Families, & Communities | 0393 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$2,563,236.28) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 State Elder Lunch Program Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston, at a rate of \$7.39 per meal for up to 358,679 meals. | 2/5/2025 | 3/10/2025 | |
| Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs | 0165 | Flynn | | Order for a hearing to discuss the process of establishing Hero Squares in the City of Boston. | 1/8/2025 | 2/28/2025 | |
| Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs | 0166 | Flynn | | Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs | 0253 | Flynn | Murphy | Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veteran Services. | 1/15/2025 | | |
| Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs | 0255 | Flynn | | Order for a hearing to discuss new cancer presumptions announced by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. | 1/15/2025 | | |
| Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs | 0312 | FitzGerald | Flynn, Murphy | Order for a hearing to establish a hometown military hero banner program. | 1/29/2025 | 2/28/2025 | |
| Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs | 0320 | Flynn | Fernandes Anderson | Order for a hearing to discuss the lung cancer rates among Black Veterans. | 1/29/2025 | | |
| Ways & Means | 0112 | Mayor | | Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Transdev and its bus drivers. | 1/8/2025 | 1/13/2025 | 1/15/25- remains in committee |

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|--------------|----------|-----------|---------------|---|---------------|------------------|---|
| Ways & Means | 0113 | Mayor | | Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the Collective Bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment, an increase for regular wages and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025. | 1/8/2025 | 1/13/2025 | 1/15/25-remains in committee |
| Ways & Means | 0148 | Worrell | Weber, Mejia | Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget. | 1/8/2025 | 2/18/25, 3/24/25 | 2/3, 2/24, 3/3/25-working session, 2/5/25-remains in committee, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled |
| Ways & Means | 0179 | Louijeune | | Order for a hearing to discuss efforts to cancel medical debt. | 1/8/2025 | | |
| Ways & Means | 0237 | Mayor | | Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contains within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDDBS)-Forensic Group. | 1/15/2025 | 2/24/2025 | |

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| Ways & Means | 0238 | Mayor | | Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)- Forensic Group. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a market adjustment to base wages in FY25, as well as base wage increase of 2% to be given in January 2026 and 2027 and flat amounts of \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January 2026 and 2027, after the percent increases. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 13, 2025. | 1/15/2025 | 2/24/2025 | |
| Ways & Means | 0250 | Durkan | Coletta Zapata | Order for a hearing regarding the feasibility and impact of a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax in Boston. | 1/15/2025 | | |
| Ways & Means | 0269 | Murphy | FitzGerald, Weber | Order for a hearing to discuss residential property values and the assessing process. | 1/15/2025 | 1/27/2025 | 1/29/25-remains in committee |
| Ways & Means | 0325 | Worrell | Weber | Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY26 budget. | 1/29/2025 | 2/18, 2/27, 3/24/25 | 2/10/25-working session, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled, 2/12/25-remains in committee, 3/27/25-working session |
| Ways & Means | 0419 | Flynn | Murpjhy | Order for a hearing to discuss tax exemptions for long-term residents age 55 & above and essential municipal employees. | 2/5/2025 | | |
| Ways & Means | 0458 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School pursuant to M.G.L. c. 70B, § 5. The Statement of Interest describes and explains the deficiencies within the school facility that prevents Boston Public Schools (BPS) from delivering their desired educational program. | 2/12/2025 | | |

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|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|-------|
| Ways & Means | 0459 | Mayor | | Message and order authorizing for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statements of Interest for their Accelerated Repair Program for the following schools: Boston Adult Technical Academy, Hurley K-8 School, Mildred Avenue K-8 School, Mendell Elementary School, Mary Lyon Pilot High School, Joyce Kilmer Lower School, Margarita Muñiz Academy, Orchard Gardens K-8 School, Trotter K-6 Elementary School. The Statements of Interest describe and explain the deficiencies and the priority category for which the City of Boston may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: Priority 5 - Replacement, renovation or modernization of the school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility. | 2/12/2025 | |
| Whole | 0181 | Louijeune | Pepén, Murphy | Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness. | 1/8/2025 | |

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

***Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:***

The Black History Team at Keystone

In Recognition of:

**Ten Years of Providing an Opportunity for Residents
to Learn, Engage and Understand the Meaningful
History of African Americans in America**

***and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends
its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a
copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.***

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

***Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:***

Maria McLaren

In Recognition of:

**Twenty One Years of Commitment, Hard Work, and
Compassionate Service to the People of Boston
through Her Work with Housing Management
Resources**

***and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends
its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a
copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.***

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE
PRESENTED BY
COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Danielle Legros Georges

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD IN TRIBUTE AND
REVERENCE AS THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

February 12, 2025

SINCERELY



By: _____

President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Grantas*

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston

IN
CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Laure Stephen W. Powers

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

Wednesday, February 26th

SINCERELY,

Ruthzee Loujaune

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

Gabriela Colette Zapata

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Lauren C. DeMato (D'Ambrosio)

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

Wednesday, February 12th

SINCERELY,

Ruthzee Loujeune

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

Galvresla Colette Zapata

City of Boston

IN
CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

William J. Chisholm

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

Wednesday, February 26th

SINCERELY,

Ruthzee Loujaune

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

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Gabriela Colette Zapata

City of Boston

IN
CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

James A. "Jim" Kearney

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

Wednesday, February 12th

SINCERELY,

Ruthzee Loujeune
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

Gabriela Colette Zapata

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



**Official Resolution
of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:

United in Care Services

In Recognition of:

**The launch of your new business and in gratitude of your mission to
improve the quality of life in the Hyde Park community!**

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best
wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the
President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof
transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



By: *Rodryee Loujaune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Guintos*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *[Signature]*

Date: *February 24th 2025*

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:

Mattapan Branch of the Boston Public Library

In Recognition of:

Your Sweet 16th anniversary! Thank you for your service to Mattapan!

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



By: Ruthzee Loujaune

President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Sventos

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: February 28th, 2025

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Clemacus (Marcus) James

For your outstanding leadership, community service, and dedication to education. As President of SPS International, founder of Boston Stem Flight Academy, and an advocate in journalism and aviation, your impact has empowered future leaders and inspired countless individuals.

With gratitude and admiration, we honor your contributions.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of City of Boston.

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BOSTON

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your important mission in supporting our youth. We commend your staff's tireless dedication in developing youth programs and providing opportunities for our youth to engage and lead. We laud your efforts to nurture and build up our young minds. As we celebrate Black History Month, we recognize the critical work that you do to ensure that there are opportunities for our black youth to thrive and succeed.

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF
MASSACHUSETTS

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Congratulations on your 140th Annual President Luncheon!

We commend your dedicated efforts in preserving the historic and patriotic traditions of our city, Commonwealth and Nation!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

J.J. FOLEY'S CAFE

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Congratulations on your 116th Birthday Party! Thank you for your long-time service and contribution to our city and to the Irish-American community throughout Greater Boston.

We are so lucky to have your wonderful establishment with such great service and hospitality here in Boston. Happy anniversary!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

波士頓市議會議員 - 愛德華、費連

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
EXTENDS ITS APPRECIATION TO:

QUE SHING CHINESE MUSIC AND OPERA
僑聲音樂劇社

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Congratulations and thank you for your many years of dedication and commitment to the Chinatown community and the City of Boston. We commend your efforts in promoting the beauty and authenticity of Chinese music and opera performance! 新年快樂!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston
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CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

WONG FAMILY ASSOCIATION

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your dedicated efforts in organizing the 2025 Lunar New Year Celebration Banquet!
Thank you for your tireless service to our Chinese community. May the Year of the Snake
be full of good health, happiness and prosperity! 新年快樂!**

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION
OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

FRANKLIN PARK COALITION

IN RECOGNITION OF:

The 2025 Winter Festival! This annual event not only highlights the beauty of Franklin Park, but also fosters a strong sense of community, bringing together residents and families to celebrate the season. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers of the Coalition for their tireless efforts in making our community a better place.

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

**OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

**MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your around-the-clock dedication to improving career advancement and uplifting the voices of minority law enforcement officers. During Black History Month and beyond, it is critical that we support young people of color in their careers, and recognize their strength and resilience in entering the field. We thank you for your tireless service to the community - it serves as an inspiration to us all.

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

AFRICAN AMERICAN VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your dedicated service and commitment to our city and nation. We greatly admire your bravery and courage in service of our nation, and are proud to have you as part of our community in Boston. Thank you for your strength and resilience - your legacy will continue to inspire for generations to come.

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH UPON ITS 45TH
ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Since its creation in 1980, Faith Christian Church International has been a center of spiritual guidance, positive change, and resources for minority communities in Boston for the past 45 years; *and*

WHEREAS, The Church led in service of meals to children of Boston during the COVID-19 pandemic, and has continued to provide pantry service to communities for over 25 years; *and*

WHEREAS, The Church has partnered with the City of Boston in hosting Youth Strong summer programming; *and*

WHEREAS, The Church has also partnered with Door Dash as a delivery service for its Food Pantry patrons who are unable to collect their food; *and*

WHEREAS, The Faith Christian Church has been faithfully led by Senior Pastor, Rev. Brenda White; Presiding Bishop and Senior Pastor Emeritus: Bishop Leroy and Elvina Greenaway and the Elders: Rev. Anne Patterson, Rev. Reuel Francis, Elder Hu White & Deacon Crosby Bennett; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council extends its deep appreciation and congratulations to the Faith Christian Church on its 45th Anniversary.

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved that the Boston City Council extended its deepest sympathy to you and your family in the passing of your loved one:

Mark G. Walsh

In whose memory all Members stood in tribute and reverence as the Council adjourned its meeting on

February 26, 2025

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: _____

Date: _____ 180