

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirteen Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$13,317,200.00) in the form of a grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management. The grant will fund planning, exercise, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to and recover from threats of acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.
- 0135 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Aquatics Facilities Grant, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, to be administered by Property Management. The grant will fund the repairs and maintenance of aquatic facilities.

- Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Commercial Acquisition Assistance Program (CAAP), awarded by the Barr Foundation, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. The grant will fund core support to its Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion to grow its impact.
- Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$659,990.00) in the form of a grant, for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Energy to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund State and Local Governments and Tribes, in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions and to improve energy efficiency.
- Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars and Seventy Seven Cents (\$146,089.77) in the form of a grant for the FY23 Violence Against Women Act, a STOP Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain, East Boston, and Charlestown, as well as overtime for all civilian domestic violence advocates citywide.
- Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$59,268.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the University of Massachusetts, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the connection of BPD data with data from BMC's Boston Emergency Services Team so that we can better understand the impact of co-response (mental health and law enforcement) in Boston.

- Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the SFY2024 JAG ALERT, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund certification of all BPD Police Academy Instructors through the 5 day AAIR Train the Trainer course at the ALERT (Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) Center at Texas State University.
- Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Accelerating Climate Resilience Grant Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Metropolitan Area Planning Council to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. The grant will fund the acceleration of climate resilience in Boston through the "Building Resilience Through Immersive Education and Training" project.
- <u>0142</u> Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to Accept and expend the donation of Ten Thousand (10,000) winter coats from Project Warmth in support of the migrant crisis.
- Message and order that will authorize the Boston Transportation Department ("BTD") to enter into two contracts, with terms of up to 10 years, to deploy curbside electric vehicle ("EV") charging stations through a public/private partnership and at no cost to the City with a potential for revenue share. BTD has identified two vendors through the public procurement process that offer different models that address the distinct challenges to locate curbside EV charging.
- <u>0144</u> Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Felicia Jacques, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.
- Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Thomas Rodde, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.
- <u>0146</u> Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Catherine Hunt, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.

- <u>0147</u> Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of John Freeman, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.
- <u>0148</u> Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of John Amodeo, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.
- Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Terri North, as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.
- <u>0150</u> Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.
- Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Pamela
 Beale, as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural
 Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.
- Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Ruel Longfellow, as a member of the Bay State Road/Back Bay West Area Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.
- 0153 Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Lynn Smiledge, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.
- Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Heyne, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

One of the Boston City Council's Standing Committees for the 2024-2025 term.

- O156 Communication was received from Congressman Jake Auchincloss urging the Boston City Council to approve the \$13.3 million dollar Urban Area Security Initiative funding granted to the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region by the U.S Department of Homeland Security.
- <u>0157</u> Communication was received from the Police Commissioner in accordance with Section 3 of the Boston Trust Act regarding civil immigration detainer results for calendar year 2023.
- <u>0158</u> Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Rachel Goldstein as a Trustee of the Make Boston Shine Trust Fund for a term expiring on January 9, 2026.
- 0159 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of John Romano as a Trustee of the Make Boston Shine Trust Fund for a term expiring on January 9, 2026.
- 0160 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Kevin Tran as a Trustee of the Make Boston Shine Trust Fund for a term expiring on January 9, 2026.
- 0161 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Brianna Millor as a Trustee of the Make Boston Shine Trust Fund for a term expiring on January 9, 2026.
- 0162 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Trinh T.
 Nguyen as a Trustee of the Neighborhood Jobs Trust for a term expiring on January 14, 2026.
- 0163 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Robert Whitney as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust for a term expiring on January 22, 2026.
- <u>0164</u> Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Janine Commerford as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust for a term expiring on January 22, 2026.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

<u>0165</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order that rules of the Boston City Council be adopted for the Municipal Years 2024-2025.

- <u>0166</u> Councilor Coletta offered the following: Ordinance Formally Creating the Office of Food Justice and Establishing a Food Recovery Program in the City of Boston.
- <u>0167</u> Councilor Flynn offered the following: Ordinance establishing the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.
- <u>0168</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Ordinance with respect to Honey Bees.
- <u>0169</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to Honey Bees.
- Councilor Coletta and Mejia offered the following: Ordinance Establishing Street Food Enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by Inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of Non-Motorized Street Food Carts.
- <u>0171</u> Councilor Worrell offered the following: Home Rule Petition to Ensure Future Inauguration Dates Do Not Fall on a Federal Holiday.
- <u>0172</u> Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.
- <u>0173</u> Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.
- <u>0174</u> Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to address gun violence.
- <u>0175</u> Councilor Worrell and Durkan offered the following: Order for a hearing to bring the NBA All-Star Weekend to Boston.
- <u>0176</u> Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher Program.
- <u>0177</u> Councilor Murphy and Weber offered the following: Order for a hearing reclaiming the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center for our Boston Public School athletes.
- <u>0178</u> Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to address the disparity in pay between our Boston Fire and Boston Police Cadets.

- <u>0179</u> Councilor Durkan and Coletta offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss trash collection in Boston.
- <u>0180</u> Councilor Durkan and Pepén offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss city services in regard to composting and the need for increased composting services.
- <u>0181</u> Councilor Durkan offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the mental health and wellness resources available to City of Boston employees and new resources implemented after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- <u>0182</u> Councilor Durkan offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment.
- Order for a hearing to facilitate a community process to support consumers in District 7 impacted by the impending closure of Walgreens at 416 Warren Street.
- <u>0184</u> Councilor Durkan and Santana offered the following: Order for a hearing to review the creation of a municipal bus service to provide last-mile service and late night shuttle service for third-shift workers.
- <u>0185</u> Councilor Worrell and Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing to explore the Summer Community Plan.
- <u>0186</u> Councilor Worrell and Mejia offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.
- <u>0187</u> Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to access expanded Hospital & Community-Centric Violence Prevention & Intervention.
- <u>0188</u> Councilor Worrell and Mejia offered the following: Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.
- <u>0189</u> Councilor Worrell and Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.
- <u>0190</u> Councilor Coletta offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding implementing coastal resilience strategies for Boston's waterfront.

- <u>0191</u> Councilor Breadon and FitzGerald offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the continuity of health care services in relation to the financial challenges faced by the Steward Health Care System.
- <u>0192</u> Councilor Coletta offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the ongoing modernization of Article 80 in Boston's Zoning Code.
- <u>0193</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss an increase in racist incidents in Boston and the Human Rights Commission's role in tracking, reporting, and addressing discrimination and civil rights violations.
- Ouncilor Coletta and Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing to establish a Climate Change and Environmental Justice Curriculum Pilot Program in Boston Public Schools.
- <u>0195</u> Councilor Louijeune and Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.
- <u>0196</u> Councilor Coletta and Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding menstrual product accessibility in the City of Boston.
- <u>0197</u> Councilor Louijeune and Coletta offered the following: Order for a hearing to address the mental health needs of our students with a focus on guidance counselors.
- <u>0198</u> Councilor Coletta and Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding technological infrastructure improvements across city departments.
- Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing, school buildings, and community investments.
- <u>0200</u> Councilor Louijeune and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.
- <u>0201</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing on ways to increase trash pickup for large buildings.
- <u>0202</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing on addressing and improving fair housing practices in the city of Boston.

- <u>0203</u> Councilor Louijeune and Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.
- <u>0204</u> Councilor Louijeune and Coletta offered the following: Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.
- <u>0205</u> Councilor Breadon offered the following: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to Boston Emergency Medical Services response times.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

- <u>0206</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Cindy Dieujuste, Hodan Hashi, Emily Polston and Jesse Purvis in City Council, effective January 20, 2024.
- <u>0207</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Cierra Thompson in City Council, effective January 22, 2024.
- <u>0208</u> Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Durkan offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Maccon Bonner in City Council, effective January 8, 2024.
- <u>0209</u> Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Durkan offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Geidy Romero in City Council, effective January 24, 2024.
- <u>0210</u> Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Breadon offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Sofrinia Daley in City Council, effective January 8, 2024.
- O211 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Dulce Bernal-Sandoval, Julisa Curet Rodriguez, Jamie Leveque-Beon and Millie Rivera in City Council, effective January 22, 2024.
- <u>0212</u> Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Isabella Ortega in City Councilor, effective January 29, 2024.

- <u>0213</u> Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Weber offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Melissa Beltran in City Council, effective January 13, 2024.
- <u>0214</u> Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Santana offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Wilmer Quinones in City Council, effective January 22, 2024.
- <u>0215</u> Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Pepén offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Gabriel Cruz in City Council, effective February 3, 2024.
- <u>0216</u> Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Lisa Searcy in City Council, effective January 20, 2024.
- <u>0217</u> Councilor Louijeune for Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Jessica Correia in City Council, effective February 3, 2024.

GREEN SHEETS:

24/24 Legislative Calendar for January 24, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **O218** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of James F. English.
- <u>0219</u> Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Charles Monahan.
- <u>0220</u> Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Chinese Women's Association of New England.
- **Ouncilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Stephen Chen.
- <u>0222</u> Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing American Weston Academy.
- <u>0223</u> Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing New England Kung Fu Dance.

- <u>0224</u> Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Eleanor Fisher Kaplan.
- <u>0225</u> Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Muhamad Ali Salaam.
- <u>0226</u> Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Frank J. Drogo Sr.
- <u>0227</u> Councilor Weber and Mejia offered the following: Resolution in memory of Julia Martin.
- <u>0228</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Dumas Louis Charles.
- <u>0229</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in recognition of Community Builders.
- <u>0230</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Destin Durogene.
- <u>0231</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jean Claude Charlet.
- <u>0232</u> Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution recognizing Arthur Rose.
- **Ouncilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Robert Mann.
- <u>0234</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Usope Civilus.
- <u>0235</u> Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Boston Police Officer Pierce Fitzgerald Norton.
- **Ouncilor Coletta offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Andrew Pike.
- <u>0237</u> Councilor Coletta and Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Mary Beth Kelly.
- <u>0238</u> Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Coalition of National Asian Elite Leadership.

- <u>0239</u> Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Detective Larry Ellison.
- <u>0240</u> Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution in memory of Lucille Holmes.
- <u>0241</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Timothy J. Davenport.
- <u>0242</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognition Alphonse Theodore Firmin.
- <u>0243</u> Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Flourish & Foundry.
- <u>0244</u> Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following: Resolution congratulating the 2024-2025 Officers of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England, Inc.
- <u>0245</u> Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing eight Elders of Temple Salem SDA Church.
- <u>0246</u> Councilor Coletta offered the following: Resolution recognizing Albert Caldarelli.



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01-17-2024

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The grant would fund planning, exercises, trainings and operational needs that help prevent, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism, including Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive incidents.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Homeland Security AND MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$13,317,200.00) would fund planning, exercises, trainings and operational needs that help prevent, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism, including Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive incidents. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of Homeland Security, and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security' FY2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative award not to exceed the amount of THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$13,317,200.00).

Docket #		I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in
In City Council Passed		the above form, will be in accordance with law. by Adam Cederbaum Adam Cederbaum
	City Clerk	Corporation Counsel
	Mayor	
Approved		

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Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FIVE MILLION DOLLARS **(\$5,000,000.00)** in the form of a grant, Aquatics Facilities Grant, awarded by United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, to be administered by the Property Management.

The grant would fund the repair and maintenance of aquatic facilities

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

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The grant would fund core support to its Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion to grow its impact.

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The grant would fund State and Local Governments and Tribes, in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions and to improve energy efficiency.

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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Energy.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Environment Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS **(\$659,990.00)** would fund State and Local Governments and Tribes, in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions and to improve energy efficiency. Therefore be it

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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY23 Violence Against Women Act, a STOP Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department Of Justice AND MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

WHEREAS, the United States Department Of Justice and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$146,089.77) would fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain, East Boston, and Charlestown, as well as overtime for all civilian domestic violence advocates citywide. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department Of Justice, and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security' FY23 Violence Against Women Act, a STOP Grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$146,089.77).

Docket #		I hereby certify that
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In City Council		the above form, will be in
Passed		accordance with law.
		_{by} <u>Adam Cederbaum</u>
		Adam Cederbaum
	City Clerk	Corporation Counsel
	Mayor	
Approved		
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City Of Boston • Massachusetts Office of the Mayor Michelle Wu

01-17-2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$59,268.00) in the form of a grant, FY23 BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, awarded by United States Department Of Justice, passed through the University of Massachusetts, to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund the connection of BPD data with data from BMC's Boston Emergency Services Team so that we can better understand the impact of co-response (mental health+law enforcement) in Boston.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely

Mayor of Boston



AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY23 BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department Of Justice AND University of Massachusetts.

WHEREAS, the United States Department Of Justice and University of Massachusetts, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS **(\$59,268.00)** would fund the connection of BPD data with data from BMC's Boston Emergency Services Team so that we can better understand the impact of co-response (mental health+law enforcement) in Boston. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department Of Justice, and University of Massachusetts' FY23 BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program award not to exceed the amount of FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS **(\$59,268.00)**.

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		Adam Cederbaum
	City Clerk	Corporation Counsel
	Mayor	
Approved		



City Of Boston • Massachusetts Office of the Mayor Michelle Wu

01-22-2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant, SFY2024 JAG ALERRT, awarded by United States Department Of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund certification of all BPD Police Academy Instructors through the 5-day AAIR Train the Trainer course at the ALERRT (Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) Center at Texas State University.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Michelle Wu

Sincerely,

Mayor of Boston



AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND SFY2024 JAG ALERRT FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department Of Justice AND MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

WHEREAS, the United States Department Of Justice and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$50,000.00)** would fund certification of all BPD Police Academy Instructors through the 5-day AAIR Train the Trainer course at the ALERRT (Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) Center at Texas State University. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department Of Justice, and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security' SFY2024 JAG ALERRT award not to exceed the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00).

Docket # In City Council Passed		I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law. by Adam Cederbaum
	City Clerk	Adam Cederbaum Corporation Counsel
	Mayor	
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01-17-2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$45,000.00) in the form of a grant, Accelerating Climate Resilience Grant Program, awarded by MA Metropolitan Area Planning Council to be administered by the Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion.

The grant would fund the acceleration of climate resiliency in Boston through the "Building Climate Resilience Through Immersive Education and Training" project

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely, Uchelle Wu Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston



AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Accelerating Climate Resilience Grant Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

WHEREAS, the MA Metropolitan Area Planning Council, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$45,000.00)** would fund the acceleration of climate resiliency in Boston through the "Building Climate Resilience Through Immersive Education and Training" project Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the MA Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Accelerating Climate Resilience Grant Program award not to exceed the amount of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$45,000.00).

In City Council Passed		I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law.
	City Clerk	by <u>Adam Cederbaum</u> Adam Cederbaum Corporation Counsel
	Mayor	
Approved		



January 22, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend an in-kind donation of 10,000 winter coats donated by Operation Warmth.

The purpose of this donation is to provide warm winter coats to children of migrant families in and around the City of Boston.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order as expeditiously as possible, so that the City may receive and expend the donation for the purpose for which it was awarded.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE DONATION OF WINTER COATS FROM PROJECT WARMTH IN SUPPORT OF THE MIGRANT CRISIS

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through the Community Engagement Cabinet, be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with Section 53A½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a donation from Project Warmth in the form of 10,000 winter coats for the purpose of supporting the migrant crisis.

THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

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January 18, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order that will authorize the Department of Transportation ("BTD") to enter into two contracts, with terms of up to 10 years, to deploy curbside electric vehicle ("EV") charging stations through a public/private partnership and at no cost to the City with the potential for revenue share. BTD has identified two vendors through the public procurement process that offer different models that address the distinct challenges to locating curbside EV charging.

The adoption of EVs in Boston has been slowed due to a lack of access to affordable charging infrastructure. There are a little more than 1,000 Level 2 and 50 Level 3 EV charging ports the public can access, and 99% of these charging ports are on private property, behind a "paywall", and concentrated in the Downtown neighborhoods. This is a hurdle to EV ownership for residents who rely upon public access to a charging station.

The City is working to address this inequity. The City has installed 70 Level 2 charging ports in municipal parking lots and anticipates installing an additional 160 Level 2 and 8 Level 3 charging ports by year's end. To meet these goals the City must work with private operators of EV charging stations.

For this purpose, the City released an RFP for a public/private partnership. The selected partners will incur the costs to install and operate EV charging stations, at no cost to the City.

I urge this Honorable body to adopt this Order so the City can deploy curbside electric vehicle ("EV") charging stations through a public/private partnership and at no cost to the City.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu

Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO TWO CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS FOR TERMS OF UP TO TEN YEARS

ORDERED: That the Transportation Department, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into two contracts for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and services for a period of up to ten years pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 30B, § 12(b).

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THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL [58

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January 22, 2024

The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the reappointment of Felicia Jacques of 27 Mica Lane, Wellesley, MA 02481 as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission, for a term expiring 01/20/2027. I am reappointing Felicia Jacques pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, and subject to your confirmation.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of Felicia Jacques as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FELICIA JACQUES AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOUTH END LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of Felicia Jacques of 27 Mica Lane, Wellesley, MA 02481, as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring January 20, 2027, be, and hereby is, approved.

THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ADAM CEDERBAUM CORPORATION COUNSEL

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The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the reappointment of Thomas Rodde of 21 Wormwood Street, Boston, MA 02210, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission, for a term expiring January 20, 2027. I am reappointing Thomas Rodde pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, and subject to your confirmation. Thomas Rodde shall serve in the seat designated for the District Resident Member.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of Thomas Rodde as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

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IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS RODDE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, the appointment of Thomas Rodde of 21 Wormwood Street, Boston, MA 02210, as a Member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring January 20, 2027, be, and hereby is, approved.

THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL

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The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the reappointment of Catherine Hunt of 40 Traveler Street, Unit 311, Boston, Massachusetts 02118 as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission, for a term expiring 01/20/2027. I am appointing Catherine Hunt pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, and subject to your confirmation.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Catherine Hunt as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CATHERINE HUNT AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOUTH END LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of Catherine Hunt of 40 Traveler Street, Unit 311, Boston, MA 02118, as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring January 20, 2027, be, and hereby is, approved.

THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL



The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the reappointment of John Freeman of 4 Belgrade Avenue, Boston, MA 02130 as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission, for a term expiring 01/20/2027. I am reappointing John Freeman pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, and subject to your confirmation.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of John Freeman as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

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IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN FREEMAN AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOUTH END LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of John Freeman of 4 Belgrade Avenue, Boston, MA 02130, as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring January 20, 2027, be, and hereby is, approved.

THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

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ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL



The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the reappointment of John Amodeo of 484 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02118 as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission, for a term expiring 1/20/27. I am reappointing John Amodeo pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, and subject to your confirmation.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of John Amodeo as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN AMODEO AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOUTH END LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of John Amodeo of 484 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02118, as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring January 20, 2027, be, and hereby is, approved.

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ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL

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The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Terri North of 466 Commonwealth Avenue, Unit 602, Boston, MA 02215 as a Member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission, for a term expiring 1/15/27. I am appointing Terri North pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, and subject to your confirmation. Terri North shall serve as the Neighborhood Organization Alternate Member.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Terri North as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

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IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TERRI NORTH AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE BACK BAY WEST/BAY STATE ROAD ARCHITECTUAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, the appointment of Terri North of 466 Commonwealth Avenue, Unit 602, Boston, MA 02215, as a Member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District for a term expiring January 15, 2027, be, and hereby is, approved.

THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

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ADAM CEDERBAUM CORPORATION COUNSEL



The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Christopher DeBord of 484 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02118 as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission, for a term expiring 01/20/2027. I am appointing Christopher DeBord pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, and subject to your confirmation. Christopher DeBord shall serve as the Northwest of Tremont Street Member.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Christopher DeBord as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER DEBORD AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOUTH END LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of Christopher DeBord of 484 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02118, as a Member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring January 20, 2027, be, and hereby is, approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ADAM CEDERBAUM CORPORATION COUNSEL

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The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Pamela Beale of 462 Beacon Street, Apartment 1, Boston, MA 02115 as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission, for a term expiring 1/15/27. I am appointing Pamela Beale pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, and subject to your confirmation. Pamela Beale shall serve as the Neighborhood Organization Primary Member.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Pamela Beale as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

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IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAMELA BEALE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE BACK BAY WEST/BAY STATE ROAD ARCHITECTUAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, the appointment of Pamela Beale

of 462 Beacon Street, Apartment 1, Boston, MA 02115, as a Member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District for a term expiring

January 15, 2027, be, and hereby is, approved.

THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ADAM CEDERBAUM
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The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Ruel Longfellow of 21 Muriel Road, Swampscott, MA 01907 as a Member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission, for a term expiring 1/15/27. I am appointing Ruel Longfellow pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, and subject to your confirmation. Ruel Longfellow shall serve as the Neighborhood Organization Alternate Member.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Ruel Longfellow as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RUEL LONGFELLOW AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE BACK BAY WEST/BAY STATE ROAD ARCHITECTUAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, the appointment of Ruel Longfellow of 21 Muriel Road, Swampscott, MA 01907, as a Member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District for a term expiring January 15, 2027, be, and hereby is, approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ADAM CEDERBAUM CORPORATION COUNSEL

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The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the reappointment of Lynn Smiledge of 118 Huntington Avenue, Apartment 401, Boston, MA 02116, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission, for a term expiring 1/20/27. I am reappointing Lynn Smiledge pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, and subject to your confirmation. Lynn Smiledge shall serve in the seat designated for a Boston Landmarks Commission Member.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Lynn Smiledge as a Member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

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IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LYNN SMILEDGE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, the appointment of Lynn Smiledge of 118 Huntington Avenue, Apartment 401, Boston, MA 02216, as a Member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring January 20, 2027, be, and hereby is, approved.

THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ADAM CEDERBAUM CORPORATION COUNSEL

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The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Jeffrey Heyne of 300 Summer Street, Apartment 35, Boston, MA 02210, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission, for a term expiring January 20, 2027. I am appointing Jefferey Heyne pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, and subject to your confirmation. Jefferey Heyne shall serve as the seat designated for a Boston Landmarks Commission Member.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Jefferey Heyne as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY HEYNE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, the appointment of Jeffrey Heyne of 300 Summer Street, Apartment 35, Boston, MA 02210, as a Member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring January 20, 2027, be, and hereby is, approved.

THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ADAM CEDERBAUM CORPORATION COUNSEL

BY



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Rules & Administration ccc.ra@boston.gov	Louijeune	Coletta	Worrell, Durkan, Breadon, Santana, Weber	Michelle Goldberg michelle.a.goldberg@boston.gov
Small Business & Professional Licensure ccc.smallbiz@boston.gov	Worrell	FitzGerald	Mejia, Murphy, Durkan, Coletta, Santana	Shane Pac shane.pac@boston.gov
Strong Women, Families, & Communities ccc.swfc@boston.gov	Murphy	Breadon	Flynn, Coletta, Durkan, Mejia, Weber	Meghan Kavanagh meghan.kavanagh@boston.gov

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The vice chair of the committee of the whole shall serve as the president pro tempore in the absence of the president.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE: All councilors shall be considered as members of each standing committee. The president of the council shall name those members of each committee, including its chair and vice-chair, who are authorized to vote on matters in the committee. All other members of each committee are not authorized to vote on such matters in the committee. A quorum of the committee shall be determined on the basis of voting members only.

CENTRAL STAFF TEAM LEAD: The team lead will assign a legislative aide to help file hearing notices, staff the hearings/meetings, and draft hearing minutes and reports. The team lead will provide overall oversight of the staff support for each docket assigned to their committee. Depending on the committee and type of hearing, the team lead may staff the hearing him/herself. If a Committee team lead is not available, please contact the Central Staff Director at (617) 635-4645.

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4TH DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COAST GUARD AND
MARISHME TRANSPORTATION
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSIT

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY



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January 11, 2024

The Honorable Ruthzee Louijeune President, Boston City Council 1 City Hall Square Room 550 Boston, MA 02201

Dear President Louijeune,

I am writing to urge the Boston City Council's approval of \$13.3 million in Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funding that has been granted to the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR) by the US Department of Homeland Security. This funding is crucial to counter-terrorism preparedness in Greater Boston, which is especially salient considering heightened threats of terrorism fueled by antisemitism and anti-Zionism.

In recent testimony to Congress, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said he sees "blinking lights everywhere." He also indicated that the FBI is "especially concerned about the possibility of Hamas supporters engaging in violence on the group's behalf", which is consonant with the UASI priority area of combating domestic violent extremism. These concerns are reinforced by preliminary data from the Anti-Defamation League, which indicates that since the Oct. 7 massacre in Israel, U.S. antisemitic incidents have "skyrocketed." They document 1,317 rallies that included antisemitic rhetoric and expressions of support for terrorism against the state of Israel and/or anti-Zionism; they also cite 628 reported incidents against Jewish institutions such as synagogues and community centers.

Boston and its eight neighboring communities in the MBHSR, including Brookline in my Congressional district, rely in part on UASI funds to keep residents safe during this period of escalated tension and threat. In Brookline alone last year, UASI funds were used for personnel training, technology upgrades, new public safety vehicles, and community preparedness measures. UASI funding is designed specifically for cities/regions at high risk for terrorist activity, and it has historically been approved unanimously by the Boston City Council. It is disappointing that its allocation was delayed in December, the same month

¹ Holmes Lybrand and Hannah Rabinowitz, "FBI director warns senators he sees 'blinking lights everywhere' on threats against the US," CNN, December 6, 2023, https://www.cnn.com/2023/12/05/politics/fbi-director-senate-hearing/index.html

² Christopher Wray, "Statement of Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Before the Committee on Homeland Security United States House of Representatives at a Hearing Entitled 'Worldwide Threats to the Homeland,'" Department of Justice, November 15, 2023, https://homeland.house.gov/hearing/worldwide-threats-to-the-homeland/

³ "U.S. Antisemitic Incidents Skyrocketed 360% in Aftermath of Attack in Israel, according to Latest ADL Data," Anti-Defamation League, January 9, 2024, https://www.adl.org/resources/press-release/us-antisemitic-incidents-skyrocketed-360-aftermath-attack-israel-according

that the FBI director issued his warning to the nation, and just as Boston was experiencing a surge of incidents of antisemitism that track ADL's national statistics.⁴

The Israel-Hamas War has heightened our region's need for counter-terrorism security measures. Greater Boston is a national hub for the Jewish community. As antisemitism proliferates, counter-terrorism funding is more pertinent than ever. Impeding its disbursement could undermine the trust of Greater Boston's Jewish community.

I urge the City Council to accept this funding as soon as the mayor refiles the grant in the upcoming weeks. Your prioritization of Greater Boston's safety, including the town of Brookline in my district, is critical to our constituents.

Sincerely,

Jake Auchincloss Member of Congress

⁴ Steph Solis, "Antisemitic hate crimes hit record high in Boston," Axios, January 9, 2024, https://www.axios.com/local/boston/2024/01/09/hate-crimes-massachusetts-record-high-antisemitism

⁵ "Boston Mayor Wu to put rejected anti-terror grant before City Council again," Boston Herald, Gayla Cawley, January 9, 2024, https://www.bostonherald.com/2024/01/09/boston-mayor-wu-to-put-rejected-anti-terror-grant-before-city-council-again/



Office of the Police Commissioner

December 31, 2023

Alex Geourntas City of Boston City Clerk 1 City Hall Square Room 601 Boston, MA 02201-2014

Boston City Clerk Geourntas:

The Boston Trust Act requires the Police Commissioner of the Boston Police Department to submit a report to the Clerk of the City of Boston no later than December 31 of each year. The report includes statistical information on civil immigration detainer requests made by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to the Boston Police Department.

Please accept this annual report for calendar year 2023. Per the requirements of the ordinance:

 a) A statistical breakdown of the total number of civil immigration detainer requests lodged with the City's law enforcement officials, organized by reason(s) given for the request;

<u>Nineteen</u> civil immigration detainer requests were lodged with the BPD during calendar year 2023, reason given for all was: "DHS has determined that probable cause exists that the subject is a removable alien."

The First request went to District C11 on January 18, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Second request went to District C11 on January 18, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Third request went to District B3 on February 8, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Fourth request went to District B2 on February 24, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Fifth request went to District B3 on March 8, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Sixth request went to District B2 on March 16, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Seventh request went to District C11 on March 31, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Eighth request went to BPD Headquarters on April 25, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Nineth request went to District C11 on May 11, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Tenth request went to BPD Headquarters on May 15, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Eleventh request went to District C11 on May 18, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Twelfth request went to District B3 on May 22, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Thirteenth request went to District C11 on May 24, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Fourteenth request went to District B3 on July 3, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Fifteenth request went to District C11 on July 28, 2023 and resent on July 30, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Sixteenth request went to District B3 on July 31, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Seventeenth request went to District C11 on September 5, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Eighteenth request went to District B3 on October 31, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

The Nineteenth request went to District B3 on November 7, 2023. It was not acted upon per the Boston Trust Ordinance.

b) A statistical breakdown of the total number of individuals that City law enforcement detained pursuant to Section 2, organized by the reason(s) supporting the detention;

Zero individuals were detained by the BPD pursuant to Section 2.

c) Total number of individuals transferred to ICE custody;

Zero individuals were transferred to ICE custody.

d) Total cost reimbursements received from the federal government pursuant to Section 2, organized by individual case.

Zero cost reimbursements were received from the federal government pursuant to Section 2.

The Boston Police Department remains committed to the Boston Trust Act and strengthening relationships with all our communities. Boston's immigrant community should feel safe in reporting crime and in proactively engaging with the Boston Police Department.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

lichael A. Cox

Police Commissioner



The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 5.1 of the Make Boston ShineDeclaration of Trust, I hereby appoint the following Trustee to the Make Boston Shine Trust Board of Trustees:

Rachel Goldstein of 32 Parker Street, #5, Charlestown, MA 02129.

This Trustee will serve a term expiring on January 9, 2026, provided that trustees may continue to serve until a replacement trustee is appointed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 5.1 of the Make Boston Shine Declaration of Trust, I hereby re-appoint the following Trustee to the Make Boston Shine Trust Board of Trustees:

John Romano of 22 Thatcher Street, Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02113

This Trustee will serve a term expiring on January 9, 2026, provided that trustees may continue to serve until a replacement trustee is appointed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 5.1 of the Make Boston Shine Declaration of Trust, I hereby re-appoint the following Trustee to the Make Boston Shine Trust Board of Trustees:

Kevin Tran of 23 East Street, Dorchester, MA 02122

This Trustee will serve a term expiring on January 9, 2026, provided that trustees may continue to serve until a replacement trustee is appointed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 5.1 of the Make Boston Shine Declaration of Trust, I hereby re-appoint the following Trustee to the Make Boston Shine Trust Board of Trustees:

Brianna Millor of 200 Hancock St, Boston, MA 02125

This Trustee will serve a term expiring on January 9, 2026, provided that trustees may continue to serve until a replacement trustee is appointed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk,

In accordance with Section 3.1 of the Neighborhood Jobs Trust Declaration of Trust dated November 19, 1985, 1 hereby reappoint the following Trustee to the Neighborhood Jobs Trust Board of Trustees:

Trinh T. Nguyen of 35 Channel Street Unit 203, Boston, Massachusetts 02210, Chief of the Worker Empowerment Cabinet.

This Trustee will serve a term expiring on January 14, 2024, provided that Trustees may continue to serve until a replacement Trustee is appointed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the reappointment of Robert Whitney of 17 Phillips Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114 as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust, for a term expiring 01/22/26. I am reappointing Robert Whitney pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Declaration of Trust for the Boston Groundwater Trust, Article III, Section 3.1.11. Robert Whitney shall serve as the Beacon Hill Civic Association Member.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the reappointment of Janine Commerford of 465 Medford Street, Charlestown, MA 02129 as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust, for a term expiring 01/22/26. I am reappointing Janine Commerford pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Declaration of Trust for the Boston Groundwater Trust, Article III, Section 3.1.11. Janine Commerford shall serve as the Greater Boston Real Estate Board Member.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR ORDER OF COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

ORDERED: That the attached rules be adopted as the Rules of the Boston City Council for Municipal Years 2024-2025.

Filed in City Council: January 24, 2024



Rules of the Boston City Council Municipal Years 2024-25

Filed January 24, 2024

General Rules

Meeting Time

Rule 1. Unless otherwise ordered from time to time, and except on holidays, the regular meeting of the city council shall be on Wednesdays at twelve o'clock noon in the Christopher A. Iannella council chamber, One City Hall Square, 5th Floor, Boston, unless otherwise determined by the council president. Special meetings may be called at the council president's discretion, upon a forty-eight (48) hour notice from the time the notices are posted by the Clerk, or relayed to each councilor's office in compliance with the open meeting law. Special meetings of the council may be called by the council president upon less than forty-eight (48) hours notice in the case of an emergency, in compliance with the open meeting law, and with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all members. A roll call vote will be taken at the beginning of a meeting called on less than forty-eight (48) hours notice to re-affirm that two-thirds (2/3) agreement to hold the special meeting.

Quorum

Rule 2. A quorum of the council shall consist of seven (7) members and any member may call for a roll call on the question of the presence of a quorum. If at any time, any meeting is called to order, or if during a meeting, a roll call shows less than a quorum, the presiding officer shall call a recess of not more than ten (10) minutes, after which time, if a quorum is not present, the meeting may be adjourned by the presiding officer.

Presiding Officer

Rule 3. The council president shall serve as presiding officer and shall assume the chair at the hour set by the previous adjournment, call the members to order after a roll call showing a quorum present, and proceed with the regular order of business. The council president shall select a president pro tempore to act in his or her absence and serve as vice chair of the committee of the whole. In the event of the absence of both the council president and the president pro tempore, the senior member by age shall preside. The term of the City Council President shall be two (2) years, co-terminus with the term of the City Council, except that by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the council, the Council may declare the role vacant and conduct a new election for Council President. A member, after serving a term as President, may again serve as President after two (2) years have passed.

Appealing a Decision of the Chair

Rule 4. The presiding officer may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, and assignment of matters to committee, subject to an appeal from the decision of the chair, but no appeal shall be considered unless properly seconded. No other business except a motion to adjourn or to lie on the table shall be in order until the question on appeal has been decided. The question shall be put as follows:

"Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the council?"

The vote shall be by a roll call vote, and it shall be decided in the affirmative unless a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the members of the council is to the contrary.

Matters Properly Before Council

Rule 5. Any motion, order, or resolution which has been previously debated and acted upon in the current municipal year, or which conflicts with the city charter, federal, or state constitution or with rules prescribed by existing city ordinance, federal law, or state law, or which in the opinion of the presiding officer does not have a direct bearing on the business of the council may be referred to the committee of the whole, and shall not be further considered by the council except upon report by that committee or decision of the chair. The decision of the chair may be appealed, but no appeal shall be considered unless properly seconded. No other business except a motion to adjourn or to lie on the table shall be in order until the question on appeal has been decided. Prior to the vote, the proponent of the motion, order or resolution shall have three (3) minutes to explain the issue and the need for the City Council to take action on the matter. Afterward, a recess of no more than two (2) minutes shall be called so that those members who share the opposite view, should they choose to, shall have the opportunity to select one of its members to speak for no more than two (2) minutes on the opposing view. No motion or proposition of a subject different from the one under consideration shall be admitted under the color of an amendment. After the debate, a vote on the matter shall be taken. The question shall be put as follows:

"Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the council?"

The vote shall be by a roll call, and it shall be decided in the affirmative unless a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the members of the council is to the contrary.

The committee of the whole may report that any motion, order, or resolution, so referred to it, is out of order for the reasons contained in Rule 5, and its report shall be a final disposition of the matter, subject to an appeal.

Recess

Rule 6. The presiding officer may at any time, during debate or otherwise, declare a recess for not more than twenty (20) minutes, unless the presiding officer declares that the council will return to public session at a time certain. Such action shall not be subject to appeal, nor shall any motions apply thereto.

Propounding Motions

Rule 7. The presiding officer shall propound all motions in the order in which they are moved unless the subsequent motion shall be previous in its nature, provided that in naming sums and fixing time, the largest sum and longest term shall be put first.

Deciding Questions

Rule 8. Subject to the provisions of these rules, the presiding officer, without debate, shall decide all questions relating to priority of business.

Dividing a Question

Rule 9. The presiding officer, at the request of any member, shall make a division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

Doubting the Vote

Rule 10. The presiding officer shall declare all votes. If any member doubts a vote, the presiding officer shall cause the vote to be taken by a roll call.

Vacating the Chair

Rule 11. When the presiding officer wants to vacate the chair, he or she shall call on the president pro tempore to take the chair. In the absence of the president pro tempore, any member can be asked to assume the chair. The presiding officer may resume the chair at will.

Agenda

Rule 12. Any message, ordinance, resolution, vote, petition, order, amendment, authorization, agreement, budgetary action, motion or other measure submitted for consideration by the council shall be filed with the clerk electronically with one (1) hard copy delivered to the clerk's office by ten o'clock AM two (2) days preceding the council meeting. Committee Chairs shall be required to submit Committee Reports to Central Staff by four o'clock PM the Friday preceding a regular council meeting if the report is to appear on the Committee Reports section of the next agenda. The clerk shall publish the agenda online no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the council meeting. With the exception of consent agenda items, all new councilor-sponsored filings shall be submitted by no more than two councilors. Other councilors may sign on to the legislation during the scheduled council meeting. Such submission is a prerequisite to any item's consideration at such meeting.

Duties of the Clerk

Rule 13. It shall be the duty of the clerk, acting as clerk and parliamentarian of the council, to prepare and cause to be printed for each meeting a listing of all matters submitted for consideration to the council, including the minutes of the previous meeting, in accordance with Rule 12; such listing shall be known as the agenda, and it shall be divided into two sections, the latter of which shall be known as the consent agenda.

The agenda shall include a section on "Matters Recently Heard – For Possible Action", which shall be a list of all actionable matters scheduled for public hearing between 9:00AM Monday and the beginning of the meeting that could reasonably be called for action at the meeting that week. Items not acted upon at that week's meeting will not be included in the minutes of the meeting and remain in committee for action at a later time through the regular committee report process. Committee chairs wanting to take action on matters included in this portion of the agenda shall call for the item during that portion of the meeting and ask for action and present a committee chair report recommending action at the meeting. The committee report will be entered into the record of the meeting. The agenda shall include a list of all pending council matters, such listing being also known as the "green sheets." The green sheets shall include a list of all thirty (30) and sixty (60) day orders, matters assigned for further action, matters on the table, unanswered 17F orders, home rule petitions not responded to by the mayor, and a listing of all matters currently assigned to committees.

It shall be the duty of the clerk to post the agenda and the full documents corresponding to the specific docket numbers listed on the agenda on the city's web page no later than two business days (forty-eight (48) hours) preceding the scheduled meeting. If the Clerk's Office decides to post only a portion of an agenda item due to length, they must make a note on the attachment that the attachment is incomplete, and direct viewers to contact their office for the full document. Revised or amended dockets and late file matters shall be posted with the meeting minutes within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the meeting.

Corrections as to Form

Rule 14. The clerk, with the assistance of corporation counsel if necessary, may make changes to correct the form of legislation once passed, but prior to its presentation to the mayor, provided however that its substance is not affected.

Items of the Same Matter

Rule 15. In the event that an ordinance, order, resolution, petition, amendment, authorization, agreement or motion concerning the same or similar subjects are filed with the clerk for consideration by the council, the clerk, in consultation with the council president, shall cause to have entered on the agenda only that resolution or order which was first filed. The name of the sponsor(s) to the similar resolution or order may be added as a sponsoring member to the resolution or order which is placed on the agenda if

at the same meeting. Such action, however, shall not preclude any member from offering an amendment to the resolution or order.

Removal from the Consent Agenda

Rule 16. Resolutions of condolences and congratulations filed in accordance with Rule 37 shall be listed upon the consent agenda. Any member of the council may object to the clerk upon such a filing. The matter being objected to shall be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the agenda of the regular council business. No such resolution shall bear the name of any councilor not indicating consent to sponsorship.

All matters contained on the consent agenda shall be read as one and the question of adoption and passage of all said matters shall be by a single motion. The question shall be put as follows:

"The question now comes on approval of the various matters contained within the consent agenda."

Order of Business and Debate

Rule 17. At every regular meeting of the council, the order of business shall be as follows:

- 1. Council Accolades (See Rule 37).
- 2. Approval of Minutes.
- 3. Communications from the mayor.
- 4. Petitions, memorials, and remonstrances.
- 5. Reports of public officers and others.
- 6. Reports of committees and committee chairs.
- 7. Matters recently heard for possible action.
- 8. Motions, orders, and resolutions.
- 9 Personnel Orders
- 10. Pending council matters ("green sheets").
- 11. Consent agenda.

12. Remembrances (see Rule 37).

Motions and Orders

Rule 18. When a question is under debate, the following motions shall be entertained and shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged:

- 1. To adjourn.
- 2. To lay on the table.
- 3. To move the previous question.
- 4. To close debate at a specified time.
- 5. To postpone to a day certain.
- 6. To commit.
- 7. To amend.
- 8. To postpone indefinitely.

Strike and Insert

Rule 19. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible; but a motion to strike out being lost shall not preclude amendment, or a motion to strike out and insert.

Motion(s) to amend shall be reduced to writing and copies given to members.

Three copies shall be given to the clerk.

Adjourn

Rule 20. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time except on an immediate repetition or pending a verification of a vote; and that motion, the motion to lie on the table, the motion to take from the table, and the motion for the previous question shall be decided without debate.

Remanding Matters to the Mayor

Rule 21. Any order, ordinance, resolution, vote, or other measure submitted by the mayor shall be rejected without prejudice, unless when it is filed with the clerk, it bears the certificate of the corporation

counsel that, if adopted or passed in the form submitted by the mayor, it will be in accordance with the law. The council, at the discretion of the president, may remand a response from the mayor to a Section 17F request, if in the determination of the president the response does not comply with the request. A subsequent response shall be due within seven (7) days.

Withdrawal of Motions

Rule 22. After the presiding officer has put a motion on the floor, the presiding officer may withdraw it on the request of the sponsor, providing no objection.

Committee Assignment and Action

Rule 23. When any message, ordinance, resolution, vote, petition, order, amendment, authorization, agreement, budgetary action, motion or other measure submitted for consideration relates to a subject that may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the council, such filing, upon presentation, shall be referred to such committee by the president in consultation with the clerk. Any member offering a filing referred to a committee may request that the chair of the committee set, within thirty days, a mutually agreeable date for a hearing. No hearing may be scheduled or conducted without the consent of the chair or council president, and presence of the Chair, Vice-Chair or assigned designee by the chair or council president to conduct the hearing.

Calling of Matters in Committee

Rule 24. Within sixty (60) days after a matter is referred to a committee, it shall not be voted upon without the consent of the committee chair.

If after sixty (60) days after a matter is referred to a committee (unless referred under Rule 5), it may be called by nine (9) members of the council.

If after ninety (90) days after a matter is referred to a committee (unless referred under Rule 5), it may be called by seven (7) members of the council.

If after one hundred twenty (120) days after a matter is referred to a committee (unless referred under Rule 5), it may be called by five (5) members of the council.

As a part of the council meeting agenda, committee chairs may issue formal reports on dockets referred to his or her committee. When the meeting moves to the docket(s) that are the subject of the committee chair report, the clerk will read the docket(s) and the presiding officer will state:

"Absent objection, the report of the committee chair is accepted and the docket(s) is (are) properly before the body."

If there is an objection, the clerk will conduct a roll call vote of the committee members to ascertain that a majority of the committee members support the call of the committee chair to remove the docket from committee for discussion and action by the full council.

The chair of a committee may call a docket out of his or her committee at any time and ask that a vote be taken on a matter ("calling from the green sheets"), provided that when such a call is made and before the discussion of the item, the presiding officer will state:

"Absent objection, the motion of the committee chair is accepted and the docket(s) is (are) properly before the body."

If there is an objection, the clerk will conduct a roll call vote of the committee members to ascertain that a majority of the committee members support the call of the committee chair to remove the docket from committee for discussion and action by the full council.

Matters Placed on File at Year End

Rule 25. The clerk shall place on file any council-sponsored matter remaining in committee at the conclusion of the last meeting of the calendar year, including matters introduced and not voted upon at the last meeting of the calendar year. Sixty (60) day orders and mayoral filings shall be exempt from this rule. Items awaiting mayoral action, including unanswered 17F orders and Home Rule Petitions, that are more than two weeks old at the end of the municipal year will be removed from the green sheets.

Voting

Rule 26. In all votes the form of expression shall be "Ordered" for everything by way of command, and the form shall be "Resolved" for everything expressing opinions, principles, facts, or purposes.

Summons of Members

Rule 27. Upon request for a roll call vote, the presiding officer may hold open the calling for a period of no longer than five (5) minutes during which time the city messenger shall summon all members who are absent from the Iannella Council Chamber. The clerk shall call the names of the members in alphabetical order without interruption. Each member shall respond to his or her name when called by the clerk. No member shall be recorded after the name of the next member has been called in the prescribed manner, except by unanimous consent of all members present.

Majority Vote

Rule 28. Every member present when a question is put, unless he or she is excluded by interest, shall vote in the affirmative or negative or shall respond, "present," unless the council has for special reason excused that member from voting. Unless otherwise provided, seven (7) members of the council shall

constitute a majority vote at a meeting of the council. For a hearing of the council, a majority of members present and voting shall constitute a majority.

Absence of Sponsoring Member

Rule 29. In the event that the sponsoring member of any ordinance, resolution, vote, petition, order, amendment, authorization, agreement, budgetary action, motion or other measure submitted for consideration except communications and the contents of the consent agenda, is not present when the clerk reads the matter, the clerk shall withdraw the matter from consideration at that meeting. The clerk will automatically re-file the document as a part of the regular agenda for the next council meeting.

Reconsideration

Rule 30. Once a vote or action has been taken, any member may only move reconsideration of the vote at the same meeting. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five minutes. On a vote upon any subsidiary or incidental question, debate shall be limited to ten minutes, and no member shall occupy more than two minutes.

Limits on Reconsideration

Rule 31. When a motion to reconsider has been decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered unless it has been amended after the reconsideration; nor shall any reconsideration be had upon the following motions:

- 1. To adjourn.
- 2. The previous question.
- 3. To lay on the table.
- 4. To take from the table.
- 5. To close debate at a specified time.

A motion to reconsider may be laid on the table or postponed indefinitely, and the effect of such action in either case shall be to defeat the motion to reconsider.

Two-Thirds Majority Required and Second Readings

Rule 32. All orders releasing rights, easements, or restrictions on land, all orders for the sale of land, all appropriations for the purchase of land, and all loans voted by the council shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the council, and shall be passed only after two separate readings and by two separate votes, the second of said readings and votes to be had not less than fourteen (14) days after the first, except in cases in which a shorter period is authorized by law. Any order rescinding an order for any of the foregoing purposes shall require the same number of readings and votes as was required for the passage of the original order. All matters failing to receive a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative

vote on the first vote shall be deemed to have been rejected without prejudice and removed from further consideration, unless reconsideration of the initial vote prevails.

Adoption of Matters on Day Introduced

Rule 33. No message, ordinance, resolution, vote, petition, order, authorization, agreement, budgetary action, motion or other measure submitted for consideration may be adopted at the meeting at which it is submitted. This rule may only be suspended with unanimous consent. This rule applies only to matters not previously filed for council consideration and assigned to committee, and any related amendments or substitutions, and does not apply to reports of committee chairs or personnel orders.

Committees

Forty-Eight Hour Notice Required

Rule 34. No meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing of any committee, except the committee on ways and means, in accordance with the limitations of the state's open meeting law, shall be called upon less than forty-eight (48) hours notice (exclusive of legal holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays), unless otherwise allowed by the president in accord with the limitations of the state's open meeting law, from the time the council staff shall have electronically transmitted the notices and invitation letters or dispatched them by special messenger; provided that meetings of the committee of the whole may be held for a specific purpose(s) at the call of the president, at the completion of council business and prior to final adjournment of any meeting of the council without such notice. Only that specific item(s) for which a committee of the whole meeting, working session, or hearing has been called shall be in order at such meeting, working session, or hearing.

Only a committee chair may schedule a meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing or reserve time on the council's calendar for a meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing to be scheduled. Notice of all scheduled meetings, policy briefings, hearings, working sessions shall be posted by the clerk indicating the date, time and place in accordance with the requirements of the open meeting law. In addition, the notice shall include the item(s) or subject(s) to be discussed. Electronic notice shall be delivered to each councilor and other interested parties by council staff. The chair and members of any committee shall speak and question witnesses for not more than ten minutes at a time. The conduct of members of the public at council meetings, and committee meetings, policy briefings, working sessions, and hearings, including those present to testify, shall be governed by Rules 41, 42 and 43 and shall be enforced by the council staff assigned to the meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing.

In the event a hearing is expected to last three or more hours, the chair shall allow members of the public, in the order in which they sign up, to offer testimony at the beginning, middle and end of the hearing. It shall be at the discretion of the chair to determine the appropriate time and how many individuals shall testify at the beginning and during the hearing with the remaining individuals being

allowed to testify at the end of the hearing.

No committee, unless authorized by an order of the council, shall incur any expense, including, but not limited to, advertising and stenographic costs. Committee chairs requesting interpreter services will work with the staff director, recognizing there are budgetary limitations, to arrange for such services at the time the meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing is scheduled. No committee meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing, except the committee of the whole, the committee on rules and administration, and the committee on ways and means, shall be conducted on the day of any regular meeting of the council. No committee, except the committee of the whole, committee on ways and means, or committee on rules and administration shall be allowed to schedule or conduct a meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing on the same day and time as a previously scheduled meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing of another committee.

No committee will hold any hearing, policy briefing, working session, or meeting after the last regular council meeting of the municipal year.

Committee Action

Rule 35. Each item listed on the weekly agenda that is to be reported out of committee must be accompanied by a report. The committee chair shall draft the report with the assistance of central staff committee liaisons. Committee liaisons will be responsible for keeping minutes of committee hearings, working sessions, meetings, and policy briefings in accordance with open meeting and public records requirements. Minutes shall include the following information: name of the committee, title of the event (meeting, working session, hearing, policy briefing), date, time of the call of the event, start time, end time, location, subject, committee/council members present, a summary of the discussion held, any decisions made, next steps to be taken, or votes taken, a list of all correspondence, documents, or exhibits presented at the event, and items requested by councilors. The minutes are to be prepared by the committee liaison and presented to the chair for review and signature and filed within a reasonable timeframe of the conclusion of the hearing, meeting, policy briefing, or working session, but in no case later than the committee's next hearing, meeting, policy briefing, or working session on the relevant topic, except if a more suitable timeframe is determined by the council president or central staff director. Reports of the committee chair or the committee must contain the following information: docket number, title, date referred, sponsor, date(s) of hearing, meeting, policy briefing, or working session (where applicable), a discussion of the provisions of the legislation, summary of information received at the hearing, meeting, policy briefing, or working session, and in the case of amended or substituted language, a discussion of the changes and the impacts on the original legislation, and the rationale for the recommended action.

The committee chair may issue an interim report to provide to the council information received regarding the topic or the status of a docket. This interim committee report does not recommend a final disposition of the docket, and will not dispose of the docket. The interim report will be filed in the same manner as all other documents. It will be filed as part of the Reports of Committee portion of the

agenda, and will be placed on file. The docket remains in the assigned committee until final disposition.

Committee Hearings, Meetings, Policy Briefings, and Working Sessions

Rule 35A. Committee hearings refer to formal sessions of a committee at which representatives from the Administration, experts, or others from the public are invited to discuss and answer questions regarding a particular docket or subject matter as articulated in the hearing order assigned to that committee. A public comment period is required and subject to Rule 34.

Committee chairs or a quorum of committee members may schedule a meeting for the purpose of discussing ideas related to committee work, particular dockets, or other topics within the subject matter of that committee. For committee meetings, public testimony is at the discretion of the Chair of the committee

Committee policy briefings refer to less formal sessions in which a chair of a committee invites representatives from the Administration, experts and others from the public to participate in an open discussion about a particular policy issue. While there is no formal public comment period, members of the public are encouraged to attend policy briefings, and participate in the discussion.

Committee chairs may schedule working sessions for the purpose of revising legislation in committee, reviewing a proposed committee report, or to discuss with the committee the content of a piece of legislation. The committee chair may schedule a working session under the requirements of the open meeting law and process established in Rule 34. The purpose of the working session will be to discuss and deliberate on proposed changes to the legislation before the committee. The changes outlined at that working session would then be incorporated into the legislation, and included in the committee report regarding the legislation. More than one working session may be held on the same legislation and working sessions may be scheduled to review more than one piece of legislation at the same time. Subject to the will of the chair, working sessions may be scheduled to occur at times separate from the hearings, or directly afterward. While members of the public may attend working sessions, there will be no public comment period. Public participation and draft materials at working sessions shall be limited to councilors and chair invitees.

Committee Appointment, Structure, and Role

Rule 36. All councilors shall be considered as members of each standing committee. The president of the council shall name those members of each committee, including its chair and vice-chair, who are authorized to vote on matters in the committee. Communication shall be filed with the City Clerk detailing the named chairs, vice-chairs, and members who are assigned and authorized to vote on matters in each committee. All other members of each committee are not authorized to vote on such matters in the committee. A quorum of the committee shall be determined on the basis of voting members only.

The role of each committee shall be to provide a forum for in-depth review and analysis of all matters that come before city departments, boards, and agencies, and to provide a means for residents to address

their concerns with regard to services provided by the city.

Committees shall focus upon: (1) public policy, (2) efficiency of service delivery, (3) equity with respect to that service delivery, (4) equity with respect to outcome and impact in order to address disparities, (5) cost containment, it being the goal of the city government to provide appropriate services while ensuring that public monies, which derive from our citizenry, are appropriated wisely and cautiously.

Committees of the Council

There shall be the following committees:

Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events, which shall concern itself with the encouragement of arts, culture, and the creative economy, including cultural development, humanities, performing arts, visual arts, film and filmmaking, music, public art, museums, arts education, arts organizations, tourism, entertainment, creative-based companies, the support and funding of art and cultural amenities, opportunities to display and/or present works, and special events. The committee shall also concern itself with fostering the creative environment and reputation of the city, including support for public art, arts events, and festivals, development of programs to empower arts organizations and arts supporters, retaining creative talent and ideas, and other actions to make the city a cultural and creative hub. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Boston Art Commission, Boston Arts Lottery Council, Boston Film Bureau, or its successors, all Cultural Districts, the Office of Arts and Culture, the Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, and all agencies, departments, and programs related to arts, culture, tourism, and special events.

Committee on Boston's COVID-19 Recovery, which shall exercise general oversight over and make recommendations on the City of Boston's distribution of state and federal COVID-19 relief funding and programs. The committee shall provide a forum and opportunity for the council to receive input from the community on the city's implementation and use of state and federal COVID-19 funding.

Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology, which shall concern itself with the delivery of municipal services to the city's residents and neighborhoods in order to promote improved service delivery and cost reductions with a focus on accessibility, including the activities of and provision of services to residents by communication, energy and water service providers. The committee shall work to ensure equal and fair access to city services for all residents, regardless of race, color, national origin, national ancestry, language background, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, or disability.

The committee shall concern itself with the infrastructure that facilitates broadband, wireless voice and data communications. The committee shall be responsible for monitoring issues arising from utility facilities and operations, and including facility siting, in order to ensure that consumers are provided with the most reliable service, at the lowest possible cost, and that ratepayers' rights are protected under federal, state and local regulations. The committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to motor vehicle parking, including the residential parking program and parking meters and other matters

related to parking. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Inspectional Services Department, Library Department, Office of Neighborhood Services, Public Works Department operations and programming, Transportation Department operations and enforcement, the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund and the George Robert White Fund, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, the Office of Cable Communications, Office of the Parking Clerk, Public Improvement Commission, the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Office of New Urban Mechanics, and the Department of Innovation and Technology.

Committee on Civil Rights, Racial Equity, and Immigrant Advancement, which shall concern itself with matters relating to equal access to education, housing, employment and health care services. The committee shall also concern itself with advancing opportunities, equity, and wellbeing of our immigrant communities. The committee shall have jurisdiction over matters relating to city, state, and federal laws prohibiting discrimination. The committee shall concern itself with exploring the development of programs and/or legislation to ensure that all are able to safely and fully participate in the civic life of our city and our economy. The committee shall explore opportunities for city agencies, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to work together to protect the civil rights and civil liberties of all Bostonians. The committee shall concern itself with promoting equal and fair access to public and private services and facilities for all residents, regardless of race, color, national origin, national ancestry, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age or disability. The committee shall work to ensure that city services and resources are accessible to our immigrant communities regardless of their preferred language, country of origins, and immigration status. The committee is charged with ensuring that language and communication access is integral to city services, resources, and policies. The committee shall have oversight with respect to the Office of Immigrant Advancement, the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, the Office of Women's Advancement, the Office of Civil Rights, the Human Rights Commission, the Equity Cabinet, the Office of Language and Communications Access, and all matters pertaining to language access with relevant city departments and agencies.

Committee on the Community Preservation Act, which shall concern itself with nominating members to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for consideration by the Boston City Council, including developing an open and transparent application process for interested candidates; providing a public forum to review and discuss the activities of the CPC; serving as liaison between the Boston City Council, CPC members, and the Director of the CPC, and providing additional input and transparency for the allocation of Community Preservation Act funds by the Community Preservation Committee.

Committee on Education, which shall concern itself with the quality of equitable educational services provided to all school-aged residents by the Boston Public Schools. The committee shall concern itself with examining the availability of services and programs for families of school-aged children. Further, the committee shall explore developing programs to provide assistance with academics and extracurricular activities for families. The committee shall monitor educational policy, in particular special education, bilingual education, and technical education, with the goal of eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps for students of color, English Language Learners, students with disabilities, and

children living in poverty. The committee shall work to strengthen cooperation among city and state government, private enterprise, and institutions of higher learning, to provide students with the necessary education, training, and skills for further education and future career opportunities in the new economy. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Boston School Department, educational based programs and all other city programs related to education.

Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks, which shall concern itself with environmental justice issues of residents, including the impact of industry on quality of life. The committee shall concern itself with the natural resources of the city, issues of air, land, and water pollution, as well as recycling and other resource recovery efforts, issues related to waste disposal and land reclamation, and examine technologies and innovations regarding energy savings and efficiency. The committee shall also concern itself with open space conservation, access to recreational facilities and opportunities, and the administration and oversight of the Rose Kennedy Greenway. The committee shall have oversight of public parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities and matters generally impacting the Parks Department including but not limited to accessibility, maintenance, design and construction of new and existing public parks in the city. The committee shall have oversight of the Office of Environment, Energy, and Open Space and matters related to climate change, resiliency, and sea level rise, as well as trash collection, recycling, and composting operations within Public Works.

Committee on Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility, which shall concern itself with evaluating the efficiency, effectiveness, and accessibility of city budget, operations and programs, including administrative compliance with legislative intent, and administrative regulations of departments, agencies, and programs. The committee may review, establish goals and objectives, collect and analyze data, and report to the council with recommendations, including possible legislative and programmatic changes based on its review and analysis. That committee shall further concern itself with examining municipal financial statements, bond & credit reports, internal fiscal controls, and risk management procedures, thus ensuring public funds and assets are managed responsibly and effectively. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Auditing Department and the Boston Finance Commission.

Committee on Government Operations, which shall concern itself with the organization and structure of city government, including departmental fees and charges. The committee shall have referred to it all proposed ordinances and special laws affecting the structure, duties, and responsibilities of city departments, agencies and commissions. The committee shall also concern itself with the review of the city's policy regarding residency for city employees. The committee shall concern itself with encouraging cooperation between the city and other levels of government to reduce duplicative programs, coordinate efforts to provide services, and present the council's views on matters that have a direct bearing on the council's business. The committee shall also concern itself with the implementation of ordinances. In scheduling hearings and working sessions, the committee will coordinate with the chair of the committee whose jurisdiction covers the policy area discussed in the ordinance or special law. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Boston Retirement Board, City Clerk, Election Department, Execution of Courts, Purchasing Department, Health Benefits and Insurance

Program, Human Resources Department, Law Department, Medicare Payments, Office of the Mayor (except those components assigned to other committees), Pensions and Annuities, Residency Compliance Commission, Workers Compensation Program, and Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

Committee on Housing and Community Development, which shall concern itself with public policy involving the preservation, creation, and rehabilitation of housing in the city, including public housing programs. The committee is charged with evaluation of policies and programs of the city to ensure an adequate supply of affordable housing to advocate toward the goal of safe, decent, and affordable housing for all Boston residents. The committee shall also concern itself with promoting equal and fair access to housing for all residents, regardless of race, color, national origin, national ancestry, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, or disability. The committee shall concern itself with the care and well-being of residents experiencing homelessness and with issues relating to homeless shelters. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the housing policies and programs of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the Department of Neighborhood Development, Boston Housing Authority, the Boston Housing Center, the Fair Housing Commission and the Emergency Shelter Commission.

Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development, which shall concern itself with the economic empowerment of our neighborhoods through employment opportunities, fair working conditions, and workforce development. The Committee shall concern itself with diversifying the City's workforce and ensuring equity in the City's procurement processes. The committee shall concern itself with policy issues affecting Boston's workforce across all sectors. The committee shall also concern itself with issues related to organized labor and members of public and private collective bargaining units, including, but not limited to wages and hours, standards and statistics, job creation and retention, occupational health and safety, and the development of employment opportunities and training programs. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to Boston Employment Commission, Boston Planning and Development Agency Empowerment Zones, Boston Redevelopment Authority Contract Compliance Office, Boston Resident Jobs Policy, Department of Neighborhood Development, Office of Business Development, Office of Jobs and Community Services, Office of Workforce Development, Office of Labor Relations, Inspectional Services Department, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Boston Fire Department Fire Prevention Division.

Committee on PILOT Agreements, Institutional and Intergovernmental Relations, which shall review the City's relationships and partnerships with institutions and government entities. The Committee will evaluate the efficacy of and compliance with the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program and agreements entered into by the City of Boston, as well as institutional master plans submitted by tax-exempt academic, medical, and cultural institutions. The Committee shall concern itself with the methodology of the program, involvement of residents in determining community benefits, and engagement of area universities and colleges and their plans relating to development, expansion, student activities, and other relevant topics. The Committee will also work with the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to advocate, coordinate, and advance the City's partnerships with local, regional, and state agencies to advance the City's priorities.

Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation, which shall concern itself with the planning, physical development, and transportation access of the city, including financing, zoning, licensing, land use policy, the effects of development, and access to multimodal transportation and transit options throughout the city and its neighborhoods. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to all commercial, medical, research, educational and large scale residential development and building projects, development without displacement, as well as historic preservation programs. The committee shall work to ensure community participation in the planning and development process, that residents and their institutional neighbors are both able to share in the city's benefits, and that the delivery of financial services are accessible, non-discriminatory, and promote both small and large business and development throughout all neighborhoods. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the care, management, custody, and use of public lands and buildings, except parkland. The committee shall exercise additional oversight with respect to the Boston Industrial Development Finance Authority, the Boston Redevelopment Authority doing business as the Boston Planning and Development Authority, Department of Neighborhood Development, Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, Public Facilities Commission, Property and Construction Management Department, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Commission, Back Bay Architectural Commission, Beacon Hill Architectural Commission, Freedom Trail Commission, and Landmarks Commission, Empowerment Zone Board, Back Streets Program, and Boston Medical Center. The committee shall also concern itself with the planning, infrastructure, operational, and regulatory policies of Boston's surface, air, and water transportation modes. The committee shall concern itself with all transportation matters relating to bicycles, pedestrians, and motor vehicles. The committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and other agencies that furnish public transportation. The committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to the taxi industry and other transportation network companies. The committee shall concern itself with hackney and jitney licenses. The committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to operations at Logan International Airport and the Port of Boston. To further its initiatives, the committee shall foster working relationships and collaborate with related state and local agencies, including the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the Massachusetts Port Authority, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, and the Boston Planning and Development Agency doing business as the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to Boston Bikes, the Boston Transportation Department, the Transportation Capital Program planning and policies, and the Boston Public Works Department's transportation-related programs and operations.

Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery, which shall concern itself with the health and well-being of residents, eliminating disparities in health care services, as well as the equitable delivery of health services. The committee shall concern itself with all public health matters including, but not limited to, the COVID-19 pandemic, HIV and other infectious diseases, reproductive health, LGBTQ+ health, trauma, hunger, human trafficking, and social inequities in health. The committee shall concern itself with the care and well-being of individuals dealing with homelessness, mental and behavioral health issues, or seeking assistance with substance use disorders and recovery. The committee shall concern itself with issues impacting hospitals, community health centers, homeless

shelters, public health nonprofits, and recovery programs. The committee shall work to enhance the quality and quantity of available programming financed by city, state, and federal resources. The committee shall have oversight with respect to the Boston Public Health Commission, the Office of Recovery Services, and the Emergency Shelter Commission.

Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, which shall concern itself with the adequate delivery of police and fire protection to all neighborhoods. The committee shall be responsible for evaluating, encouraging, and facilitating resident-driven efforts to prevent crime. The committee also shall concern itself with criminal justice policies including matters related to the reintegration and reentry of residents formerly incarcerated. The committee shall coordinate and work with county, state, and federal agencies and community organizations to evaluate, explore, and develop strategies, policies, and recommendations aimed at lowering the recidivism rate and incarcerated population while ensuring the public's safety. The committee shall also be concerned with all matters related to homeland security and efforts to protect residents against terrorism in any form. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Boston Fire Department, Boston Police Department, Office of Emergency Preparedness, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Storm Center, Public Safety Commission, Safe Neighborhood Initiative, Suffolk County Jail, Suffolk County House of Correction, anti-crime and criminal justice reform efforts financed by state and federal government sources, and county correctional matters.

Committee on Redistricting, which shall concern itself with issues relevant to city, state, and federal redistricting of Boston. The committee shall concern itself with the redistricting for city council districts, including creating and facilitating process for community outreach; as well as assessing and selecting technology to be used to support city council redistricting efforts.

Committee on Rules and Administration, which shall concern itself with the rules and administrative functions of the council. The committee shall meet to discuss matters in accordance with M.G.L. c. 39, s. 23B (the state Open Meeting Law) and other issues internal to city council operations. The clerk, as clerk of the council, shall participate in committee meetings convened to address related rules or parliamentary issues at the request of the chair.

Committee on Small Business and Professional Licensure, which shall concern itself with the creation and growth of small business, entrepreneurship, and the innovation economy. The committee shall work to support thriving neighborhood commercial districts, including streamlining permitting and licensing, and fostering community economic development. The committee shall concern itself with reducing barriers for small business, focus on expanding access to capital for small businesses, and increasing support resources for small businesses. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Main Streets Program, Consumer Affairs & Licensing Department, Boston Licensing Board, Small and Local Business Enterprise Office, Office of Food Initiatives, Food Truck Program, and Boston Fire Department Fire Prevention Division.

Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities, which shall concern itself with stabilizing communities with particular focus on girls and women. The Committee shall concern itself with the

equitable delivery of human services and city programming for youth, families, and seniors. This includes addressing issues of sexual violence, child abuse and neglect, and other related issues as to our youth, adults, and families, ensuring their needs and rights are fully included in all initiatives. The committee shall concern itself with issues related to youth, including but not limited to summer jobs, youth activities, volunteerism, and youth violence. The committee shall have oversight with respect to Boston Centers of Youth and Families, the Boston Youth Fund, the Women's Commission, and the Age Strong Commission.

Committee on Veterans, Military Families, and Military Affairs, which shall concern itself with the city's programs for veterans, active military personnel, and their families. The committee shall evaluate and examine the availability of programs for veterans and active military personnel. The committee shall evaluate the need for the implementation of new programs and services for veterans and active military personnel and their families. The committee shall have oversight with respect to the Veterans' Services Department, and the Veterans' Graves Division of the Parks Department.

Committee on Ways and Means, which shall exercise general oversight with respect to city revenues and expenditures and all other component units that comprise the government entity, as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The committee may report to the council the cost of implementation of any order, ordinance, program, as well as any and all contracts for city services and collective bargaining agreements for city services, or any other initiative pending before the body, and shall make such report whenever requested by another committee or directed to do so by the council. The committee shall have referred to it all matters concerning appropriations, the city budget, expenditures and loans. The committee shall review city policies and actions involving the purchase of financial services, deposits, borrowing, and investment. The committee shall concern itself with issues related to all city owned or leased facilities. The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Assessing Department, Auditing Department, the Office of Budget Management, the Treasury Department, and the Boston Finance Commission.

Committee of the Whole, which shall concern itself with any litigation involving the council and all other matters referred to it.

Council Accolades and Remembrances

Rule 37. The council shall have the honor of recognizing persons, groups, and events of significant importance to the City of Boston. Any councilor wishing to honor such individuals or groups at the start of a council meeting shall notify the office of the council president in writing by four o'clock PM, one business day before the meeting. Councilors may honor individuals up to six (6) times per year. Two accolades will be allowed per meeting and each accolade should not exceed five minutes. Said notification shall include the names of the individuals or groups and the reason they are being honored. The council president, at the request of any councilor, shall ask the council to recognize and acknowledge a special guest or group of guests seated in the Council gallery.

Directly before the conclusion of a scheduled council meeting, councilors may request that the council adjourn in memory of persons with importance to the City of Boston. Any councilor wishing to do so shall notify the office of the council president in writing by 9:00AM the morning of the meeting. The councilor shall provide the name, with correct spelling and pronunciation where appropriate. The council president shall read the names of the councilor making the request and the people to be recognized.

Conduct in City Council

Rule 38. Every member about to speak shall signal the chair by electronic means provided and then wait until recognized by the chair. No member shall be recognized when away from his or her desk. In speaking, members shall address other members in one of the manners as follows: by the title Councilor and the member's surname, as the councilor from district (cite district number), or the at-large councilor from (neighborhood of residence), or as the chair of a particular committee, and shall confine themselves to the question, shall not use unbecoming, abusive, or non-parliamentary language, and shall avoid personalities. Any member who, in debate or otherwise, indulges in personalities or makes charges reflecting upon the character of another member, shall make an apology in open session at the meeting at which the offense was committed or at the next succeeding regular meeting. If the member fails to apologize, the president shall hold the member in contempt and suspend the member from further participation in debate and statement until an apology is made.

Order of and Time Limit on Speaking

Rule 39. No member shall speak more than once on a question when another member who has not spoken claims the floor and no member speaking shall, without consenting, be interrupted by another, except on a point of order. A member may speak upon a matter for no more than ten minutes, except as further limited by the provisions of this rule. A member who has not spoken on a matter shall have priority and recognition by the chair whenever said member shall rise.

Remarks by councilors at the time a petition, order, or resolution has been admitted, and assigned to a committee for review shall be limited to three minutes for the sponsor and two minutes for any other councilor. The appropriate time for questioning and debate is at public hearings and working sessions. The clerk shall inform the president whenever a member has spoken longer than the allotted time under the prescribed time limits.

Conduct of Councilors - Generally

Rule 40. The Ethics Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enforces Chapter 268A of the Massachusetts General Laws -- The Conflict of Interest Law. The Conflict of Interest Law regulates the conduct of all councilors as municipal public officials and governs the conduct of municipal public officials. All councilors shall review and fully comply with each of the law's provisions. The clerk shall distribute a copy of said law at the start of each municipal year. The council president may arrange for

trainings on conflict of interest laws, the open meeting law, and other topics as appropriate.

Rule 40A. Pursuant to the city charter and in accordance with the open meeting law, the council president may refer a matter to the council upon his/her determination that any member has engaged in conduct unbecoming a member of the Boston City Council or may be unqualified to sit on the body. A member may be unqualified by violating federal or state law, or any conditions imposed by the city's charter, which includes violating any provisions of the three oaths of office.

The council president shall automatically refer a matter to the council upon a felony conviction of any member by any state or federal court.

Any action by the council taken in response to any referral shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority roll call vote and will be in accordance with local, state and federal law.

Members of the Public on Council Floor

Rule 41. No person except a member of the council at any time shall be permitted to occupy a seat in the Iannella council chamber or the seats designated for councilors at any city council meeting or hearing location of any member of the council. The city messenger shall strictly enforce this rule.

Staff on Council Floor

Rule 42. No person, except the staff of the clerk or council staff, shall be allowed upon the council floor of the Iannella council chamber, the witness podium (microphone), or the doorways of the anteroom, unless invited by the presiding officer. No person shall be permitted to speak, testify, or otherwise participate in any council meeting, hearing, or working session unless permitted to do so by the presiding officer. Authorized staff members shall be allowed on the floor of the council only to directly communicate with a councilor or the clerk and should not remain on the floor. At other times, council staff should take a seat in the gallery or stand in the gallery. Members of the public are welcome in the gallery of the Iannella council chamber when the council is in session, but no one will be admitted to the gallery after all seats are occupied. Members of the public are welcome into other city council hearing locations, but no one will be admitted unless seats or proper standing room exists in the interest of public safety. No demonstration of approval or disapproval from members of the public will be permitted (including, but not limited to signs, placards, banners, cheering, clapping, booing, etc.) and if such demonstrations are made, the gallery or public seating area will be cleared. The city messenger or council staff assigned to the hearing shall strictly enforce this rule. Any person, upon entering a council meeting or hearing for the purpose of viewing or testifying grants permission to the city council to record and televise their presence and testimony.

Electronic devices, including cell phones, must be turned off or put in silent mode upon entering the Iannella chamber or any city council hearing location, and any person violating this rule shall be asked to leave the chamber by the city messenger.

Members of the Press on Council Floor

Rule 43. Members of the press in attendance shall refrain from discussion within the Iannella Council Chamber with council members during a council meeting. No member of the press shall be allowed on the council floor without the consent of the presiding officer. The city messenger shall strictly enforce this rule.

Lobbying Activities

Rule 44. No person, who for compensation or reward acts to promote, oppose, or influence a matter pending before the council, shall be admitted at any time to the Iannella council chamber or anterooms unless said person has registered with the clerk as required by the Lobbyist Registration and Regulation Ordinance of the Boston City Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-15. All registered Lobbyists, Lobbying Entities, and Clients who have registered with the city are available on the city's website to promote transparency in government.

Further Rules, Amendment, and Suspension

Rule 45. Unless inconsistent with any provision of these rules, the proceedings of the council shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, current edition.

Suspension of Rules

Rule 46. With the exception of Rule 5, all portions of the council rules that require compliance with the open meeting law, and portions of the rules mandated by city charter, which may not be suspended, and Rules 12, 33, and 35, which may be suspended only by unanimous consent, the foregoing rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or repealed at any time, except by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the council. Provided, however, that Rule 12 may be suspended to introduce a matter on the day of a meeting only in the case of an order, ordinance, vote, or other measure submitted by the mayor or by a councilor calling for action by the council contain an emergency declaration that it is an emergency, namely that which imposes an imminent threat to the public health, safety and welfare to the residents of Boston.

Adoption of Rules

Rule 47. The Rules of the City Council shall be adopted for a two-year term and shall be adopted by a majority roll call vote no later than the first regular meeting in February.

Motion to Lay on the Table

Rule 48. The motion to Lay on the Table shall only be in order to place a pending question aside

temporarily. This matter shall be taken up for consideration no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council; unless, when the tabled matter is postponed to a date certain. The motion to lay on the table requires a majority vote. A motion to lay a question on the table shall not be debatable. A motion to take a question from the table may be made by any member of the body and such motion shall not be debatable.

Power to Summons

Rule 49. Pursuant to chapter 233, section 8 of the General Laws, the City Council has the authority to summons witnesses to attend and testify and to produce books and papers at a hearing before the City Council. See also Section 17I of the Boston City Charter. An Order for Summons shall be filed by the Chair of the City Council Committee invoking the summons power or shall be filed by the Sponsor of the docket invoking the summons power. An Order for Summons shall state the reason for issuing the summons and the subject matter jurisdiction. The order shall be referred to the Committee of the Whole. Such order shall be taken up for consideration at the next City Council meeting or subsequent City Council meetings where the Council President shall bring the matter before the City Council for consideration. The chairperson of the standing committee shall sign a summons requiring a person to appear before a committee to be examined in reference to any matter within the scope of the inquiry being conducted by such committee.

Electronic Records

Rule 50. It is the policy of the city council to promote transparent governance and provide clear and easily accessible records of council actions. The city council shall, in consultation with the clerk, committee staff, and information technology employees of the city, seek to provide the following information, clearly enumerated independent of and separate from records of the council agenda and minutes: text of filed ordinances and resolutions, which shall include final copies of ordinances as adopted by the city council and/or mayor; amendments offered to proposed ordinances; and voting records of the councilors on resolutions, ordinances, amendments, acceptances and authorizations, collective bargaining agreements, and budgetary actions.

Separation of Powers in Event of Mayoral Vacancy

Rule 51. In the event that a mayoral vacancy should occur and require the City Council President to perform the duties of the Acting Mayor as specified in Section 11B of the Boston City Charter, the President Pro Tempore shall perform the duties of the Council President. In addition to presiding over Council meetings, the President Pro Tempore shall assume all powers of the Council President as dictated by these rules, for so long as the mayoral vacancy exists and the Council President is performing the duties of the Acting Mayor. These powers assumed by the President Pro Tempore shall include the power to call regular and special meetings, to authorize remembrances and accolades, to speak on behalf of the Council in a ceremonial capacity, to sign documents on behalf of the Council, to bring Orders for Summons before the Council, to remand a response to a 17F request, to assign matters

to committees, to file personnel orders on behalf of other members and the Council as a whole, to enforce standards of Councilor conduct, to arrange trainings, to oversee and direct Council staff, to close or open the Council's central offices, to propose and manage the Council's operating budget, and to make determinations in regard to Council rules, protocols, operations, and personnel matters, in appropriate consultation with the Committee on Rules and Administration on changes to codified procedures and contractual obligations. The President Pro Tempore who is performing the duties of the Council President during a mayoral vacancy shall chair the Committee of the Whole and shall assume the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration in place of the Council President. The President Pro Tempore performing the duties of the Council President in these circumstances may use the style of 'President', and may designate another Councilor to preside in the President Pro Tempore's absence over meetings of the Council and of the Committee of the Whole. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the office of President Pro Tempore, whether by resignation, departure, or Council vote, the Council shall elect by simple majority another member to serve in the role of President Pro Tempore.

For so long as the mayoral vacancy exists, the Council President who is performing the duties of the Acting Mayor shall not vote or participate in Council meetings, hearings, or other sessions, shall make no committee chair, vice-chair, or membership assignments, and shall introduce matters to the Council docket only in the capacity of Acting Mayor. As the Council President remains a member of the Council, however, a quorum of the Council shall remain seven (7) members and a two-thirds majority of the Council shall remain nine (9) members. The Council President who is performing the duties of the Acting Mayor shall retain the physical office associated with the office of the Council President. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the office of Council President, whether by resignation, departure, or Council vote, a new Council President shall be elected by the procedure described in Section 17 of the Boston City Charter, to possess all powers of the office and to perform the duties of the Acting Mayor when a mayoral vacancy should exist.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE FORMALLY CREATING THE OFFICE OF FOOD JUSTICE AND ESTABLISHING A FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- **WHEREAS:** In 2020, the United States Department of Agriculture found that 10.5% of U.S. households were food insecure with higher rates among low-income households, Black and Hispanic households, and households headed by a single parent; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the existing food insecurity gap, especially for Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and other communities who already faced health and wealth disparities before the pandemic due to systemic racism; *and*
- WHEREAS: During the initial surge of the pandemic in 2020, calls for food assistance to Project Bread's Food Source Hotline in Boston increased by 262%, while the Greater Boston Food Bank saw an increase of 2,554% in their distribution of food from 2019 to 2020; and
- **WHEREAS:** The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has found that poor nutrition can lead to serious health problems such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and some cancers; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** Access to nutritious food is a critical social determinant of health that has a direct impact on the well-being and lifespans of Boston residents; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** The availability of food through supermarkets and convenience stores varies across the City of Boston, and sections of Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, and Hyde Park have no grocery stores within half a mile; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible, low-income individuals and families, but there is a significant gap between the amount of people eligible for SNAP and the number of people enrolled in the program; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** In 2020, the SNAP gap was estimated to be 68,705 people or 39% citywide in Boston, but neighborhoods like East Boston had SNAP gaps closer to 68%; *and*

- **WHEREAS:** A municipal program requiring food generators in the City of Boston to donate a portion of their edible food that would otherwise be disposed would help address food insecurity for residents; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection estimates that food represents more than 25% of overall solid waste in Massachusetts after recycling, with one million tons of food thrown in the trash each year; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** A food recycling program would also prevent food fit for human consumption from being disposed of in landfills, reducing the generation of methane emissions, and alleviating the negative impact on the environment; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** On February 24, 2022, the Mayor announced that the Office of Food Access would be renamed the Office of Food Justice, with a commitment to making nutritious, affordable, and culturally relevant food accessible to all Boston residents; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** Successful food recovery programs have been implemented in France, Poland, the Czech Republic, Belgium, California, and New York; *and*
- WHEREAS: The City of Boston has the opportunity to be the first municipality in the country with a program that will directly increase accessibility to healthy and nutritious food for residents, while taking meaningful steps toward environmental sustainability; NOW THEREFORE

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances be amended in Chapter VI by adding the following after 6-12:

6-13: Ordinance Formally Creating the Office of Food Justice and Establishing a Food Recovery Program in the City of Boston

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to formally create the Office of Food Justice, which will work to improve accessibility and affordability of healthy food in Boston, and create a food recovery program to be administered by the Office of Food Justice.

Section 2. Definitions

"Allergen disclaimer" means a written statement placed on excess edible food that includes language noting the potential presence of major food allergens in a food (as defined by 21 U.S.C. 321(qq), pursuant to the federal Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004 (FALCPA).

"Commercial edible food generators" means tier I and tier II commercial edible food generators, as defined in this section. For the purpose of this ordinance, food recovery organizations are not commercial edible food generators:

- 1. Tier I commercial edible food generators are supermarkets, grocery stores with a total facility size equal to or greater than ten thousand (10,000) square feet, food service providers, food distributors, wholesale food vendors, large restaurants with two hundred fifty (250) or more seats or a total facility size equal to or greater than five thousand (5,000) square feet, hotels with an on-site food facility and one hundred (100) or more beds, large venues and large events, colleges or universities, local or state agencies with large cafeterias, and any public or private school grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) with on-site food facilities that generate excess edible food.
- 2. Tier II commercial edible food generators are all other commercial edible food generators that generate excess edible food.

"Excess edible food" means edible food that is not sold or used by a commercial edible food generator and is still safe to be consumed but is being disposed of by the generator. Excess edible food shall not include unpackaged fresh meat, fish or poultry, food damaged by pests, mold, bacteria or other contamination, and food subject to governmental or producer recall due to food safety.

"Food recovery organization" means a not-for-profit organization that provides food without charge or at a charge sufficient only to cover the cost of handling such food to food-insecure individuals, including but not limited to, a food pantry, food bank, soup kitchen, shelter or other community-based organization.

Section 3. Office of Food Justice

- 1. Purpose: Every resident in the City should have access to nutritious food, and that food should be affordable, easy to find, and reflect the many cultures of the City of Boston. The Office of Food Justice shall create food-secure communities with vibrant and inclusive food cultures to reflect the diversity of Boston residents.
- 2. Leadership: The Mayor shall appoint a Director to oversee the Office of Food Justice. The Director or designee shall administer all food security and nutrition programs.
- 3. The Office of Food Justice shall implement and administer programs and projects related to its purpose, and shall promulgate all rules necessary to effectuate the purposes of this legislation. Such programs shall include, but are not limited to:
 - a. The Food Recycling Program, as outlined in this ordinance
 - b. BosFoodLoveBoston Double Up Food Bucks
 - c. Boston Farmers Market
 - d. Community Fridges
 - e. Farmers Market Coupon Program
 - f. Food Forests

- g. Summer Eats
- h. Urban Farming in Boston
- 4. The Office of Food Justice is authorized to enter into agreements necessary to effectuate programs and projects related to its purpose, and, in connection with agreements entered into under this Ordinance, to enter into and execute all such other instruments and to perform any and all acts, including the allocation and expenditure of duly appropriated funds, as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of such agreements and any renewals thereto.

Section 4. The Food Recovery Program

- 1. The Office of Food Justice shall be responsible for the creation and administration of a City of Boston Food Recovery Program.
- 2. The Food Recovery Program shall require that all commercial edible food generators, to the maximum extent practicable, separate and donate their excess edible food fit for human consumption that would otherwise be disposed of, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations related to food donation.
- 3. The Office of Food Justice shall have the following responsibilities related to the Food Recovery Program:
 - a. Publish and maintain on its website: a list of all commercial edible food generators, a list of all food recovery organizations, a model contract between commercial edible food generators and food recovery organizations, procedures for the waiver process, and educational materials.
 - b. Develop and make available educational materials to assist designated commercial edible food generators with compliance with this section. The Office of Food Justice shall also develop educational materials on food waste prevention and minimization.
 - c. Create and administer a process to adjudicate hardship waiver requests.
 - d. Work with Inspectional Services Department to develop, publish, and distribute guidance around food safety requirements for food donation pursuant to 105 CMR 590.000.
 - e. Facilitate contractual relationships between commercial edible food generators and food recovery organizations.
 - f. Work to increase the capacity of food recovery organizations as needed.
 - g. No later than January 1, 2025 and on a quarterly basis thereafter, submit a report in writing to the Mayor and the Clerk and the Clerk shall docket the report and include the docket on the agenda of the next-occurring meeting of the Boston City

Council. Such a report shall describe the operation of the Food Recovery Program including, but not limited to, the amount of food donated, sample educational materials, and the number of waivers provided.

- 4. Tier I commercial edible food generators shall comply with the requirements of this section commencing January 1, 2025. Tier II commercial edible food generators shall comply with the requirements of this section commencing January 1, 2026.
- 5. Commercial edible food generators shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this section through maintaining a contract or written agreement with a food recovery organization for regular food donations to be picked up or dropped off.
- 6. Commercial edible food generators donating excess edible foods containing more than one ingredient that are not commercially packaged shall include a list of any major food allergen pursuant to the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004 (FALCPA) contained within the excess edible food to the maximum practicable or if not possible, an allergen disclaimer.
- 7. A designated commercial edible food generator may petition the Office of Food Justice for a temporary waiver from some or all of the requirements of this section. The Office of Food Justice may grant temporary waivers upon proof that compliance with this section would cause undue economic hardship. A waiver shall be no longer than one year in duration; however, the Office of Food Justice may renew such waiver.
- 8. Commercial edible food generators shall comply with the requirements of this section unless the generator demonstrates the existence of extraordinary circumstances beyond its control that make such compliance impracticable. For the purposes of this section, extraordinary circumstances include earthquakes, wildfires, flooding, and other emergencies and natural disasters.
- 9. Nothing in this section shall require or authorize a commercial edible food generator to donate food that does not meet the food safety requirements of 105 CMR 590.000.
- 10. To the maximum extent allowable under state law, donations made pursuant to this section shall be covered by M.G.L. Chapter 94, s. 328, which protects eligible food donors that donate and food recovery organizations that distribute wholesome food to nonprofits for distribution for free or at a charge sufficient only to cover the cost of handling from civil and criminal liability.

11. Food recovery organizations shall submit a report to the Office of Food Justice within one year of implementation of this ordinance, and no less than annually thereafter in an electronic format. The report must summarize the amount of excess edible food received from commercial edible food generators in the City of Boston throughout the year, the amount received from each commercial edible food generator, and any other information as required by the Office of Food Justice. Food recovery organizations may report the required information in the format used by the food recovery organization to track donations in the normal course of business.

Section 5. Enforcement

- 1. The Office of Food Justice shall have enforcement powers hereunder.
- 2. The enforcement process shall begin on January 1, 2026.
- 3. Any commercial edible food generator found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance after January 1, 2026 shall be punished by a warning and education with ninety (90) days' notice to fix the violation (which can be extended to 180 days) for the first offense and two hundred (\$200.00) for the second offense. For the third and subsequent offense, If the violation is ongoing, each day that the violation persists will constitute a separate violation for which an additional three hundred (\$300.00) dollar fine will be imposed.
- 4. If an enforcement action is commenced against a commercial edible food generator for noncompliance, the burden of proof shall be upon the commercial food generator to demonstrate extraordinary circumstances.

Section 6. Severability

The provisions in this ordinance are severable. If any part or provision of this ordinance, or the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstance, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such holding and shall continue to have full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and approval. Upon becoming effective, the Office of Food Justice is authorized to implement the Program in a graduated manner, with full implementation for Tier I commercial edible food generators to be achieved by January 1, 2025, and Tier II commercial edible food generators to be achieved by January 1, 2026.

Filed in Council: January 24, 2024



Offered by Councilor Ed Flynn

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF PEST CONTROL IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: The issue of pest control is an important quality of life issue, as it impacts public

health, as well as the cleanliness and sanitization of our streets and

neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS: There has been a dramatic rise in rodent and pest activities in our neighborhoods

in the past years as a result of the pandemic, with residents and businesses reporting to 311 about the increase of rats and other rodents on our streets and

homes; and,

WHEREAS: It is important that the city has measures in place to adequately deal with the

increase in rodent activities, including increase in inspections, baitings, public

awareness campaigns and public outreach; and,

WHEREAS: We also need to address illegal dumping as we look to address pest control and

sanitation issues, as trash that is not properly disposed of will attract rodents and

cause other public health issues; and,

WHEREAS: Currently, pest control is cross-departmental effort in the City of Boston, with

Inspectional Services, Public Works, Boston Water and Sewer Commission being the main points of contact on this issue, and 14 inspectors covering the city; *and*,

WHEREAS: Having a dedicated city department on pest control would allow us to better focus

on the issue, provide a more streamlined and coordinated process in reducing pests, and come up with more innovative ways in prevent pest infestations; *and*,

WHEREAS: It is critical that the City of Boston devotes the necessary resource and attention to

this significant quality of life and public health issue, and an Office of Pest Control will not only allow the City to better address concerns with rodents, but will also signal the City's commitment in curbing rodent population; *AND NOW*

THEREFORE BE IT

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, is hereby amended in Chapter XI by inserting the following new section after existing Section 11-11:

Ordinance creating the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston

SECTION 1: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to create an Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston. Pest control is an important quality of life and public health issue for the residents of Boston, and there needs to be adequate resources to address this issue, including a dedicated office to coordinate multi-departmental efforts to reducing rat and pest population, develop overall pest control strategy, and conduct outreach to residents on rodent mitigation methods.

SECTION 2: The Office of Pest Control

1. Establishment of the Office of Pest Control.

There shall be established in the City of Boston the Office of Pest Control, hereafter referred to as the Office, which shall be under the charge of an Officer known as the Director of Pest Control (hereafter called the Director), who shall be appointed by the Mayor.

2. Definitions

"Pest" means a living animal or insect that negatively impacts the quality of life of humans, particularly ones that cause damage to property, create chronic nuisance, or harm public health. Pests include, but are not limited to: rats, mice, bedbugs, mites, fleas, ticks, and cockroaches.

"Pest control" means duties as defined in Director Responsibilities.

3. Director Responsibilities.

The Director shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration, and operation of the Office. The Director shall also have the ability to hire staff or contract out services as required in order to carry out its purpose. The duties of the Director, or designee, of the Office shall include, but not limited to:

- a. Act as the central point and dedicated person in developing and implementing long term and short term strategies in reducing the population of rats and pests;
- b. Respond to constituent pest control requests and perform routine services to address infestations and to prevent future infestations, such as performing onsite inspections, placing baits, issuing citations for improper trash disposal, and other related actions;
- c. Promulgate a cohesive and streamlined response for pest control in the City of Boston and coordinate with relevant city departments to carry out pest control strategies;

d. Conduct outreach and awareness campaigns to educate residents on pest control and mitigation methods, including how to properly dispose of trash, containing food sources, sealing openings, and other preventative measures;

e. Work with city agencies, the private sector, and community organizations to identify model practices and innovative strategies in reducing rat and pest populations;

f. Advising city agencies and departments on issues pertaining to pest control; and

g. Perform such other duties and functions as may be appropriate to pursue the policies set

forth in this section.

3. Enforcement Powers.

a. The Director, or designees of the Office shall have the power, along with Inspectional Services Department and Public Works Department, to enforce existing City of Boston ordinances related to trash and refuse disposal that are necessary in carrying out the duties

of the Office.

b. The Director, or designees of the Office are authorized to enter into agreements necessary to

effectuate programs and projects related to its purpose, and, in connection with agreements entered into under this Ordinance, to enter into and execute all such other instruments and to perform any and all acts, including the allocation and expenditure of duly appropriated

funds, as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of such

agreements and any renewals thereto.

SECTION 3: Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity will not affect the remaining provisions, which will remain in full

force and effect.

SECTION 4: Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective within six months of passage.

Filed in City Council: January 24, 2024

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO HONEY BEES

- **WHEREAS,** Honey bees play a critical role in our food system, as they provide the pollination for over 85 different crops and contribute to 35% of global food production. Accordingly, without honey bees the agricultural system would collapse; *and*
- WHEREAS, Honey bees enable the production of a wide array of foods, helping to stabilize and diversify ecosystems and further provide support for human habitats and high quality nutrients. Honey bees also contribute to livestock production through the pollination of forage plants such as alfalfa and clover; and
- **WHEREAS,** Honey bees contribute to the greater biodiversity within urban cities by supporting and strengthening plant and tree growth through pollination, and are also indicator species, where they provide critical information on the health and habitat of our environment; *and*
- WHEREAS, Honey bee populations have been on a steady decline, whereby city environments can provide alternative spaces for honey bees to maintain healthy habitats as they have access to protected areas, providing themselves with security while also generating a consistent diet and stronger biodiversity for its surroundings; and
- WHEREAS, There are collective and individual environmental and health benefits to urban beekeeping, whereby bee pollination results in a decrease in pollution as their pollination contributes to keepings waterways clean, preventing soil erosion, encouraging oxygen production, and absorbing CO2; and
- **WHEREAS,** Residents and businesses in Boston are already hosting bee hives on their rooftops and backyard as local interest in beekeeping has only increased during the pandemic; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- **ORDERED:** That the Boston City Council, by and through Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, submits a petition to amend the City of Boston Code.

An Ordinance Regulating the Keeping of Honey Bees

Be it ordained by the City of Boston, as follows:

SECTION 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 16, Section 1.27, shall be created as follows;

16-1.27 Honey bees

a. Purpose

i. The purpose of this ordinance shall be for the regulation and enforcement of keeping honey bees.

b. Definitions

- i. Hive a manufactured receptacle or container prepared for the use of Honey bees that includes movable frames, combs and substances deposited into the Hives by honey bees.
- ii. Honey bee a subset of bees in the genus Apis, primarily distinguished by the production and storage of honey and the construction of perennial, colonial nests out of wax.
- iii. Colony means a natural group of honey bees having a queen or queens.

c. Permit Required; Application Fee

- i. Keeping of honey bees shall require a permit issued by the Inspectional Services Department pursuant to the regulations set forth in Section 16-1.27(d).
- ii. The application fee shall be fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

d. Regulations

- i. The maximum number of Hives on any given lot or roof shall be five (5).
- ii. No Hive shall exceed six (6) feet in height and twentyfour (24) cubic feet in size on any lot or roof. No Hive will be placed on a roof that is not designed, intended and permitted by ISD for access and occupancy.
- iii. Where there is a wall, fence or similar barrier between the subject property and adjacent property, no setback from the property line is required. Where there is no wall, fence or similar barrier between subject property and adjacent property, Hives shall be set back five (5) feet from the property line.
- iv. Hives shall not be located in the front yard or in a side yard that abuts a street in all residential and commercial zoning districts and subdistricts.
- v. No Hive shall be located closer than ten (10) feet from a public sidewalk.
- vi. For any ground level Hive that is within twenty (20) feet of the doors and/or windows of the principal building on an abutting Lot, either of the following conditions must exist:
 - 1. The Hive opening must face away from doors and/or windows; or
 - 2. A flyway of at least six (6) feet in height comprising of a lattice fence, dense hedge or similar barrier must be established in front of the opening of the Hive such that the honey bees fly upward and away from

neighboring properties. The flyway shall be located within three (3) feet of the entrance to the Hive and shall extend at least two (2) feet in width on either side of the Hive opening.

- vii. Hives shall be set back six (6) feet from the edge of the roof.
- viii. For any roof level Hive that is within twenty (20) feet of the doors and/or windows of the principal building on an abutting Lot, either of the following conditions must exist:
 - 1. The Hive opening must face away from doors and/or windows; or
 - 2. A flyway of at least six (6) feet in height comprising of a lattice fence, dense hedge or similar barrier must be established in front of the opening of the Hive such that the honey Bees fly upward, and away from neighboring properties, and safely secured. The flyway shall be located within three (3) feet of the entrance to the Hive and shall extend at least two (2) feet in width on either side of the Hive opening.
- ix. Beekeepers shall adhere to appropriate beekeeping practices including:
 - 1. Maintaining bee colonies in hives that are kept in good working condition.
 - 2. Ensure a constant and adequate water source.
 - 3. Responding and taking immediate action as to any bee swarms
 - 4. Seeking to remediate any nuisance conditions.
- x. All beekeeping shall comply with applicable State laws and regulations. Nothing about this ordinance is intended to waive or amend the requirements of CBC 9-9.13 Regulating Access to Roof Areas of Buildings with Residential Units. To the extent the provisions of this ordinance conflict, CBC 9-9.13 shall control.

e. Exceptions

i. Any exceptions to this section must be approved by petition to the Inspectional Services Department, in a manner and form determined by the Department. Waiver or exemption to any provision of this Section shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of Inspectional Services or designee.

f. Enforcement

- i. The Inspectional Services Department may promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this ordinance.
- ii. Enforcement of this section may be by written warning and/or revocation of the permit, provided that this section shall not preclude the City of Boston from proceeding to restrain a violation of the terms of the permit by injunction.

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall take effect after passage of docket 2024-XXX by the Boston Zoning Commission.

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE BOSTON ZONING CODE WITH RESPECT TO HONEY BEES

- **WHEREAS,** Honey bees play a critical role in our food system, as they provide the pollination for over 85 different crops and contribute to 35% of global food production. Accordingly, without honey bees the agricultural system would collapse; *and*
- WHEREAS, Honey bees enable the production of a wide array of foods, helping to stabilize and diversify ecosystems and further provide support for human habitats and high quality nutrients. Honey bees also contribute to livestock production through the pollination of forage plants such as alfalfa and clover; and
- WHEREAS, Honey bees contribute to the greater biodiversity within urban cities by supporting and strengthening plant and tree growth through pollination, and are also indicator species, where they provide critical information on the health and habitat of our environment; and
- WHEREAS, Honey bee populations have been on a steady decline, whereby city environments can provide alternative spaces for honey bees to maintain healthy habitats as they have access to protected areas, providing themselves with security while also generating a consistent diet and stronger biodiversity for its surroundings; and
- WHEREAS, There are collective and individual environmental and health benefits to urban beekeeping, whereby bee pollination results in a decrease in pollution as their pollination contributes to keeping waterways clean, preventing soil erosion, encouraging oxygen production, and absorbing CO2; and
- **WHEREAS,** Residents and businesses in Boston are already hosting bee hives on their rooftops and backyard as local interest in beekeeping has only increased during the pandemic; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the Boston City Council, by and through Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, submits a petition to amend the text of the Boston Zoning Code.

Filed on: XXX,	
Text Amendment Application No	
Boston City Council	_

TO THE BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston City Council through and by Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune petition to amend the text of the Boston Zoning Code as follows:

- 1. In Article 2, Section 2-1. Meaning of Certain Words and Phrases
 - a. <u>Strike</u> the existing definition of 'Accessory Keeping of Animals'
 "Subject to the provisions of Article 10, the keeping of horses, cows,
 goats, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, bees, or similar animals other than pigs."
 - b. <u>Replace</u> with following definition of 'Accessory Keeping of Animals' "Subject to the provisions of Article 10, the keeping of horses, cows, goats, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, or similar animals other than pigs."
- 2. In Article 89 Urban Agriculture
 - a. Strike Section 89-10 Accessory Keeping of Honey Bees.
 - b. In Section 89-2. Definitions
 - i. Strike 3."Beekeeper"
 - ii. Strike 6. "Colony"
 - iii. Strike 9."Hive"
 - iv. Strike 20. "Honey Bee"
 - v. Strike the phrase "or bees" from definition 30. "Urban Agriculture"
- 3. In Article 8 Table A Use No. 76.
 - a. <u>Strike</u> the word "bees" and "or more than three colonies of bees are kept on the lot at one time"

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS GABRIELA COLETTA, JULIA MEJIA, AND BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STREET FOOD ENTERPRISES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON MUNICIPAL CODE BY INSERTING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 22, PERMITTING AND REGULATION OF NON-MOTORIZED STREET FOOD CARTS

- **WHEREAS,** Boston is rich with cultures that bring various cuisines and customs from regions around the world. It is also a city that prides itself on empowering various communities with business opportunities to all who seek them regardless of income, immigrant status, or ability; and
- WHEREAS, Street vending is the oldest informal version of commerce. Vendors can be found across our city outside of TD Garden or Fenway Park on game days and all over Faneuil Hall, but many struggle to navigate municipal bureaucracy, access the permits and understand the process to legally vend their food and beverages; and
- WHEREAS, Large cities across the country like Washington D.C, Los Angeles, and New York, have a framework Boston can mirror to create street entrepreneurship opportunities for those seeking to start a small business enterprise, but do not have the means to invest in a food truck let alone a brick and mortar; and
- **WHEREAS,** Residents resort to establishing street food carts largely out of survival or because they are unable to navigate the local bureaucracy without the help of an attorney or because they speak a language other than English; and
- **WHEREAS,** We have the opportunity to close this gap by simplifying and expediting the permitting process, lowering the costs of licenses and fines, and ensure Boston residents are not further criminalized for attempting to make a living from their culinary talents; and
- **WHEREAS,** Earlier this year, Washington D.C.'s Council unanimously passed legislation overhauling the District's street vendor regulations in predetermined zones while providing opportunities for street vendors themselves to self-govern the sidewalks where they conduct business; and
- **WHEREAS,** Currently, there is no section in the Boston Municipal Code that outlines permitting and regulations for non-motorized street food carts. Codifying this section in the code, is the first step to ensuring our city can provide adequate

resources, simplified processes, and an understanding of the laws and regulations vendors must abide by to protect street food cart entrepreneurs and their clients; and

WHEREAS

Inserting Chapter 17, Section 17-22, Permitting and Regulation of Non-Motorized Street Food Carts will allow Bostonians who cannot afford a brick and mortar or food truck to establish a food cart business anywhere across our city, and create greater accessibility in understanding of the permitting process. Thus, the City of Boston will develop more opportunities for entrepreneurs, expand access to cultural foods and beverages, and provide a branch towards upper economic mobility; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1.

The City of Boston Municipal Code, Chapter 17, Section 17-22, Permitting and Regulation of Non-Motorized Street Food Carts, is hereby amended by inserting the following provisions:

17-22 PERMITTING AND REGULATION OF NON-MOTORIZED STREET FOOD CARTS.

17-22.1 Definitions.

When used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Commissioner shall mean the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston or their designee.

The Committee shall mean the Commissioner, the Director of Small Business, and the Departments, as defined.

Departments shall mean Public Works Department, Boston Transportation Department, the Inspectional Services Department, the Office of Economic Opportunities and Inclusion, the Boston Fire Department, and the Director of Small Business, all of the City of Boston.

Food establishment shall mean a business operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends or otherwise provides food for human consumption as set forth in the State Sanitary Code 105 CMR 590.002.

Non-motorized street food cart shall mean a food establishment that is located upon a mobile kitchen operated by people rather than electric or gas power where food or beverage is cooked, prepared and served for individual portion service; provided however that non-motorized street food cart shall not be considered a food service establishment for the purposes of CBC 18-1.6(39).

(Ord. 2011 c. 5)

17-22.2 Scope.

- a. The provisions of this section shall apply to non-motorized, street food cart operations engaged in the business of preparing and distributing food or beverage with or without charge from non-motorized, street food cart on or in public, private or restricted spaces. This section shall not apply to canteen, coffee, or ice cream non-motorized carts that move from place to place and are stationary in the same location for no more than thirty (30) minutes at a time or food vending push carts and stands.
- b. The provisions of this section shall not apply to non-motorized carts that receive a temporary event permit issued by the Public Works Department.

(Ord. 2011 c. 5)

17-22.3 Non-motorized Street Food Cart Committee.

- a. There shall be within the City of Boston a Non-motorized Street Food Carts Committee consisting of the Public Works Department, Boston Transportation Department, the Inspectional Services Department, the Office of Economic Opportunities and Inclusion, the Boston Fire Department, and the Director of Small Business for the purpose of reviewing applications for non-motorized street food cart permits and establishing rules and regulations as appropriate.
- b. The Committee may establish sidewalk vending zones with at least 3 designated vending spaces within each zone. A sidewalk vending zone shall:
 - i. Limit the number of sidewalk vendors allowed in each vending space to a number determined by the Committee;
 - ii. Permit sidewalk vendors to move from one vending space to another within the same sidewalk vending zone;
 - iii. Deny entry to additional sidewalk vendors if the sidewalk vending zone has reached maximum capacity;
 - iv. Require all sidewalk vendors to conspicuously display their sidewalk vending zone individual license, sidewalk vending zone manager license, or proof of registration with a sidewalk vending zone manager; and
 - v. Require all sidewalk vendors to vend from a temporary table or a cart that contains no motor or open fires, is able to be moved by hand, and is no more than 3 ft. in width and 6 ft. in length.
- c. The Committee may work with applicants for non-motorized street food cart permits and renewals to encourage the following:
 - i. Charitable components to the business of operation,
 - ii. School nutrition programs or healthy food choices,
 - iii. Programs for children or the homeless,
 - iv. Other socially responsible practices and programs,
 - v. Routes that provide access to underserved neighborhoods of the city, and
 - vi. The use of food commissaries within the City.

(Ord. 2011 c. 5)

17-22.4 Non-motorized Street Food Cart Permit Required.

- a. No person or business entity, including a religious or charitable organization, shall operate a non-motorized street food cart in any public, private or restricted space without a permit issued by the Committee.
- b. A non-motorized street food cart permit is required for each and every non-motorized street food cart.

(Ord. 2011 c.5)

- 17-22.5 Application for a Non-motorized Street Food Cart Permit.
 - a. Single Application. There shall be made available by a representative of the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion a single application form to apply for each non-motorized street food cart permit. The application shall provide a description of necessary inspections and fees.
 - b. Submission of Materials. Each application shall indicate on its face, in addition to other requirements as may be determined by the Committee, that the following materials must be submitted by the applicant:
 - i. The name of the business and its owner or owners and the mailing address of the business,
 - ii. A description of the proposed business plan for the non-motorized street food cart operation,
 - iii. A proposed service route within a sidewalk vending zone and hours of operation with a detailed schedule of times and locations where the cart will be stationary and serving food,
 - iv. Certification that the vehicle has passed all necessary inspections required by the Boston Fire Department, if operating an open flame or gas establishment, and Department of Inspectional Services,
 - v. If a kitchen commissary is needed, a documented agreement between the non-motorized street food cart and commissary may be required.
 - vi. A certificate of insurance providing general liability insurance listing the City as additionally insured.
 - c. Approval Process. An application must be submitted to the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, who shall then forward to the Departments for review. The application must receive the approval of each of the Departments, based on duly published criteria established by the Committee, prior to its final approval and the issuance of a permit by the Commissioner.
 - i. The Committee may work with the applicant or permit holder to modify a service route at any time (i) before the issue of a permit or (ii) after the issue of a permit, if the grant of a permit or approval of a service route has led to the creation of a nuisance or otherwise endanger the public health, safety, or order or by request of the permit holder.
 - ii. Within sixty (30) days of the submission of a completed application, the Commissioner shall either issue or deny the application for a permit.
 - iii. If the application is denied in whole or in part, the Commissioner shall state the specific reasons for the denial. Any applicant who has been denied a permit may appeal such denial by submitting a written request for a hearing to the Commissioner within ten (10) days of denial. Such hearing shall be conducted by the Commissioner or his or her designee within thirty (30) days of receipt of said

appeal. The decision resulting therefrom shall be final and subject only to judicial review under M.G.L. c. 30A, § 14.

(Ord. 2011 c. 5)

17-22.6 Limitation on the Number of Permits.

The Committee may from time to time set a limit on the number of total permits that may be issued or renewed per year; provided, however, that no more than ten percent (10%) of total permits or three (3) permits, whichever is greater, may be issued to a single person or business entity or both. Upon receipt of application, the Commissioner or his or her designee shall advise the applicant whether or not the limitation has been met. (Ord. 2011 c. 5)

17-22.7 Permit Renewal.

- a. Every non-motorized street food cart permit, unless suspended or revoked by the Committee for a violation of any provision of this section or other rule or regulation promulgated for the implementation of this section, shall be renewed bi-annually given that a renewal fee is paid within thirty (30) days after its one (2) year expiration, at which time the permit holder shall forfeit the right to renew and the permit may be made available to another applicant for new permit if the limitation on the number of permits has not been reached.
- b. The renewal of a permit does not also guarantee renewal of the previously approved route. The Committee reserves the right to add, remove, and reapportion available locations among non-motorized street food cart operations at renewal.

(Ord. 2011 c. 5)

17-22.8 Rules and Regulations.

- a. General. The Committee members are hereby authorized to promulgate, both jointly and within their respective departments, additional rules and regulations appropriate for the implementation of this section, and, if necessary, work with other agencies and departments of the City and State to establish a streamlined process for the permitting of non-motorized street food carts; provided, however, that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the following limitations and restrictions:
 - No operator of a non-motorized street food cart shall stand and conduct business within areas of the City where the permit holder has not been authorized to operate;
 - ii. No permit holder shall possess a permit for a non-motorized street food cart that is not in operation for a period of more than fourteen (14) days without duly notifying and obtaining approval from the Commissioner.
 - iii. The issuance of a permit does not grant or entitle the exclusive use of the service route, in whole or in part, to the non-motorized street food cart permit holder, other than the time and place as approved for the term of the permit;
 - iv. No non-motorized street food cart shall provide or allow any dining area, including but not limited to tables, chairs, booths, bar stools, benches, and standup counters, unless a proposal for such seating arrangements is submitted with the permit application and approved by Committee.
 - v. Consumers shall be provided with single service articles, such as forks and paper plates, and a waste container for their disposal. All non-motorized street food

- carts shall offer a waste container for public use that the operator shall empty at his own expense.
- vi. No non-motorized street food cart shall make or cause to be made any unreasonable or excessive noise in violation of CBC 16-26.1.
- vii. A non-motorized street food cart may not operate on public property unless the Commissioner and the Departments have otherwise granted approval on the permit application for its operation at the particular location during specific times.
- viii. For non-motorized street food carts on public property, the City reserves the right to temporarily move a non-motorized street food cart to a nearby location if the approved location needs to be used for emergency purposes, snow removal, construction, or other public benefit.
- b. Inspectional Services. The Inspectional Services Department shall ensure compliance with the State Sanitary Code 105 CMR 590.
- c. Fire Department. The Boston Fire Department shall promulgate rules and regulations for the inspection of non-motorized street food cart and to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local fire safety statutes, regulations, ordinances, and codes. (Ord. 2011 c. 5)

17-22.9 Permit Fees.

- a. Application Fee. The application fee for a permit or a renewal of a permit granted by the Committee for the operation of a non-motorized street food cart shall be seventy(\$70.00) dollars.
- b. Annual Fee. An annual fee shall be required for the issuance or renewal of a non-motorized street food cart permit based on a taxable market valuation of City property by the Assessing Department, including sidewalks, from which non-motorized street food cart will stand according to a route of operation submitted with an application for a non-motorized street food cart permit. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Committee from designating zones throughout the City for the purposes of establishing fees and rates.

(Ord. 2011 c. 5)

17-22.10 Prohibition Against the Transfer of a Permit.

a. Transfers for Value Prohibited. No person holding a permit for a non-motorized street food cart shall sell, lend, lease or in any manner transfer a non-motorized street food cart permit for value.

17-22.11 Operation of Non-motorized Street Food Cart.

- a. Operation Without Permit. Any non-motorized street food cart being operated without a valid non-motorized street food cart permit issued by the Commissioner shall be deemed a public safety hazard and may be ticketed.
- b. Unattended Vehicles Prohibited. No non-motorized street food cart shall be parked on the street overnight, or left unattended and unsecured at any time food is kept on the non-motorized street food cart. Any non-motorized street food cart which is found to be unattended shall be considered a public safety hazard and may be ticketed and impounded.
- c. A non-motorized street food cart operating outside of an approved sidewalk zone, at an unauthorized location, or beyond the hours for which the operation has been permitted

shall be deemed operating without a permit in violation of this section and may be subject to enforcement under section 17-10.12.

(Ord. 2011 c. 5)

17-22.12 Enforcement.

- a. Fine for Violation. Any permit holder operating a non-motorized street food cart or service in violation of any provision of this section or any rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee may be subject to a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per day. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. The provisions of G.L. c. 40, s. 21D may be used to enforce this section.
- b. Revocation, Suspension, Modification. Once a permit has been issued it may be revoked, suspended, modified, or not renewed by the Commissioner for failure to comply with the provisions of this section or any rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee.
 - i. No permit shall be revoked, suspended, modified, or not renewed without a hearing before the Commissioner or his or her designee, prior to which hearing the Commissioner or his or her designee shall give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing and the specific grounds of the proposed action. The decision resulting therefrom shall be final and subject only to judicial review under M.G.L. c. 30A, § 14.
 - ii. The Commissioner or their designee may suspend a permit for no more than three (3) days without a notice or hearing, pursuant to subsection 17-10.12(b)(1), if the Commissioner or their designee specifically notifies the permit holder in writing that there is a probability of violation of public safety, health or order. In such a case, a hearing shall be held before the Commissioner or their designee within forty-eight (48) hours of the suspension in order to determine whether the public safety, health or order concern justified the suspension.
- c. Removal. Any permit holder found in violation of this section or any rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee may be issued a ticket for violation and the non-motorized street food cart may be impounded.
- d. Enforcement. The provisions of this section or any rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee may be enforced by the Inspection Services Department.

(Ord. 2011 c. 5)

17-22.13 Severability.

If any provision of this section is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. 2011 c. 5)

Section 2.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR

HOME RULE PETITION TO ENSURE FUTURE INAUGURATION DATES DO NOT FALL ON A FEDERAL HOLIDAY

- WHEREAS, Inauguration Day fell on Jan. 1, 2024 this year; and
- **WHEREAS,** The U.S. Congress holds its Inauguration on Jan. 3 to avoid it falling on a federal holiday; and
- WHEREAS, The inauguration would gain more civic engagement if it didn't fall on a federal holiday; and
- **WHEREAS,** Public safety officers had just been deployed at First Night and other activities less than 12 hours before the inauguration; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** The City Charter calls for City Council and Mayoral terms and the municipal year to end on the first Monday of January; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** There is no material or technical need for the city's inauguration to ever be held on Jan. 1, or on Jan. 2 when that is the observed Monday holiday when Jan. 1 falls on a Sunday; *and*
- WHEREAS, The inauguration date, municipal years, and elected terms currently can fall from Jan. 1-7 as "the first Monday in January" and the new inauguration dates, municipal years, and elected terms would fall between Jan. 3-5 as the "first weekday after the second day of January"; and
- WHEREAS, The next Council term that starts on Monday, Jan. 5, 2026, is set to end on Monday, Jan. 3, 2028, and would not be affected by this change; and
- **WHEREAS,** The next Mayoral term that starts on Jan. 5, 2026, is set to end on Monday, Jan. 7, 2030, and would now end on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2030; *and*
- WHEREAS, The first affected Council term would start on Jan. 3, 2028, is set to end on Monday, Jan. 7, 2030, and would now end on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2030; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO ELECTED TERMS AND MUNICIPAL YEARS

<u>SECTION 1.</u> Section 8 of the General Provisions is hereby amended by striking "the first Monday of January" and replacing it with "the first weekday after the second day in January."

<u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 9 of the General Provisions is hereby amended by striking "the first Monday of January" and replacing it with "the first weekday after the second day in January."

SECTION 3.

The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4.

This act shall take effect starting with the elected terms and the municipal year that begins on Jan. 5, 2026.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO CREATE INDOOR PLAYGROUNDS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- **WHEREAS:** Physical activity benefits not just physical but also mental health and social development; and
- **WHEREAS,** Physical activity can improve academic performance, particularly in enhancing math skills; and
- WHEREAS, Access to recreational opportunities is a recognized determinant of equity; and
- **WHEREAS,** Boston experiences both dangerously low and dangerously high temperatures that prevent residents from using outdoor facilities; and
- **WHEREAS,** Few commercial indoor play spaces exist within the city and access fees for these facilities are often cost-prohibitive; and
- **WHEREAS,** Indoor play facilities serve as community centers, frequently hosting parties and celebrations; and
- WHEREAS, Boston is in dire need of family-friendly facilities to revitalize both downtown neighborhoods and districts long underserved neighborhoods; NOW THEREFORE BE IT
- **ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the creation of municipal indoor playgrounds and that representatives from Boston Centers for Youth & Family, Parks & Recreation, and other relevant and interested parties be invited to attend.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING EQUITY IN CITY CONTRACTS

- **WHEREAS:** The Disparity Study in City Contracting commissioned by Mayor Walsh analyzed over 47,000 contracts awarded by the City from 2014 2019 and reported that of those contracts, 11% were awarded to minority- and women-owned businesses, and only 0.4% reached Black businesses.; and
- WHEREAS, Mayor Walsh's Executive Order Establishing Equitable Procurement Goals in Support of Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses in 2021 set city goals for MWBE contracts at 25% (MBE 10% and WBE 15%); and
- **WHEREAS,** The Executive Order also required that every department must develop and submit a plan for racial- and gender-conscious goals in procurement; and
- WHEREAS, Under Mayor Wu's administration, the City of Boston relaunched the Contracting Opportunity Fund with an additional \$800,000 to support small, local businesses in bidding on City contracts as part of a broader initiative to address discrimination and achieve annual spending goals of 25% for women and minority-owned businesses; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Boston allocated \$151 million, or 14%, to certified MWBEs for contracts during the 2023 Fiscal Year, marking a substantial increase from 6% in the 2022 Fiscal Year, and contributing to the City's goal of 25% discretionary spending with diverse firms; and
- **WHEREAS,** The 2023 Contracting Opportunity Fund disbursed approximately \$750,000 to 51 recipients, with grants of up to \$15,000 each, aiming to enhance operational capacity for small, local businesses pursuing City contracts across priority sectors; and
- WHEREAS, Through the Contracting Opportunity Fund, the City awarded support to certified women (WBE), minority (MBE), veteran-owned (VSBE), and small and local businesses (SLBE) within the City of Boston that wish to compete for City contracting opportunities in 2023; and
- **WHEREAS,** Mayor Wu initiated the Supplier Diversity Program Week to further create transparency around supplier diversity and share the City's progress, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion (OEOI), Departments of Supplier Diversity

- (DSD), and Procurement Department will soon release a report on equity in City contracting; and
- **WHEREAS,** Many private enterprise businesses have procedures in place to assist MWBEs through application processes and policies to resize and restructure contract opportunities to allow for increased MWBE participation; and
- **WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has made progress towards its goals and will benefit from continued collaboration as we continue to strive to make City contracts more equitable; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- **ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the status of increasing the procurement of city contracts by MWBEs and that representatives from the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, Equity Cabinet, and the public be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE

- WHEREAS, The City Council has voted unanimously to declare gun violence a public health emergency; andWHEREAS, According to a report from the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), homicide emerged as the predominant cause of death among residents aged 1-17 years, and
- WHEREAS, Victims of gun violence are increasingly students and young people; and
- WHEREAS, Gun violence impacts marginalized communities significantly more often than White communities, with more than 80% of gun violence victims in 2022 being Black or Latinx; and
- **WHEREAS,** Gun violence is concentrated in neighborhoods that have consistently been underinvested in and lack the civic and social infrastructure of wealthier neighborhoods; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Three out of four shootings occur in either Dorchester or Roxbury, primarily within City Council District 4; and
- **WHEREAS,** More than half of Boston Public Schools have had a shooting within a 5-minute walking radius; *and*
- WHEREAS, The burdens of gun violence impact families long after the headlines stop; and
- **WHEREAS,** Families and friends of those involved in gun violence may continue to be under threat of retaliation and may require City support in finding safe and secure housing and educational opportunities; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has both the ability and the responsibility to protect and support families as they navigate their lives after a shooting; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Intervening in, disrupting, and ending cycles of violence requires collaborative, coordinated, community-based action; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has historically found success in reducing gun violence with programs like the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative and The Boston Miracle, *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss appropriate public health and safety responses in conjunction with the community to address gun violence throughout the City with particular attention paid to City Council District 4, and that representatives from the Boston Police Department, Boston Public Health Commission, Neighborhood Services, and other relevant and interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: January 24, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL AND SHARON DRUKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO BRING THE NBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND TO BOSTON

- WHEREAS, Basketball was invented in Massachusetts in 1891; and
- **WHEREAS**, Boston professional sports teams have won 12 championship titles since 1999—more than any other city; and
- WHEREAS, Boston has not hosted a professional All-Star Game since the Boston Red Sox hosted the 1999 MLB All-Star Game and has not hosted the NBA All-Star Game since 1964; and
- WHEREAS, That 1964 All-Star Game was historic for sports unions because a pregame players' strike vote spearheaded by Bill Russell led to the NBA Players Association being recognized as the first major sports union in the country; and
- **WHEREAS**, The Boston Celtics have won 17 Championships since their founding –10 of which were won after the last Boston-hosted All-Star Game; and
- WHEREAS, The Boston Celtics have consistently pursued racial equity, being the first team to draft a Black player with Chuck Cooper in 1950, the first team to have an all-Black starting lineup in 1964, and the first NBA team to hire a black head coach when they named Bill Russell player/coach in 1966; and
- WHEREAS, Bill Russell, a legendary basketball player who played center for the Boston Celtics from 1956 to 1969, was the centerpiece of the Celtics dynasty that won 11 NBA championships during his 13-year career; and
- WHEREAS, The Greater Cleveland Sports Commission analysis indicates that the 2022 NBA All-Star Game attracted \$141.4 million in direct spending, generated \$248.9 million in total economic impact, produced \$50 million in earned media value, and received \$11.9 billion in total media reach; and
- **WHEREAS**, The 2022 NBA All-Star Game attracted 121,600 people from 45 states and 24 countries; and
- **WHEREAS**, This attention would provide the City of Boston an opportunity to highlight its many diverse neighborhoods and support local businesses by hosting extended festivities and celebrations throughout the City; and

- **WHEREAS**, Hosting the All-Star Game will require equitable contracting and procurement practices to ensure MWBE participation; and
- **WHEREAS**, The Boston Celtics are preparing a bid to host the NBA All-Star Weekend, demonstrating a commitment to showcasing the city's sports legacy; and
- **WHEREAS**, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver stated that he would "encourage" Boston's application; and
- WHEREAS, In contrast, the NBA All-Star Game is returning to Southern California in 2026, with the game featuring the NBA's best scheduled to be held at the Intuit Dome, the future home of the Los Angeles Clippers in Inglewood, marking the seventh time the All-Star Game will be hosted in the Los Angeles area; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- **ORDERED**: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to address improvements needed to bolster the City's application standing and ensure preparations are done equitably, and that representatives from the Boston Celtics; Public Works; Small Business Development; Tourism, Sports, & Entertainment; Transportation; and other interested parties be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE HOMEOWNERSHIP VOUCHER PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The escalating housing costs in Boston disproportionately affect long-term residents and middle-class families, and deepen the substantial minority of homeownership gap; and

WHEREAS: Boston's homeownership rates reveal a persistent racial gap, with a 44% rate for white residents, 30% for Black residents, and 17% for Latino residents, exacerbating the broader racial wealth gap, as indicated by city-data after the 1968 outlawing of redlining, according to a WBUR analysis; and

WHEREAS: A considerable disparity in mortgage approval rates exists, with Black residents experiencing a threefold higher denial rate compared to white residents in Boston from 2015-20, coupled with imbalances in mortgage distribution across neighborhoods, further limiting opportunities for minority homebuyers, as highlighted in the same report; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has dedicated funds and resources to assist these residents; the resources provide an additional layer of support in conjunction with successful existing partnerships that help increase the buying power for income-eligible, first-time homebuyers within the City, such as the ONE+ Boston Mortgage Program; and

WHEREAS: The City continues to work to identify financial institutions with whom to partner to provide service to our first-time homebuyers through our mortgage programs; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Housing Authority has expanded its Section 8 Homeownership Program that allows voucher holders to subsidize a mortgage payment; and

WHEREAS: The Citywide Voucher program has attracted a total of 91 applications; out of the 91 applicants, 67 met the home-buying readiness and program requirements; and

WHEREAS: Considering limited funding that could only serve approximately 10 households, a lottery drawing was conducted, selecting 15 of the 67 qualified applicants to move forward; and

WHEREAS: Homeownership vouchers were successfully issued to 10 of the 15 selected applicants upon completion of BHA's admissions screening process; the remaining 5 applicants either independently purchased homes or were deemed income-ineligible by BHA admissions; and

WHEREAS: There is a pressing need for additional funding to provide homeownership opportunities to the remaining 52 home-buying-ready applicants from the initial 67; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing conducted to explore avenues for securing additional funding and expanding the Citywide Voucher Program to accommodate the homeownership aspirations of the remaining applicants. Representatives from the Administration, the Mayor's Office of Housing, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

HEARING ORDER RECLAIMING THE REGGIE LEWIS TRACK AND ATHLETIC CENTER FOR OUR BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETES

- **WHEREAS,** The Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center is dedicated to Massachusetts public high schools track and field meets and practices. The "Reggie" is located in Roxbury, and regarded as one of the premiere athletic facilities in the Northeastern United States.; and
- **WHEREAS,** When the Center opened in 1995 there was an understanding with the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the state that the Boston community would benefit first, before surrounding suburbs did.; and
- WHEREAS, As the years have passed, the ability for Boston Public School student-athletes to have access to optimal practice times has eroded. Practice time on the track has increasingly been awarded to suburban track teams at the expense of BPS student-athletes who can't access the track during the times made available to them.; and
- WHEREAS, Boston Public School student-athletes are offered practice times from 2:30pm-3:30pm, and unfortunately many of our schools dismiss too late to get to the "Reggie" in time. There is also no access to practice busses to transport our student-athletes there even if they were able to arrive on time.; and
- WHEREAS, Dorchester TechBoston Academy indoor track team practices by running through the hallways, up and down the stairwells and through doorways. There are other BPS schools that have to do the same thing.; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
- **RESOLVED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss. Representatives from the Boston Public School's Athletic Department, Reggie Lewis Center, community advocates, and the public, will be invited to testify.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ERIN MURPHY & ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER TO ADDRESS THE DISPARITY IN PAY BETWEEN OUR BOSTON FIRE AND BOSTON POLICE CADETS

- WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department's Cadet Program, which started in 2016, is a civilian paid and benefited position within the Boston Police Department. With a two-year, full-time commitment, this program is primarily geared toward individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement and experiential learning in BPD's community policing model; and
- WHEREAS, The Boston Fire Department's Cadet Program, which started in 2023, is a civilian paid and benefited position within the Boston Fire Department. This program is a two-year commitment for those with an interest in pursuing a career as a firefighter and is modeled after the BPD Cadet Program; and
- WHEREAS, Both cadet programs have identical requirements to apply. You need to be between the ages of 18-25 before the first date of employment, have a high school diploma or GED, be a current resident of the City of Boston, have maintained residency for the last five (5) years, have a valid Massachusetts Drivers License, and have a good driving record; and
- **WHEREAS,** The starting salary of a Boston Police Cadet is \$28K. The starting salary of a Boston Fire Cadet is \$31K. The Massachusetts State Police Cadets get paid between \$38-\$40K per year.
- WHEREAS, The Boston Police Cadets deserve the same pay as the Boston Fire Cadets; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
- **ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to address the disparity in pay between the two cadet programs and to make sure we are paying our cadets a fair wage. Representatives from the Mayor's Office, Boston Police Department, Boston Fire Department, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN AND GABRIELA COLETTA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS TRASH COLLECTION IN BOSTON

- **WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is responsible for the collection of residential solid waste, including trash and recycling; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** The management of all types of waste is foundational to public health, pest control, and the quality of life for Boston residents; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** A holistic discussion of Boston's current residential collection process is necessary to improve the current agreement with Capitol Waste Service expiring in June of 2024; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** The Zero Waste Boston plan published June 2019 recommends the City to reach a 80% recycling rate by 2035 and 90% by 2050 to achieve its 2050 carbon neutrality goal; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Boston introduced curbside food waste collection through partnerships with local compost services that has been expanded due to popularity with residents; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** This lack of dedicated space for staging and storing waste bins for collection is causing many neighborhoods to be routinely inundated with loose or poorly contained trash, and is providing sustenance to rodents; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Research and evaluation of solutions reducing rodent incidents from comparable and neighboring municipalities like San Francisco and Somerville that stabilize the environment and promote clean, organized waste collection will benefit residents; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** An innovative and community-tested solution is crucial to improve the state of residential waste collection, and associated pest problems of poor waste management, in every Boston neighborhood; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review the current state of trash collection and discuss how to position the City of Boston's neighborhoods for greater success, and that representatives from the Public Works Department, the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, Inspectional Services Department, and the public be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN AND ENRIQUE PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR DISCUSS CITY SERVICES IN REGARD TO COMPOSTING AND THE NEED FOR INCREASED COMPOSTING SERVICES

- **WHEREAS**, Nationally food scraps account for 22-24% of landfill matter and globally amount to about 1.4 billion tons, polluting soil and water and contributing to a warming climate due to the carbon dioxide outputs of the preparation, transportation, and management of food in addition to the methane generated by food in landfills, in fact about 58% of all methane emissions are from landfilled food waste; and
- **WHEREAS**, Data by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) show that food waste is the "single most common material landfilled and incinerated in the U.S."; and
- **WHEREAS**, In 2022, the City of Boston launched a curbside composting program to make nutrient rich soil and clean energy with service to 10,000 households that have up to six units; and
- WHEREAS, In November 2022 the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection expanded waste bans to include mattresses, textiles, and commercial food waste by consequence, the City of Boston has successfully implemented systems to enforce the ban on mattress disposal and meet the mattress recycling requirements, leading to a change in waste practices; and
- **WHEREAS**, The City's curbside composting program has been incredibly popular among residents leading to an expansion of the program in 2023 to service 30,000 households; and
- **WHEREAS**, The City's contracted compost facility in Brockton, does not have the capacity for the full volume of food waste produced by current and future expansions of Boston's compost program causing the City's anaerobic digestion system in Charlestown to take on the excess volume; and
- **WHEREAS**, Some City waste disposal services, including the composting program, do not service commercial buildings or households with seven or greater units, yet doing so will be critical to meeting Boston's Zero Waste goals; and
- **WHEREAS**, Trash related to commercial, large buildings, and especially trash that includes food waste, is a significant factor affecting rodent populations, waste management

costs, and overall sanitation challenges in the City of Boston, so Boston's large new and existing buildings need to be a proactive partner in the effort to build out composting capacity for the entire City of Boston; and

- **WHEREAS**, PowerCorpsBOS provides hands on training opportunity to educate and employ Boston residents, whose service could support the expansion of a municipal composting program; and
- WHEREAS, Seattle, San Francisco and many international municipalities like Hwaseong, South Korea have implemented effective waste reduction initiatives like Hwaseong's waste management system, referred to as jongnyangje, that requires food, garbage, and recyclables to be separated into color-coded bags, provides the City with a blueprint for success, providing a model for the City of Boston to follow; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- **ORDERED**: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the city's composting efforts in relation to expanding the City of Boston curbside composting program to include commercial buildings, large buildings and possible regulations for new construction, and that representatives from the Public Works Department, the Environment Department, the Boston Planning and Development Agency, and the public be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CITY OF BOSTON EMPLOYEES AND NEW RESOURCES IMPLEMENTED AFTER THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- WHEREAS, The loss of life and mandated social distancing within the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic increased global rates of depression and anxiety by 25% according to the World Health Organization; and
- **WHEREAS**, The impacts of this collective experience and ensuing mental health crisis directly impact City of Boston employees; and
- WHEREAS, Mind Share Partner, a national nonprofit focused on changing the culture of workplace mental health, released a Mental Health at Work Report in 2021, which found 76% of U.S. workers reported at least one symptom of a mental health condition, up 17 percentage points in two years; and
- WHEREAS, Boston Public Health Commission's Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Center, established in 2022, provides programming that addresses holistic wellness, develops communication strategies to reduce stigma around reaching out for help, and promotes culturally sensitive, evidence-based mental health, behavioral health, and wellness resources; and
- **WHEREAS**, The City of Boston's Human Resource Department's Employee Assistance Program addresses the well-being of its workforce by promoting, establishing, and increasing quality of life, good health, and personal experiences for City employees; and
- WHEREAS, Boston's Covid-19 Recovery Committee of the Boston City Council held a hearing on City worker mental health resources on October 24, 2024 where Chief People Officer, Alex Lawrence, Associate Director of the Employee Assistance Program, Ulric Johnson, Emergency Medical Services Chief James Hooley, Director of Health Benefits and Insurance, Emma Bletzer, and Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Dr. Kevin Simon and his colleague Samara Grossman outlined the importance of mental health and wellbeing resources for City employees and the barriers to access those resources; and
- WHEREAS, It is a practical and moral imperative for the Boston City Council to continue to

investigate, address, and identify mental health challenges and detriments to recovery in the workplaces and recommend innovative improvements to better serve City employees; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council convene a hearing to deliberate on the mental health resources available to City of Boston workers and the quality of care improvements implemented in the years following the COVID-19 pandemic, and that the representatives of the Boston Public Health Commission, the City of Boston's Human Resources Department, Boston's Employee Assistance Program, the Boston First Responders Peer Support Network, SEIU 888, and the public be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING GASOLINE-POWERED LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT

- **WHEREAS**, A study from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found that gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment accounts for a large portion of non-traffic gasoline emissions; and
- **WHEREAS**, Gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment contribute to high levels of localized emissions including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrocarbons, and particulate matter; and
- **WHEREAS**, Each of these emissions is classified as a hazardous air pollutant by the EPA, meaning that they are toxic, carcinogenic, and/or ozone-forming; and
- **WHEREAS**. This includes gas-powered leaf blowers which mostly use two-stroke engines, which utilize fuel inefficiently and release all emissions directly into the environment; and
- **WHEREAS**, The use of gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment, including leaf blowers, poses serious health risks to those frequently exposed including landscapers and ground maintenance staff; and
- **WHEREAS**, Alternatives to gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment are readily available, including battery-operated leaf blowers which are quieter and emission-free at the source; and
- **WHEREAS**, Municipalities across the country have taken action to limit or phase out the use of gas-powered lawn and garden equipment, including Cambridge and Lexington in Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS, To protect the health of our citizens and the environment, as well as improve quality of life by reducing unnecessary noise, the City of Boston should consider regulating the use of gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment, and leading by example in regard to its own equipment procurement and use; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss options for regulating gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment, and that representatives from the Environment Department, the Boston Public Health Department, the Public Works Department, the Parks Department, and the public be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON AND COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO FACILITATE A COMMUNITY PROCESS TO SUPPORT CONSUMERS IN DISTRICT 7 IMPACTED BY THE IMPENDING CLOSURE OF WALGREENS AT 416 WARREN STREET

- **WHEREAS,** In November 2022, upon learning of the impending closure of multiple Walgreens storefronts across the City, I filed a Resolution calling for Walgreens to postpone closing any more locations in Boston; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Walgreens proceeded to close three Boston area locations in Roxbury, Mattapan, and Hyde Park–all predominantly Black, Brown, and working-class communities; and
- **WHEREAS,** On December 14th, 2023, Walgreens announced a prospective closure of their Warren St. location just one year after these closures; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Walgreens has announced this closings without offering alternatives for how those impacted will be able to access their medicines; *and*
- WHEREAS, Walgreens has plans to close 150 locations in the United States by August 31st, 2024. Currently, they have 145 locations in the State of MA, with 30 stores in the Greater Boston region; and
- **WHEREAS,** An urban pharmacy desert is defined as a low income community or neighborhood with no pharmacy within ½ mile for those with limited vehicle access; and
- **WHEREAS,** If most people who live in an urban neighborhood do not have access to a pharmacy within 1 mile of their home, that in turn, constitutes a pharmacy desert; and
- WHEREAS, Pharmacy deserts can have a plethora of negative impacts on communities, especially during medication shortages, as consumers may go without medicines, or have extremely difficult commutes to access their medicines, as well as losing a valuable resource for groceries and other essential items that the absconding store once provided; and

- **WHEREAS,** Since COVID, pharmacies across the Country have dealt with medication shortages, forcing consumers to utilize multiple pharmacies in their neighborhood to obtain their medication; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** In District 7, there are seven pharmacies, four of which are large chain pharmacies, while three are local smaller businesses; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** The average distance between the closest of each pharmacy is around .7 miles, while the furthest is 1.2 miles with some routes requiring individuals to take multiple forms of public transportation; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Roxbury is predominantly a working-class community, which means that many of the residents in the area are low income, do not have access to a car, and hence, will have significant challenged getting to pharmacies at greater distances; and
- WHEREAS, Elderly community members, many of whom have mobility issues and are on a fixed income, rely on having a pharmacy within close confines of their environs, potentially leading to significant personal and public health issues interconnected with, and exacerbated by, issues of racism, ageism, and class inequality; and
- WHEREAS, In 2023 the Boston Public health Commission published a Provisional Mortality Life Expectancy Report and found "For 2017-2021 combined, the neighborhoods with the highest age-adjusted premature mortality rates were Dorchester (02121, 02125) (293.9), Dorchester (02122, 02124) (289.5) and Roxbury (282.9). These rates were twice that of the lowest rates observed in Back Bay (140.3) and Roslindale (142.4)"; and
- **WHEREAS,** The World Health Organization defines premature mortality rate as "the unconditional probability of death between ages 30 and 70 years from cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases"; and
- WHEREAS, On January 2, 2024 I held a robust community listening session regarding the matter with nearly 90 engaged constituents in attendance, where they spoke of being blindsided by the closure and gave voice to their frustrations over what many consider to be yet another example of unmitigated corporate greed, systemic racism, and feeling that they are not being offered sufficient space to be heard and to influence the process; and
- WHEREAS, Impacted community members seek a guarantee that no more nearby Walgreens locations will close in the foreseeable future, such as the location at 1890 Columbus Ave and expressed that a store that provides vital and essential services to a community should agree to pay 20 months of rent if they are to vacate the premises; and
- **WHEREAS,** Said policy would be instituted by the Stop & Shop in Grove Hall if they were to abscond and is often referred to as a "go dark clause" which, while allowing the tenant to vacate a location, does ensure that the tenant continues to pay its rent

and meets its various other obligations; and

- WHEREAS, Additionally, constituents relayed that there were notices on the doors of the 416 Warren location, informing them that the store was closing on the Dr Martin Luther King federal Holiday, occurring on January 15th, 2024, though since postponed to the end of January; and
- **WHEREAS,** This proverbial insult to injury is a tone deaf, arguably racist action which is likely to further the ill will and resentment already simmering from the closing itself; and
- **WHEREAS,** Profitable corporations that benefit from access to Boston's communities have a responsibility to our communities and must ensure that the masses of poor and working people impacted by store closures are accounted for and that their needs are catered to; *and*
- WHEREAS, Finally, those in attendance at said session were vociferous in their view that there should be a funding mechanism, via the community, so that a community pharmacy could be established as an alternative to these ongoing closures; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- ORDERED: That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing and invite the Boston Public Health Commission and other appropriate members of the Administration along with community stakeholders to discuss focusing resources in D7 with respect to health care & access equity in light of the aforementioned closures.

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN AND HENRY SANTANA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE CREATION OF A MUNICIPAL BUS SERVICE TO PROVIDE LAST-MILE SERVICE AND LATE NIGHT SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR THIRD-SHIFT WORKERS

- **WHEREAS**, Last-mile bus services provide connections beyond established transit routes for all riders, and are particularly beneficial for people with disabilities and mobility challenges in reducing the distance between MBTA stations and their destination, which is often too long of a distance for them to walk; and
- **WHEREAS**, MBTA transit schedules are structured around typical 9-5 workdays, leaving third-shift works with little to no option to use public transportation for their work commute; and
- **WHEREAS**, Essential workers in certain sectors, such as airport, medical facilities, entertainment venues, food service, and hospitality jobs, are often forced to drive themselves or rely on rideshare; and
- **WHEREAS**, Transit services are largely centered around getting people in and out of downtown, not necessarily between the neighborhoods, creating a need for inter-neighborhood connections and first/last mile connections; and
- WHEREAS, The Mission Hill Link serves as an example of the type of service that the City of Boston is planning to expand the current route connects residents living on the top of the hill and BHA properties to the Ruggles and Roxbury Crossing Orange Line stations; and
- **WHEREAS**, The City of Boston needs to encourage use of public transportation in order to meet climate goals and relieve congestion on Boston's roads; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- **ORDERED**: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council convene a hearing to review the creation of a municipal bus service to provide last-mile service and late night shuttle service and representatives from the Boston Transportation Department and the public be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL AND TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE THE SUMMER COMMUNITY PLAN

- **WHEREAS,** Boston experiences violence year-round that contributes to ongoing community trauma; and
- **WHEREAS,** Summer employment, internship, enrichment, and athletic opportunities promote healthy development, protect against summer learning loss, and deter community violence; and
- **WHEREAS**, The city should plan around Community Response Policing, restart programs such as Community Ambassadors, expand BPHC's Men's Health Initiative, and more; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** The City currently has the opportunity to ensure that municipal assets like pools, parks, and BCYF centers are in a state of good repair and appropriately staffed to provide summer programming for youth; *and*
- **WHEREAS**, The City can forge stronger partnerships with various non-profits such as Boys and Girls Club, Boston Afterschool and Beyond, the Boston Project Ministry that provides summer activities and resources to youth; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, For summer 2024, the City needs to be proactive so that everyone is protected from gun violence and violence of all kinds; **NOW**, **THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss summer violence and explore ways to strengthen community-driven reporting and that representatives from Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Youth Engagement & Advancement, the Boston Police Department, Office of Public Safety, Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Housing Authority, the Neighborhood Watch Unit, interested community organizations, and community members be invited to testify.

Offered by Councilors Brian Worrell and Julia Mejia



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING BARRIERS TO BUSINESS

- **WHEREAS**: Small businesses often struggle to get off the ground due to cost and complexity of required licenses and fees; *and*
- **WHEREAS**: The Institute for Justice recently released a report called "Barriers to Business" to study how regulatory burdens impact entrepreneurs across 20 cities including Boston; *and*
- **WHEREAS**: The report documents that fees range from \$945 to start a barbershop to \$5,554 to start a restaurant in Boston; *and*
- **WHEREAS**: The report scores Boston one out of five in a "one-stop shop" analysis, reporting that the city's website does not effectively centralize information for entrepreneurs in an intuitive and organized way; and
- **WHEREAS**: The report reveals the extremely complex process for starting a business stating that food truck entrepreneurs must complete 37 steps, restaurateurs 92 steps, and barbershop owners 81 steps; *and*
- **WHEREAS**: The City of Boston requires that business owners pay just to play a radio and for each widescreen television; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** The City's license renewal process requires all licenses to be renewed in a specific month, often resulting in new business owners being charged twice in their first year and overburdening City employees during renewal periods; *and*
- **WHEREAS**: These burdensome requirements especially impact low-income MWBE entrepreneurs; *and*
- **WHEREAS**: Our small businesses provide unique experiences, keep money in our communities, and help to create destination neighborhoods; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** The City of Boston can help support our local entrepreneurs by removing these barriers to business; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- **ORDERED**: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the licensing and permitting barriers that small businesses face in the city of Boston and strategies to remove them and that representatives from the Office

of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, Licensing, Inspectional Services, and other interested parties be invited to testify.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ASSESS EXPANDED HOSPITAL & COMMUNITY-CENTRIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION & INTERVENTION

- **WHEREAS,** Violence prevention and intervention programs are most effective when they have adequate financial and governmental support; and
- **WHEREAS**, Boston is home to globally recognized research, medical, and community organizations working to reduce violence, prevent recidivism, and build community; and
- WHEREAS, Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIPs) like VIAP play a vital role in addressing the cycle of violent injuries by providing comprehensive care and support to victims both during hospitalization and beyond; and
- WHEREAS, VIAP, a cornerstone of Boston Medical Center, has been successfully guiding victims of community violence through physical and emotional recovery since 2006, offering crisis intervention, mental health services, and ongoing case management; and
- **WHEREAS**, There is a notable fragmentation in the approach to violence prevention and intervention, with each hospital having its own program rather than operating under a unified umbrella; and
- **WHEREAS**, Violence prevention professionals are currently restricted to working solely in their own hospitals; and
- **WHEREAS,** Many hospitals have either no dedicated violence prevention departments or have small departments that lack necessary resources; and
- **WHEREAS**, There is a need to assess and expand both hospital and community-centric violence prevention and intervention efforts in the City of Boston; and
- **WHEREAS**, Intervening in, disrupting, and ending cycles of violence requires collaborative, coordinated, community-based action; and
- **WHEREAS,** Organizations throughout the City of Boston have worked to build communication structures to support collaboration; and

- **WHEREAS**, The City has invaluable resources and convening power to strengthen collaborative initiatives; and
- **WHEREAS,** A model implemented in the City of Hartford, CT, has demonstrated success by empowering hospitals and community organizations, doubling the number of violence prevention professionals, expanding social work and support staff, and formalizing communication structures; and
- WHEREAS, These organizations collaborated to coordinate responses to emergent issues daily, ensuring effective and efficient responses utilizing all available tools; and
- **WHEREAS**, This program has rapidly gained buy-in from rival stakeholders and community members; and
- **WHEREAS,** A coordinated and collaborative approach, as demonstrated in Hartford, CT, is essential for effective violence prevention, intervention, community building, and healing; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- **ORDERED**: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss enhanced support for hospital- and community-based violence intervention and prevention programs, and that representatives from BPHC, Public Safety, Civic Engagement, and other relevant and interested parties be invited to attend.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL AND JULIA MEIJA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BOSTON STUDENTS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO ALL FORMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- **WHEREAS**, The City of Boston, a pioneer in public and higher education, has been at the forefront for almost 387 years, predating the founding of the United States; and
- **WHEREAS**, The enduring value and significance of a high-quality education has only grown over time; and
- WHEREAS, 80% of Boston Public School students, predominantly from marginalized communities, grapple with historical and ongoing structural disparities and inequities, limiting their access to high-quality educational opportunities; and
- **WHEREAS**, More than half of low-income college students drop out because of the exorbitant costs of educational opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, The majority of low-income students opt for lower degrees to mitigate costs, with 51% enrolling in two-year programs compared to 22% of high-income students; and
- **WHEREAS**, These are the students who need scholarships that will not only enable them to pursue education but also equip them for better job opportunities in the future; and
- WHEREAS, Black families in Massachusetts, with an average income of \$66,792, and Latinx families, with an average income of \$54,226, face financial challenges compared to their White non-Hispanic counterparts earning an average of \$97,665, reducing the ability to seek family assistance for educational financing; and
- **WHEREAS**, The City currently provides tuition support for 75 students, offering up to \$2,500 per year; and
- WHEREAS, \$2,500 comprises less than 7% of the current cost to attend UMass Boston or UMass Amherst and less than 5% of the current cost to attend Boston University or Northeastern University; and

- WHEREAS, Students can reasonably expect to spend \$700-\$1,000 on books alone per year; and
- WHEREAS, According to the Greater Boston Food Bank, 37% of public university students in Boston experience food insecurity, rising to 52% for Black students, 47% for Latinx students, 46% for LGBTQ+ students, and 53% for student-parents; and
- WHEREAS, In 2019-20, 56% of Massachusetts college graduates had some student debt, averaging \$33,457, the eighth-highest nationwide, according to data compiled by the Institute for College Access and Success, leaving students without a four-year college degree; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to explore providing Boston students with increased tuition assistance, as well as ways in which our community partners, institutions, and businesses may collaborate to ensure all Boston students can access high-quality educational opportunities. Representatives from the Center For Working Families, Economic Opportunity And Inclusion, Workforce Development, Youth Employment and Opportunity, Youth Engagement and Advancement, and other relevant and interested parties are invited to attend.

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL AND RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS AND OUTLINING BEST PRACTICES FOR CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

- **WHEREAS,** The Mayor, Council, and City all rely heavily upon the organizing strength of our network of civic associations; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Civic associations provide critical venues for engagement, providing a platform for voices otherwise unheard; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Our civic associations often operate strictly off volunteer support and shoestring budgets; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Websites, marketing materials, and logistics are necessary for operational success yet often exceed budget; and
- **WHEREAS,** The City of Boston recognizes the importance of community engagement and the value provided by our civic associations; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** The City has the resources required to provide grants and technical assistance; and
- **WHEREAS**, The City often relies on civic associations to make connections with residents and communicate neighborhood happenings and developments; and
- **WHEREAS,** The City empowers civic associations with a voice on many neighborhood changes, but doesn't always require those civic associations to provide outreach to all community members; and
- **WHEREAS,** Providing civic associations with technical support and instruction on best practices will allow them to increase engagement and representation; **NOW**, **THEREFORE BE IT**
- **ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to explore providing funding for and directly providing technical assistance to civic associations, and also provide an outline of best practices for civic associations to follow in order to be eligible for funding and technical assistance. Representatives

from Civic Organizing, Community Engagement, Department of Language Communication Access, Neighborhood Services, and other relevant and interested parties will be invited to attend.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING IMPLEMENTING COASTAL RESILIENCE STRATEGIES FOR BOSTON'S WATERFRONT

- **WHEREAS,** Boston's waterfront is a historic and treasured resource that is protected for all residents by the Public Waterfront Act (Chapter 91). As we prepare for sea-level rise due to climate change, we must prioritize waterfront planning and development that incorporates resilience, equity, accessibility; and
- **WHEREAS,** According to a report from the First Street Foundation, Suffolk County faces the greatest risk of flooding with more than 45% of our critical infrastructure at risk, including hospitals, police, and fire stations. This is expected to increase by 20% by 2051; and
- **WHEREAS,** Coastal flooding due to storm surge has increased on a more frequent basis and affects property owners and tenants alike. Severe flooding will result in the displacement of thousands, predominantly those who are low-income and people of color, renters in basement or first-floor level units within the flood zone; and
- **WHEREAS,** The term "coastal resilience" is defined as building the ability of a community to "bounce-back" after hazardous events such as hurricanes, coastal storms, and flooding rather than simply reacting to impacts; and
- WHEREAS, Boston has a significant role in ensuring all 47-miles of our coastline are truly resilient. Moving beyond a parcel-by-parcel approach will not adequately address the urgent threat of coastal flooding. We must be able to meet the sea, on a district-wide scale, use both passive and active permeable landscapes; and
- **WHEREAS,** In 2022, the City completed an initial assessment of our coastline that identifies our most vulnerable areas and provides recommendations that include both nature-based and man-made infrastructure strategies; *and*
- WHEREAS, Given the urgency to address the devastating impacts of the climate crisis, it is crucial to move beyond the assessment stage to implementation. Identifying the necessary resources as well as working collaboratively with private, public, and philanthropic partners should be a top priority for both the Environment, Energy,

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and Open Space cabinet as well as the Boston Planning and Development Agency; *and*

- WHEREAS, Any investments along our way should utilize contemporary resilience strategies seen around the world and meet goals set out by Climate Ready Boston.

 Collaboration with academic partners like the UMass Boston Stone Living Lab is key to analyzing the merits of large engineering solutions to sea-level rise, as applied in European cities such as Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and Venice; and
- WHEREAS, It is the City's responsibility to identify all strategies and tools to ensure Boston's 47-mile coastline is resilient, inclusive, and accessible to all residents to mitigate impacts of climate change. We must realize a more robust, equitable vision for Boston's waterfront and more intentional city-level coordination of waterfront projects, led by a single individual or entity; and
- WHEREAS, Dozens of waterfront organizations and affiliated groups have called on the City of Boston to create an "Office of the Waterfront" or a potential cabinet-level position with the title "Chief Resilience Officer" as seen in Hoboken, New Jersey; NOW THEREFORE BE IT
- ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss a holistic, district-wide planning process for Boston's district one waterfront, and that relevant members of the Cabinet of Environment, Energy, and Open Space, the Boston Planning and Development Agency, with other advocacy organizations and stakeholders invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS LIZ BREADON AND JOHN FITZGERALD



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE CONTINUITY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FACED BY THE STEWARD HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

- WHEREAS, Steward Health Care System, LLC (Steward), the largest private, for-profit health care network in the country, faces escalating financial challenges, including missed payments to vendors and creditors, bringing into question the short- and long-term operability of the system's hospitals and threatening the continuity of health care services for thousands of patients in Eastern Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS, Steward's 2010 acquisition of six Caritas Christi Health Care hospitals, including Carney Hospital (founded 1863) in Dorchester and St. Elizabeth's Medical Center (founded 1868) in Brighton, marked what was then the most significant shift of hospital assets from nonprofit to for-profit status in Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS, Many of Steward's hospitals are designated by the Commonwealth as "High Public Payer" hospitals and by the federal government as "Disproportionate Share Hospitals," receiving public reimbursements due to their serving high ratios of low-income patients who are either uninsured or rely on government-sponsored insurance programs such as Medicaid (MassHealth) and Medicare; and
- WHEREAS, Steward's indication of its desire to transfer ownership or close some facilities across the country, as demonstrated by a December 2023 notice of intent to close the New England Sinai Hospital in Stoughton, has raised alarms about a possible closure's severe impact on the region's already overwhelmed health care system with limited capacity to accommodate additional patient volume; and
- WHEREAS, The potential for Steward's financial situation to jeopardize the continuity of access to health care and vital services offered at their nine Massachusetts facilities makes regional coordination imperative to prevent a public health emergency, ensuring stability and protecting the well-being of patients, health care workers, families, and our communities; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the continuity of health care services in relation to the financial challenges faced by the Steward Health Care System and that representatives from Steward, state and local regulatory agencies, health care providers, researchers, patients, labor and advocacy organizations, and interested members of the public be invited to attend.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE ONGOING MODERNIZATION OF ARTICLE 80 IN BOSTON'S ZONING CODE

- WHEREAS, In 1996, the Boston Redevelopment Authority adopted Article 80 to provide clear guidelines for the development review process relating to large projects (adding more than 50,000 square feet), small projects (greater than 20,000 square feet), planned development areas (new overlay zoning districts for project areas larger than 1 acre), and institutional master plans (projects relating to academic and medical campuses); and
- WHEREAS, Article 80 was adopted because the parameters of these unique projects rarely fit neatly within the existing zoning code and a more predictable review process was needed. The goal of Article 80 was to provide a "clear, predictable and unified requirements" for the review of large development projects which included timely reviews, rezoning, reinforcing zoning code protections and guaranteeing community groups a place at the table; and
- WHEREAS, However, the current process lacks proper mechanisms to ensure the Article 80 process is conducted with a clear assessment of community needs and subsequent investment in affordable housing, workforce development, public realm improvements, open space and parks investments, and arts and culture; and
- **WHEREAS,** Additionally, the solicitation of community feedback occurs during an open comment period, without intentionality to hear from historically marginalized and protected groups, or benchmarks of success for outreach per race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, homeownership or renter status, etc.; *and*
- WHEREAS, The Boston Planning and Development Agency is currently undertaking a review and redesign of the Article 80 process through what they call "Article 80 Modernization: Community Engagement and Development Review Operations Improvement". Both internal operations and community engagement are in the midst of being reviewed and ultimately reformed; and
- **WHEREAS,** Although the modernization process is scheduled for completion January 2024, in the spirit of transparency, updates regarding the current status of the process should be made publicly available; and

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WHEREAS, It is vital that the Article 80 process work effectively to extract proper mitigation and equitable community input as the City of Boston continues to evolve. As we work to modernize this process, transparency is key to ensuring we are utilizing the adequate mechanisms to address the systemic issues with the current process; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the modernization of the Article 80 process and that the Boston Planning and Development Agency, relevant stakeholders, and the public be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS AN INCREASE IN RACIST INCIDENTS IN BOSTON AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION'S ROLE IN TRACKING, REPORTING, AND ADDRESSING DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS; Bostonians are increasingly concerned with the rise in racist activities and hate crimes as major cities across the United States, including the 10 largest U.S. cities, have witnessed significant surges in hate crimes in 2023, reaching levels not seen since the Federal Bureau of Investigation began collecting hate crime statistics in 1991, and Boston has reported an estimated 177 hate crimes through December 22, 2023, representing the highest number since 2001; and

WHEREAS; A vocal and increasingly violent minority continue to overtly and strategically push white supremacy, evidenced by multiple incidents including the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville in 2017; the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021; a protest by white supremacists in front of Brigham & Women's Hospital and at the St. Patrick's Day Parade; the recent white supremacist march on July 2, 2022 through the city that resulted in white supremacists assaulting a Black resident; or the recent increase in antisemitic crimes correlating with global events and a rise in hate crimes against Muslims, Arabs, Palestinians, and Asian American Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS; Our Mayor and former colleague, Michelle Wu, has seen open threats of violence and hate speech lobbied against her as the first elected woman Mayor and as our first elected Mayor of color; *and*

WHEREAS; There is a significant underreporting of hate crimes in the United States, suggesting that the actual number of offenses in Boston may be higher than reported;

WHEREAS; The Boston Police Department, one of the first to track hate crimes through a specialized unit established in 1978, has been a model for reporting and investigating such crimes, however many residents have expressed hesitancy in reporting non-violent assaults, slurs, or threats to the Boston Police Department, indicating a need for the Human Rights Commission to fill the reporting gap;

- WHEREAS; Boston's commitment to a zero-tolerance approach to hate crimes and racism necessitates perseverance in collecting and reporting on human rights, civil rights, discrimination, and hate crime incidents, especially those involving threats of violence; and
- **WHEREAS**; It is the mission of the Human Rights Commission to engage in relationships and partnerships that embody principles of dignity, respect, human rights compliance, accountability, and act as a driver for social change based on substantive equality, equity, and inclusion for all; *and*
- **WHEREAS**; The Human Rights Commission is involved in public, community, and private partnerships, providing outreach, education, technical assistance, and addressing systematic discrimination; *and*
- WHEREAS; Updating the Human Rights Commission ordinance to include stronger reporting requirements, strengthening enforcement powers, and adding civil rights mandates may create a more impactful and modernized Human Rights Commission; and
- *WHEREAS*; Boston must ensure an effective, community-centered response to the growing incidents of hate, racism, and discrimination; *NOW*, *THEREFORE BE IT*
- **ORDERED**; That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing discussing the increase in white supremacist incidents in Boston and the Human Rights Commission's role in tracking, reporting, and addressing the incidents of hate and discrimination; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- ORDERED; That representatives from the Human Rights Commision, Boston Police Civil Rights Unit, Massachusetts Office of Civil Rights, Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, Boston Employment Commision, Office of Fair Housing and Equity, Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement, Office of Immigrant Advancement, Black Men and Boys Commission and other relevant government entities, non-profits, and interested parties be invited to attend and testify.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA AND COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CURRICULUM PILOT PROGRAM IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- WHEREAS, By 2030, sea level is projected to rise by 0.6 to 1.1 feet above 2000 levels. By 2070, some projections estimate a rise in sea level of 2.3 to 4.2 feet over 2000 levels. Sea level rise combined with more intense hurricanes and winter storms present a serious threat to people residing in coastal areas of Massachusetts; and
- **WHEREAS,** Climate change is a pertinent part of our lives, and particularly our children's lives who will have to deal with the bulk of climate change consequences. Yet, climate change-related topics are missing from our Boston Public Schools learning standards; and
- **WHEREAS,** In science, Elementary-aged students are expected to learn about weather and energy, but the discussion about how those topics relate to climate change is often missing from the lesson; and
- WHEREAS, In 2021, An Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy, also known as the 2050 Roadmap bill, was codified into Massachusetts state law. While the primary goal of the bill is to create a net-zero greenhouse gas emission limit in Massachusetts by 2050, the law also highlights environmental justice as a necessary tenet of the state's climate policy. This specific amendment is pertinent to Boston Public School students who often live in communities most vulnerable to environmental disasters; and
- WHEREAS, Recently, a study analyzed publicly available documents from boards of education and state education departments across the U.S. and ranked Massachusetts in the lowest tier along with most of the country— with "very low" inclusion of climate change-related content in state requirements; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has a key opportunity to close the gaps within environmental education and develop a climate change curriculum for all public schools. Community resources and partnerships are readily available to address this need; and
- **WHEREAS,** Our obligation is to foster a school environment that produces conscious citizens who understand the severity of the climate catastrophe. Additionally, it is vital to

educate the next generation of leaders and to prepare them for professional opportunities that contribute to this fight; and

WHEREAS, As a coastal City, it is of the essence that Boston Public Schools has metrics in place to provide students and teachers with resources like community partnerships, curriculum, and professional development to help educate students of the impacts of climate change, and measures to reduce carbon emissions. Establishing a climate change and environmental justice curriculum pilot in Boston Public School can help us begin to address this gap in our schools; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss establishing an environmental justice curriculum in Boston Public Schools and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Superintendent Skipper, and other relevant BPS departments be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOULIEUNE AND TANIA FERNANDES **ANDERSON**



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON DISCRIMINATION IN LENDING AND APPRAISALS

WHEREAS, According to 2020 Census figures, Boston is experiencing a net departure of Black residents, where approximately 8,800 fewer Black people are calling Boston home in the last ten years. Specifically, Dorchester saw a 13 percent decline in Black residents, Mattapan a 5 percent decrease, and Roxbury saw a 12 percent decline in Black residents over the last decade, according to Boston Planning & Development Agency data.

WHEREAS.

Most first-time Black homebuyers end up in only a handful of communities in Massachusetts, 42 percent in just five communities, predominantly in Brockton, Randolph, and South Shore cities according to a 2021 report by the Partnership for Financial Equity (previously Massachusetts Community Banking Council) and the UMass Donahue Institute Report; and

WHEREAS.

In Brockton 65 percent of home loans went to Black borrowers, even though they are only 44 percent of the city's overall population, and in Boston only 7 percent of home loans went to Black borrowers though Black residents make up 22.7 percent of the city's overall population. Thus in raw numbers, nearly twice as many Black households received a loan in Brockton than in Boston, though they are one-seventh the size of Boston; and

WHEREAS,

The 2021 Partnership for Financial Equity report found that Black households were far more likely than White households to be rejected for a loan, even when accounting for control measures such as levels of income. The report also found that large institutional banks such as Bank of America and Wells Fargo are in the top 5 for total loans, but below the top 10 in terms of loans to both low and moderate income and Black and Hispanic/Latinx borrowers, whereas community banks issued a higher share of loans to low and moderate income, and Hispanic/Latinx and Black borrowers than large and regional banks; and

WHEREAS.

A 2021 analysis by Freddie Mac found that 12.5% of homes appraised in Black communities were valued at less than the original cost of constructing the home. That figure compares to 7.4% of homes in White neighborhoods and as 9.4% of homes in Latino areas, and other studies showing on average \$48,000 less per

home, amounting to \$156 billion in cumulative losses nationally for Black owner-occupied homes in majority Black neighborhoods,

- WHEREAS, The Equality of Opportunity Project, using combined tax and census data, found that neighborhoods in metropolitan areas where the share of the population is fifty percent Black are valued at roughly half the price as homes in neighborhoods with no Black residents, and furthermore those neighborhoods are more segregated and produce less upward mobility for Black children who grow up in those communities
- WHEREAS, Banks and mortgage companies are critical to supporting a steady supply of loan products, like Boston ONE+ and FHA mortgages, however overall the number of FHA loans has decreased by 25.7 percent from 2010 to 2020, and in Boston only 13 percent of FHA loans went to low- and moderate-income borrowers, and nearly half of Boston's ONE+ mortgages were provided by one bank that has since exited the real estate lending market.
- WHEREAS, Federal and State laws prohibit discrimination in the sale and rental of housing by property owners, landlords, property managers, mortgage lenders, real estate agents, and appraisers based on a wide variety of factors, including race and source of income; and are bound by the Fair Housing Act of 1968 not to discriminate, and can thus be held legally liable if they do.
- **WHEREAS,** The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Fair Housing guidelines instruct municipalities to enact local public fair housing enforcement strategies to combat housing discrimination and segregation; and
- WHEREAS, Not only are housing demographic shifts accelerating the loss of Boston's people of color looking to buy their first homes in Boston, but discrimination in lending and appraisals also account for both barriers to homeownership and wealth devaluation for Black and Latinx residents: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss strategies to combat discrimination in lending and appraisals, and that the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, Partnership for Financial Equity, and relevant departments, banks, including community banks, appraisers, government entities, non-profits, and persons be invited to testify.

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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING MENSTRUAL PRODUCT ACCESSIBILITY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- **WHEREAS,** In August 2023, the City of Boston launched a pilot program aiming to make menstrual products more accessible in Boston by offering free menstrual products and education programs at some Boston Public Library branches; and
- WHEREAS, Through the program, free pads and tampons are available in all female, male and gender neutral bathrooms at the Brighton, Codman Square, East Boston, North End, Mattapan and Roxbury branches of the Boston Public Library system; and
- WHEREAS, Menstrual products are necessary for half of our population and essential to all menstruating individuals' personal and mental health. Period poverty, or not being able to afford menstrual products, is a common concern for low-income menstruating individuals in high-income countries; and
- WHEREAS, According to a 2021 study published in the BMC Women's Health Journal, many young menstruating individuals cannot afford products to meet their monthly needs, especially Black and Brown individuals. This may impact their mental well-being due to the shame and stigma associated with a lack of income or accessibility to affordable products; and
- WHEREAS, These products can cost families more than \$200 per person, per year. This initiative was designed to help make these essential products accessible to anyone who cannot afford these products. Additionally, this pilot has helped reduce the stigma around menstruation by providing free workshops for the community from Love Your Menses; and
- WHEREAS, As Boston continues to learn from this pilot program in Boston Public Libraries, the City should consider continuing to grow this program in locations with the highest need as well as in Boston Public Schools; NOW. THEREFORE BE IT
- **ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing

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to discuss menstrual product accessibility in the City of Boston, and that the Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement, Boston Public Schools, advocacy organizations, and other stakeholders be invited to testify.

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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS WITH A FOCUS ON GUIDANCE COUNSELORS.

- **WHEREAS,** School counselors meet the developmental needs of students through school counseling programs that address their academic, career, personal and social development, and there is a critical connection between ensuring our student's mental and behavioral health with their academic success; *and*
- WHEREAS, According to the American School Counselor Association, every school should have at minimum 1 guidance counselor for every 250 students, and Massachusetts would need over a thousand more school counselors to meet the recommended ratio of one counselor to every 250 students; *and*
- WHEREAS, Supporting school counselors and wraparound services is critical to ensuring the BPS community's holistic safety, and in the BPS FY23 Budget called for \$3.2 million dollars for increasing student supports by expanding access to 9th grade guidance counselors, lowering the ratio to 1:150 students; and
- WHEREAS, There has been a marked increase in students struggling with mental health issues during and after the pandemic, including anxiety, depression, and deficits in self-regulation skills. Hiring more counselors would allow counselors to be more proactive in addressing the trauma and mental health needs of our students. It would also give counselors further support needed to ensure students thrive, instead of having to react to emergency situations day in and day out; and
- **WHEREAS,** We cannot recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic without social-emotional learning interventions that include our guidance counselors, school psychologists, social workers, and teachers; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** In a recent report Harvard professor Savitz-Romer's revealed a piecemeal system with "no set of standards [or] guidelines across schools," no unifying approach to data collection, and no clear-cut rules on how schools should use outside partners to advise students; and
- **WHEREAS,** The same report outlined how there is little uniformity across districts as to how many students counselors are responsible for; what functions counselors perform; what their formal job titles are; and how much time they spend with students; and

- WHEREAS, Guidance counseling in schools once focused largely on helping students prepare for college and careers, counselors have seen their responsibilities, case-loads, and scope of employment expand to encompass a host of new responsibilities; and
- **WHEREAS,** School counselors get pulled into auxiliary roles including discipline, time management, emotional capacity building, or other needs, and we're seeing counselors leaving BPS because their own mental health is being compromised; and
- **WHEREAS,** Lower average caseloads can mean counselors have more time to spend with each student, fulfilling an especially important role as students struggle mentally and academically in the wake of the pandemic; *and*
- WHEREAS, BPS must engage in open, honest, and difficult conversations around creating budget priorities for teachers, counselors and support staff hired during the pandemic as the \$454 million in federal COVID relief funding that the district has been utilizing since the beginning of the public health crisis is about to expire and the last of those funds must be spent during the first half of July 2024; *NOW*, *THEREFORE BE IT*
- ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review Boston Public School's commitment to school counselors, whereby the Boston Public School department, The Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, Boston Public Health Commission and other interested parties be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA AND COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING
TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS
ACROSS CITY DEPARTMENTS

- WHEREAS, In 2023, hearings were introduced in front of the City Council to discuss technological improvements to the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and the Public Works Department (PWD) regarding parking enforcement and utility/construction work coordination. Since then, the City of Boston has endeavored in an audit process with the goals of improving all city departments through technological enhancements led by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT); and
- **WHEREAS,** Departments like BTD and PWD plan, build, maintain, and operate city services in a manner that increases access to opportunities, promotes safety, and fosters the highest quality of life for everyone living, working, and visiting the City of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS, BTD currently relies on institutional knowledge of parking enforcement officers to recognize parking regulations in respective neighborhoods. There is no tracking system or geographic information system (GiS) mapping tool that defines what regulations are where which negatively impacts both residents and BTD employees; and
- **WHEREAS,** While BTD is currently experiencing understaffing, establishing a tracking system that allows the department to see gaps in service can ensure that residents who live in high density areas can safely and reliably find parking near their homes; and
- **WHEREAS,** Similarly, both residential construction work and public utility work can have a significant impact on residents' quality of life. These quality of life impacts are multiplied if there are numerous projects happening in a small geographic area; and
- **WHEREAS,** This leads to negative impacts to the overall quality of life for residents. Both residents and departments alike want to have high quality city services that function efficiently and adequately address constituent needs; and

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- WHEREAS, Investment in digital tools that are easy to navigate can make it more efficient for residents and city workers to access information, request services, sign up for alerts, and enforce regulations. It is time we bring our city services into the 21st century; and
- WHEREAS, Throughout the budget season, effective and accessible city services are top issues constituents consistently raise, and the digital systemization of work across city departments could truly foster the highest quality of life for everyone living, working, and visiting Boston; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- **ORDERED:** That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss technological infrastructure improvements to city departments and that the Mayoral administration, the Department of Innovation and Technology, and other relevant departments be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE AND TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE MUNICIPAL BONDS AND OTHER FISCAL OPTIONS TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

- **WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has maintained a AAA bond rating rating since 2014, and in fiscal year 2023, the City's debt servicing expenditures accounted for only 5.8% of operating budget expenditures, well below the 7% debt management policy; and
- **WHEREAS,** The City has been rapidly retiring its debt, representing an opportunity to leverage the City's strong bond rating and financial position to address expanded supports for long term city goals; and
- **WHEREAS,** The City of Boston must explore its capacity to issue bonds under the current debt management policy, and discuss the appropriate service percentage as a cost-effective strategy to increase the supply of affordable housing while not negatively affecting the city's bond rating and operating budget; and
- WHEREAS, In December 2020, the City of Boston issued its first series of Green and Social Bonds, with \$25 million for Green Bonds to retrofit municipal buildings and build climate resilience infrastructure, and \$35 million for Social Bonds to finance affordable housing projects; and
- WHEREAS, Boston should continue to support bonding to build up Boston's stock of affordable public housing units to meet our "Faircloth Limit" and utilize social housing bonds to create a fund for short-term, construction-period bridge loans to new, multifamily housing projects developed by the BHA to make these units financially sustainable; and
- **WHEREAS**, The City of Boston should implement strategies that allow the quick scaling up of eligible projects, and improved project management capacity, to better and more reliably maximize its annual debt issuance in support of key collective priorities; and
- **WHEREAS,** Issuing bonds for affordable housing, new school buildings, and green infrastructure can allow the city to reallocate parts of its operating budget to

redress historic policy wrongs, and explore new programs such as guaranteed income and more; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston must leverage its fiscal prosperity as a means to an end - to ensure the prosperity of Boston residents, especially those who have been historically excluded from experiencing the benefits of this city's wealth; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT;

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council, and other appropriate municipal agencies and departments, including Treasury, Auditing, Administration and Finance, Boston Finance Commission, Boston Municipal Research Bureau, and other interested parties be invited to a hearing to discuss exploring bonding and other fiscal options for increasing affordable housing, infrastructure, and community development.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE AND BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES OF RETURNING CITIZENS AND RE-ENTRY INTO THEIR BOSTON COMMUNITIES.

- **WHEREAS,** Every year more than 3,000 people return to the City of Boston from prisons and jails, and most return from incarceration without a permanent place to live, stable income, or even a change of clothes; and
- WHEREAS, The Massachusetts Parole Commission found that Black and Latinx individuals are significantly overrepresented in and disproportionately affected by the criminal legal system in Massachusetts, and studies show people of color are more likely to serve longer sentences, even after accounting for criminal history, demographics, initial charge severity, court jurisdiction, and neighborhood characteristics.; and
- **WHEREAS,** Probation fees in Massachusetts cost returning citizens more than \$20 million a year \$65 and \$50 per month with an average probation sentence of 17-20 months and an average \$850-\$1,300 in monthly probation service fees on top of many other court fines and fees; and
- **WHEREAS,** Increasing affordable and transitional housing in Boston is critical to the success of re-entry: a recent Boston reentry study indicates that twelve months after prison, 43 percent of individuals were staying in transitional or marginal housing; and
- WHEREAS, Even when a Parole Board grants a positive parole vote to an individual, it is not a guarantee of the individual's release as they must have an approved home plan, but a home plan is often denied because the client may not be listed as a tenant on a Section 8 lease due to federal regulations making it difficult for parolees to live with family in Section 8 housing; and
- WHEREAS, The prison system has long housed and held a significant portion of people with mental health disorders, and due to the lack of specialized services, often accelerates long-term mental health consequences, and when people leave prison many suffer from those long-term mental health consequences including a set of syndromes similar to PTSD but specific to the conditions of prison known as Post Incarceration Syndrome; and
- **WHEREAS,** People from communities of color between the ages of 18 and 19 are nearly 11 times more likely to be imprisoned than white males the same age, and nearly half are rearrested within eight years of their release; and

- **WHEREAS,** The vast majority, about 98 percent of returning citizens, don't have a valid driver's license, on average owing hundreds of dollars to get their licenses reinstated, and need assistance getting other important documents; and
- **WHEREAS,** 27 percent of returning citizens are looking for a job, but are still unemployed, and according to one study, a criminal record reduces the likelihood of a callback or job offer by nearly 50 percent, thus more than a quarter of formerly incarcerated people are unemployed; and
- **WHEREAS,** Studies show that correctional education and post correctional education programs are highly cost-effective pathways for reducing recidivism and improving postrelease employment outcomes.; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Older returning citizens face particular challenges, as they are less likely to recidivate when compared to their younger counterparts, yet they experience higher rates of unemployment, homelessness, loneliness, and chronic medical conditions;
- WHEREAS, Massachusetts is one of 14 states that prohibit people from voting while incarcerated for a felony in prison but return the right to vote immediately upon release, however evidence suggests that many reentering assume they remain disenfranchised upon release, and too often are not informed of their voting rights;
- **WHEREAS,** Formerly incarcerated people struggle to find employment because of a criminal record and stigma, where monthly monetary assistance or guaranteed income stipends could be a mechanism to help rebuild and reestablish their personal and professional lives; *and*
- WHEREAS, Those served by the Office of Returning Citizens have grown significantly since its inception in 2017, and the City Council has consistently advocated for expanding the breadth and reach of the office, including an investment of over a million dollars in the Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget modernizing the Office of Returning Citizens; and
- WHEREAS, Our prison and punishment system upholds a structurally racist society by disproportionately imprisoning those in Black and Latinx communities and perpetuates those inequities by providing limited resources for social and economic growth opportunity upon release from incarceration; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- **ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and their re-entry into their Boston communities, and that the Office of Returning Citizens, related departments, government entities, non-profits, and interested individuals be invited to testify.

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OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON WAYS TO INCREASE TRASH PICKUP FOR LARGE BUILDINGS

WHEREAS: Landlords are required to provide sanitary conditions for their tenants, including the maintenance of collection bins or dumpsters at least once a week regardless of the number of units they service; *and*

WHEREAS: It is cheaper for landlords to pay the fines for overflowing dumpsters than to increase the number of pickups per week. The fines currently in place do not provide any incentive to comply with the municipal code; *and*

WHEREAS: Everyone deserves to live in a dignity-affirming neighborhood. This becomes impossible when basic services like trash maintenance are neglected; *and*

WHEREAS: Black and Brown communities, as well as low-income populations, are disproportionately affected by issues of inconsistent refuse collection; *and*

WHEREAS: Privatization and/or requiring pickups twice in one week for large apartment buildings can help ensure trash does not overflow and can help prevent absentee landlords from neglecting their property; *and*

WHEREAS: Increased pickups will help alleviate rodent infestations across our city, an inevitable byproduct of poorly-maintained dumpsters; *and*

WHEREAS: Other large cities have required large buildings to be responsible for their own trash pick-up. A similar requirement in the City of Boston would allow for smaller buildings and homes to have better service from the City; *and*

WHEREAS: Newer Boston Housing Authority properties that are serviced by private companies have their refuse collected twice a week and their dumpsters are more regularly cleaned and maintained; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss twice a week pickups and/or privatization of refuse collection for large buildings to ensure clean and safe housing for the residents of Boston, and that the Department of Public Works, Inspectional Services Department, the Office of Neighborhood Services, and the Boston Housing Authority be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON ADDRESSING AND IMPROVING FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS, The City of Boston must continue to uphold the principles of fairness, equality, and justice in housing, in alignment with the Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of residential dwellings, and in other residential real estate related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability; and
- WHEREAS, Today, federal, state, and municipal laws prohibit discrimination in the sale and rental of housing by property owners and managers, landlords, mortgage lenders, and real estate agents, including the Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Community Reinvestment Act, and Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, MA anti-discrimination law M.G.L. c. 151B, and City of Boston ordinance C.B.C 10-3.1, however inequity and injustice remain pervasive; and
- **WHEREAS,** Recent studies and data indicate a need for continued assessment and improvement of housing policies in the City of Boston to address disparities and barriers faced by marginalized communities; *and*
- WHEREAS, A strategic approach that links housing supply efforts with affirmatively furthering fair housing and fair housing principles is required, ensuring that new housing developments and policies are assessed through the lens of promoting diversity and preventing discrimination; and
- **WHEREAS,** The historical context of racial discrimination in housing in Boston demands a proactive and reparative approach, addressing both the lingering effects of past policies and preventing ongoing discriminatory practices; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Collaboration with diverse stakeholders including community members, housing advocates, developers, and policy experts is essential to develop holistic and effective fair housing strategies; *and*
- WHEREAS, Discrimination in the rental and real estate industry is real and ongoing, and the City of Boston has a duty to engage its residents and businesses to be a part of an equitable and inclusive solution for its dismantling; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- **RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council hold a hearing to address these concerns, evaluate current practices, hear from community members and experts, and formulate comprehensive strategies to strengthen fair housing in the City of Boston.

Filed in council: January 24, 2024

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILORS LOUIJEUNE AND FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE STATE OF ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AS TO BOSTON'S ACQUISITION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

- WHEREAS: The City of Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program ("AOP") was created in 2016 to support the acquisition of existing rental housing in order to prevent displacement and preserve its affordability, by helping mission-driven housing developers, community development corporations, community land trusts, and nonprofit organizations acquire multi-family properties; and
- **WHEREAS,** AOP continues to be a critical tool for preserving and funding long-term affordable housing and preventing the displacement of tenants vulnerable to the forces of gentrification and housing commodification; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** A majority of Boston residents are renters, and nearly half of them are rent-burdened, which means they spend more than 30% of their household income on rent; and
- WHEREAS, Housing unaffordability and insecurity, eviction, and displacement severely threaten the economic, physical and mental health of affected individuals, especially our Black & Brown residents, and severely disrupt their ability to thrive academically, professionally, and socio-emotionally; and
- WHEREAS, Many nonprofit developers and community land trusts lack sufficient capital resources to compete for acquisition of housing units in the speculation-driven private market, and AOP has helped to facilitate the acquisition and affordability preservation of hundreds of units of housing, facilitating residents' ability to remain in their homes during periods of gentrification, however the pressing need for more affordable housing continues to escalate; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the state of anti-displacement as to the Acquisition Opportunity Program, and be it that the Mayor's Office of Housing, Boston Planning and Development Agency, community development corporations, community land trusts, real estate developers, non-profits, and all other interested parties be invited to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: January 24, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE AND GABRIELA COLETTA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON THE NEEDS AND SERVICES FOR RECENT MIGRANT POPULATIONS

- **WHEREAS,** The city of Boston, and the State of Massachusetts, has become a beacon of hope for migrant families seeking safety and a better life, many of whom are fleeing unimaginable hardships; *and*
- WHEREAS, The state of emergency declared in August 2023 by Governor Maura Healey highlights the urgency and necessity of addressing the state's shelter system where the demand for emergency shelter and services has seen an unprecedented increase; and
- WHEREAS, The increase in families seeking refuge in our state continues even as Massachusetts' shelters have currently reached a capacity limit of 7,500 families or 24,000 individuals, leading to people being turned away, including vulnerable children and pregnant women;
- **WHEREAS,** Despite a lack of capacity in Boston and most other towns and cities in Massachusetts, these families, over 1,000 in number within Boston alone, have shown remarkable resilience and courage in the face of adversity; *and*
- WHEREAS, The City of Boston and Commonwealth of Massachusetts must continue to ensure we are working with our community and government partners like the Immigrant Family Services Institute, the Brazilian Workers Center, and the Massachusetts Migrant Families Relief Fund, established by the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and The Boston Foundation, offering support and assistance to these new arrivals; and
- WHEREAS, Community and state partners have urged the federal government to take action to address this crisis by streamlining the work authorization process and passing comprehensive immigration reform, acknowledging the desperate need of many new arrivals to work and thus empowering them to contribute to our city's vibrant economy and culture; and
- WHEREAS, Boston's situation is emblematic of the challenges faced by Massachusetts' Emergency Assistance system, which, despite expanding to over 80 communities and adding thousands of new units of emergency assistance housing, is still unable to meet the escalating demand; and

- **WHEREAS,** Whereas, by late December 2023, over 350 families were on the state waitlist hoping to find a spot in the shelter system; *and*
- WHEREAS, In the spirit of unity and shared humanity, the city of Boston, alongside state and federal partners, must continue to be dedicated to addressing this emergency, including the need for more affordable housing and fair, humane immigration policies; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the needs and services for migrant populations and that appropriate individuals and organizations attend including the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement, Mayor's Office of Housing, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, Massachusetts Office for Immigrants and Refugees, and others be invited to testify.

Filed in Council: January 24, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR LIZ BREADON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

ORDER REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION
UNDER SECTION 17F RELATIVE TO BOSTON
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RESPONSE TIMES

- WHEREAS, Boston Emergency Medical Services (Boston EMS) is the primary emergency medical services provider for Boston and the largest municipal EMS in New England, playing a key role in the City's emergency preparedness efforts; and
- WHEREAS, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111C governs the provision of emergency medical services and requires that all cities and towns submit to the Department of Public Health a service zone plan that defines the local EMS resources used and coordinated by the primary ambulance service; and
- WHEREAS, Boston EMS is the designated primary ambulance service provider for the City of Boston as defined by 105 CMR 170.000 pursuant to a Service Zone Plan as approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in 2007 and updated in 2016; and
- WHEREAS, The Boston EMS webpage on the City website currently has available annual vital statistics reports summarizing data for calendar years 2019, 2020, and 2021; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended by section 16 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982, and any other applicable provision of law, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information:
 - 1.) Boston EMS vital statistics reports for calendar years 2022 and 2023, in a format consistent with reports for calendar years 2019, 2020, and 2021, presenting, at minimum, the total number of incidents and median response times for each priority level; and
 - 2.) Boston EMS data from calendar years 2022 and 2023 on the total number of incidents and median response times by priority level, and further disaggregated by City of Boston neighborhood, as feasibly defined by: (a) zip codes, or (b) planning districts; and
 - 3.) Boston EMS data from calendar years 2022 and 2023 on the total number of incidents and median response times for Advanced Life Support, from dispatch to arrival on the scene for any type of emergency, and further disaggregated by each City of Boston neighborhood, as feasibly defined by: (a) zip codes, or (b) planning districts.

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL

January 19, 2024

Councilor Louijuene

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, January 20, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Cindy Dieujuste	Secretary	\$2,692.32	full time
Hodan Hashi	Administrative Asst.	\$2,692.32	full time
Emily Polston	Secretary	\$3,173.08	full time
Jesse Purvis	Secretary	\$2,692.32	full time

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL

January 10, 2024

Councilor Louijuene

ORDERED: That effective Monday, January 22, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Cierra Thompson Legislative Assistant \$315.00 part time

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL

January 3, 2024

Councilor Louijuene (Councilor Durkan)

ORDERED: That effective Monday, January 8, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Maccon Bonner Secretary \$1,232.00 part time

January 19, 2024

Councilor Louijuene (Councilor Durkan)

ORDERED: That effective, Wednesday, January 24, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Geidy Romero Administrative Asst. \$2,886.62 full time

January 3, 2024

Councilor Louijuene (Councilor Breadon)

ORDERED: That effective Monday, January 8, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Sofronia Daley Secretary \$2,734.62 part time

January 3, 2024

Councilor Louijuene (Councilor Mejia)

ORDERED: That effective Monday, January 22, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Dulce M. Bernal-Sandoval	Secretary	\$2,307.70	full time
Julisa Curet Rodriguez	Secretary	\$2,500.00	full time
Jamie Leveque-Beon	Secretary	\$1,923.08	full time
Millie Rivera	Secretary	\$1,400.00	full time

January 19, 2024

Councilor Louijuene (Councilor Mejia)

ORDERED: That effective Monday, January 29, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Isabella Ortega Secretary \$540.00 part time

January 10, 2024

Councilor Louijuene (Councilor Weber)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, January 13, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Melissa Beltran Secretary \$3,076.94 full time

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Councilor Louijuene (Councilor Santana)

ORDERED: That effective Monday, January 22, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Wilmer Quinones Secretary \$3,076.94 full time

January 18, 2024

Councilor Louijuene (Councilor Pepén)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, February 3, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Gabriel Cruz Secretary \$2,307.70 full time

January 16, 2024

Councilor Louijuene (Councilor Murphy)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, January 20, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Lisa Searcy Secretary \$2,115.39 full time

January 16, 2024

Councilor Louijuene (Councilor Fitzgerald)

ORDERED: That effective, Saturday, February 3, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Jessica Correia Secretary \$2,500.00 full time



Boston City Council

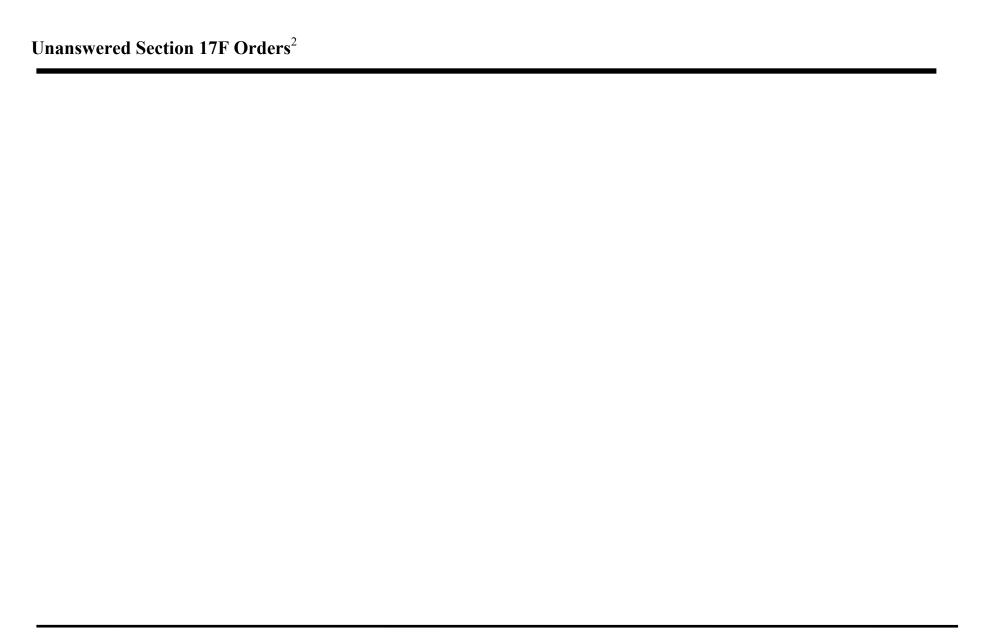
Legislative Calendar for the Jan. 24, 2024 Session

Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon¹

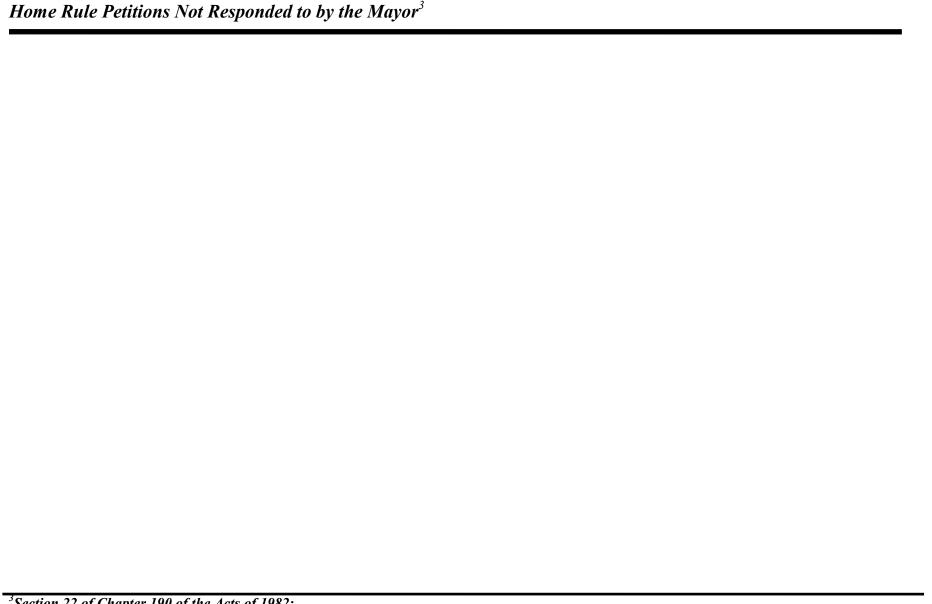
¹Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.



2 - Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.



³Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:

Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

Ordinances: Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.

Loan Orders: Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.

Orders: Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.

Home Rule Petitions: Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City

Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.

Order for a Hearing: A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular

matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City

Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative

action of placing it on file.

Legislative Resolution: A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal

effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as

a whole.

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0103	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jaclyn Youngblood as a member of the Audit Committee for a term expiring September 11, 2028.	9/20/2023	2023 - 1488
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0100	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant award in the amount not to exceed Two Million Five-Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297) from the Boston Planning & Development Agency, for the construction and management of transportation improvements projects.	8/10/2022	2023 - 0930
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0101	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Federal Highway Administration, through the Massachusetts Departments of Transportation, Highway Division of Seven Million Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$7,501,200) to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Works Department. This grant is a portion of the design costs for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue Project.		2023 - 1166
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0104	Mayor		Message and order confirming the appointment of Nakeeda Burns to the Zoning Commission as a residential organization member for a term expiring October 26, 2026.	10/25/2023	2023 - 1626
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0105	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) in the form of a grant for the MGH Clinical Building Project Grant, awarded by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant will fund studies to examine design changes and implement the reconstruction of Blossom Street from Cambridge Street to Charles Street.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1700

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0106	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) in the form of a grant for the MGH-BTD Clinical Building Project Grant, awarded by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to be administered by Policy and Planning in the Transportation Department. The grant will fund transportation studies to examine the design changes and improvements that can be made to Cambridge Street, Blossom, and North Grove/Cambridge Street intersection.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1702
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0107	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Peter Sanborn, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1706
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0108	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of John Freeman, a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1707
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0109	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1708
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0110	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Russell, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1709
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0111	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jim Kutchin, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1710
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0112	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Douglas Miller, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1711
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0113	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Ready, as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023	2023 - 1750
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0114	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Fadi Samaha, as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023	2023 - 1751

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0115	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) in the form of a grant for the BHCCI Connect, Learn & Explore Grant, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund the Boston Healthy Child Care Initiative and the Office of Early Childhood's Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative.	12/13/2023	2023 - 1820
Whole	0118	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Rafaela Polanco Garca as a Member to the Boston School Committee.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0119	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Chantal Lima Barbosa as a Member to the Boston School Committee.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0120	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Pricsilla MacKenzie "Kenzie" Bok as a Member of the Commemoration Commission.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0121	Mayor		Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of December 6, 2023.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0122	Mayor		Communication was received from the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts requesting the Boston City Council reconsider their position and approve the grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.

	Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Whole		0123	Mayor		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmittig a comunication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of The Richardson Block, Downtown Boston.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole		0124	Mayor		Communication was received from the Boston Air Pollution Control Commission regarding the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Regulations Statements of Fiscal Effect and Small Business Impact report.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.





In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its deepest sympathy to you and your family in the passing of your loved one:

James F. English

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and reverence as the Council adjourned its meeting on

January 1, 2024

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City Council
Offered by:	

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Date:	200





In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its deepest sympathy to you and your family in the passing of your loved one:

Charles Monahan

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and reverence as the Council adjourned its meeting on

January 10, 2024

Ву:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City Council
Offered by:	

City of Boston

CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN
波士頓市議員 - 愛德華、費連

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO:

CHINESE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

IN RECOGNITION OF:

YOUR NEW OFFICERS' INSTALLATION, AS WELL AS YOUR CONTINUAL COMMITMENT IN SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY AND EMPOWERING WOMEN; AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO YOU IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by:	
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City of Boston in CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Wen Dong "Stephen" Chen 陈文栋

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

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Attest	Presented By	

City of Boston

CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN 波士頓市議會議長 - 愛德華、費連

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO:

THE AMERICAN WESTON ACADEMY SPECIAL PROGRAMS &

THE EAST ASIAN LIBRARY OF AMERICAN INC.

IN RECOGNITION OF:

THE 5THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN WESTON ACADEMY SPECIAL PROGRAMS, AND THE OPENING OF THE EAST ASIAN LIBRARY OF AMERICAN INC; YOUR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE IS INVALUABLE; AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO YOU IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Øy:	
	President of the City Council
Attest: _	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered b	y:
Date:	December 23, 2023

City of Boston

CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN
波士頓市議會議長 - 愛德華、費連

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS APPRECIATION TO:

NEW ENGLAND KUNG FU DANCE

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Congratulations and thank you for your many years of dedication and commitment to the Chinatown community and the City of Boston; wishing you health and prosperity in the New Year; and be it resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes to you in your future endeavors; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

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	President of the City Council
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Official Resolution of Councilor Benjamin Weber

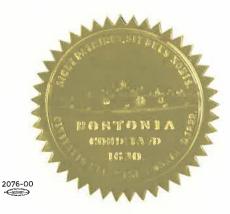
Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Gratitude to:

Eleanor Fisher Kaplan

In Recognition of:

Her 103rd birthday and dedication to civic engagement

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council recognizes Eleanor Fisher Kaplan of Jamaica Plain for her decades of participation in Massachusetts politics and as a distinguished graduate of the Boston Girls Latin School, Class of 1938. Raised in Dorchester, Eleanor worked as campaign manager for her husband the late Sumner Z. Kaplan, who served as state representative for Brookline from 1954 to 1962, and worked as an elementary school teacher in the Boston Public Schools for 20 years. Eleanor has resided in Jamaica Plain for over two decades and is currently a resident of the Springhouse Senior Living Community. Be it further Resolved that the Council extends its best wishes for her continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to, and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



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President of the City Council	Fr.
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Clerk of the City of Boston	5
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Date: January 3rd, 2024	.:

City of Boston in CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Muhamad Ali Salaam

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

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Attest

01/24/24

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Presented By

Edward M. Flynn

City of Boston in CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Frank J. Drogo Sr.

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

TORTONIA «Adomp Ap

01/24/24

SINCERELY,

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest Presented By

Edward M. Flynn

Offered By Boston City Councilors Benjamin Weber and Julia Mejia





IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Julia Martin

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

Wednesday, January 24th, 2024

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Attest / Mile A

City Clerk

Presented By

COUNCILORS BENJAMIN WEBER & JULIA MEJIA

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In Tribute

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

The Boston City Council Extends Its Deepest Sympathy To You and Your Family in the Passing of Your Loved One

Dumas Louis Charles

In Whose Memory All Members Stood In Tribute and Reverence as The Council Adjourned its Meeting Of

January 24, 2024

Sincerely,

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by:	
Date:	







Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Jeffrey Bailey

In Recognition of:

Your proactive commitment to the growth, development and success of youth and community

and We it further Resolved that the Woston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Woston.

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by:	
Date:	







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Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Scott Batey

In Recognition of:

Your charismatic commitment to economic justice and parity in community

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

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Date:	







Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

We it Resolved, that the Woston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Michelle Consalvo

In Recognition of:

Your robust commitment to leadership in community service and resident support

and We it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by:	
Date:	

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

We it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Lokita Jackson

In Recognition of:

Your exemplary commitment to connecting, convening and uncovering issues of concern and areas for collaboration in community

and We it further Resolved that the Woston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Woston.

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	Clerk of the City of Boston
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Date:	





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Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

We it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Melsada Valarie Molyneaux

In Recognition of:

Your groundbreaking commitment to education and advocacy around Vitiligo and modeling community participation and leadership

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

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CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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We it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Marietta Phinney

In Recognition of:

Your enduring commitment to arts leadership and inclusion in the performance community

and We it further Resolved that the Woston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Woston.

By:	
·	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Baston
Offered by:	
Date:	







Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Dr. Marilynne Quarco

In Recognition of:

Your longstanding commitment to community engagement and mobilization

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by:	
Date:	





Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

April Ricci

In Recognition of:

Your bold commitment to community advocacy and business partnership

<i>B</i> y:	
<i></i>	President of the City Counci
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by:	
Date:	



Official Resolution

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Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

We it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Dr. Ellen Scalese

In Recognition of:

Your firm commitment to advocacy and community growth

By:	
<i></i>	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by:	
Date:	





Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Joseph and Janet Smith

In Recognition of:

Your longstanding commitment to "neighborly" care, the environment, and building community

By:	
<i>V</i>	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered hy:	
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Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

We it Resolved, that the Woston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Eve "Mimi" Turcinetz

In Recognition of:

Your enduring commitment to community leadership, growth and advocacy

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
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Date:	





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Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

We it Resolved, that the Woston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Gretchen Van Ness

In Recognition of:

Your celebrated commitment to legal advocacy, community organization and mobilization and LGBTQ leadership

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by:	
Date:	







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Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Mukiya Gomez

In Recognition of:

Your impactful and legacy leadership enduring and transformational

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
-	Clerk of the City of Buston
Offered by:	
Date:	



In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor President Ruthzee Louijeune

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Sincerely,

By:	
	President of the City Council
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Offered by:	
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Official Resolution

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louiseune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Jean Claude Charlet

In Recognition of:

40 years of outstanding services to the Massachusetts Haitian parents, students and the children of Leogane.

Your dedication to our community is an inspiration for all

By:	
<u> </u>	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by:	
Date:	





Official Resolution

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louiseune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Usope Civilus

In Recognition of:

Your tireless years and outstanding leadership in coordinating the BNN-TV coverage for social and cultural events in the Massachusetts Haitian-American Community

By:	
•	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Bastan
Offered by:	
Date:	

City of Boston

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Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

Artnur Rose
In Recognition of:

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its
best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and
a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

His 105th Birthday

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
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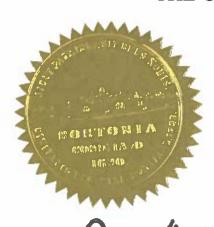


IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Robert Mann

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CIT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Presented By

Sheron Derken

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Boston Police Officer Pierce Fitzgerald Norton

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01/24/2024

SINCERELY,

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

Eavin Flyn



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Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

Andrew	Pike	

In Recognition of:

His dedication and advocacy for East Boston, and his service to the community and the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association.; and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its hest wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

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the City of Boston



Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

Mary Beth Kelly

In Recognition of:

Her work and dedication to the seniors in the city of Boston; and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution he duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

	President of the City Council
Attest:	
Offered by: _	Holy Clerk of the City of Boston
Date:	

City of Boston

CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN
波士頓市議員 - 愛德華、費連

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO:

THE COALITION OF NATIONAL ASIAN ELITE LEADERSHIP

IN RECOGNITION OF:

THE 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR ORGANIZATION, AS WELL AS YOUR COMMITMENT TO ENGAGING WITH LEADERS AND FORGING CONNECTIONS WITH OUR COMMUNITY; AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO YOU IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

By:	
•	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: Eur	Ere M. Flynn
Bate: 19 JAN	1UARY 2024,







Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

Larry Ellison

In Recognition of:

His retirement and his service for more than 4 decades for BPD. Our city is safer because of him and all the work he's done throughout the department.

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
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IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Lucille Holmes

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, <u></u>	President of the City Council
Attest:	
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Offered by:	



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Timothy J. Davenport

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Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Alphonse Théodore Firmin

In Recognition of:

Your 100th birthday, living a full and celebrated life, and leaving a great legacy behind for your family.

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by:	
Date:	







Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louiseune

We it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Flourish & Foundry

In Recognition of:

The grand opening of your new establishment.

We celebrate this milestone that is a representation of growth and progress within the Greater Boston area.

By:	
2 —	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Buston
Offered by:	
Date:	





Official-Resolution Presented by Councilor At-Large Erin J. Murphy Councilor Ed Flynn

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England, Inc.

In Recognition of:
Installation of the CCBH 2024-2025 Officers

President of the City Counci	
	Attest:
Clerk of the City Counci	
	fered by:





Official-Resolution Presented by Councilor At-Large Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

Hilaire Jean-Gilles

In Recognition of:

His Collaborative Ministerial and Dedicated Community Services as the 1st Elder of Temple Salem SDA Church.

	By:
President of the City Council	
	Attest:
Clerk of the City Council	
	Offered by:
	Date:

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Willy François

Jean Fritz Delma

Dr. John Jean

Hilaire Jean-Gilles

Louis Michelet Lorquet

James Ulrick Ulysse

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Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

Albert Caldarelli	

In Recognition of:

50 Years of service as Executive Director of the EBCDC, and commitment to building affordable housing across East Boston; and We it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution he duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

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	President of the City Council
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	Clerk of the City of Boston
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Date:	