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BOSTON CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

May 12, 2025

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk
1 City Hall Square, Room 601
Boston, MA 02201-2014

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

On Monday, May 5, 2025, Councilor Fernandes Anderson pleaded guilty to two federal charges. Rule 40A of the Boston City Council Rules states that “[t]he council president shall automatically refer a matter to the council upon a felony conviction of any member by any state or federal court.” Pursuant to Rule 40A, I am referring this matter to the Council. Given that this rule preceded the Supreme Judicial Court’s decision in *Turner v. City of Boston*, 462 Mass. 511 (2012), which states the City Council does not have the authority under the city charter or any state law to remove a member from the body, I asked the city’s Corporation Counsel for their interpretation of the rule. Their analysis is attached.

Sincerely,

Ruthzee Louijeune
Boston Councilor At-Large
Boston City Council President