

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD M. FLYNN



## CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ELIMINATION OF SUMMER BLOCK PARTY GRANTS

**WHEREAS,** The Office of Civic Organizing is currently offering \$750 grants for summer block parties, funded by the City of Boston Operating Funds. The City of Boston has historically provided these grants to promote community engagement and connect with neighbors; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Operating Budget is intended to fund basic city services, including our first responders, teacher salaries, transportation, and street repair. During these challenging economic times, it's critical that the City maintains its focus on delivering such basic city services; *and*

**WHEREAS,** However, Boston is currently facing challenging economic times with falling commercial property values and a stark increase in property taxes in the double digits for homeowners. It is the responsibility of the City of Boston to ensure that public funds are allocated responsibly and reflect the current fiscal conditions and neighborhood needs; *and*

**WHEREAS,** During these challenging economic times, it's critical that the City of Boston eliminate the summer block party grants to evaluate the program's effectiveness and long-term success. We must demonstrate fiscal discipline, transparency and accountability. Fiscal discipline requires us to immediately eliminate any program that is unnecessary during these challenging economic times. We must account for every dollar the City of Boston receives and spends; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council supports the elimination of the summer block party grants.

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