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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Access to primary care physicians is a foundational component of a strong healthcare system and plays a vital role in preventive care, chronic disease management, and early diagnosis of medical conditions; *and*

WHEREAS, Primary care providers serve as the first point of contact for many patients and help coordinate care across the broader healthcare system; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents in many communities in Boston and across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have reported increasing difficulty in securing appointments with primary care physicians due to workforce shortages and growing demand for healthcare services; *and*

WHEREAS, Limited access to primary care physicians may lead to delays in medical care, increased reliance on emergency departments, and worsened health outcomes for patients; *and*

WHEREAS, Understanding the availability of primary care physicians in Boston and identifying barriers to access may help inform strategies to improve healthcare accessibility for residents across all neighborhoods; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine access to primary care physicians in the City of Boston, including workforce shortages, barriers to establishing primary care relationships, and strategies to expand access to primary care services for residents, and that the Boston Public Health Commission, local hospitals, community health centers, healthcare workforce organizations, medical schools, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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