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

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I wanted to acknowledge that the City prevailed on its summary motion in the Satanic Temple case. *See The Satanic Temple, Inc. v. City of Boston*, Civil Action No. 21-CV-10102-AK. The case was in the United States District Court, Massachusetts. The Court held that the City Council did not discriminate against the group and that the City Council's procedures in clergy selection do not violate the Establishment Clause or the Free Exercise Clause in the Massachusetts Constitution. I want to thank the City Attorneys from the Law Department and our Staff Counsel, Christine O'Donnell, for her deposition that the Court cited in its decision.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Flaherty  
At-Large Boston City Councilor