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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO EXPLORE A NEED FOR A SENIOR RECREATIONAL CENTER IN ROXBURY

- *WHEREAS,* The city of Boston is made stronger by the contributions and wisdom from the generations that helped build this city; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, In Roxbury every elderly person, has contributed to the growth and success of ; *and*
- *WHEREAS,* Our seniors have served this city for decades and many taken care of us and assumed the roles of aunts, uncles, mentors and in some cases parents; *and*
- *WHEREAS,* Now it is time to take care of our seniors by providing them with the resources and facilities that allow for senior-specific recreational use; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, Roxbury needs a senior recreational center that has state of the art facilities and programs that meet the holistic needs of our seniors; *and*
- *WHEREAS,* While also providing activities that promote fun and leisure, this recreational center will not only sustain our seniors, but beautify our neighborhood; *and*
- *WHEREAS,* Cities like North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Rockville, Maryland have dedicated spaces for senior recreational centers outside of community centers; *and*
- WHEREAS, Prior to 2020, Roxbury's BYCF Shelbourne provided senior programming twice a week, however, since the COVID-19 pandemic, there are no senior programs or services available; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- **RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council should explore the need for a senior-specific recreational center for the community of Roxbury to cater to the holistic health and leisure of seniors.

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