

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



## CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE OPTIONS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE NUBIAN SQUARE AREA

- WHEREAS,** Nubian Square serves as a major commercial, cultural, and transportation hub within the Roxbury neighborhood and is traversed daily by residents, workers, students, and visitors; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Residents, business owners, and property owners in the Nubian Square area have reported increasing concerns related to public safety, open drug use, illegal activity, and quality of life conditions occurring in and around commercial corridors; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Stakeholders in the area have noted an increase in individuals congregating near businesses and along sidewalks, resulting in ongoing challenges related to trespassing, public drug use, public sanitation issues, prostitution, and disruption to local businesses and pedestrians; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Business owners and property managers have taken steps to improve safety around their properties, including installing iron gates, increasing private security measures, and conducting frequent cleaning of surrounding sidewalks, yet these efforts alone have not been sufficient to address the broader public safety and public health challenges affecting the district; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Community members have also expressed concerns regarding open drug use, illegal sales, prostitution, and other illicit activities occurring in public spaces in proximity to businesses, transit stops, and areas where children and families regularly pass through; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Local stakeholders have identified a need for increased coordination between City departments, enhanced public safety presence, improved surveillance infrastructure, and clearer guidelines for addressing loitering, sanitation, and quality-of-life conditions in the area; *and*

***WHEREAS,*** Business owners and residents have raised concerns that current conditions discourage economic activity, threaten the safety of workers and visitors, and undermine the long-term vitality of Nubian Square as a neighborhood commercial center; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

***ORDERED:*** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine options to improve public safety and quality of life in the Nubian Square area, including strategies related to increased police presence, enhanced surveillance infrastructure, coordination with local businesses and property owners, sanitation and public realm improvements, and other measures that improve safety and accessibility in the district, and that the Boston Police Department, Boston Public Health Commission, Inspectional Services Department, Public Works Department, Boston Transportation Department, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend..

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