



Boston City Council

Erin J. Murphy

Councilor At-Large

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Dear Chief Groffenberger and Director Williamson,

I am requesting a briefing from the Budget Office regarding the recent citywide spending controls and hiring constraints referenced in public reporting.

Specifically, I am seeking to review the memorandum and any related communications issued to department heads, the timeline of when these directives were shared, and the fiscal assumptions informing these decisions. I would also like to better understand how departments have been instructed to plan for or implement potential reductions in spending, staffing, and services.

I have previously requested, through the Council's budget liaison, copies of earlier communications issued to departments regarding budget preparation and potential reductions. This request has been made multiple times, and I am again requesting access to those materials, in addition to the more recent memorandum referenced in public reporting.

As the City Council is responsible for reviewing and approving the City's budget, this information is necessary to support our oversight responsibilities and to prepare for an upcoming hearing on this matter.

Please let me know your availability at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Erin J. Murphy

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Chair of Human Services