

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN J. MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING SENIOR PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES ACROSS THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: Boston is home to a growing population of older adults who rely on City services, community-based programming, and trusted partners to remain healthy, connected, and able to age in place; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston provides senior-focused programming and services through the Age Strong Commission, including education, wellness programming, social engagement, and support services for older residents; and

WHEREAS: Senior programming is also delivered through Boston Centers for Youth and Families, community centers, and neighborhood-based facilities that serve as important access points for older adults across the City; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Centers for Youth and Families plays a role in providing space and programming that supports intergenerational engagement, wellness, and social connection for seniors; and

WHEREAS: The City partners with external organizations, including the Ethos, to provide critical services such as housing stability support, nutrition assistance, care coordination, and case management for older adults; and

WHEREAS: The availability, scope, and accessibility of senior programming and services may vary across neighborhoods, facilities, and providers, making a citywide assessment essential to understanding equity, gaps, and best practices; and

WHEREAS: A coordinated, citywide view of senior services is necessary to ensure that older adults across Boston have equitable access to programming and supports that promote aging with dignity, safety, and connection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council shall hold a hearing to examine senior programming and services across the City of Boston, including but not limited to:

1. Senior-focused programming offered through the Age Strong Commission

2. The role of Boston Centers for Youth and Families in supporting senior programming and access
3. Partnerships with external agencies providing senior services, including housing, nutrition, and care coordination
4. Equity and consistency in access to senior programming across neighborhoods and facilities
5. Opportunities to improve coordination, communication, and citywide planning for senior services

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That representatives from the Age Strong Commission, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, Ethos, and other relevant City officials and service providers shall be invited to testify.

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