



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- 0822** Message and order for Annual Appropriation and Tax Order for FY2026.
Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 7, 2025.
- 0823** Message and order for Annual Appropriation for the School Department for FY2026.
Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 7, 2025.
- 0824** Message and order approving an appropriation of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund authorized under Chapter 32B, §20, as added by Chapter 479 of the Acts of 2008. The latest available OPEB actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023 estimated the City's unfunded liability at \$2.68 billion.
Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 7, 2025.

0825 Message and order approving an appropriation of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the city. Such funds will be transferred and credited to the Capital Grant Fund from revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 7, 2025.

0826 Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) from Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction, for Dorchester Field House, General Parks Improvements, Restroom Facility Improvements at the Boston Common, and the Municipal Animal Shelter.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 7, 2025.

0827 Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Parking Facility Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, maintenance and construction, for the parking facilities.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 7, 2025.

0828 Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Six Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$266,100,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for city departments including the Boston Center for Youth and Families, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, Boston Public Library, Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Health Commission, Public Works, and the Transportation Department.

0829 Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$196,900,000.00) for various capital improvements purposes for the Boston Public Schools.

0830 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2026 in an amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00). These funds are to be used by various City departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions. The list of equipment includes: computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of the foregoing.

0831 Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to support the maintenance and repair for BPS facilities, including custodial and utility costs for extended building time, floor refinishing, landscaping and building repairs. Receipts from Lease, Permit for Use and Parking Fees for BPS facilities will be deposited in the fund. BPS facilities will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

0832 Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2026 for Boston Public School Transportation costs, including bus and public transportation costs. This revolving fund shall be credited with revenue received by Boston Public School Department for the provision of transportation to groups and entities for field trips and activities other than transportation to and from school. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).

0833 Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to repair and purchase Boston Public Schools computer technology, including computers, mobile devices, and instructional software. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from equipment sales and repair fees for Boston Public School technology. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

- 0834** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Tourism revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services to support events and programming on and around City Hall Plaza to advance tourism and promote participation in public celebrations, civic and cultural events. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from payments for the use of City Hall Plaza pursuant to City of Boston Code, Ordinance, 11-7.14. The Mayor's Office of Tourism will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00).
- 0835** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Environment/Conservation Commission revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2026 for the purpose of securing outside consultants including engineers, wetlands scientist, wildlife biologists or other experts in order to aid in the review of proposed projects to the Commission, per the City's ordinance protecting local wetland and promoting climate change adaptation. The revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from fees imposed by the Commission for the purpose of securing outside consultants. The Environment Department will be the only department authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).
- 0836** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to facilitate the purchase of offsets of greenhouse gas emissions which shall be associated with a portion of the electricity consumed by the City annually; and to operate, maintain, monitor and expand the City's existing solar arrays and Boston Public Schools' combined heat and power facilities. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from the sale of renewable and alternative energy certificates and demand response program revenues produced by combined heat and power units located at Boston Public Schools sites and solar renewable energy certificates produced by the City's photovoltaic arrays. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).
- 0837** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the City Hall Child Care. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from tuition paid by parents or guardians for children enrolled at the center. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00).

- 0838** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Law Department Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services for repairs to city property. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from recoveries for damages to city property caused by third parties. The Law Department will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).
- 0839** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the Police Department Fitness Center. Revenue for this fund is derived from monthly membership fees. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).
- 0840** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to support the Canine Unit's training program for officers and police dogs from non-City of Boston law enforcement agencies. The Special Operating Division will charge tuition and other fees to outside law enforcement agencies for the Canine Unit. The tuition and other fees by outside agencies will be used to purchase training equipment, certify instructors, update facilities and provide funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted. The Special Operations Division will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).
- 0841** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services to support public art to enhance the public realm throughout the City of Boston. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from easements within the public way granted by the Public Improvement Commission. The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00).

- 0842** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from rental fees for the use of the Strand Theatre. The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).
- 0843** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2025 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from rental fees for the use of the Strand Theatre. The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).
- 0844** Message and order approving an appropriation of Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000.00) from the 21st Century Fund, also known as the Public, Educational, or Governmental (PEG) Access and Cable Related Fund. Pursuant to Section 53F 3/4 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, the funds may be used to support PEG access services, to monitor compliance with the cable franchise agreement, and for preparation of renewal of the franchise license.
- 0845** Message and order authorizing the appropriation of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) from the income of the George Francis Parkman Fund. The funds are to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the maintenance and improvement of Boston Common and Parks in existence since January 12, 1887.
- 0846** Message and order approving an appropriation of One Million Five Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$1,554,228.00) for the administrative and operating expenses of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) for the Fiscal Year 2026, and a further appropriation order in the amount of Thirty-Five Million Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$35,235,992.00) from the Community Preservation (“the Fund”) estimated annual revenues for Fiscal Year 2026, to be appropriated and reserved for future appropriation.

- [0847](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY25 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund upgrading, expanding, and integrating technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response.
- [0848](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$210,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Financial Empowerment Program, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund financial education, credit/asset building and employment services for residents at the Center for Working Families.
- [0849](#) Message transmitting certain information under section 17F re: Capital Projects in D7 from 2020 to date.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

- [0850](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Robbie Adams as ex-officio member of the Task Force on Literacy Rates, effective immediately.
- [0851](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of John Smith as a member of the Boston Cannabis Board, for a term expiring on March 4, 2027.
- [0852](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of John Kenslea as a member of the Boston Cannabis Board, for a term expiring on March 27, 2027.
- [0853](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Lisa Holmes as a member of the Boston Cannabis Board, for a term expiring on March 4, 2027.
- [0854](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Patricia Boyle-McKenna as a member of the Residency Compliance Commission, for a term expiring on January 3, 2026.
- [0855](#) Communication from Councilor Flynn regarding the South End Branch of the Boston Public Library.

[0856](#) Communication from Councilor Flynn regarding the South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

[0294](#) The Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development, to which was referred on January 29, 2025, Docket #0294, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant, from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund services to underserved populations in the hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban, in basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.

[0295](#) The Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development, to which was referred on January 29, 2025, Docket #0295, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston Tax Help Coalition Santander Bank Grant, awarded by Santander Bank, N.A. to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the Boston Tax Help Coalition to provide pathways from poverty to financial empowerment by maximizing the impact of tax credits through free tax preparation, financial education, and economic stability opportunities, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.

[0400](#) The Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development, to which was referred on February 5, 2025, Docket #0400, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$410,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Funding, awarded by the MA Executive Office for Administrative & Finance to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund to support the Center for Working Families' Boston Tax Help Coalition in assisting low-income taxpayers with personal income tax filing for the 2024 tax session, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.

0405 The Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development, to which was referred on February 5, 2025, Docket #0405, 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 Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston Grant, awarded by The Baupost Group to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund opportunities for young people ages 12-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.

0454 The Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development, to which was referred on February 12, 2025, Docket #0454, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$43,312.50) in the form of a grant for the FYOB MLK Scholars Program Grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation, passed through the Philanthropic Initiative, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund summer jobs, financial education, and professional development opportunities for Boston youth, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.

0526 The Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development, to which was referred on February 26, 2025, Docket #0526, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Ninety Thousand Seventy-One Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$1,190,071.64) in the form of a grant for the Carry-in WIOS Adult Program, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Department. The grant will fund services to help job seekers access employment, education, skills, training, apprenticeships and support services, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.

- 0529** The Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development, to which was referred on February 26, 2025, Docket #0529, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Workforce Training Fund Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund programming to help address business productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to Massachusetts businesses for training current and newly hired employees, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.
- 0531** The Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development, to which was referred on February 26, 2025, Docket #0531, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$41,828.60) in the form of a grant for the Shelter Supplemental Funding Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund MassHire career centers with supplemental funding to support emergency assistance (EA) shelters residents with training and employment opportunities, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.
- 0642** The Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development, to which was referred on March 12, 2025, Docket #0642, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$382,163.59) in form of a grant, for the Carry-In Wagner Peyser Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.

[0643](#) The Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development, to which was referred on March 12, 2025, Docket #0643, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.000) in the form of a grant, for the Uncornered Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, passed through the Economic Development & Industrial Corporation of Boston to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund coaching, mentorship, and other workforce development training opportunities for at-risk, violence-involved youth and reentering citizens, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.

[0144](#) The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on January 8, 2025, Docket #0144, Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston, submits a report recommending that the petition ought to pass in a new draft.

[0406](#) The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on February 5, 2025, Docket #0406, Message and order for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Certain Affordable Housing and Cultural Space in the Brighton Section of the City of Boston," submits a report recommending that the petition ought to pass.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

[0292](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Parks & Recreation Department. The grant will fund the maintenance of the City of Boston Animal Shelter, and assistance with medical care for sick or injured animals (whose owners are Boston residents), through donations in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

[0395](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the UCFC-Program, awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture, passed through The Corps Network, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the historic workforce investment of boosting the City's tree cover in various neighborhoods.

[0399](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$449,710.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston MVP Action Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environment Affairs to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant will fund building a database and map of current and projected flooding impacts, focusing primarily on storm water and riverine flooding.

[0590](#) Message and order authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds in a principal amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$350,000,000). The current conditions in the municipal bond market appears to be favorable for the City to potentially realize significant saving in debt service costs by refunding certain of its outstanding general obligation bonds.

[0724](#) Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the Collector-Treasurer to enter into a contract under the provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F, by and between the City of Boston and Citizens, for the provision of Banking Services as more fully described in the attached form of compensating balance agreement.

[0725](#) Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the Collector-Treasurer to enter into a contract under the provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F, by and between the City of Boston and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., for the provision of Banking Services.

[0304](#) Ordinance codifying the Office of Food Justice in the City of Boston.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

[0857](#) **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and public health updates related to the crises of mental health, substance use, and homelessness and housing instability concentrated in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.

[0858](#) **Councilor Worrell and Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss opioid-related overdose deaths in the older Black population in the City of Boston.

[0859](#) **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to towing contracts for District 1.

- 0860 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in support of S.1042, "An Act relative to Life Saving Treatment."
- 0861 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in support of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training in high schools.
- 0862 Councilor Mejia and Weber offered the following:** Resolution in support of H.3084, "An Act relative to Language Access and Inclusion."
- 0863 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing April as National Financial Literacy Month.
- 0864 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing National Library Week.

GREEN SHEETS:

9/25 Legislative Calendar for April 9, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 0865 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 41 Local 718 retirements.
- 0866 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Cathy Smalls.
- 0867 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Cecily Graham.
- 0868 Councilor Pepén and Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ben Trapanick.
- 0869 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing April 4 2025 as 1975 Red Sox Day.
- 0870 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kanessa Alexander.
- 0871 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Willard.
- 0872 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Pastor Bruce Wall.

- 0873** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Pastor Karin Wall.
- 0874** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing April 5th as Gold Star Spouses Day.
- 0875** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Chung Yin Lo.
- 0876** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing and congratulating Shen Yun Performing Arts.
- 0877** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing and congratulating the five recipients of the 2025 Women in Construction Award.
- 0878** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing and congratulating the 24 Spellers in Boston's 17th Annual Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) Citywide Spelling Bee.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

MICHELLE WU

April 7, 2025

TO THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith my Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Recommended Budget for the City of Boston. The \$4.8 billion FY26 Annual Operating Budget and \$4.5 billion five-year FY26-30 Capital Plan responsibly protect the critical City services our residents and businesses rely on, while continuing to fulfill the City's commitments as an employer, asset owner, and economic driver. We are grateful to Ways and Means Committee Chair Worrell for his leadership in convening hearings prior to today's filing, and to all colleagues for joining and sharing the feedback you are hearing from our residents. These proactive and collaborative improvements to the budget process enabled our administration to better incorporate your work and our shared priorities in this budget.

This proposed budget prioritizes resources for the most fundamental services delivered at the local level for Boston to be a home for everyone. Our mission to be the safest, greenest, and most family-friendly city in the country requires doubling down on progress to support public education and services for youth and seniors, community safety and public health, climate resiliency and mobility, affordability and economic opportunity. In the face of national economic uncertainty, the City of Boston maintains strong financial health from consistent and responsible budget management, reflected in our consistent AAA bond rating for more than a decade and annual balanced budgets.

We join the Council in monitoring the rapidly evolving federal policy landscape and volatile global economic outlook as a consequence of federal actions. With over \$300 million of federal funds supporting critical city services each year, and with nationwide economic impacts from federal tariffs and other federal actions already taking a toll on consumer confidence, tourism from international visitors, higher education and healthcare, critical research and innovation, and the broader economy, we must exercise caution to ensure stability for our communities—preparing for worst case scenarios while refraining from preemptive disruption of City services.

It is important to note that Boston's budget is built differently from the Commonwealth's and from the budgets of many other cities across the country, as our financial underpinnings are uniquely solid and resilient to short-term economic volatility. Although we consistently seek to diversify revenue sources at the municipal level, the primary revenue source that supports Boston's budget, property tax, provides long-term revenue stability with Proposition 2 ½. Other more economically sensitive revenues, such as excise taxes and state aid, represent a much

smaller share of the City's revenue base than the State's, making Boston's budget less vulnerable to short-term economic volatility.

The FY26 Recommended Budget will reinforce Boston's strong fiscal position and ensure the City can weather the economic uncertainty ahead. By slowing budget growth in FY26, we will continue to meet our fixed and long-term financial obligations, make progress on community needs, and stay nimble in the face of shifting economic and federal dynamics. The FY26 Recommended Budget provides us with a blueprint for the year, but, as always, requires active management throughout the year to adapt to evolving needs and conditions. Boston has demonstrated the ability to thoughtfully implement spending controls when faced with immediate disruptions to maintain the balance of critical service delivery with constrained resources through many economic downturns, most recently through the pandemic and recovery.

The FY26 Recommended Budget includes targeted reductions and reflects a judicious use of resources in order to meet our fixed and long-term obligations while preserving jobs and services. Departmental budget growth that excludes fixed long-term financial obligations and employer costs totals 1.7%, reflecting the cost escalation of maintaining critical service levels. Including non-discretionary costs, this budget grows at the rate of inflation: by 4.4%¹ over FY25. This budget reduces the number of long term vacant positions, increases salary savings where appropriate, and reduces discretionary non-personnel spending. Departments will convert other remaining long term vacant positions for new roles, using existing resources to meet new needs.

The FY25 budget included one-time investments in the Mayor's Office of Housing and Property Management that will not continue in the next fiscal year, leading to reduced budgets for those departments even as they maintain and grow services. Other departmental decreases reflect more effective use of City funds; for example some departments in the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet show a year-over-year budget decrease due to centralizing cabinet functions. These departments are not losing resources, but rather coordinating access to cabinet-wide support. Finally, the Planning Department and the Office of Workforce Development allocations are decreasing due to a more accurate assessment of their needs as new City departments.

These targeted reductions will allow for limited growth in FY26 to address the most critical needs of the City, including the following:

Basic City Services

Excellent constituent services is a core value shared by all frontline service delivery departments. The FY26 budget will see modest growth in the Streets Cabinet of \$12.8 million or 6.6%, related to new, improved trash collection contracts that provide additional contracted labor and require more reliable trucks and technology. Strengthened accountability terms, such as continuous reporting on the status of staff and equipment, will ensure quicker collection times and fewer missed collections. The Information and Technology Cabinet's budget will grow in FY26 by \$4.1 million or 7.7% as they lead efforts in partnership with the Community Engagement Cabinet and all the service delivery departments to build out a new 311 constituent relationship management technology and permitting and licensing systems, improving

¹ https://www.bls.gov/regions/northeast/news-release/consumerpriceindex_boston.htm

constituents' experience reporting issues, requesting services, and obtaining permits. The FY26 budget also includes investments in the Elections Department to help implement necessary operational reforms and improvements.

The Capital Plan includes over \$6 million for the implementation of key technology systems. The Plan also invests over \$188 million in state of good repair needs for municipal facilities, including community centers, libraries, fire houses, police stations, and City Hall. The Plan ensures that the places our public servants work and our community enjoys can remain open and reliable.

In FY26, the Streets Cabinet will continue to improve overall mobility, roadway repairs, and curb management. The Capital Plan will invest over \$135 million over the next 5 years in sidewalk reconstruction, roadway resurfacing, and the construction of ADA compliant curb ramps, ensuring safe, reliable, and accessible transportation for all road users. Our traffic calming investments will also continue delivering needed safety improvements across our neighborhoods.

Health & Safety

Our teams work every day with community partners to maintain Boston as the safest major city in the country. To support continued progress on community safety, Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services will continue to utilize their cadet programs as a recruiting feeder for budgeted replacement recruit classes so our first responder workforce is fully staffed and reflects the residents of Boston. In FY26, Police will recruit two replacement classes scheduled for Winter and Spring of 2026, and Fire will include the first cohort of Cadets in its Fall 2025 recruitment class. Additionally, first responders will continue to innovate and expand alternative safety responses where appropriate, including the new BPD community interaction teams who provide a visible presence in our neighborhoods while collaborating with community stakeholders to improve quality of life, increase trust and reduce violence in the City. . In FY26, the youth jobs budget will maintain the City's record-breaking, robust commitment to youth employment as a benefit to the entire community.

The Boston Public Health Commission will focus on the most vulnerable populations struggling with substance use disorder and homelessness, as well as the general health and well-being of all residents. The Boston Public Health Commission will utilize opioid settlement funds and its operating budget to continue tackling opioid overdoses. Additionally, the Commission will use existing resources to partner with local business organizations to target syringe collection in local business districts. The Age Strong Commission, with strong support from the Mayor and City Council, will leverage their Council on Aging state external funds and operating budget to target reducing social isolation for older adults through increased programming across several neighborhoods. These resources will augment state earmarked funding for senior programming in West Roxbury, increasing programming from two days to three days per week.

Education

Public education represents the largest operational departmental budget, with FY26 budgetary growth of \$45.5 million focused on inclusive education, early childhood education, supporting multilingual learners, and providing a high quality educational experience for every student.

The increase does not yet include the increased costs that will come with the inclusion of the collective bargaining contract with the Boston Teachers Union that is pending ratification and approval. The cost of the union contract is included in the central collective bargaining reserve. Newly renovated school buildings reopening in FY26 include the combined Philbrick and Sumner Schools at the new Sarah Roberts Elementary School, the Carter School, and PJ Kennedy Elementary. The FY26-30 Capital Plan invests almost \$1.2 billion in BPS facilities, accounting for 27% of the total planned investment. Moreover, 32% of all City bonds, which finance the vast majority of the Capital Plan, are invested in BPS.

Housing Affordability

With robust operating budget investments made in FY25, the Housing and Planning Cabinets continue to target affordability with a focus on housing stability. In the FY25 operating budget, \$2 million in one-time seed funding paired with \$3 million in American Rescue Plan seed funding was provided to start the Housing Acquisition Fund. The program helped kickstart a public-private revolving loan fund to provide low interest debt, advancing much needed affordable housing preservation. Additionally, in FY25 a supplemental operating budget of \$110 million for the Housing Accelerator Program was appropriated with the goal of providing funding in Boston’s approved mixed-use housing projects, lowering the cost of capital to spur construction now, while achieving a return for the City in the long run. Accelerator Program projects must be ready to start construction and be 20% affordable to be considered. Selection will prioritize climate sustainability, positive community impact, and development teams that reflect and represent our communities. Finally, the Acquisition Opportunity Program, funded with a variety of external resources outside of the operating budget, will support mission-driven developers to buy occupied multi-family private housing and make it permanently affordable. Homeowners will have greater access to utility-based incentive programs through the Boston Energy Saver program, which is hosted in the Environment, Energy and Open Space cabinet, enabling homeowners to upgrade their heating and cooling systems, saving significant money. Meanwhile, using existing operating funding, the Housing Cabinet will launch a Co-Purchasing Pilot Program to encourage households to combine their purchasing power and buy multi-family homes with 0% interest-deferred loans from the City. The Capital Plan also invests \$124 million in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority in the preservation and redevelopment of the Bunker Hill, Mildred Hailey, and Mary Ellen McCormack sites.

I look forward to the continued partnership of the City Council in this budget process and beyond. Our administration will continue to monitor the economic landscape carefully and adapt this budget proposal if needed as the scale of economic uncertainties and consequences of federal policies continue to emerge. I respectfully request your favorable action on the FY26 Annual Operating Budget and the FY26-FY30 Capital Plan.

Sincerely,



Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**Appropriation and Tax Order for the fiscal year
Commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026**

ORDERED:

I. That to meet the current expenses of the City of Boston, in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, the respective sums of money specified in the schedules hereinafter set out, be, and the same hereby are, appropriated for expenditure under the direction of the respective boards and officers severally specified, for the several specific purposes hereinafter designated and, except for transfers lawfully made, for such purposes only said appropriations, to the extent they are for the maintenance and operation of parking meters, and the regulation of parking and other activities incident thereto (which is hereby determined to be \$30,000,000), being made out of the income from parking meters and, to the extent they are for other purposes, being made out of the proceeds from the sale of tax title possessions and receipts from tax title redemptions in addition to the total real and personal property taxes of prior years collected from July 1, 2023 up to and including March 31, 2024, as certified by the City Auditor under Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, and out of available funds on hand, (which is hereby determined to be \$40,000,000) as certified by the Director of Accounts under said Section 23, and the balance of said appropriations to be raised by taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

CITY DEPARTMENTS	Personnel Services	Contractual Services	Supplies & Materials	Current Charges & Obligations	Equipment	Special Appropriation	Structures & Improvements	Land Non-Structural Improvement	Total
Mayor's Office									
111 Mayor's Office	6,225,496.00	381,750.00	56,300.00	40,500.00	95,393.00	-	-	-	6,799,439.00
150 Intergovernmental Relations	1,062,792.00	147,519.00	3,700.00	161,976.00	-	-	-	-	1,375,987.00
151 Law Department	8,593,503.00	2,169,350.00	18,450.00	161,200.00	-	-	-	-	10,942,503.00
Equity & Inclusion									
402 Office of Equity	2,805,916.00	843,287.00	33,795.00	36,873.00	5,999.00	-	-	-	3,725,870.00
409 Office of Language & Communications Access	1,173,468.00	930,000.00	10,643.00	12,375.00	33,556.00	-	-	-	2,160,042.00
401 Human Right Commission	305,622.00	82,500.00	3,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	391,622.00
113 Office for Immigrant Advancement	1,602,673.00	1,952,346.00	7,663.00	12,634.00	-	-	-	-	3,575,316.00
417 Women's Advancement	427,371.00	202,273.00	8,900.00	5,000.00	-	-	-	-	643,544.00
419 Black Male Advancement	1,141,679.00	932,802.00	8,250.00	2,800.00	8,500.00	-	-	-	2,094,031.00
403 Fair Housing & Equity	240,537.00	102,971.00	5,000.00	4,297.00	-	-	-	-	352,805.00
422 LGBTQ+ Advancement	577,102.00	238,250.00	4,600.00	750.00	-	-	-	-	820,702.00
404 Commission For Persons W/Disabilities	844,797.00	54,145.00	6,605.00	10,500.00	-	-	-	-	916,047.00
OPAT									
410 Office of Police Accountability & Transparency	1,310,200.00	41,775.00	7,500.00	107,040.00	5,500.00	-	-	-	1,472,015.00
Operations									
180 Property Management	13,021,235.00	13,367,469.00	702,127.00	562,153.00	454,740.00	-	-	-	28,107,724.00
181 Public Facilities Department	10,851,306.00	422,535.00	20,509.00	29,345.00	6,240.00	-	-	-	11,329,935.00
260 Inspectional Services Dept	23,004,300.00	1,214,638.00	280,105.00	177,243.00	119,888.00	-	-	-	24,796,174.00
Community Engagement									
412 Neighborhood Services	5,492,936.00	231,140.00	11,604.00	26,180.00	38,949.00	-	-	-	5,800,809.00
Arts & Culture									
414 Office of Arts & Culture	2,316,892.00	2,216,918.00	13,800.00	62,230.00	2,000.00	-	-	-	4,611,840.00
Economic Opportunity & Inclusion									
182 Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion	2,859,159.00	4,216,147.00	26,300.00	83,714.00	6,791.00	-	-	-	7,192,111.00
114 Consumer Affairs & Licensing	2,053,781.00	15,751.00	14,650.00	5,391.00	-	-	-	-	2,089,573.00
156 Supplier Diversity	1,856,998.00	576,140.00	8,110.00	-	3,840.00	-	-	-	2,445,088.00
416 Office of Tourism	1,183,919.00	1,044,090.00	11,646.00	60,054.00	28,844.00	314,200.00	-	-	2,642,753.00
Worker Empowerment									
157 Labor Compliance and Worker Protections	1,484,449.00	419,020.00	7,766.00	480.00	-	-	-	-	1,911,715.00
183 Office of Workforce Development	3,785,675.00	2,581,699.00	36,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	6,403,874.00
448 Youth Employment and Opportunity	8,585,017.00	13,667,263.00	68,440.00	44,496.00	-	-	-	-	22,365,216.00
Environment, Energy & Open Space									
303 Environment Department	3,887,378.00	1,610,708.00	15,900.00	12,600.00	-	-	-	-	5,526,586.00
300,400 Parks & Recreation Department	19,734,744.00	8,292,091.00	1,205,936.00	331,113.00	2,723,733.00	90,000.00	-	3,791,035.00	36,168,652.00
421 Office of Historic Preservation	1,513,424.00	26,800.00	28,800.00	6,000.00	-	-	-	-	1,575,024.00
420 Office of Food Justice	602,290.00	813,712.00	7,000.00	3,600.00	-	-	-	-	1,426,602.00
Finance									
144 Office of Finance	1,191,655.00	425,125.00	1,000.00	2,400.00	-	-	-	-	1,620,180.00
136 Assessing Department	7,503,734.00	765,600.00	95,200.00	237,700.00	-	-	-	-	8,602,234.00
131 Auditing Department	3,774,764.00	250,578.00	11,528.00	41,104.00	-	-	-	-	4,077,974.00
141 Budget Management	2,880,910.00	724,850.00	4,350.00	201,975.00	-	-	-	-	3,812,085.00
418 Office of Participatory Budgeting	381,656.00	351,440.00	6,900.00	21,000.00	800.00	1,372,454.00	-	-	2,134,250.00
333 Execution of Courts	-	-	-	-	-	3,800,000.00	-	-	3,800,000.00
374 Pensions & Annuities	4,700,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,700,000.00
143 Procurement	3,597,821.00	263,575.00	15,725.00	315,810.00	-	6,000.00	-	-	4,198,931.00
137,138 Treasury Department	4,325,248.00	753,542.00	1,022,808.00	20,123.00	12,000.00	-	-	-	6,133,721.00

CITY DEPARTMENTS	Personnel Services	Contractual Services	Supplies & Materials	Current Charges & Obligations	Equipment	Special Appropriation	Structures & Improvements	Land Non-Structural Improvement	Total
People Operations									
146 Office of People Operations	1,143,729.00	183,000.00	3,500.00	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	1,331,229.00
121,128 Election Department	4,353,431.00	1,308,083.00	1,493,059.00	131,419.00	69,175.00	-	-	-	7,355,167.00
148 Health Insurance	-	-	-	251,307,372.00	-	-	-	-	251,307,372.00
142 Human Resources	7,713,188.00	1,845,400.00	57,580.00	1,250,416.00	-	-	-	-	10,866,584.00
139 Medicare Payments	15,325,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,325,000.00
147 Labor Relations	1,435,035.00	523,914.00	3,650.00	73,157.00	-	-	-	-	2,035,756.00
163 Registry Division	2,143,943.00	55,687.00	56,250.00	1,300.00	-	-	-	-	2,257,180.00
199 Unemployment Compensation	350,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350,000.00
341 Workers' Compensation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	2,000,000.00	-	-	2,000,000.00
Human Services									
388 Office of Human Services	4,373,366.00	4,869,308.00	103,866.00	329,734.00	5,000.00	-	-	-	9,681,274.00
385 Boston Center for Youth & Families	24,532,823.00	4,668,876.00	890,248.00	266,000.00	798,108.00	-	-	-	31,156,055.00
387 Age Strong	5,317,752.00	2,479,238.00	351,234.00	78,200.00	25,056.00	-	-	-	8,251,480.00
110 Library Department	35,165,765.00	9,476,920.00	3,614,686.00	344,750.00	698,775.00	-	-	35,000.00	49,335,896.00
741 Boston VETS	1,352,610.00	371,202.00	42,150.00	3,131,251.00	-	-	-	-	4,897,213.00
Housing									
188 Mayor's Office of Housing	7,294,124.00	2,905,192.00	42,536.00	116,758.00	21,029.00	41,689,343.00	-	-	52,068,982.00
Public Health									
620 Public Health Commission	-	-	-	-	-	144,373,120.00	-	-	144,373,120.00
Information & Technology									
149 Department of Innovation & Technology	19,574,910.00	9,570,652.00	82,655.00	27,187,295.00	1,565,654.00	-	-	-	57,981,166.00
Public Safety									
231 Emergency Management	996,772.00	216,500.00	7,600.00	423,729.00	-	-	-	-	1,644,601.00
221 Fire Department	282,751,297.00	10,386,279.00	6,269,659.00	5,530,492.00	5,643,041.00	-	-	20,000.00	310,600,768.00
211 Police Department	420,406,053.00	29,331,926.00	8,633,538.00	8,797,703.00	10,175,656.00	-	-	-	477,344,876.00
Streets									
321 Central Fleet Management	2,379,455.00	525,415.00	82,380.00	5,757.00	379,881.00	-	-	-	3,372,888.00
310 Office of Streets	4,222,230.00	560,750.00	5,521.00	5,600.00	-	-	-	-	4,794,101.00
311 Public Works Department	28,072,559.00	96,346,286.00	1,857,346.00	658,153.00	3,517,426.00	-	600,000.00	-	131,051,770.00
331 Snow & Winter Management	-	20,276,694.00	56,000.00	-	2,343,343.00	-	-	-	22,676,037.00
251,253 Transportation Department	29,399,188.00	10,800,047.00	1,859,834.00	353,630.00	1,978,133.00	-	-	-	44,390,832.00
Planning									
175 Planning	24,080,810.00	5,194,009.00	146,500.00	502,300.00	66,400.00	-	-	-	29,990,019.00
Non-Mayoral Departments									
112 City Council	8,045,577.00	460,024.00	59,100.00	40,420.00	84,000.00	-	-	-	8,689,121.00
161 City Clerk	1,501,860.00	119,200.00	24,400.00	18,070.00	-	-	-	-	1,663,530.00
193 Finance Commission	488,711.00	44,050.00	525.00	250.00	2,125.00	-	-	-	535,661.00
Other									
158 Risk Retention Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	3,500,000.00	-	-	3,500,000.00
159 Housing Trust Fund	-	-	-	-	-	618,000.00	-	-	618,000.00
999 Reserves for Collective Bargaining	102,744,846.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102,744,846.00
TOTAL	1,192,065,481.00	274,848,451.00	29,535,427.00	303,355,412.00	30,919,575.00	197,763,117.00	600,000.00	3,846,035.00	2,032,933,498.00

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

FURTHER ORDERED:

II. That to meet so much of the expenses of maintaining, improving and embellishing in the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, cemeteries owned by the City of Boston, or in its charge, as is not met by the income of deposits for perpetual care on hand December 31, 2024, the respective sum of money specified in the subjoined schedule be, and the same hereby is, appropriated out of the fund set up under Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1961 the same to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation:

400100

Cemetery Division
Parks and Recreation Department
\$950,000

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

BY



**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

April 7, 2025

TO THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith an annual appropriation order for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY26), in the amount of \$1.58 billion, submitted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 1936, as amended by Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982, as further amended by Chapter 701 of the Acts of 1986, Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1987, and Chapter 108 of the Acts of 1991.

As Mayor of Boston and a BPS mom, I am proud to include this FY26 BPS appropriation, recently approved by the Boston School Committee, as part of the FY26 annual operating budget appropriations. I appreciate the leadership of BPS Superintendent Mary Skipper and her entire team to incorporate feedback from the Boston School Committee, the Boston City Council, school leaders and department heads. BPS has found additional savings since their preliminary budget was filed with the School Committee in early February, redeploying these resources to fund librarians, social workers, and inclusive and multilingual education, along with early college and career pathways across our high schools.

Boston Public Schools represents the largest departmental budget in the City, with FY26 budgetary growth of \$45.5 million focused on inclusive education, early childhood education, supporting multilingual learners and providing a high quality educational experience for every student. The increase does not yet include the increased costs that will come with the inclusion of the collective bargaining contract with the Boston Teachers Union that is pending ratification and approval. The cost of the union contract is included in the central collective bargaining reserve.

Newly renovated school buildings reopening in FY26 include the combined Philbrick and Sumner Schools at the new Sarah Roberts Elementary School, the Carter School, and PJ Kennedy Elementary. The FY26-30 Capital Plan invests almost \$1.2 billion in BPS facilities, accounting for 27% of the total planned investment. Moreover, 32% of all City bonds, which finance the vast majority of the Capital Plan, are invested in BPS.

This is an important moment for BPS. After three years of sustained focus under Superintendent Skipper's leadership, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education affirmed last month that BPS has built the strong foundation for progress needed to conclude the state's heightened monitoring. BPS has made clear, unequivocal progress in the state

accountability framework, including moving up in the state rankings, increasing graduation rates, and driving down chronic absenteeism across all student groups and grade levels. This budget continues to build on our multiyear strategies to strengthen teaching and learning in core academic subjects and continues to drive on the steady improvements now underway in our schools and classrooms.

Sincerely,

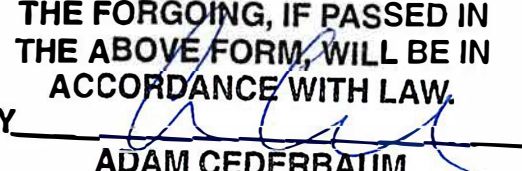


Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 224 of the Acts of 1936, as amended by Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982, and as further amended by Chapter 701 of the Acts of 1986, Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1987, and Chapter 108 of the Acts of 1991, to meet the current operating expenses of the School Department in the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, the sum of ONE BILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY MILLION SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN dollars (\$1,580,061,477) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, said sum to be raised by taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

Boston School Department \$1,580,061,477

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**
BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an order appropriating \$40,000,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund authorized under Chapter 32B, §20, as added by Chapter 479 of the Acts of 2008. The latest available OPEB actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023 estimated the City's unfunded liability at \$2.68 billion.

We remain committed to work together with the Public Employee Committee (PEC) on continued healthcare cost containment strategies and supporting efforts that promote employee wellness.

Sustaining quality healthcare benefits for current and future retirees within the means of the City's budget is a mutual goal and I thank you for your continued support of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

ORDERED:

That the sum of FORTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$40,000,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund established under Section 20 of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, said sum to be met from available funds on hand as certified by the Director of Accounts pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws.

61800-138910	Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund	\$40,000,000
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**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY 

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) from the City's Capital Grant Fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the city. Such funds will be transferred and credited to the Capital Grant Fund from revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Order so that the City of Boston may use the funds for much needed transportation improvements.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

ORDERED: That the City of Boston appropriate the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,0000) from the Capital Grant Fund of the City for various departments including the Public Works Department and the Transportation Department to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the city including, but not limited to, the complete streets program and other programs that support alternative modes of transportation as permitted in Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016. To meet this appropriation, the Collector/Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to transfer such amount to the Capital Grant Fund from special revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.

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

BY _____

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts

Office of the Mayor

Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation Order in the amount of \$3,500,000 from the Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction, for the Dorchester Field House, General Parks Improvements, Restroom Facility Improvements at Boston Common, and the Municipal Animal Shelter.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Order so that the City of Boston may use the funds for much needed improvements.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED: That in accordance with section 24 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982, as amended by section 4 of Chapter 701 of the Acts of 1986, the amount of One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) from the Surplus Property Disposition Fund be, and hereby is, credited to the Capital Fund of the City and not to the General Fund; and be it

FURTHER ORDERED: That said Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated from the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction, for the Dorchester Field House, General Parks Improvements, Restroom Facility Improvements at Boston Common, and the Municipal Animal Shelter, or any other project deemed necessary by the City and eligible under Section 24 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982.

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

BY


**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation Order in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Parking Facility Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, maintenance and construction, for the parking facilities.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Order so that the City of Boston may use the funds for much needed improvements.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED: That in accordance with Chapter 474 of the Acts of 1946, the amount of Five Million dollars (\$5,000,0000) from the Parking Facility Fund be, appropriated to the Capital Fund for planning, design, maintenance and construction, for the parking facilities.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY



**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts

Office of the Mayor

Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of \$266,100,000 for various capital improvement purposes for city departments including the Boston Center for Youth and Families, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, Boston Public Library, Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts & Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Health Commission, Public Works, and the Transportation Departments.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order.

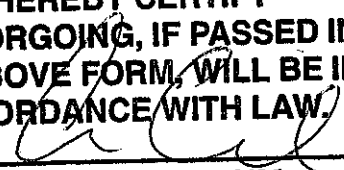
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Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED: That the sum of Two Hundred Sixty Six Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$266,100,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated for the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation or improvement of public land, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repair of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure, including but not limited to: (i) the cost of original equipment and furnishings of the buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; (ii) damages under chapter 79 resulting from any such acquisition or project; and (iii) the cost of engineering, architectural or other services for feasibility studies, plans or specifications as part of any acquisition or project; for the cost of feasibility studies or engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications; for the development, redevelopment and equipping and furnishing of affordable housing and the acquisition, construction and installation of necessary or desirable public infrastructure and equipment and furnishings related thereto; and any and all costs incidental or related to the above described projects; for the purposes of various city departments including Boston Center for Youth and Families, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, Boston Public Library, Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts & Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Health Commission, Public Works, and the Transportation Departments; and that to meet said appropriation the Collector-Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized under the provisions of Section 7 and/or Section 8 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, Chapter 121B, Chapter 1097 of the Acts of 1971, or any other enabling authority, to issue from time to time, with the approval of the Mayor, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City up to said amount, which debt issued hereunder or under any other existing order or order enacted hereafter may bear interest at variable rates, as the collector-treasurer shall select, be redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, at such price or prices and under such conditions as may be fixed by the collector-treasurer with the approval of the mayor prior to the issuance thereof and contain terms that cause the interest thereon to be subject to federal income taxation, provided that the appropriation authorized through this order be expended only on the project(s) as described by name attached hereto; that this order shall constitute a declaration of official intent of the City pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2(e) to reimburse expenditures for such projects made from funds established for such purpose as permitted by statute from proceeds of debt incurred by the City pursuant to this order; and that pursuant to Section 12(b) of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983 as amended, if any part of the proceeds of sale of any bonds or notes or other obligations issued by the City under this order remains unexpended after the work or purpose for which such bonds, notes or other obligations are issued is completed, such proceeds are hereby appropriated and may be applied by the Collector-Treasurer and City Auditor, at the direction of the Mayor, to pay the principal, premium, or interest on such bonds, notes, or other obligations or on any debt of the City.

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

BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

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| 1. 1010 Massachusetts Avenue | 43. Highland Ave District Boiler Replacement |
| 2. 201 Rivermoor Street | 44. HVAC Renovations at Woods Mullen and Finland Buildings |
| 3. A1 Elevator Replacement | 45. McKinney Playground |
| 4. Bay Village Neighborhood Park | 46. McLean Playground |
| 5. BCYF Curley Phase II | 47. Mildred C. Hailey Phase 1 Redevelopment |
| 6. BCYF Tobin Community Center Improvements | 48. Mt. Hope Cemetery Facilities |
| 7. Belvidere / Dalton Street Bike Lanes | 49. Municipal Facility Repairs |
| 8. Boston Common Tadpole Play Lot | 50. Murphy Playground |
| 9. Boylston Street Sidewalks | 51. Northern Avenue Bridge |
| 10. Bridge Repairs | 52. Orchard Gardens Community Center Upgrades |
| 11. Brighton Library Roof | 53. Park Accessibility Improvements |
| 12. Buckley Playground | 54. Parker Street Retaining Wall |
| 13. Byrne Playground | 55. Percent for the Arts |
| 14. Central Library Roof | 56. Poplar Gate Path |
| 15. Central Library HVAC | 57. Poplar Street Safety Improvements Phase II |
| 16. Charles Street North | 58. Public Garden Lagoon |
| 17. Chinatown Branch Library | 59. Recharge Boston: Public EV Charging |
| 18. Christopher Lee Playground Play Area | 60. Remote Control at Court Lights |
| 19. Citywide Street Safety Construction Services | 61. Retaining Wall Repairs |
| 20. Citywide Street Safety Design Services | 62. Roadway Reconstruction and Resurfacing FY25-27 |
| 21. CNY Flagship Wharf Bulkhead Restoration | 63. Ronan Park |
| 22. Comm Ave Mall Crosswalks | 64. Ryan Playground |
| 23. Commonwealth Avenue Phase 3B | 65. Safety Surfacing Replacement |
| 24. Congress Street and Sleeper Street | 66. Safety Surge |

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

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| 25. Connect Downtown: Charles South/Tremont | 67. Sail Boston Berthing |
| 26. Connect Downtown: Columbus Ave Phase I | 68. Sidewalk and Ramp Reconstruction FY25-27 |
| 27. Connect Downtown: Public Garden Crossings | 69. South End Branch Library |
| 28. District 7 Maintenance Yard | 70. State Street |
| 29. District D-4 Station Elevator | 71. Station Facility Repairs |
| 30. Dudley Street Public Plaza | 72. Storm Water Pollution Study |
| 31. Dudley Town Common | 73. Strand Theater |
| 32. East Boston Safe Multimodal Corridors | 74. Street Lighting Infrastructure Upgrades and Installation |
| 33. Emergency Generator Replacement | 75. Street Tree Planting |
| 34. Energy Management System Upgrades | 76. Town Field Study |
| 35. Engine 8 Study | 77. Traffic Signal Construction at 5 locations |
| 36. Evergreen Cemetery Admin Building | 78. Traffic Signals |
| 37. Fidelis Way | 79. Transportation Planning |
| 38. Fire Detection Improvements at 7 Fire Stations | 80. Unified Constituent Identity and Access Management |
| 39. Fire Equipment FY27-30 | 81. Upham's Corner Library |
| 40. Footpath and Stairways | 82. Urban Wilds |
| 41. Geneva Cliffs Urban Wild | 83. West End Branch Library |
| 42. Green Links | |



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of \$196,900,000 for various capital improvement purposes for the Boston Public Schools.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

ORDERED: That the sum of One Hundred Ninety Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand(\$196,900,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated for the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation or improvement of public land, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repair of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure, including but not limited to: (i) the cost of original equipment and furnishings of the buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; (ii) damages under chapter 79 resulting from any such acquisition or project; and (iii) the cost of engineering, architectural or other services for feasibility studies, plans or specifications as part of any acquisition or project; for the cost of feasibility studies or engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications; for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware or software; any and all costs incidental or related to the above described projects; for the purposes of Boston Public Schools; and that to meet said appropriation the Collector-Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority, to issue from time to time, with the approval of the Mayor, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City up to said amount, which debt issued hereunder or under any other existing order or order enacted hereafter may bear interest at variable rates, as the collector-treasurer shall select, be redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, at such price or prices and under such conditions as may be fixed by the collector-treasurer with the approval of the mayor prior to the issuance thereof and contain terms that cause the interest thereon to be subject to federal income taxation, provided that the appropriation authorized through this order be expended only on the project(s) as described by name attached hereto; that this order shall constitute a declaration of official intent of the City pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2(e) to reimburse expenditures for such projects made from funds established for such purpose as permitted by statute from proceeds of debt incurred by the City pursuant to this order; and that pursuant to Section 12(b) of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983 as amended, if any part of the proceeds of sale of any bonds or notes or other obligations issued by the City under this order remains unexpended after the work or purpose for which such bonds, notes or other obligations are issued is completed, such proceeds are hereby appropriated and may be applied by the Collector-Treasurer and City Auditor, at the direction of the Mayor, to pay the principal, premium, or interest on such bonds, notes, or other obligations or on any debt of the City.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

1. Bathroom Improvements at Various Schools
2. Bradley School Envelope
3. Brighton High School
4. Building Envelope Repairs at Various Schools
5. Implementation of Long-Term Facilities Plan at Several Schools
6. Long-term Facilities Improvements
7. Roof Repairs at Various Schools
8. School Yard Improvements
9. Security and Life Safety System Upgrades at Various Schools
10. Technology Infrastructure
11. White Stadium Renovation



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more lease, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000. These funds are to be used by various City departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions. The list of equipment includes: computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of, the foregoing.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order as expeditiously as possible to ensure the successful completion of the equipment acquisition program.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

ORDERED: That pursuant to section 11 of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983, the City of Boston, acting by and through its Purchasing Agent and its Collector-Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to acquire the following departmental equipment by entering into one or more lease, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2026 in an amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000) in such form or forms as the Purchasing Agent and Collector-Treasurer may determine with the approval of the Mayor; computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of, the foregoing.

AND FURTHER ORDERED: That pursuant to section 9 of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983, the Collector-Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver, as appropriate, on behalf of the City of Boston, with the approval of the Mayor, trust, security and/or lease agreements and/or reimbursement agreements with attached letters of credit, and to procure, as appropriate, insurance to secure the City's obligation as authorized above, all in such form or forms as the Collector/Treasurer may determine with the approval of the Mayor.

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BY _____

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to support the maintenance and repair of Boston Public Schools facilities, including custodial and utility costs for extended building time, floor refinishing, landscaping and building repairs.

Receipts from Lease, Permit for Use and Parking Fees for Boston Public Schools facilities will be deposited in the fund. Boston Public Schools Facilities will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall not exceed \$2,000,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAY EXPEND FROM THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES REVOLVING FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Boston Public Schools may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the Boston Public School Facilities Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(E), may not exceed \$2,000,000.

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BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 for Boston Public Schools Transportation costs, including bus and public transportation costs.

This revolving fund shall be credited with revenue received by the Boston Public Schools Department for the provision of transportation to groups and entities for field trips and activities other than transportation to and from school. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed \$150,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE BOSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS MAY EXPEND FROM THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
TRANSPORTATION REVOLVING FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Boston Public Schools may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the Boston Public School Transportation Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(D), may not exceed \$150,000.

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BY



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CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to repair and purchase Boston Public Schools computer technology, including computers, mobile devices and instructional software.

This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from equipment sales and repair fees for Boston Public Schools technology. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed \$2,000,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAY EXPEND FROM THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY REVOLVING FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Boston Public Schools may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the Boston Public School Technology Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(F), may not exceed \$2,000,000.

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BY



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CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Tourism revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services to support events and programming on and around City Hall Plaza to advance tourism and promote participation in public celebrations and civic and cultural events.

This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from payments for the use of City Hall Plaza pursuant to CBC Chapter 11, section 7-14. The Mayor's Office of Tourism will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at \$150,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF TOURISM MAY EXPEND FROM THE CITY HALL PLAZA REVOLVING FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Mayor's Office of Tourism may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the City Hall Plaza Revolving Fund Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(J), may not exceed \$150,000.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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BY



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CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Environment Conservation Commission revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 for the purpose of securing outside consultants including engineers, wetlands scientists, wildlife biologists, or other experts in order to aid in the review of proposed projects to the Commission, per the City's ordinance protecting local wetland and promoting climate change adaptation.

This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from fees imposed by the Commission for the purpose of securing outside consultants. The Environment Department will be the only department authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at \$50,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REVOLVING FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Environment Department may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the Conservation Commission Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VII, Section 7-1.4 (e) (iii), may not exceed \$50,000.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY _____

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to facilitate the purchase of offsets of greenhouse gas emissions which shall be associated with a portion of the electricity consumed by the City annually; and to operate, maintain, monitor, and expand the City's existing solar arrays and Boston Public Schools' combined heat and power facilities.

This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from the sale of renewable and alternative energy certificates and demand response program revenues produced by combined heat and power units located at Boston Public Schools sites, and solar renewable energy certificates produced by the City's photovoltaic arrays. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed \$150,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND FROM THE DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCE REVOLVING FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Environment Department may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(G), may not exceed \$150,000.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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BY _____

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Boston Center for Youth & Families (BCYF) revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the City Hall Child Care.

This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from tuition paid by parents or guardians of children enrolled at the center. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed \$900,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES MAY EXPEND FROM THE CITY HALL CHILD CARE REVOLVING FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Boston Centers for Youth and Families may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the City Hall Child Care Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(C), may not exceed \$900,000.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
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BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Law Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services to pay for repairs to city property.

This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from recoveries for damages to city property caused by third parties. The Law Department will be the only department authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at \$300,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE LAW DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND FROM THE THIRD PARTY PROPERTY DAMAGES REVOLVING FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Law Department may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the Third Party Property Damages Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(I), may not exceed \$300,000.

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BY



**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the Police Department Fitness Center. Revenue for this fund is derived from monthly membership fees.

Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed \$125,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND FROM THE FITNESS CENTER REVOLVING FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Boston Police Department may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the Fitness Center Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(M), may not exceed \$125,000.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW**

BY



**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to support the Canine Unit's training programs for officers and police dogs from non-City of Boston law enforcement agencies. The Special Operations Division will charge tuition and other fees to outside law enforcement agencies for training with the Canine Unit.

The tuition and other fees paid by outside agencies will be used to purchase training equipment, certify instructors, update facilities and provide funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted. The Special Operations Division will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at \$125,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND FROM THE CANINE REVOLVING FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Boston Police Department may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the Canine Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(L), may not exceed \$125,000.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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BY



**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services to support public art to enhance the public realm throughout the City of Boston.

This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from easements within the public way granted by the Public Improvement Commission. The Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at \$800,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF ARTS & CULTURE MAY EXPEND FROM THE PUBLIC ART REVOLVING FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the Public Art Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(A), may not exceed \$800,000.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
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ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY


**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre.

This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from rental fees for the use of the Strand Theatre. The Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at \$300,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF
ARTS & CULTURE MAY EXPEND FROM THE STRAND THEATRE REVOLVING
FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture may expend in Fiscal Year 2026 from the Strand Theatre Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(B), may not exceed \$300,000.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
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BY



**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2025 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre.

This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from rental fees for the use of the Strand Theatre. The Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at \$300,000.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF
ARTS & CULTURE MAY EXPEND FROM THE STRAND THEATRE REVOLVING
FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2025.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to G.L. c 44, §53E ½, the amount the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture may expend in Fiscal Year 2025 from the Strand Theatre Revolving Fund established by City of Boston Code, Chapter VI, Section 6-9.5(B), may not exceed \$300,000.

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BY



**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an order appropriating from the income of the 21st Century Fund, also known as the Public, Educational, or Governmental (PEG) Access and Cable Related Fund.

Pursuant to Section 53F 3/4 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, the funds may be used to support PEG access services, to monitor compliance with the cable franchise agreement, and for preparation of renewal of the franchise license.

I respectfully request your favorable action on the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation for the 21st Century Fund.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY MAY EXPEND FROM PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.

ORDERED: That the sum of three million, six hundred thousand dollars (\$3,600,000) be and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds in the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund pursuant to Section 53F 3/4 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and the same is hereby appropriated to the PEG Access and Cable Related Grant for cable related purposes consistent with the franchise agreement between the cable operator and the city, including but not limited to: (i) supporting public, educational or governmental access cable television services; (ii) monitoring compliance of cable operator with the franchise agreement; or (iii) preparation of renewal of the franchise license.

PEG Access and Cable Related Funds.....\$3,600,000

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

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
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April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an order appropriating one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000.00) from the income of the George Francis Parkman Fund. The funds are to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the maintenance and improvement of Boston Common and Parks in existence of January 12, 1887.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed order as expeditiously as possible so that the funds can be spent in accordance with Mr. Parkman's Bequest.

Sincerely,

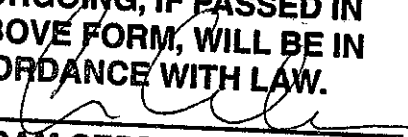
Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION
DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE FUNDS FROM THE GEORGE FRANCIS PARKMAN
FUND**

ORDERED: That the sum of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,300,000.00) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George Francis Parkman Fund to be expended in Fiscal Year 2026 at the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation as follows:

For the general care and maintenance of the Boston Common
And Parks in existence as of January 12, 1887\$1,300,000.00

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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BY 
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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
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April 7, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of \$1,554,228.00 for the administrative and operating expenses of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) for Fiscal Year 2026, and a further appropriation order in the amount of \$35,235,992.00 from the Community Preservation Fund’s (“the Fund”) estimated annual revenues for Fiscal Year 2026, to be appropriated and reserved for future appropriation.

The Fund was created upon the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (the “Act”) in November 2016 and is funded in part by the 1% property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that took effect in July 2017 and an annual state distribution from the Massachusetts community preservation trust fund. General Laws chapter 44B, § 6, provides that in each fiscal year, the Council shall make annual appropriations from the Fund as it deems necessary for the administrative and operating expenses of the CPC, and such appropriations shall not exceed 5% of the Fund’s annual revenues. The Fund’s estimated annual revenues for Fiscal Year 2026 are \$36,790,220.00. An appropriation in the amount of \$1,554,228.00 is therefore requested to fund CPC operations for Fiscal Year 2026, or 4.2% of Fiscal Year 2026 estimated annual revenues.

In addition, in order to appropriate or reserve funds for future spending in Fiscal Year 2026, funds must be appropriated before the tax rate is set for Fiscal Year 2026. Therefore, an appropriation in the amount of \$35,235,992.00 is requested to be appropriated into a budgeted reserve for future recommendation by the CPC and appropriation by City Council consistent with the Act.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass these orders expeditiously so that the CPC may fund its operations for Fiscal Year 2026 and may make recommendations to the Council for expenditures from the Fund in Fiscal Year 2026.


Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED: That, upon the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee and in order to meet the administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$1,554,228.00) be appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Preservation Fund annual revenues; and be it

FURTHER ORDERED: That the sum of THIRTY-FIVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINTEY-TWO DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$35,235,992.00) be appropriated and reserved from the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Preservation Fund annual revenues for further appropriation upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

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THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**
BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

04-07-2025

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 EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$850,000.00**) in the form of a grant, the FY25 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark, awarded by MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund upgrading, expanding, and integrating technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response.

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



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the FY25 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

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

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$850,000.00**) would fund upgrading, expanding, and integrating technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response. 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 Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, the FY25 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark award not to exceed the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$850,000.00**).

Docket # _____

**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by *Adam Cederbaum*

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

04-07-2025

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 TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$210,000.00)** in the form of a grant, Financial Empowerment Program, awarded by Donor Group to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund financial education, credit/asset building and employment services for residents at the Center for Working Families.

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



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Financial Empowerment Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY Donor Group.

WHEREAS, the Donor Group, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$210,000.00**) would fund financial education, credit/asset building and employment services for residents at the Center for Working Families. 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 Donor Group, Financial Empowerment Program award not to exceed the amount of TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$210,000.00**).

Docket # _____

**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

April 7, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

This is the response to the 17F: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Capital Projects in D7 from 2020 to date. (**Docket #0341**).

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



Project Name	Department	Description	Status	To-Date Spend	Remaining Balance	Actual or Expected Start, Listed Phase. Subject to Change	Actual or Expected End, Listed Phase. Subject to Change
Bynoe Park	Parks	Upgrades to play equipment.	Complete / Removed from Plan	1,061,980	0	2020	2024
Choice Neighborhood	PWD	Reconstruction of Quincy Street roadway and sidewalks, adhering to Complete Street guidelines.	Complete / Removed from Plan	3,713,324	0	2015	2020
Dewitt Playground	Parks	Redesign park at the corner of Ruggles and Dewitt Street in conjunction with the Whittier Street redevelopment.	Complete / Removed from Plan	208,119	0	2019	2021
Dudley Branch Library Renovation	BPL	A comprehensive building renovation will enrich library services and visitor experience through improved spatial definition, a fully accessible facility, improved signage and greater energy efficiency.	Complete / Removed from Plan	15,118,792	0	2015	2021
Edward O. Gourdin and African American Veterans Memorial	MOAC	Complete fabrication and install a bronze memorial portrait of Justice Gourdin and ten bas-relief portraits of African American veterans of wars from the American Revolution to the Iraq War.	Complete / Removed from Plan	144,200	0	2022	2024
Franklin Park Yard Master Plan Update	Parks	Update the existing master plan to build out the Franklin Park Yard as a full administration and maintenance facility for the Parks and Recreation Department.	Complete / Removed from Plan	94,698	0	2016	2022
Headquarters Roof and Elevator Replacement	BPD	Replace roof and elevators.	Complete / Removed from Plan	4,978,543	0	2021	2024
Holborn Street Playground	Parks	Upgrades to play lot.	Complete / Removed from Plan	428,879	0	2019	2021
Jeep Jones Park	Parks	Study and design for park renovations.	Complete / Removed from Plan	1,381,290	0	2020	2023
Justice Gourdin Veterans' Memorial Park	Parks	Major park renovation including pathways, walls, plazas, ADA improvements, and landscaping.	Complete / Removed from Plan	1,359,163	0	2015	2024
Lambert Avenue Playground	Parks	Upgrades to play lot.	Complete / Removed from Plan	480,402	0	2019	2021
Madison Park TVHS Building 4 Roof	BPS	Replace roof on Building 4 at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School.	Complete / Removed from Plan	2,331,814	0	2019	2020
Madison Park TVHS Electrical Improvements	BPS	Electrical upgrades at Madison Park High Technical Vocational School.	Complete / Removed from Plan	4,647,035	0	2020	2024
Madison Park Village	PWD	Reconstruct streets within the Madison Park Village of Roxbury, bounded by Melnea Cass Boulevard and Tremont Street.	Complete / Removed from Plan	2,710,529	0	2015	2020
Malcolm X Park	Parks	Design for a comprehensive park renovation excluding fields, which were recently renovated.	Complete / Removed from Plan	9,024,819	0	2020	2024
Mary Hannon Playground Phase II	Parks	Renovate ball field and passive areas.	Complete / Removed from Plan	988,944	0	2016	2022
Melnea Cass Boulevard	BTD	Reconstruct Melnea Cass Blvd. in conjunction with the South Bay Harbor Trail project. State and federal construction funding anticipated.	Complete / Removed from Plan	2,872,486	0	2015	2021
Paula Titus Park	Parks	Design and construction of a new park.	Complete / Removed from Plan	895,503	0	2022	2024
Police Headquarters Security	BPD	Upgrade existing security program at Boston Police headquarters.	Complete / Removed from Plan	1,748,053	0	2019	2022
Ruggles Street	PWD	Design and build a context sensitive Ruggles Street, between Tremont and Shawmut Streets, adhering to Complete Street guidelines.	Complete / Removed from Plan	6,225,603	0	2018	2024
South End Branch Library Improvements	BPL	An interior reconfiguration project which will include major electrical, telecommunications, paint, and carpet upgrades.	Complete / Removed from Plan	131,545	0	2018	2020
Walnut Park Play Area	Parks	Upgrade play lot.	Complete / Removed from Plan	1,216,202	0	2020	2024
William Devine Clubhouse Roof Replacement	Parks	Replace Roof which is at end of useful life and starting to show signs of leaking and aging.	Complete / Removed from Plan	1,863,488	0	2018	2020
William Devine Golf Course	Parks	Improve drainage, paving, and other miscellaneous items.	Complete / Removed from Plan	3,123,327	0	2015	2022

Project Name	Department	Description	Status	To-Date Spend	Remaining Balance	Actual or Expected Start, Listed Phase. Subject to Change	Actual or Expected End, Listed Phase. Subject to Change
Carter School	BPS	Design and construct, in conjunction with the MSBA, a new school building that include spaces for beneficial and critical instructional activities, including aquatic, physical, creative arts, and multi-sensory therapies.	In Construction	57,255,523	4,175,505	2018	Expected Fall 2025
Crawford Street Playground	Parks	Design for a comprehensive park improvement including play area, little league field, and passive areas.	In Construction	1,950,280	82,815	2020	Expected Summer 2025
Lower Roxbury Neighborhood Safety Improvements	PWD	Roadway safety and crossing improvements on Harrison Ave., Washington Street, Shawmut Ave., Tremont Street, and Northampton Street. Install bike lanes on Northampton Street and Shawmut Ave.	In Construction	0	389,759	Construction: Spring 2025	Construction: Winter 2025
Madison Park Complex Building #4 Locker Rooms	BPS	Renovate women's locker rooms for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School and the O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science.	In Construction	5,584,696	2,383,905	2018	Expected Spring 2025
Madison Park Fire Pumps	BPS	Replace the fire pumps at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School.	In Construction	2,363,336	226,360	2025	Expected Fall 2025
Northampton Square Electrical Improvements	BPHC	Implement electrical upgrades at Northampton Square including separation of the Miranda Creamer Low Rise electrical service from the High Rise.	In Construction	280,400	2	2022	Completed Fall 2024
Ramsay Park Ballfield	Parks	Ball field renovations including irrigation, site utilities, seating, backstop, fencing, and site furnishings.	In Construction	547,941	10,000	2021	Expected Fall 2025
Titus Sparrow Park	Parks	Improve the playground; renovate the tennis and basketball courts.	In Construction	2,301,432	41,144	2017	Expected Summer 2025
Winthrop School Roof	BPS	Replace the roof.	In Construction	1,383,547	294,727	2023	Completed Fall 2024
Winthrop Playground	Parks	Design of comprehensive park renovation including play equipment, splash pad, stairs, lighting, basketball and tennis court.	In Construction	3,045,698	213,324	2021	Expected Summer 2025
Dudley Street	BTB	Roadway improvements from Shawmut Ave. to Harrison Ave. including six key Nubian Square intersections. The scope of work includes geometric changes, new traffic signal equipment and timing, bike lanes, and streetscape improvements.	In Design	6,754,795	9,106,934	Design: 2016 Phase 1 Construction: 2019	Design: 2026 Construction: TBS
Dudley Street NCS HVAC	BPS	Upgrade the HVAC at the Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School.	In Design	108,579	387,300	Design 2023	Design complete
Dudley Town Common	Parks	Improvements to Dudley Town Common to support the use of this neighborhood "Common" for gathering and civic uses.	In Design	21,560	832,408	Design: Summer 2025 Construction: TBS	Design: 2027
Franklin Park Bear Dens	Parks	Repairs and other improvements necessary to secure and provide safe and compliant public access to the Bear Dens area of Franklin Park.	In Design	64,454	802,500	Winter 2023 Construction: TBS	Design: Spring 2025
Franklin Park Circuit Drive Safety Improvements	Parks	Design safety and stormwater improvements for Circuit Drive.	In Design	0	500,000	Design: Spring 2025 Construction: TBS	Design: Spring 2027
Franklin Park Shattuck Tennis Courts	Parks	Design for increased tennis court capacity and other improvements at the Shattuck Tennis Courts and Grove.	In Design	27,000	0	Design: Fall 2024 Construction: TBS	Design: Fall 2026
Madison Park TVHS Study	BPS	Design to begin major redesign and renovation of Madison Park Technical Vocational HS.	In Design	4,983,599	85,535,253	Design: January 2023	
Northampton Square Garage	BPHC	Structural and other repairs as needed.	In Design	72,940	253,810	Design: February 2024	Design: November 2024
Quincy Street Play Area	Parks	Renovation to an active recreation park including full basketball court, café tables, and four exercise stations.	In Design	0	1,030,000	Design: Fall 2025 (expected)	Design: Fall 2026
Roxbury Resilient Transportation Corridors	BTB	Plan and design a transformation of three of Roxbury's central transportation corridors, Melnea Cass Blvd., Malcolm X Blvd., and Warren Street, into multimodal routes that center transit and active transportation.	In Design	0	10,500,000		
South End Branch Library Study	BPL	This project will conduct a facility assessment, review neighborhood goals, develop an updated building program that reflects the BPL's strategic vision supporting the future needs of the neighborhood, and support additional interior improvements.	In Design	698,092	14,341	Design: Spring 2024	Design: Spring 2025

Project Name	Department	Description	Status	To-Date Spend	Remaining Balance	Actual or Expected Start, Listed Phase. Subject to Change	Actual or Expected End, Listed Phase. Subject to Change
St. James Street Park	Parks	Renovation to a small park and playground.	In Design	0	1,250,000	Design: Fall 2025 (expected)	Design: Fall 2026
White Stadium Study	BPS	Design and construct a new East Grandstand for BPS athletics including new locker rooms and support facilities.	In Design	2,951,511	30,271,915	Design: May 2023	Expected: Fall 2026
Whittier Street Housing Development Roadways	PWD	Reconstruct roads and sidewalks in the Whittier Street housing development in conjunction with a \$30M HUD grant to revitalize the development and surrounding neighborhood.	In Design	0	1,000,000	Design: Spring 2025	Expected: Winter 2025
The Legacy of Frederick Douglass	MOAC	Fabricate and install a bronze figure grouping and construct a plaza honoring Frederick Douglass in Douglass Square.	Implementation Underway	167,900	351,890	Summer 2023	Summer 2026
Franklin Park Master Plan	Parks	Develop a master plan that will enhance historic Franklin Park as a keystone park in the geographical heart of the City.	Implementation Underway	1,401,988	20,295,762	January 2020	Ongoing
Franklin Park Elma Lewis Feasibility Study	Parks	Feasibility study to develop the needs of the Elma Lewis Playhouse.	Study Underway	130,973	0	Design: February 2025	Design: Spring 2025
William Devine Golf Course	Parks	Improve drainage, paving, and other miscellaneous items.	Annual Program	579,585	720,415	Summer 2022	Ongoing
Animal Shelter	Parks	Develop a building program and assess siting options.	To Be Scheduled	612,541	2,527,595	Study: 2020	Study: 2023
BCYF Johnson Community Center Renovations	BCYF	Study to assess scope of interior and exterior improvements for a renovation of the community center.	To Be Scheduled	0	250,000	To Be Scheduled	
Engine 37	BFD	Design and construct a new fire station.	To Be Scheduled	0	3,000,000	To Be Scheduled	
Forensics Unit Facility Upgrades	BPD	Renovate interior space at BPD headquarters to redesign and expand the Forensic Unit.	To Be Scheduled	0	60,000	To Be Scheduled	
Franklin Park Ambulance Station	BPHC	Study for new Boston EMS station within Franklin Park.	To Be Scheduled	0	200,000	To Be Scheduled	
Franklin Park Dog Park	Parks	Site selection and design documents for a dog recreation space and tennis facilities in Franklin Park.	To Be Scheduled	0	50,000	To Be Scheduled	
Franklin Park Peabody Circle	Parks	Design improvements to Peabody Circle that create a welcoming and functional park entrance that coordinates with ZNE, and the Blue Hill Ave. and Columbia Road Transportation Action Plans.	To Be Scheduled	0	300,000	To Be Scheduled	
Franklin Park White Stadium	Parks	Develop designs for converting the field to artificial turf, track improvements, and other site work outside the stadium to better integrate the facility into the Franklin Park environment.	To Be Scheduled	0	500,000	To Be Scheduled	
Greenhouses at Franklin Park	Parks	Renovation and heating system upgrades for BPRD's greenhouse facility.	To Be Scheduled	0	750,000	To Be Scheduled	
Harrison Avenue BWSC Operations	Planning	Study and design a garage to facilitate development of existing parking lots into mixed income housing and open space.	To Be Scheduled	0	1,000,000	To Be Scheduled	
Massachusetts Ave. / Huntington Ave. Bridge	PWD	Engineering and construction work to ensure the overpass bridge at the intersection of Massachusetts Ave. and Huntington Ave. remains in a state of good repair.	To Be Scheduled	0	2,000,000	To Be Scheduled	
MLK Jr. Boulevard	BTD	Design and reconstruct MLK Jr. Blvd. in Roxbury to widen and improvement sidewalks, add separated bike lanes, and incorporate green infrastructure to this important Roxbury transportation route.	To Be Scheduled	0	3,800,000	To Be Scheduled	
Roxbury Elementary School Study	BPS	Develop a building program for the design and construction of a new preK-6 school.	To Be Scheduled	0	150,000	To Be Scheduled	
Server Room Backup Cooling	BPD	Install emergency backup cooling systems to headquarters server room.	To Be Scheduled	0	1,000,000	To Be Scheduled	
Timilty School Reconfiguration	BPS	Upgrade building facilities at the Timilty School to facilitate grade reconfiguration.	To Be Scheduled	0	3,000,000	To Be Scheduled	
Trotter School Park Playground	Parks	Design improvements to the play area, basketball courts, and gateway.	To Be Scheduled	0	165,000	To Be Scheduled	

	District 7	Non-District Specific	Other Districts	Total Spend	District 7 Percent
FY20 (Jan-June 2020)	5,955,966	19,965,636	58,188,453	84,110,055	7.08%
FY21	5,719,932	79,439,245	302,679,692	387,838,869	1.47%
FY22	13,844,677	87,901,421	248,898,749	350,644,847	3.95%
FY23	26,779,355	121,749,817	239,418,330	387,947,502	6.90%
FY24	41,606,413	159,660,029	302,331,085	503,597,527	8.26%
FY25	36,278,206	110,127,174	214,984,071	361,389,451	10.04%



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Alex Geoumtas
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 15-12.2 of the City of Boston Municipal Code, I hereby appoint Robbie Adams of 14 John Eliot Square, Apt. 5B, Boston, MA 02119, to the Task Force on Literacy Rates effective immediately.

Robbie Adams will serve in the ex-officio seat designated for the Director of the Office of Language and Communication Access, or its designee, until their replacement or resignation. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu,
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

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 under City of Boston Municipal Code 8-13.4, I hereby reappoint the following member to the Boston Cannabis Board:

John Smith of 106 Greenbrier Street, Dorchester, MA 02124.

John Smith will serve as the member with experience in economic development for a term expiring on March 4, 2027.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,


Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

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 under City of Boston Municipal Code 8-13.4, I hereby appoint the following member to the Boston Cannabis Board:

John R. Kenslea of 127 Bigelow Street, Apartment 1, Brighton, MA 02135.

John R. Kenslea will serve as the member with experience in organized labor or workers' rights for a term expiring on March 27, 2027.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 7, 2025

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 under City of Boston Municipal Code 8-13.4, I hereby reappoint the following member to the Boston Cannabis Board:

Lisa Holmes of 58 Erie Street, Dorchester, MA 02121.

Lisa Holmes will serve as the member with experience in public safety for a term expiring on March 4, 2027.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 4, 2025

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 the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 5, Section 10.1, I hereby appoint the following member to the Residency Compliance Commission:

Patricia Boyle-McKenna of 7 Brooksdale Road Brighton, MA 02135.

This member shall serve as a Mayoral Appointment.

This term expires on January 3, 2026, provided that members may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



Boston City Council
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Councilor - District 2

April 7, 2025

Mayor Michelle Wu
1 City Hall Square, Suite 500,
Boston, MA 02201

David Leonard, President
Boston Public Library
700 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Mayor Wu and President Leonard,

As the FY26 Budget Process begins shortly, I am writing to advocate and ensure that there are sufficient funds allocated for the South End Branch of the Boston Public Library in FY26.

As you know, in April 2022, a flood in the South End Branch of the BPL destroyed all the mechanical infrastructure in the basement and shuttered the branch. In 2023, a second flood at the location further damaged the building. As a result of the floods, the South End has been without a library for three years now, and I have heard directly from many South End residents, community leaders, families and seniors who have expressed the urgent need for the construction of a new library.

Over the last year, while the South End Library has been on an accelerated process to be rebuilt - with the design phase of the library expected to be finalized this June - I would like to highlight the critical importance of having sufficient funds for the construction of the library in this year's FY26 Capital Budget, so that we do not further delay the timeline of this project. Residents are eager to see the re-opening of the library and access its services soon.

Our neighborhood branch libraries are welcoming places and they are a treasured resource and well-loved by the community. I hope there will be sufficient allocation of funds in the FY26 Capital Budget for the construction phase so that we can all see the completion of the South End Library as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Council Councilor,
District 2



Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

April 7, 2025

Mayor Michelle Wu
1 City Hall Square, Suite 500,
Boston, MA 02201

David Leonard, President
Boston Public Library
700 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Mayor Wu and President Leonard,

As the FY26 Budget Process begins shortly, I am writing to advocate and ensure that there are sufficient funds allocated for the study of a new South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library in FY26.

Since 2022, the City of Boston has allocated \$250,000 in the Capital Plan for a South Boston Branch Library Study to conduct a facility assessment and develop a building program that reflects the BPL's Compass Principles and support the needs of the neighborhood. The study would then contribute towards the design and construction of a new branch library in South Boston to meet the growing needs of the community.

As you know, the South Boston Branch Library Study has been marked as “to be scheduled” since first appearing in the FY 2022 Capital Plan as a New Project. It is critical that sufficient funds are allocated to the South Boston Branch Library Study to reflect cost increases. With post-pandemic inflation, uncertainty in federal funding, possible construction costs increases, we need to ensure our capital plan projects are enacted in a timely manner.

South Boston’s population has grown considerably over the past 10-15 years. This branch is critical for residents, families and our seniors who want to access library services. I hope there will be sufficient allocation of funds for the South Boston Branch Library Study in the FY26 Capital Budget and expediency in moving this project along in the development process in the future. Many South Boston residents care deeply about the future development of the library and are eager to be engaged in this important discussion.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Council Councilor,
District 2



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01-27-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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The grant would fund services to underserved populations in hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban in basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals.

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
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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of the Treasury.

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WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$100,000.00**) would fund services to underserved populations in hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban in basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. 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 the Treasury, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$100,000.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

April 4, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development was referred the following dockets for consideration:

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Summary of Legislation

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Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held a hearing on Thursday, April 4, 2025 to discuss ten labor and workforce development grants. The Committee was joined by Constance Martin, Director of Operations for the Center of Working Families and the Office of Workforce Development (OWD), Tanisha Deleon, Deputy Director of Youth Options Unlimited at OWD; Katy Gall, Director of Grants at OWD; and Joseph Le, Chief of Staff for the Worker Empowerment Cabinet - all of whom provided testimony on behalf of the Administration.

Director Martin discussed Dockets #0294-0295 and #0400, and stated that these grants to assist in funding tax-related assistant services and resources through the Boston Tax Help Coalition (BTHC) and their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. She discussed the positive work and impact of the BTHC and VITA stating that last tax season they saved Boston taxpayers more than \$2.5 million in preparation fees. They assisted in preparing 11,700 tax returns and provided \$22.7 million in refunds including \$7.3 million in Earned Income Tax Credits. BTHC manages 30 tax sites throughout Boston and the Greater Boston region with varying schedules and language assistance capabilities - partnering with ABCD, Urban Edge, Boston Public Library and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind and Deaf. She stated that BTHC also provides free training to more than 300 volunteers to earn IRS certification, showing they have the necessary skills to file tax returns accurately.

Deputy Director Deleon discussed Dockets #0405, #0454, and #0643, and stated that these grants would provide funding for job opportunities, professional development, financial education, coaching and mentorship for youth, at-risk youth, and reentering citizens. She stated that Docket #0405 is a grant awarded by The Baupost Group and that 69 percent of these funds will be used for youth stipends and 31 percent would be used to fund program support and administration. She stated that Docket #0454 is a grant awarded by the MLK Scholars Program and that 90 percent of these funds will be used for youth stipends and 10 percent for program support and administration. Lastly, she stated that Docket #0643 is a grant awarded by Uncornered Inc. and that 60 percent of these funds will be allocated for participate



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stipends and 40 percent for program support and administration. Deputy Director Deleon discussed the 2024-2025 impact metrics from these programs and stated that they were able to reach 258 youth, with 98 percent meeting target or adjacent population criteria, 44 youth were placed in internships, delivered more than 1,475 hours of direct services across case management, coaching, and resource navigation; and enabled staffing program continuity, and operation innovation despite a 60 reduction in funding.

Director Gall discussed Dockets #0526, #0529, #0531, and #0642 stated that these various grants would primarily provide funding for Career Center services including assisting job seekers find employment, skills and job training, employee resources for small businesses, and prevent and detect improper benefit payments. She stated that Career Centers are funded through the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and that the Career Center One Stop grant is from a state line item designated to supplement federal WIOA funding. Currently, there are two organizations that have been awarded the Career Center charter - the MassHire Boston Career Center which had a total budget of about \$2.32 million in FY25 and MassHire Downtown Boston which had a total budget of about \$1.96 million in FY25.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development I recommend moving the listed dockets from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that these matters **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Benjamin J. Weber, Chair
Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development



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01-27-2025

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The grant would fund the Center for Working Families' Boston Tax Help Coalition in assisting low-income taxpayers with personal income tax filings for the 2024 tax season.

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



City Council Order

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WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$410,000.00**) would fund the Center for Working Families' Boston Tax Help Coalition in assisting low-income taxpayers with personal income tax filings for the 2024 tax season. 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 Executive Office for Administration & Finance, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Funding award not to exceed the amount of FOUR HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$410,000.00**).

Docket # _____

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City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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02-03-2025

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, the Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston grant, awarded by The Baupost Group to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund opportunities for young people ages 14-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support.

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Sincerely,

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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY The Baupost Group.

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02-07-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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City Council Order

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Docket #0643 would authorize the City of Boston to accept and expend the Uncornered grant in the amount of \$140,000. This grant was awarded by Uncornered Inc. and will be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. This grant would fund coaching, mentorships, and other workforce development training opportunities for at-risk, violence-involved youth and reentering citizens.

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held a hearing on Thursday, April 4, 2025 to discuss ten labor and workforce development grants. The Committee was joined by Constance Martin, Director of Operations for the Center of Working Families and the Office of Workforce Development (OWD), Tanisha Deleon, Deputy Director of Youth Options Unlimited at OWD; Katy Gall, Director of Grants at OWD; and Joseph Le, Chief of Staff for the Worker Empowerment Cabinet - all of whom provided testimony on behalf of the Administration.

Director Martin discussed Dockets #0294-0295 and #0400, and stated that these grants to assist in funding tax-related assistant services and resources through the Boston Tax Help Coalition (BTHC) and their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. She discussed the positive work and impact of the BTHC and VITA stating that last tax season they saved Boston taxpayers more than \$2.5 million in preparation fees. They assisted in preparing 11,700 tax returns and provided \$22.7 million in refunds including \$7.3 million in Earned Income Tax Credits. BTHC manages 30 tax sites throughout Boston and the Greater Boston region with varying schedules and language assistance capabilities - partnering with ABCD, Urban Edge, Boston Public Library and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind and Deaf. She stated that BTHC also provides free training to more than 300 volunteers to earn IRS certification, showing they have the necessary skills to file tax returns accurately.

Deputy Director Deleon discussed Dockets #0405, #0454, and #0643, and stated that these grants would provide funding for job opportunities, professional development, financial education, coaching and mentorship for youth, at-risk youth, and reentering citizens. She stated that Docket #0405 is a grant awarded by The Baupost Group and that 69 percent of these funds will be used for youth stipends and 31 percent would be used to fund program support and administration. She stated that Docket #0454 is a grant awarded by the MLK Scholars Program and that 90 percent of these funds will be used for youth stipends and 10 percent for program support and administration. Lastly, she stated that Docket #0643 is a grant awarded by Uncornered Inc. and that 60 percent of these funds will be allocated for participate



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stipends and 40 percent for program support and administration. Deputy Director Deleon discussed the 2024-2025 impact metrics from these programs and stated that they were able to reach 258 youth, with 98 percent meeting target or adjacent population criteria, 44 youth were placed in internships, delivered more than 1,475 hours of direct services across case management, coaching, and resource navigation; and enabled staffing program continuity, and operation innovation despite a 60 reduction in funding.

Director Gall discussed Dockets #0526, #0529, #0531, and #0642 stated that these various grants would primarily provide funding for Career Center services including assisting job seekers find employment, skills and job training, employee resources for small businesses, and prevent and detect improper benefit payments. She stated that Career Centers are funded through the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and that the Career Center One Stop grant is from a state line item designated to supplement federal WIOA funding. Currently, there are two organizations that have been awarded the Career Center charter - the MassHire Boston Career Center which had a total budget of about \$2.32 million in FY25 and MassHire Downtown Boston which had a total budget of about \$1.96 million in FY25.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development I recommend moving the listed dockets from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that these matters **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Benjamin J. Weber, Chair
Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development



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02-24-2025

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 ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-FOUR CENTS (**\$1,190,071.64**) in the form of a grant, Carry-in WIOA Adult Program, awarded by United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund services to help job seekers access employment, education, skills training, apprenticeships and support services.

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



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Carry-in WIOA Adult Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Labor AND MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor and MassHire Department of Career Services, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-FOUR CENTS (**\$1,190,071.64**) would fund services to help job seekers access employment, education, skills training, apprenticeships and support services. 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 Labor, and MassHire Department of Career Services' Carry-in WIOA Adult Program award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-FOUR CENTS (**\$1,190,071.64**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
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by *Adam Cederbaum*

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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02-24-2025

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 NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$95,000.00)** in the form of a grant, the Workforce Training Fund grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund programming to help address business productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to Massachusetts businesses for training current and newly hired employees.

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,

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Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Workforce Training Fund grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the MassHire Department of Career Services, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$95,000.00**) would fund programming to help address business productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to Massachusetts businesses for training current and newly hired employees. 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 MassHire Department of Career Services, the Workforce Training Fund grant award not to exceed the amount of NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$95,000.00**).

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Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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02-24-2025

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-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS (**\$41,828.60**) in the form of a grant, the Shelter Supplemental Funding grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund MassHire career centers with supplemental funding to support emergency assistance (EA) shelter residents with training and employment opportunities.

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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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Shelter Supplemental Funding grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the MassHire Department of Career Services, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS (**\$41,828.60**) would fund MassHire career centers with supplemental funding to support emergency assistance (EA) shelter residents with training and employment opportunities. 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 MassHire Department of Career Services, the Shelter Supplemental Funding grant award not to exceed the amount of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS (**\$41,828.60**).

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Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

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03-10-2025

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 THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-NINE CENTS (**\$382,163.59**) in the form of a grant, the Carry-in Wagner Peyser Program grant, awarded by United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund the individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs.

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,

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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Carry-in Wagner Peyser Program grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Labor AND MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor and MassHire Department of Career Services, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-NINE CENTS (**\$382,163.59**) would fund the individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs. 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 Labor, and MassHire Department of Career Services' the Carry-in Wagner Peyser Program grant award not to exceed the amount of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-NINE CENTS (**\$382,163.59**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

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03-10-2025

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 ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$140,000.00**) in the form of a grant, Uncornered grant, awarded by Uncornered Inc to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund coaching, mentorships, and other workforce development training opportunities for at-risk, violence-involved youth and reentering citizens.

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,

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Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Uncornered grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Uncornered Inc.

WHEREAS, the Uncornered Inc, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$140,000.00**) would fund coaching, mentorships, and other workforce development training opportunities for at-risk, violence-involved youth and reentering citizens. 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 Uncornered Inc, Uncornered grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$140,000.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, JULIA MEJIA, HENRY SANTANA,
FERNANDES ANDERSON, PEPÉN, WEBER AND WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) empowers voters to express their preferences more fully by ranking candidates in order of preference, enhancing the expressive quality of the voting process; *and*

WHEREAS, RCV ensures that elections are decided by candidates who have broad consensus support, thereby reinforcing the legitimacy and acceptance of election outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS, This voting method minimizes strategic voting, as voters can support their preferred candidate without fear that their choice might inadvertently benefit less favored candidates; *and*

WHEREAS, RCV can lead to a more diverse group of candidates choosing to run for office, as the system's inclusive nature reduces barriers to entry by diminishing the fear of marginalization from split allegiances; *and*

WHEREAS, RCV encourages candidates to campaign positively and build alliances with other candidates' supporters to garner second-choice rankings, promoting a more constructive and less adversarial political dialogue; *and*

WHEREAS, The flexibility of RCV allows voters to support their true first-choice candidate without concern for electoral viability, fostering a political environment where ideas can be judged on their merit rather than electoral practicality; *and*

WHEREAS, Moving from the current "Top-two" to a "Top-four" system can be accomplished with just three simple changes: 1) Promote four, rather than two, candidates from preliminary elections for mayor and district city councilor, 2) Allow voters to rank up to four candidates on their ballot for all general elections for mayor and city councilors, and 3) use standard ranked ballot tabulation methods appropriate to the number of seats being elected; *and*

WHEREAS, A "Top-four" system would lower the chances of non-incumbents or newer candidates from theoretically harming another more established candidate's

chances of winning. When candidates like these do not run, many in the community are disappointed and the democratic process loses what may be an important perspective; *and*

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that RCV can help to reduce polarization in politics by rewarding candidates who can appeal to a wider range of the electorate, thus enhancing overall political stability and satisfaction; *and*

WHEREAS, The adoption of RCV is associated with higher levels of voter engagement and satisfaction, as the system provides a more satisfying and representative voting experience; *and*

WHEREAS, RCV has been adopted across various municipalities and jurisdictions in the United States, including in New York, California, Hawaii, and Maine, demonstrating its versatility and effectiveness in enhancing voter choice and satisfaction, which is evident from its implementation in cities that have seen increased voter engagement and reduced electoral polarization; *and*

WHEREAS, The question of ranked-choice voting was previously on the state ballot in 2020 and ultimately failed, with 55% of Massachusetts voters statewide voting no, yet 62% of Boston residents voted in support of moving to ranked-choice voting; *and*

WHEREAS, The implementation of RCV is a testament to the commitment of a democracy to adapt and evolve its electoral systems to better meet the needs of its citizenry, reflecting a responsive approach to governance; *and*

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting promotes fair and representative elections by allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference, which supports a more democratic process by enabling the election of candidates who can command a broad consensus among voters, and leads to a higher representation of traditionally underrepresented groups in elected positions, thereby making the electoral process more inclusive and reflective of the community; ***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, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN BOSTON

SECTION 1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Act, the following terms have the following meanings:

1. “Active candidate,” any candidate who has not been eliminated or elected, and is not a withdrawn or deceased candidate.
2. “Election threshold,” the number of votes sufficient for a candidate to be elected in a multi-winner election.
3. “Highest-ranked active candidate,” the active candidate assigned to a higher ranking than any other active candidate.
4. “Ranking,” the number available to be assigned by a voter to a candidate to express the voter’s preference for that candidate. The number “1” is the highest ranking, followed by “2” and then “3” and so on.
5. “Round,” an instance of the sequence of voting tabulation described in section 3(a) for single-winner contests or section 3(b) for multi-winner contests.
6. “Withdrawn candidate,” a candidate who has filed (or had an authorized designee file) a signed letter of withdrawal prior to election day according to Massachusetts law, and where a certificate of substitution has not been filed according to Massachusetts law to fill the vacancy.
7. “Deceased candidate” means a candidate who has died after five o’clock in the afternoon on the twelfth Tuesday preceding the preliminary election, and where a certificate of substitution has not been filed according to Massachusetts law to fill the vacancy.

SECTION 2. General Provisions.

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, all regular and special elections in the city of Boston for the positions of mayor and district city councillor involving three or more qualified candidates, and all regular elections for the position of city councillor-at-large, shall be conducted by ranked choice voting. In any contest using ranked choice voting, the general election ballot shall allow voters to rank four candidates, including write-in lines, in order of preference.
- (b) Section 64 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 2 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “blank spaces equal to the number for which a voter may vote for such office” and inserting in place thereof the following words:

blank spaces equal to the number of seats to be elected to such office.

- (c) Section 15 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 1 of chapter 233 of the Acts of 1993, is hereby amended by adding between the first sentence and the second sentence the following sentence:

The number of votes a defeated candidate received shall be the number of votes the candidate had in the last round of tabulation before the candidate was eliminated, as described by Section 3(b) of this Act and any implementing regulations.

- (d) Section 59 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 9 of chapter 342 of the Acts of 1983, is hereby amended by deleting the first two sentences in their entirety and by replacing them with the following sentences:

At every election conducted by ranked choice voting, each voter shall be entitled to submit one vote with up to four rankings for each office. At every other municipal election, each voter shall be entitled to vote for not more than one candidate for the office of mayor and district city councillor and not more than four candidates for the office of city councillor-at-large. The elections commission shall establish rules for what instructions shall be printed on the ballot to inform voters how to fill out the ballot.

SECTION 3. Preliminary Elections.

- (a) Section 57C of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 7 of chapter 342 of the Acts of 1983, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 22, the word “two” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- four.
- (b) Section 61 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 2 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word “two”, and inserting in place thereof the following word:-four.
- (c) Said section 61 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 19, the words “twice the number to be elected”, and by inserting in place thereof the following words:

the number of names that would have been printed in the event of no tie vote.

- (d) Section 15A of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 1 of chapter 233 of the Acts of 1993, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7 the word “two”, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- four.

SECTION 4. Tabulation of Ranked Choice Ballots.

Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, votes in ranked choice voting contests shall be tabulated as follows:

(a) Single-Winner Tabulation. In all contests for mayor and district city councillor conducted by ranked choice voting, each ballot shall count as one vote for the highest-ranked active candidate on that ballot. The candidate with the greatest number of votes at the end of tabulation is elected. Tabulation shall proceed in rounds as follows:

- (1) If there are more than two active candidates, the active candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and votes for the eliminated candidate are counted for each ballot's next-ranked active candidate.
- (2) If there are two or fewer active candidates, tabulation is complete.

(b) Multi-Winner Tabulation. In all contests for city councillor-at-large conducted by ranked choice voting, each ballot shall count in whole or in part for the highest-ranked active candidate on that ballot. The election threshold shall be determined by dividing the number of votes cast by five, rounding down to the nearest whole number, and adding one. Tabulation shall proceed in rounds. Any candidate who receives a number of votes equal to or exceeding the election threshold shall be declared elected. If a candidate exceeds the election threshold, the excess part of each vote received by that candidate shall instead be counted for each ballot's next-ranked active candidate. When a candidate is eliminated, votes shall be counted for each ballot's next-ranked active candidate. The election commission shall establish and publish uniform rules and best practices for the administration of multi-winner ranked choice voting contests.

(c) Treatment of Ballots.

- (1) An undervote is a ballot that does not rank any candidates in a particular contest. An undervote does not count as an active or inactive ballot in any round of tabulation of that contest.
- (2) An inactive ballot is a ballot that ceases in a round of tabulation to count for any candidate for the remainder of the tabulation of the contest because either:
 - (A) All candidates ranked on the ballot have become inactive; or
 - (B) The ballot includes an overvote and any candidates ranked higher than the overvote have become inactive. An overvote occurs when a voter ranks more than one candidate at the same ranking.
- (3) During tabulation, a ballot shall remain active and continue to count for its highest-ranked active candidate notwithstanding any skipped or repeated rankings on the ballot. A skipped ranking occurs when a voter leaves a ranking unassigned but ranks a candidate at a subsequent ranking. A repeated ranking occurs when a voter ranks the same candidate at multiple rankings.

(d) Ties. If two or more candidates are tied with the fewest votes, and tabulation cannot continue until the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, then the

candidate with the fewest votes in the prior round shall be defeated. If two or more such tied candidates were tied in the prior round, the second tie shall be decided by referring similarly to the number of votes for each candidate in the second-prior round. This process shall be applied successively as many times as necessary. The election commission shall establish a method of tiebreaking that will be used if two or more candidates are tied with the fewest votes in the first round of tabulation.

SECTION 5. Results Reporting.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 60 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 2 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951; or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, votes in ranked choice voting contests shall be reported as follows:

- (a) **Unofficial Results.** The election commission shall promulgate rules or guidance to ensure the release of unofficial results after the polls close, including round-by-round results, which shall be first released as soon as a reasonable number of precincts have reported but shall make the best effort to provide by 11:59PM on election night.
- (b) **Final Results.** In addition to any other information required by law to be reported with official final results, the election commission shall make public:
 - (1) the number and percentage of votes that each candidate received in each round of the official tabulation; and
 - (2) the number of ballots that became inactive in each round for the reasons set out in section 3(c)(2), reported as separate figures.

SECTION 6. Regulatory Authority.

The election commission shall have the authority to promulgate whatever rules are necessary to implement this Act.

SECTION 7. Severability.

If any provision of this Act, or the application of any provision of this Act to any person, office, or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act and the application of its provision to any person, office, or circumstance, shall not be affected by the holding.

SECTION 8. Voter Acceptance and Effective Date.

The following question shall be placed on the ballot to be used at a regular state or municipal election or a special election called for the purpose of presenting the question to the voters:

Shall an act entitled "An Act to Implement Ranked Choice Voting for the City of Boston" be accepted?

The city law department shall prepare the summary of the question, which shall appear on the ballot along with the question provided in this section.

If a majority of votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, the city shall be taken to have accepted the Act, but not otherwise. The Act shall take effect immediately upon approval of said question; provided, however, that it shall be applicable only to municipal elections in which the regular or special election for that contest is 365 days or more after the day the Act is accepted.

Filed on January 8, 2025



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Committee on Government Operations
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

April 7, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Government Operations was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0144, Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston.

This matter was sponsored by Councilors Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia, and Henry Santana, and referred to the Committee on January 8, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Ranked choice voting (RCV) is a voting system where voters rank candidates in order of preference, instead of selecting just one candidate. Under this system, voters may rank up to four candidates, including write-ins, for each contest. Initially, only first-choice votes are counted. For single-winner contests, if a candidate receives more than fifty percent of first-choice votes, they win outright. If no candidate achieves a majority in the initial round, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and votes for that candidate are transferred to each voter's next-ranked active candidate (their second choice, third choice, etc.). This process continues in rounds of tabulation until a candidate (or candidates, in multi-seat elections such as at-large city councilor contests using a different threshold, described below) reaches the threshold necessary to be elected. RCV ensures that elected candidates have broad voter support, even if this support is established over multiple rounds of counting. This system is used in various elections, including some local and national elections in places like Maine, Cambridge, and New York City.

Docket #0144 is a special law proposing the adoption of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in the City of Boston, allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference. If the Home Rule Petition is approved by both the City and the State Legislature, the proposal to implement RCV in Boston would be put before the voters of Boston in the form of a ballot question. Should the ballot question pass, the legislation mandates that all general and special elections for mayor and district city councilors (with three or more candidates), as well as all general elections for at-large city councilors, be conducted using RCV. Voters would be able to rank up to four candidates, including write-ins, on the election ballot.

The special law further proposes that votes in RCV contests be tabulated as follows: In single-winner elections for mayor or district city councilor, each ballot counts for the highest-ranked active candidate. If no one candidate receives more than 50% of the vote in the first round, tabulation will occur in rounds. If more than two candidates remain, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and those votes are redistributed to each voter's next-ranked active choice. This process continues until only two or fewer candidates remain, and the candidate who has received the majority of votes at that point is declared the winner.

In multiple-winner elections, such as at-large city councilor contests, each ballot counts fully or partially for the highest-ranked active candidate. A candidate is elected upon reaching the election



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threshold, calculated by dividing the total number of votes by five, rounding down, and adding one. If a candidate exceeds the threshold, surplus votes are transferred to the voter's next choices. Candidates with the fewest votes are eliminated, and their votes are redistributed. In the event of a tie that prevents further tabulation, the candidate with the fewest votes in previous rounds is eliminated. The election commission will establish tiebreaking procedures as needed.

Ballots are treated as follows in Ranked Choice Voting:

1. Undervotes (ballots with no ranked candidates) are excluded from all rounds of tabulation.
2. Inactive ballots stop counting in a contest when all ranked candidates are eliminated, or if an overvote (multiple candidates ranked at the same level) occurs above all remaining active candidates.
3. Ballots remain active and count toward the highest-ranked active candidate, even if there are skipped or repeated rankings.

The special law requires the election commission to release unofficial ranked choice voting results, which include round-by-round breakdowns, as soon as they become available on election day. These results must be clearly marked as preliminary. For final results, the election commission must publicly report the vote counts and percentages for each candidate in each round, the number of ballots that became inactive in each round with the reasons specified, and anonymized final results and data in both human- and machine-readable formats to allow for independent verification.

The election commission is authorized to create rules to implement this special law. The commission must ensure that ranked choice ballots are user-friendly, with clear instructions to minimize voter confusion. Additionally, the commission shall ensure that an appropriate ranked choice voter education campaign is conducted before each municipal election, and shall include outreach in multiple languages consistent with the City's language access policies.

Information Received at Hearing

Docket #0144 was originally filed as Docket #0996 in 2024. The Committee held a hearing on October 10, 2024, at which time the Committee heard from the City's Election Department, ranked choice voting experts and advocates, and members of the public. The Committee held working sessions on February 25, 2025 and April 4, 2025. Working session panelists included Eneida Tavares, Election Commissioner for the City of Boston, Sabino Piemonte, Head Assistant Registrar of Voters for the City of Boston, Ed Shoemaker, Executive Director of Ranked Choice Voting Boston, Cheryl Crawford, Executive Director of MassVote, Rashan Hall, President and Chief Executive Office of Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, and Greg Dennis, Policy Director for Voter Choice Massachusetts.

During the working sessions Councilors discussed clerical corrections, differences between general, preliminary, and special election procedures, the software used by the City to tabulate votes, voter education, and the referendum process. Regarding the tabulation of votes, it was explained that the software the City already uses can be used for ranked choice voting, with an update to direct multi-winner tabulation. It was noted that the software denotes which round a candidate received a vote from. It was clarified that in a ranked choice election for at-large councilors there would still be a fifth place winner. Voter intention, use of votes, and write-in choices were discussed upon questions from the



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Administration, all of which would continue to be respected in the ranked choice system. Voter turnout, recounts, publication of results, and the City's election independence were discussed.

Summary of Amendments

Following the working sessions, the following amendments were made to **Docket #0144**, as filed:

- New definitions – inserted “Regular election” and “Special election” at the end of § 1 to clarify when RCV applies.
- Changed the title of the Home Rule Petition from “An Act Relative to Ranked Choice Voting in Boston” to “An Act to Implement Ranked Choice Voting in Boston”
- Section-number cleanup – updated outdated citations throughout (e.g., “§ 59 60,” “§ 57C 58,” “§ 60 61,” “§ 15 16,” “§ 15A 16”) to match the 1951 codification.
- Ballot-design & voter-education mandate – expanded § 6 to require the Elections Commission to (1) design easy-to-read RCV ballots, (2) print clear ranking instructions, and (3) conduct a multilingual voter-education campaign.
- Results-reporting clarification – rewrote § 5(a) to state that unofficial round-by-round results must be released on election night, clearly marked preliminary, with a best-effort deadline of 11:59 p.m.
- Data-transparency – obligated the Commission to make available machine-readable final data to enable independent verification.
- Voter-education mandate – required multilingual outreach consistent with City language-access and directed the Commission to ensure ballots are “easy to understand.”
- In section 8 added, “*Upon passage of this Home Rule Petition by the Massachusetts legislature*” and “*as hereby stated below*” to ensure clarity on the passage process for the legislation. The section now reads “Upon passage of this Home Rule Petition by the Massachusetts legislature, the following question shall be placed on the ballot to be used at a regular state or municipal election or a special election called for the purpose of presenting the question to the voters, as hereby stated below:”
- As ordered, the Home Rule Petition was amended to ensure it is adopted as written with the exception of clerical or non-substantive changes.
- New “Write-in” definition – spelled out required blank lines for Mayor/District (1) and At-Large (4) contests.
- Ballot-ranking clarification – reiterated and clarified when voters may rank four candidates including write-ins.
- In Section 2, subsection (d), removed “other” and inserted “not conducted by ranked choice



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voting”. The subjection now reads, “*At every municipal election not conducted by ranked choice voting, each voter shall be entitled to vote for not more than one candidate for the office of mayor and district city councillor and not more than four candidates for the office of city councillor-at-large.*”

- Enhanced tabulation detail – refined surplus-transfer description, reiterated inactive-ballot treatment, and added step-by-step tie-break hierarchy.
- Streamlined unofficial-results timeline – replaced the fixed 11:59 p.m. deadline with “as soon as they become available,” keeping the same disclosure elements.
- Updated voter education mandate to also require adherence to city disability policies.
- Ballot question language updated – clarified that the Law Department will finalize the summary “subject to any necessary changes required by law.”

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Government Operations I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS IN A NEW DRAFT.**

Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair
Committee on Government Operations

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, that this legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or non-substantive changes of form only:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN BOSTON

SECTION 1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Act, the following terms have the following meanings:

1. “Active candidate,” any candidate who has not been eliminated or elected, and is not a withdrawn or deceased candidate.
2. “Election threshold,” the number of votes sufficient for a candidate to be elected in a multi-winner election.
3. “Highest-ranked active candidate,” the active candidate assigned to a higher ranking than any other active candidate.
4. “Ranking,” the number available to be assigned by a voter to a candidate to express the voter’s preference for that candidate. The number “1” is the highest ranking, followed by “2” and then “3” and so on.
5. “Round,” an instance of the sequence of voting tabulation described in section 3(a) for single-winner contests or section 3(b) for multi-winner contests.
6. “Withdrawn candidate,” a candidate who has filed (or had an authorized designee file) a signed letter of withdrawal prior to election day according to Massachusetts law, and where a certificate of substitution has not been filed according to Massachusetts law to fill the vacancy.
7. “Deceased candidate” means a candidate who has died after five o’clock in the afternoon on the twelfth Tuesday preceding the preliminary election, and where a certificate of substitution has not been filed according to Massachusetts law to fill the vacancy.

8. "Regular election" means the biennial election held in the City of Boston in odd-numbered years, as provided in Section 21 of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended by Chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, excluding preliminary elections.
9. "Special election" means an election held outside the regular biennial cycle to fill a vacancy or for any other municipal electoral purpose, as provided in Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, Sections 13 and 13A, and Chapter 233 of the Acts of 1993.
10. "Write-in" means ballots for Mayor and District City Councilor must have one blank space. Ballots for City Councilor At-Large must have four blank spaces, or blank spaces equal to the number of seats to be elected to such office.

SECTION 2. General Provisions.

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, all regular and special elections in the city of Boston for the positions of mayor and district city councillor involving three or more qualified candidates, and all regular elections for the position of city councillor-at-large, shall be conducted by ranked choice voting. In any contest using ranked choice voting, the general election ballot shall allow voters to rank four candidates, including write-in lines, in order of preference.
- (b) Section 64 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in Section 2.64 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words "blank spaces equal to the number for which a voter may vote for such office" and inserting in place thereof the following words:

blank spaces equal to the number of seats to be elected to such office

- (c) Section 16 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as inserted by Section 2.15 of Chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, so appearing in Section 1.15 of chapter 233 of the Acts of 1993, is hereby amended by adding between the first sentence and the second sentence the following sentence:

The number of votes a defeated candidate received shall be the number of votes the candidate had in the last round of tabulation before the candidate was eliminated, as described by Section 3(b) of this Act and any implementing regulations.
- (d) Section 60 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in Section 2.59 of Chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, as so amended by section 9 of chapter 342 of the Acts of 1983, is hereby amended by deleting the first two sentences in their entirety and by replacing them with the following sentences:

At every election conducted by ranked choice voting, each voter shall be entitled to submit one vote with up to four rankings for each office. At every municipal election not conducted by ranked choice voting, each voter shall be entitled to vote for not more than one candidate for the office of mayor and district city councillor and not more than four candidates for the office of city councillor-at-large. The elections commission shall establish rules for what instructions shall be printed on the ballot to inform voters how to fill out the ballot.

SECTION 3. Preliminary Elections.

- (a) Section 58 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as appearing in Section 2.57C of Chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, as so appearing in section 7 of chapter 342 of the Acts of 1983, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 22, the word “two” and inserting in place thereof the following word: four.
- (b) Section 60 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in Section 2.61 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word “two”, and inserting in place thereof the following word: four.
- (c) Said Section 60 of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in Section 2.61 of Chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 19, the words “twice the number to be elected”, and by inserting in place thereof the following words:

the number of names that would have been printed in the event of no tie vote.

- (d) Section 16 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as inserted by Section 2.15 of Chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951, as so appearing in section 1.15A, of chapter 233 of the Acts of 1993, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7 the word “two”, and inserting in place thereof the following word: four.

SECTION 4. Tabulation of Ranked Choice Ballots.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, votes in ranked choice voting contests shall be tabulated as follows:

- (a) Single-Winner Tabulation. In all contests for mayor and district city councillor conducted by ranked choice voting, each ballot shall count as one vote for the highest-ranked active candidate on that ballot. The candidate with the greatest number of votes at the end of tabulation is elected. Tabulation shall proceed in rounds as follows:

- i. If there are more than two active candidates, the active candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and votes for the eliminated candidate are counted for each ballot's next-ranked active candidate.
- ii. If there are two or fewer active candidates, tabulation is complete.

(b) Multi-Winner Tabulation. In all contests for City Councilor At-Large conducted by ranked choice voting, each ballot shall count in whole or in part for the highest-ranked active candidate on that ballot. In the first round, each ballot shall count as one vote for its highest-ranked active candidate, and the election threshold shall be determined by dividing the number of votes cast by five, rounding down to the nearest whole number, and adding one. Tabulation shall proceed in rounds as follows:

- i. If the number of active candidates is equal to the remaining number of seats to be elected, all active candidates shall be elected, and tabulation shall be complete.
- ii. If an active candidate has a number of votes that equals or exceeds the election threshold, the active candidate with the most votes shall be elected. If the elected candidate has a number of votes that exceeds the threshold, the excess part of each vote received by that candidate shall count in the next round for the ballot's next-ranked active candidate (i.e., the voter's second, third, etc. ranked-candidate on the ballot).
- iii. If no active candidate equals or exceeds the election threshold, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be defeated and a new round shall begin. The excess part of each vote received by that candidate shall count in the next round for the ballot's next-ranked active candidate (i.e., the voter's second, third, etc. ranked-candidate on the ballot).
- iv. Once the tabulation process has proceeded through successive rounds such that either the number of active candidates equals the remaining number of seats to be filled, or no further vote transfers are possible due to exhausted ballots or the absence of additional ranked candidates, the contest shall be concluded.

(c) Treatment of Ballots.

- i. An undervote is a ballot that does not rank any candidates in a particular contest. An undervote does not count as an active or inactive ballot in any round of tabulation of that contest.
- ii. An inactive ballot is a ballot that ceases in a round of tabulation to count for any candidate for the remainder of the tabulation of the contest because either:
 - (A) All candidates ranked on the ballot have become inactive; or
 - (B) The ballot includes an overvote and any candidates ranked higher than the overvote have become inactive. An overvote occurs when a voter ranks more than one candidate at the same ranking.
- iii. During tabulation, a ballot shall remain active and continue to count for its highest-ranked active candidate notwithstanding any skipped or repeated rankings on the ballot. A skipped ranking occurs when a voter leaves a ranking

unassigned but ranks a candidate at a subsequent ranking. A repeated ranking occurs when a voter ranks the same candidate at multiple rankings.

(d) Ties. If two or more candidates are tied with the fewest votes, and tabulation cannot continue until the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, then the candidate with the fewest votes in the prior round shall be defeated. If two or more such tied candidates were tied in the prior round, the second tie shall be decided by referring similarly to the number of votes for each candidate in the second-prior round. This process shall be applied successively as many times as necessary. If otherwise not provided herein, the election commission shall establish a method of tiebreaking to be used.

SECTION 5. Results Reporting.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 60 of chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as so appearing in section 2 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951; or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, votes in ranked choice voting contests shall be reported as follows:

- (a) Unofficial Results. The election commission shall promulgate rules or guidance to ensure the release of unofficial election results on election night, including round-by-round results for each ranked choice contest. The commission shall make best efforts to publish initial unofficial results on election night, as soon as they become available. Unofficial results shall be clearly marked as preliminary and subject to revision.
- (b) Final Results. In addition to any other information required by law to be reported with official final results, the election commission shall make public:
 - i. the number and percentage of votes that each candidate received in each round of the official tabulation; and
 - ii. the number of ballots that became inactive in each round for the reasons set out in section 4(c)(2), reported as separate figures.
 - iii. The election commission shall make final anonymized results and data available in both human-readable and machine-readable formats to allow for independent verification, consistent with applicable law.

SECTION 6. Regulatory Authority.

The election commission shall have the authority to promulgate whatever rules are necessary to implement this Act.

The election commission shall ensure that ranked choice ballots are easy to understand, contain instructions to minimize any potential for voter confusion, and include clear instructions on how to rank candidates.

The election commission shall ensure that an appropriate ranked choice voter education campaign is conducted before each municipal election, and shall include outreach in multiple languages and is consistent with the City's language access and disability policies.

SECTION 7. Severability.

If any provision of this Act, or the application of any provision of this Act to any person, office, or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act and the application of its provision to any person, office, or circumstance, shall not be affected by the holding.

SECTION 8. Voter Acceptance and Effective Date.

Upon passage of this Home Rule Petition by the Massachusetts legislature, the following question shall be placed on the ballot to be used at a regular state or municipal election or a special election called for the purpose of presenting the question to the voters, as hereby stated below:

Shall an act *entitled "An Act to Implement Ranked Choice Voting for the City of Boston"* be accepted?

The city law department shall prepare the summary of the question, which shall appear on the ballot along with the question provided in this section subject to any necessary changes required by law.

If a majority of votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, the city shall be taken to have accepted the Act, but not otherwise. The Act shall take effect immediately upon approval of said question; provided, however, that it shall be applicable only to municipal elections in which the regular or special election for that contest is 365 days or more after the day the Act is accepted.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

February 3, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Certain Affordable Housing and Cultural Space in the Brighton Section of the City of Boston."

Through this special act, the Boston Housing Authority ("BHA") and Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture seek to redevelop a site at 290 North Beacon Street from existing non-residential property into rehearsal space for displaced musicians, new cultural space and new affordable housing, which will include new publicly-assisted housing, and may additionally include new mixed-income development to address a range of housing needs. The BHA further seeks to redevelop state-assisted public housing at the adjacent Faneuil Gardens, replacing public housing and construction of additional housing units. This redevelopment necessitates certain exemptions from the Commonwealth's contract procurement and award laws. Although there have been reforms to the state statutes regarding filed sub-bids under Chapter 149, the changes are insufficient to allow for the BHA to move forward in a redevelopment effort of this kind. Without passage, the project must adhere to an extremely structured filed sub-bid process, with separate General Contractor and subcontractor selection. The exemptions granted will not compromise a fair and transparent process as the BHA must still adhere to the stringent regulations of its public funding sources.

The BHA has filed similar legislation for numerous projects, including the Mildred C. Hailey, Bunker Hill, Whittier Street, Orient Heights, Mission Main, Orchard Gardens, Maverick Gardens, West Broadway Homes, Old Colony, Washington Beech, Franklin Hill, and Mary Ellen McCormack redevelopments.

I urge your Honorable Body to support this special act so that we can make this redevelopment effort a reality for the Brighton section of the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The Boston Housing Authority seeks to participate in a mixed-use redevelopment to create affordable housing that includes cultural and musician rehearsal space in the Brighton section of Boston. This redevelopment necessitates certain exemptions from the Commonwealth's contract procurement and award laws; and

WHEREAS, Participating in the redevelopment will increase the supply of affordable housing in the neighborhood, as well as provide cultural and musician rehearsal space, furthering the aims of the Commonwealth's housing and community service initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The exemption will not contravene the legislative intent behind the affected procurement and public contract laws because the additional regulation and public oversight that accompanies the Boston Housing Authority's funding sources minimize the risk of unfair competition and misuse of taxpayer funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the Boston Housing Authority to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article 2, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment 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 CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CULTURAL SPACE IN THE BRIGHTON SECTION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Construction and development activity related to redevelopment by the Boston Housing Authority of the Faneuil Gardens site owned by the Boston Housing Authority between Faneuil Street and North Beacon Street, Boston Parcel ID 2202616000, in the city of Boston and the adjacent parcel at the southeast corner of North Beacon Street and Goodenough Street, Boston Parcel ID 2202627000, in the Brighton section of the City of Boston, an adjacent parcel, or any part thereof, to create new publicly-assisted, affordable and mixed-income housing, cultural space, replacement musician rehearsal space and complementary uses, shall not be subject to any general or special law related to the procurement and award of contracts for the planning, design, construction management, construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance or

repair of buildings or public works by a public agency, including Chapter 149, Chapter 7C, or Chapter 30, Section 39M of the General Laws, nor shall the acquisition of any interest or disposition of any interest necessary to support the completion of the project be subject to Chapter 30B, Section 16, but it shall be subject to Sections 26 to 27H, inclusive, of Chapter 149 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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

BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL** *Rmw*



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

April 7, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Government Operations was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0406, Message and order for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Certain Affordable Housing and Cultural Space in the Brighton Section of the City of Boston."

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and referred to the Committee on February 5, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0406 is a Home Rule Petition requesting certain exemptions from Massachusetts General and Special Laws related to the procurement and award of contracts and acquisition/disposition of interests necessary to support the completion of two key redevelopment projects managed by the Boston Housing Authority (BHA). Specifically, the HRP requests the City not be subject to Chapter 149, Chapter 7C, Chapter 30, Section 39M, or Chapter 30B, Section 16 in completing the stated projects (described below) as such laws currently mandate separate and independent bidding processes for general contractors and subcontractors. Although the HRP requests such exemptions, it explicitly maintains compliance with other laws related to the employment of labor in the Commonwealth. Further, the exemptions requested will not compromise a fair and transparent process as the BHA must still adhere to the stringent regulations of its public funding sources.

The BHA seeks flexibility in procurement methodology to ensure timely and cost-effective delivery of the following projects. The first project involves the redevelopment of Faneuil Gardens, an existing state-assisted public housing community. The plan will replace 258 public housing units and introduce approximately 187 additional affordable units. These new units will serve various income levels, specifically targeting households earning 30%, 50%, 60%, 80%, and 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The second project at 290 North Beacon Street is an adjacent commercial site soon to be publicly owned, acquired as a mitigation measure resulting from displacement caused by nearby private development. This redevelopment aims to provide new affordable housing and dedicated cultural spaces, particularly musician rehearsal studios, compensating for losing previous cultural facilities. The project may also incorporate mixed-income units to address diverse housing needs.

Passage of ***Docket #0406*** would enable a more holistic approach to contractor selection, project management, and value engineering, in turn reducing delays and decreasing overall project costs. This petition is supported by past precedent as the BHA has requested similar legislative relief for numerous projects across Boston, including redevelopments like Mildred C. Hailey, Bunker Hill, Whittier Street, Orient Heights, Mission Main, Orchard Gardens, Maverick Gardens, West Broadway Homes, Old Colony, Washington Beech, Franklin Hill, and Mary Ellen McCormack.



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Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Government Operations I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair
Committee on Government Operations



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Michelle Wu**

01-27-2025

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 ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$150,000.00**) in the form of a grant, Animal Care Fund, awarded by Donor Group to be administered by the Parks & Recreation Department.

The grant would fund the maintenance of the City of Boston Animal Shelter, and assistance with medical care for sick or injured animals (whose owners are Boston residents), through donations in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

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



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Animal Care Fund FUNDS, AWARDED BY Donor Group.

WHEREAS, the Donor Group, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Parks & Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$150,000.00**) would fund the maintenance of the City of Boston Animal Shelter, and assistance with medical care for sick or injured animals (whose owners are Boston residents), through donations in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). 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 Donor Group, Animal Care Fund award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$150,000.00**).

Docket # _____

**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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Michelle Wu**

02-03-2025

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 EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$800,000.00**) in the form of a grant, UCFC-Program, awarded by United States Department of Agriculture, passed through the The Corps Network, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund the historic investment of boosting the City's tree cover in various neighborhoods.

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



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND UCFC-Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Agriculture AND The Corps Network.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture and The Corps Network, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$800,000.00**) would fund the historic investment of boosting the City's tree cover in various neighborhoods. 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 Agriculture, and The Corps Network' UCFC-Program award not to exceed the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$800,000.00**).

Docket # _____

In City Council Passed _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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Michelle Wu**

02-03-2025

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 FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (**\$449,710.00**) in the form of a grant, Boston MVP Action Grant, awarded by MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Public Works Department.

The grant would fund building a database and map of current and projected flooding impacts, focusing primarily on storm water and riverine flooding.

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



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Boston MVP Action Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

WHEREAS, the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (**\$449,710.00**) would fund building a database and map of current and projected flooding impacts, focusing primarily on storm water and riverine flooding. 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 Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Boston MVP Action Grant award not to exceed the amount of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (**\$449,710.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 3, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds in a principal amount not to exceed Three Hundred and Fifty Million Dollars (\$350,000,000). The current conditions in the municipal bond market appear to be favorable for the City to potentially realize significant savings in debt service costs by refunding certain of its outstanding general obligation bonds.

The practicality of and debt service savings associated with refunding bond issues are extremely sensitive to bond market conditions, particularly interest rates. Therefore, I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Order as expeditiously as possible so that the City will be positioned to issue refunding bonds on short notice and thereby effect savings in its debt service payments.

Sincerely

Michelle Wu

Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING REFUNDING BONDS.

ORDERED: That, in order to reduce interest costs, the Collector-Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to issue refunding bonds pursuant to Section 13 of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983 as amended (the "Act") to refund such portion of the outstanding bonds or other obligations of the City as the Collector-Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, may select; that the refunding bonds shall be issued in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred and Fifty Million Dollars (\$350,000,000) in order to pay the principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the bonds or other obligations to be refunded and other costs provided in Section 13 of the Act; that, if determined by the Collector/Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, the refunding bonds may be issued (i) as federally taxable or federally tax exempt bonds, (ii) bearing interest at variable rates, as the collector-treasurer shall select, and be redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, at such price or prices and under such conditions as may be fixed by the collector-treasurer with the approval of the mayor prior to the issuance thereof, (iii) as special obligations of the City as provided in Section 8 of the Act or (iv) as provided in Section 11 of the Act; and that the Collector-Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary or desirable to issue and sell the refunding bonds, including, without limitation, one or more trust or security agreements pursuant to Section 9 of the Act.

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

BY _____

ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 31, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the Collector-Treasurer to enter into a contract under the provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F, by and between the City of Boston and Citizens, for the provision of Banking Services as more fully described in the attached form of compensating balance agreement.

I urge your Honorable Body to approve this Banking Services agreement and pass this Order expeditiously.

Respectfully,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON, BY AND THROUGH THE COLLECTOR-TREASURER, AND CITIZENS TO ENTER INTO A COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF BANKING SERVICES

ORDERED: That the agreement made under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F, by and between the City of Boston and Citizens for the provision of Banking Services under compensating balance agreement from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, in the form attached hereto be, and the same hereby is, approved.

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

BY _____

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 31, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the Collector-Treasurer to enter into a contract under the provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F, by and between the City of Boston and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., for the provision of Banking Services.

I urge your Honorable Body to approve this Banking Services agreement and pass this Order expeditiously.

Respectfully,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON, BY AND THROUGH THE COLLECTOR-TREASURER, AND J.P. MORGAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF BANKING SERVICES.

ORDERED: That the agreement made under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F, by and between the City of Boston and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the provision of Banking Services from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, in the form attached hereto be, and the same hereby is, approved.

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BY


**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA, DURKAN, FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, PEPÉN, SANTANA, WEBER, WORRELL AND LOUIJEUNE



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE OFFICE OF FOOD JUSTICE IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON**

- WHEREAS:** According to the most recent Household Food Security Report published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Economic Research Service, 13.5 percent of U.S. households struggled with food insecurity at least some time during the year in 2023. The data showed a significant increase from 12.8 percent in 2022, which was an even larger jump from 10.2 percent in 2021; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The report also highlighted that rates of food insecurity in 2023 were higher than the national average among households with children at 17.9 percent; households with a single parent; Black households at 23.3 percent and Hispanic households at 21.9 percent; and households with incomes below the poverty threshold; *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, especially in neighborhoods like East Boston and Dorchester which have no grocery stores within half a mile, also known as food deserts; *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: 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: Providing the Office of Food Justice with clear powers and authority will help streamline city food services and resources, reduce food waste, and improve data collection regarding food insecurity in the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has made great strides in increasing accessibility to healthy and nutritious food for residents; **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 6-11:

6-12: The Office of Food Justice

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. 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.

Section 2. Appointment of Director

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.

Section 2. Duties of the Office of Food Justice

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:

1. Double Up Food Bucks
2. Boston Farmers Markets
3. Community Fridges
4. Farmers Market Coupon Program

5. Food Forests
6. Summer Eats
7. Urban Farming in Boston

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 3. 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 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in effect upon passage.

Filed in Council: January 29, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES RELATED TO THE CRISES OF MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, AND HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING INSTABILITY CONCENTRATED IN THE AREA OF MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE AND MELNEA CASS BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, Like other cities, Boston has long faced the challenges of the intersecting and evolving regional and nationwide crises of homelessness and housing instability, opioid addiction and substance use disorder, and mental health, with additional more recent complications as these crises intersect with an increasing influx of migrants, and added strains on the state shelter system and limited resources for mental and physical health; *and,*

WHEREAS, While these issues are broad in nature, and not distinctive to either Boston or any one locale, a confluence of factors has historically and presently caused a concentrated impact of these issues in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard, with exceptional public health, public safety, and quality of life effects on the residents, businesses, workers, visitors, and those seeking services in that area; *and,*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has taken actions to address these situations as they have evolved over many years, and the Boston City Council has routinely been part of these efforts through both public hearings and legislation; *and,*

WHEREAS, On August 28, 2023, the Administration filed in City Council: *Message and order for your approval, an Ordinance to support public safety as the City doubles down on our public health-led approach to the crises of mental health, substance use, and unsheltered homelessness concentrated in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.* (Docket #2023-1373); the Committee on Government Operations held a public hearing on this matter on September 28, 2023, a subsequent public working session on October 16, 2023, and the ordinance was passed in a new draft on October 25, 2023; *and,*

WHEREAS, On September 13, 2023, two matters were filed in City Council: *Resolution Calling for a State of Emergency at the Intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.* (Docket #2023-1447), and *Order for a hearing to discuss the humanitarian crisis at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.* (Docket #2023-1450);

the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery held a public hearing on both these matters together on September 26, 2023; *and*;

WHEREAS, On July 17, 2024, a matter was filed in City Council:
Order for a hearing to discuss ways to provide critical public safety support and address quality of life issues relating to the crisis at Mass and Cass. (Docket #2024-1205); the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice held a public hearing on this matter on October 22, 2024; *and*;

WHEREAS, The City Council has not yet held a hearing primarily focused on similar matters in 2025, and it is worthwhile for the City Council to remain abreast of updates on the nature and impact of these crises and the City of Boston's continued and evolving efforts, as well as to discuss opportunities for the City Council to provide further support measures to address these issues;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss public safety and public health updates related to the crises of mental health, substance use, and homelessness and housing instability concentrated in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard. Representatives from the appropriate departments of the Administration and community organizations will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: April 9, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN & BRIAN WORRELL

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS OPIOID RELATED OVERDOSE DEATHS IN THE OLDER BLACK POPULATION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** Over the last two decades, the opioid epidemic has ravaged our country. Drug overdose deaths, in particular from synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, have seen a sharp increase. According to the Center of Disease Control (CDC), between 2019 to 2022, there were close to 108,000 drug overdose deaths across the country, of which 74,000 were opioid-related deaths; *and*
- WHEREAS:** A recent joint-investigation into millions of death records by the Boston Globe, The New York Times, The Baltimore Banner, The San Francisco Standard, The Chicago Sun-Times, and other newspapers found that a group that has been consistently hardest hit by opioid overdose deaths in cities are Black men between the ages of 54 and 73; *and*
- WHEREAS:** From 2017-2023, data from the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health showed that the overdose death rate among black men over 55 years old increased by an alarming 242%. Black men aged 54 to 73 died four times more than the population amount they made up, and fentanyl was found in 93% of 2022 overdose deaths; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2022, the Boston Public Health Commission's *Health of Boston 2024: The Substance Use and Disorders Report* found that Black residents experienced the highest rate of fatal overdoses from any drug when compared to other racial and ethnic groups, and that overdose deaths were often caused by fentanyl laced into cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin or other drugs; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston must have an urgent conversation about these sobering statistics impacting our older black men. The Boston Globe reported that many Black men in addiction treatment often feel unwelcome in programs that are not designed for them and their drug of choice, and that they are less willing to open up in spaces where it is difficult for others to understand their life experiences and past trauma; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that the City explores combative and preventative measures to tackle this public health crisis that continues to disproportionately harm older black men, including focusing on equity-based programs, harm reduction strategies, mandatory treatment, etc; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss opioid related deaths in the older black population and to explore ways to combat this trend. Representatives from the Boston Public Health Commission, Coordinated Response Team, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: April 9, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION UNDER SECTION 17F RELATIVE TO TOWING CONTRACTS FOR DISTRICT 1

WHEREAS, Residents in District 1, particularly in East Boston and Downtown, reach out often requesting more transparency regarding towing practices in the City of Boston. Whenever towing occurs, residents are required to pay not only violation fines but also substantial towing and storage fees, often to private companies operating under city-awarded contracts.

WHEREAS, In cases where improper towing occurs, due to insufficient notice, abrupt event signage, or administrative error, the City lacks a clear and accessible process for reimbursement or appeal to the private towing company. Additionally, the criteria and oversight mechanisms for determining how towing contracts are awarded, how rates are set, and how public-authority directed tows are initiated remain opaque.

WHEREAS, Boston residents deserve a fair, transparent, and consistent towing system, which accountability built into every level of contract administration and enforcement;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other application provision of law, the City of Boston, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information:

1. A list and copy of all executed contracts and agreements (active and expired) pertaining to towing services, issued by any City department, agency, or public authority including but not limited to: the Boston Police Department, Boston Transportation Department, Boston Public Works Department, Boston Planning and Development Agency, and the Boston Housing Authority from 2015 through 2025 within the zones or applicable geographic areas assigned to the neighborhoods of East Boston, Charlestown, the North End, and the Downtown Wharf District;
2. For each contract provided, include all associated:

- a. Amendments, renewals, or addendums with a detailed scope of services including, but not limited to, service areas, response time requirements, storage and impoundment;
 - b. Fee structures and schedules including, but not limited to, base towing fees, mileage charges, storage fees, after-hours or holiday surcharges, and administrative fees;
 - c. Legal and compliance requirements including, but not limited, to licensing and insurance, indemnification;
 - d. Enforcement and oversight including, but not limited to, reporting requirements, city-issued performance reviews or applicable audits, penalties for noncompliance, complaint resolutions procedures; and
 - e. Information on contract duration and renewal processes including, but not limited to, initial terms, renewal options, and termination clauses.
3. For each contract, provide all documents related to the procurement and vendor selection process, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Applicable procurement laws or processes utilized under M.G.L c. 30B;
 - b. Bid solicitations, Request For Proposals (RFPs), or Invitations for Bids (IFBs);
 - c. Responses submitted by vendors; evaluation criteria, scoring sheets, and rankings;
 - d. Names of all vendors who submitted bids or proposals;
 - e. Selection memos or documentation explaining final award decisions; and
 - f. Dates of bid openings, contract awards, and notices to proceed.

Filed on: April 9, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BILL S. 1042, AN ACT IN SUPPORT OF LIFE SAVING TREATMENT

WHEREAS, Drug overdose poses a significant health crisis in Boston and Massachusetts. Between 2012 to 2022, the Boston Public Health Commission reported that drug overdose mortality associated with use of fentanyl in combination with cocaine increased by 191% in the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, According to a 2020 study done by the National Institute on Drug Abuse in Massachusetts, 1 in 20 patients treated for non-fatal opioid overdose died within a year following their visit. 1 in 5 of these deaths occurred within the first month of their visit; *and*

WHEREAS, Another study funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration found that 91% of patients who suffered a non-fatal opioid overdose had opioids dispensed to them again within a year of the overdose. Within two years, many experienced another overdose; *and*

WHEREAS, It is critical that we continue to figure out solutions to prevent drug overdoses and fatalities to foster a healthier community; *and*

WHEREAS, S. 1042, *An Act in support of life saving treatment* requires that patients under court order and committed to a medical facility for an overdose be allowed to participate in the subsequent court hearing and court-ordered evaluation remotely; *and*

WHEREAS, The bill also requires patients who have suffered an overdose to receive an evaluation by a licensed social worker, a meeting with a recovery coach and navigator, and receive approval from the judge who issued the court order for civil commitment before discharge; *and*

WHEREAS, There are many studies that show that social workers and recovery coaches are effective in combating drug-related issues. According to the Addiction Technology Transfer Center, social workers and recovery coaches provide a unique perspective of compassion and personal connection which is important to helping patients recover; *and*

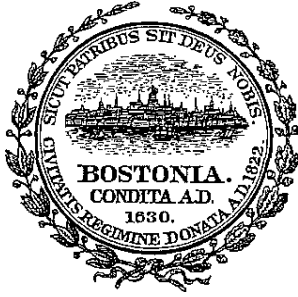
WHEREAS, Many other experts argue that discharge-planning and outpatient counseling are key to preventing further drug use that could be fatal. By requiring a multi-step evaluation with a licensed social worker, recovery coach, and approval by a judge before patients are discharged, this can provide the first step to recovery and be life saving for many; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council strongly supports the passage of S. 1042, *An Act in support of life saving treatment* in the State Legislature, and urges prompt action in the passage of this legislation.

Filed on: April 9, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CARDIOPULMONARY
RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING IN HIGH SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the United States and second leading cause of death in Massachusetts; *and*

WHEREAS, Heart disease, including coronary artery disease, heart failure, and arrhythmias, significantly increases the risk of cardiac arrest, a condition in which the heart suddenly stops beating due to an electrical malfunction; *and*

WHEREAS, Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), together with an automated external defibrillator (AED), is the most effective way for bystanders to help someone in cardiac arrest. CPR keeps blood flowing to vital organs, while an AED can restart the heart by restoring its normal rhythm; *and*

WHEREAS, According to the American Heart Association (AHA), immediate CPR can double or triple a person's chances of survival after cardiac arrest, yet only about 40% of people who experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest receive the immediate help that they need before professional help arrives; *and*

WHEREAS, CPR classes can be taught in just 30 to 45 minutes, making them a quick and accessible way to equip students with lifesaving skills; *and*

WHEREAS, 41 states have recognized the importance of CPR training by mandating it for high school students, making Massachusetts one of only nine states that does not require it for high school graduation; *and*

WHEREAS, Massachusetts legislators have introduced five bills that seek to make CPR and AED training a requirement in high schools across the commonwealth, including:

- S.447, An Act providing hands only CPR training and the use of defibrillators
- S.456, An Act requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation
- H.556, An Act providing CPR and AED Education for All, AKA The CPR and AED Education for All Act
- H.572, An Act relative to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automatic defibrillator education in public schools;
- H.750, An Act providing hands only CPR training and the use of defibrillators;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council go on record in support of S.447, S.456, H.556, H.572, and H.750 to ensure High School students receive CPR and AED training, equipping the next generation with life-saving skills.

Filed on: April 9, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS JULIA MEJIA & BENJAMIN J. WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.3084, “AN ACT RELATIVE TO LANGUAGE ACCESS AND INCLUSION”

- WHEREAS,** Access to government services should not depend on the language you speak or your ability to hear, yet too many Massachusetts residents still face barriers when trying to navigate state systems due to language or communication differences; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Language justice is essential for building trust, participation, and equity in our public institutions. No one should be excluded from vital information or services simply because English is not their first language, or because they are deaf or hard of hearing; *and*
- WHEREAS,** April is recognized as both Language Access Month and National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month—a time to celebrate the richness of our linguistic diversity and to renew our commitment to making public services accessible to all; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has taken proactive steps toward language inclusion, establishing the Office of Language and Communication Access by ordinance in 2016 (originally created by executive order in 2008), and expanding its mandate in 2021 to ensure broader access for residents with limited English proficiency and communication disabilities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston’s Office of Language Access remains committed to creating a city where every resident—regardless of language background—feels welcome, informed, and empowered to engage in civic life; *and*
- WHEREAS,** At the state level, H. 3084, “An Act relative to Language Access and Inclusion,” sponsored by Representatives Adrian Madaro and Carlos González, would establish clear and enforceable standards requiring state agencies to provide oral interpretation, translated materials, and culturally competent communication for individuals with limited English proficiency and those who are deaf or hard of hearing; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is imperative that when our constituents interface with state agencies that they are able to speak to someone in their preferred language; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council goes on record in support of H. 3084, “An Act relative to Language Access and Inclusion,” and urges the State Legislature to act on this piece of legislation so that it can be signed into law.

Filed on: April 9, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

WHEREAS, Financial literacy is a foundational life skill that empowers individuals and families to make informed decisions about budgeting, borrowing, saving, and building generational wealth; *and*;

WHEREAS, Stark racial and ethnic disparities in financial literacy and access to financial tools persist in Boston, contributing to long-standing wealth gaps—such as the often-cited 2015 finding that the median net worth of U.S.-born Black households in Greater Boston was just \$8 compared to \$247,500 for White households, a gap that underscores the urgent need for sustained, data-driven interventions; *and*

WHEREAS, Mortgage lending disparities continue to disadvantage Black and Latino communities in Boston, with mortgage denial rates in 2020 more than twice as high for Black Bostonians (10.8%) compared to White Bostonians (4.8%), and the share of mortgage applications from Black residents falling by half between 2007 and 2022; *and*

WHEREAS, In recent budget cycles, the Boston City Council and Mayor’s Office have supported financial literacy efforts by funding programs such as the Boston Tax Help Coalition and awarding over \$1.5 million in Youth Development Fund grants to nearly 100 organizations in 2024—many of which provide financial literacy resources to youth and working families; *and*

WHEREAS, Access to financial literacy in Boston Public Schools (BPS) remains uneven, with Massachusetts still lacking a statewide financial education mandate—though BPS has taken steps to expand curriculum offerings and partnerships with nonprofits like Junior Achievement, which served over 6,000 students in 2022 with budgeting, credit, and entrepreneurship programs; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2025, the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce partnered with Boston Public Schools to launch a pilot financial literacy program in select high schools, with the goal of embedding personal finance education into the BPS curriculum and ensuring all students graduate with the knowledge to navigate their financial futures; *and*

WHEREAS, Credit scores—which influence loan approvals, rental housing, and financial opportunity—reveal major gaps in Boston, with residents in majority-Black and

Latino neighborhoods averaging scores over 100 points lower than those in white neighborhoods, reinforcing cycles of financial exclusion; *and*

WHEREAS, Financial literacy includes tax literacy, and the Boston Tax Help Coalition has provided free tax preparation and financial coaching to thousands of residents annually, helping low-income families claim credits like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and avoid leaving millions of dollars in unclaimed federal support on the table; *and*

WHEREAS, According to national research by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, financial literacy correlates with improved credit scores, increased savings, and reduced debt—and high school students who complete personal finance courses are significantly less likely to default on loans and more likely to maintain good credit into adulthood; *and*

WHEREAS, Local initiatives like Boston Builds Credit, the Office of Financial Empowerment, the Midas Collaborative, Operation HOPE, Build Boston, the M. Ellen Carpenter Financial Literacy Program of the Boston Bar Association, and nonprofit financial coaching centers such as Junior Achievement of Greater Boston and the CFA Society Boston continue to play a vital role in helping thousands of Boston residents build stronger financial futures through credit repair, savings education, youth financial literacy programming, and one-on-one coaching; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes April as National Financial Literacy Month and reaffirms its commitment to closing the racial wealth gap, expanding equitable access to financial education, and supporting community-based programs that empower Boston residents—of every neighborhood and background—to build wealth, reduce debt, and achieve lasting economic security.

Filed on: April 4, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

WHEREAS, Libraries play a crucial role in the lives of the residents of the City of Boston, fostering knowledge and engagement by young and old alike; *and*

WHEREAS, Libraries provide an opportunity for everyone to pursue their passion and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to explore the world around them; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Library, including its main library in Copley Square and 25 neighborhood branches, is highlighting its role in providing access to knowledge, resources, and opportunities. The Boston Public Library provides critical resources to our residents, including our immigrant residents and school children. The Boston Public Library is celebrating the library's role in the community, with the theme "Drawn to the Library"; *and*

WHEREAS, Libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their collections, services, and partnerships; *and*

WHEREAS, Libraries serve as the cornerstone of our democracy - open to all, free to all - promoting the free exchange of information and ideas; *and*

WHEREAS, Now more than ever, it is important that we uplift libraries for their role in promoting access to all kinds of books that support and challenge ideas. Access to information, resources, and knowledge are foundational to a free society; *and*

WHEREAS, Libraries are inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals;

WHEREAS, Librarians play a critical role in the lives of the residents of our city and are appreciated for all that they do to improve access and knowledge for our residents; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes Sunday April 6, 2025 to April 12, 2025 as National Library Week and encourages residents to visit their local library, thank their librarians, and resolves to continue supporting Boston Public Libraries and libraries in our schools.



Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the April 9, 2025 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.

Assigned for Further Action

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Maintenance and Improvements of streets and sidewalks in District 7 from 2020 to date. **(Docket #0342)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding TNC Rideshare arrests. **(Docket #0617)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding down payment assistance grants disbursed since 2021. **(Docket #0774)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding Youth Summer Employment Opportunities for Students of All Abilities. **(Docket #0775)**

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.

*Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor*³

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.

Matters in Committee

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.

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0154	Worrell	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring NBA All-Star Weekend and the MLB All-Star Game to Boston.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0156	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0160	Worrell	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks statue.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0479	Louijeune	Santana	Order for a hearing to update and replace Black Heritage Trail signage.	2/12/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0527	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the BPS Sunday's Phase 2 Grant, awarded by the Pilot House Philanthropy to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The program will fund the learning and evaluation components of the BPS Sundays pilot program.	2/26/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0614	Pepén	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish the Fairmount Avenue Arts and Cultural District in Hyde Park.	3/5/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0687	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Red Sox Arts and Parks Program Grant, awarded by the Boston Red Sox to be administered by the Mayor's Office. The grant will fund arts programming, community events and parks operations across Boston.	3/19/2025	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0476	Durkan	Worrell, Louijeune	Order for a hearing on Boston's distribution and implementation of COVID-19 relief funding and programs.	2/12/2025	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0482	Murphy		Order for a hearing to examine the impact of expiring COVID-related grant funding and other expenditures on City programs and staffing.	2/12/2025	

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0157	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.	1/8/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0170	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss food access, sustainability, and the need for a food hub in East Boston.	1/8/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0257	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.	1/15/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0308	Pepén	Santana, Weber	Order for a hearing to improve recruitment of civilian crossing guards to serve Boston families.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0310	Pepén	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the establishment of a Mattapan Square Task Force for economic and cultural growth.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0314	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding fire emergencies and the creation of a Fire Victim Fund.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0316	Durkan	Pepén, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss a pilot program for waste containerization.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0324	Flynn	Anderson, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the notification process for abutters meeting in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0333	Santana	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding gender-neutral bathrooms in City-owned buildings.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0418	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study.	2/5/2025	3/24/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0552	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss current population projections and preparation for the 2030 decennial census.	2/26/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0554	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss public authority-ordered towing practices in the City of Boston.	2/26/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0692	Durkan		Order for a hearing to explore the role of artificial intelligence in improving city services and governance in the City of Boston	3/19/2025		

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0768	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss water and sewer infrastructure in Chinatown and the Leather District.	4/2/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0772	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to assess and enhance the accessibility and safety of Boston's sidewalks for all residents.	4/2/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0168	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss a holistic vision for District Seven in order to redress historic racial harm and to uphold District Seven Constituents' Civil Rights.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0172	Mejia	Louijeune, Anderson	Order for a hearing to address critical issues in jail-based voting and empower incarcerated communities to strengthen democracy.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0184	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Mejia	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0187	Louijeune	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0188	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1/8/2025		
Community Preservation Act	0641	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an appropriation order in the total amount of Thirty-Eight Million One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Fifty-Two Dollars (\$38,148,052.00) from Fiscal Year 2025 Community Preservation Fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee ("CPC").	3/5/2025	4/1/2025	
Education	0147	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address growing concerns over the White Stadium Project's costs, community input, and transparency.	1/8/2025		
Education	0149	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss BPS' plans to protect students during heat emergencies.	1/8/2025		
Education	0151	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/8/2025		

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Education	0171	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Santana	Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum pilot program in Boston Public Schools.	1/8/2025		
Education	0182	Louijeune	Weber	Order for a hearing to explore the effectiveness of high-dosage tutoring and other academic recovery strategies.	1/8/2025		
Education	0235	Worrell	Murphy	Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public Schools' closures for 2026-27 and its long-term facilities plan.	1/8/2025		
Education	0265	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the preservation of historical artifacts in Boston Public Schools slated for closure or merger.	1/15/2025	3/4/2025	3/5/25-remains in committee
Education	0267	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes.	1/15/2025	2/27/2025	
Education	0313	FitzGerald	Pepén, Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to high-quality school options for Boston Public School students in all neighborhoods.	1/29/2025		
Education	0318	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss inancial literacy programs in Boston Public Schools.	1/29/2025		
Education	0334	Santana	Mejia, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools can expand the use of evidence-based best practices for Inclusive Learning Environments for multilingual and special education learners.	1/29/2025		
Education	0339	Santana		Order for the Boston City Council to hold a series of Policy Briefings with Boston Public Schools leadership.	1/29/2025		4/10/25-policy briefing
Education	0417	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss Holocaust and Genocide Education in Boston Public Schools.	2/5/2025		
Education	0551	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding expanding internship opportunities for students with disabilities in Boston Public Schools.	2/26/2025		
Education	0694	Louijeune	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing on the creation of a Boston School Building Authority.	3/19/2025		

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Education	0771	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding the expansion of Boston Pre-K seats and the equitable distribution of City-funded seats across all neighborhoods.	4/2/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0155	Worrell		Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0169	Coletta Zapata	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the implementation and funding of coastal resilience strategies and the establishment of a climate bank.	1/8/2025	3/31/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0252	Flynn	Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss expanding the urban tree canopy in District 2.	1/15/2025	5/9/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0260	Worrell	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss the use of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	3/25/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0262	Durkan	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a Parks Administrator for Downtown Parks including the Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square and Christopher Columbus Park.	1/15/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0292	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Parks & Recreation Department. The grant will fund the maintenance of the City of Boston Animal Shelter, and assistance with medical care for sick or injured animals (whose owners are Boston residents), through donations in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).	1/29/2025	4/7/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0315	Coletta Zapata	Weber	Order for a hearing to assess a ban on polystyrene products in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0395	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the UCFC-Program, awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture, passed through The Corps Network, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the historic workforce investment of boosting the City's tree cover in various neighborhoods.	2/5/2025	4/7/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0399	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$449,710.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston MVP Action Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environment Affairs to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant will fund building a database and map of current and projected flooding impacts, focusing primarily on storm water and riverine flooding.	2/5/2025	4/7/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0424	Murphy		Order for a hearing to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed White Stadium redevelopment on Franklin Park.	2/5/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0425	Murphy		Order for a hearing on the environmental preservation of Boston's historical parks and green spaces.	2/5/2025		
Government Operations	0134	Worrell	Mejia	Ordinance to enhance driveway accessibility.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0135	Weber	Pepén, Santana	Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		2/10, 4/11/25-working session, 2/12/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0136	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Worrell	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.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0137	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance regarding employee safety within Boston's oil terminals.	1/8/2025		3/6/25-working session, 3/12/25-remanded back to committee

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Government Operations	0138	Louijeune		Ordinance codifying the Office of Returning Ciutizens.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0139	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	3/14/2025	
Government Operations	0140	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Ordinance establishing the Office of Inspector General within the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0141	Mejia		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0142	Murphy	Worrell, Flynn	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Increase its Residential Exemption.	1/8/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0144	Louijeune	Mejia, Santana	Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston.	1/8/2025		2/25, 4/4/25-working session, 2/26/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0145	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Petition for a Special Law Re: To establish the Commission of Inspectors General on Financial Management.	1/8/2025	6/5/2025	
Government Operations	0249	Worrell	Coletta, Louijeune	Ordinance amending City of Boston Code 18-1.2B to make certificates of birth and death free.	1/15/2025		2/24/25-hearing canceled
Government Operations	0304	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance codifying the Office of Food Justice in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		4/8/25-working session
Government Operations	0305	Fernandes Anderson		Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing.	1/29/2025		3/18/25-working ssession canceled, 3/19/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0337	Murphy	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the transition and operations of the new City Planning Department.	1/29/2025	3/25/2025	
Government Operations	0406	Mayor		Message and order for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Certain Affordable Housing and Cultural Space in the Brighton Section of the City of Boston."	2/5/2025		

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Government Operations	0407	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.	2/5/2025	2/24/2025	2/26, 3/12/25-remains in committee, 3/11, 3/20/25-working session
Government Operations	0411	Pepén	FitzGerald	Ordinance to establish a school bus violation detection monitoring system.	2/5/2025		
Government Operations	0468	Worrell		Ordinance to Establish RISE: Reshaping Inequities through Systematic Empowerment.	2/12/2025		
Government Operations	0469	Murphy	Flynn	Petition for a Special Law Re: The Use of Nondisclosure, Confidentiality, and Other Employment Agreements in the City of Boston	2/12/2025		
Government Operations	0470	Breadon	Louijeune, Pepén	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act requiring that broker fees in the City of Boston be paid by the party who solicits a licensed broker.	2/12/2025		
Government Operations	0549	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Pension Benefits for Firefighter Leo J. Bracken.	2/26/2025		
Government Operations	0550	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Pension of Michael Sullivan.	2/26/2025		
Government Operations	0613	Coletta Zapata		Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal.	3/5/2025		
Government Operations	0765	Breadon	Louijeune, Mejia	Ordinance establishing a "Scofflaw Property Owner List."	4/2/2025		
Government Operations	0766	Breadon		Ordinance extending and enhancing protections for tenants facing displacement due to condominium or cooperative conversion in the city of Boston.	4/2/2025		

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Housing & Community Development	0102	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (25,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Harvard Allston Brighton Fund grant, awarded by the Harvard Business School to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the creation of affordable homeownership, affordable rental housing in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods.	3/27/2024	2024-0572
Housing & Community Development	0158	Worrell	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0178	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher program.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0185	Louijeune	Fernades Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0251	Durkan	Santana, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to investigate the use, impact, and potential ban of algorithmic price setting in the Boston rental housing market.	1/15/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0259	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at the BHA Ruth Barkley apartments.	1/15/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0264	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding strategies to expand homeownership programs in Boston.	1/15/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0327	Santana	Breadon, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.	1/29/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0329	Santana	Weber, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers.	1/29/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0474	Durkan	Santana, Breadon	Order for a hearing to assess the efficacy of the City of Boston Municipal Code's University Accountability Ordinance.	2/12/2025	

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Housing & Community Development	0488	Fernandes Anderson		Resolution in support of establishing a community preference policy for affordable housing development to mitigate displacement in Boston neighborhoods.		2/12/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0769	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's report on Boston Housing Authority.		4/2/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0773	Breadon	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss legalizing mid-rise single-stair housing in the Massachusetts State Building Code.		4/2/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0195	Flynn	Murphy	Resolution supporting Project Labor Agreements at White Stadium and all City of Boston construction projects valued at or more than \$35 million.		1/8/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0254	Worrell	FitzGerald, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	1/15/2025	3/4/2025	3/5/25-remains in committee
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0294	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant, from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund services to underserved populations in the hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban, in basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals.	1/29/2025	4/3/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0295	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston Tax Help Coalition Santander Bank Grant, awarded by Santander Bank, N.A. to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the Boston Tax Help Coalition to provide pathways from poverty to financial empowerment by maximizing the impact of tax credits through free tax preparation, financial education, and economic stability opportunities.	1/29/2025	4/3/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0323	Flynn	Pepén, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.		1/29/2025	

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0328	Santana		Order for a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development past successes and future opportunities of Youth Jobs offered by the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0400	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$410,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Funding, awarded by the MA Executive Office for Administrative & Finance to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund to support the Center for Working Families' Boston Tax Help Coalition in assisting low-income taxpayers with personal income tax filing for the 2024 tax session.	2/5/2025	4/3/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0405	Mayor		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 Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston Grant, awarded by The Baupost Group to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund opportunities for young people ages 12-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support.	2/5/2025	4/3/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0416	Mejia	Weber	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	2/5/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0454	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$43,312.50) in the form of a grant for the FYOB MLK Scholars Program Grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation, passed through the Philanthropic Initiative, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund summer jobs, financial education, and professional development opportunities for Boston youth.	2/12/2025	4/3/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0473	Weber	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and the Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	2/12/2025	4/18/2025	

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0526	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Ninety Thousand Seventy-One Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$1,190,071.64) in the form of a grant for the Carry-in WIOS Adult Program, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Department. The grant will fund services to help job seekers access employment, education, skills, training, apprenticeships and support services.	2/26/2025	4/3/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0529	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Workforce Training Fund Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund programming to help address business productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to Massachusetts businesses for training current and newly hired employees.	2/26/2025	4/3/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0531	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$41,828.60) in the form of a grant for the Shelter Supplemental Funding Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund MassHire career centers with supplemental funding to support emergency assistance (EA) shelters residents with training and employment opportunities.	2/26/2025	4/3/2025	

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0642	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$382,163.59) in form of a grant, for the Carry-In Wagner Peyser Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs.	3/5/2025	4/3/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0643	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.000) in the form of a grant, for the Uncornered Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, passed through the Economic Development & Industrial Corporation of Boston to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund coaching, mentorship, and other workforce development training opportunities for at-risk, violence-involved youth and reentering citizens.	3/5/2025	4/3/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0693	Weber		Order for a hearing to explore how the City of Boston can hire laid-off federal workers.	3/19/2025		
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental Relations	0472	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the PILOT program in the City of Boston.	2/12/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0124	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of J. Andres Bernal as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring July 1, 2027.	1/8/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0161	Durkan	Santana	Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to remove parking minimum requirements for new development.	1/8/2025		1/28/25-hearing canceled
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0266	Flynn	Santana, FirzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and expanding the safety surge program in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0307	Pepén	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0309	Pepén	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to explore the creation of Safe School Zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	4/3/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0311	Pepén	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address the displacement of Bostonians as a result of new and future development.	1/29/2025	3/31/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0319	Flynn	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the proposed zoning amendment to remove the half mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0321	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0326	Mejia		Order for a hearing to examine accountability, transparency, and accessibility in administrative procedures for complying with Boston Landmarks Commission recommendations.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0423	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston.	2/5/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0471	Flynn	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss requiring all micro-mobility devices to be licensed, registered and insured.	2/12/2025	2/20/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0477	Durkan	FitzGerald, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss contractor parking regulations, permitting, and enforcement in Boston.	2/12/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0478	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia	Order for a hearing to evaluate alternative options for the center running bus lane on Blue Hill Avenue and Columbus Avenue.	2/12/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0615	Flynn		Order for a hearing on regulation of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) by the City of Boston and Boston Police Department.	3/5/2025		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0648	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston Streets Cabinet to enter into a contract for a period of up to ten years for the services of an operator for the City's public bike share program, Bluebikes. The contract term would begin in 2026. The City Council's permission to enter into a contract of this type for a period of more than three years is required by section 12 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws.	3/5/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0695	Flynn		Order for a hearing to review the functionality of the Tremont Street Design Project in the South End.	3/19/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0720	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund safety design and construction in intersections to employ low-cost, high impact strategies through a safety and equity lens for Complete Street. The principle safety issues addressed are speeding, pedestrian crashes, as well as visibility issues.	4/2/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0727	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Lisa Tharp as a Primary Member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.	4/2/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0728	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Ellen Moore as an alternate member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.	4/2/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0729	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Katie Genovese as a member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.	4/2/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0730	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Garry Walling as a member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	4/2/2025	

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0731	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Patricia Tongue Edraos as an alternate member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	4/2/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0732	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Hessann Farooqi as a member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Review Board for a term expiring on March 19, 2026.	4/2/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0767	Flynn	Murphy, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss transportation planning within the Article 80 Development Review Process.	4/2/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0105	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of William Harry Shipps, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024		(2024-1687), 3/13/25- hearing revised
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0173	Mejia	Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0174	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0175	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0176	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	1/8/2025	1/21/25, 1/22/25	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0177	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	1/8/2025	1/24/2025	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0180	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding equity in City contracts.	1/8/2025		

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Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0415	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.	2/5/2025	3/20/25, 3/27/25	2/20, 3/10/25-hearing canceled
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0475	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to review and evaluate the Boston City Council's legislative impact on District 7 residents and its collaboration with the administration on projects in District 7 to identify areas for improvement.	2/12/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0480	Mejia	Worrell	Order for a hearing to evaluate the year-to-date financial performance of the FY2025 operating budget.	2/12/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0481	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the financial impact of the Boston Police Department's compliance with City of Boston code section 11-1.1.	2/12/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0100	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Sandro Galea, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		2024-0286
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0101	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Elsie Tavares, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		2024-0287
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0306	Pepén	Louijeune	Order for a hearing on health access in Hyde Park.	1/29/2025		3/20/25-hearing canceled
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0330	Santana	Breadon, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0331	Santana	Anderson, Weber	Order for a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0332	Santana	FitzGerald, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs.	1/29/2025		

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0422	Murphy	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the immediate reinstatement of and sustainable funding for the Community Syringe Redemption Program.	2/5/2025	4/1/2025	3/13/25-hearing canceled
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0460	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Dr. Guale Valdez as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health, for a term expiring January 15, 2028.	2/12/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0649	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Stanley McLaren as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health, for a term expiring January 15, 2028.	3/5/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0128	Flynn	Murphy	Communication was received from the Police Commissioner Michael A. Cox in accordance with Section 3 of the Boston Trust Act regarding civil immigration detainer results for calendar year 2024.	1/8/2025	3/10/2025	3/6/25 hearing canceled, 3/12/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0153	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore the summer community plan.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0163	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss enhanced public safety measures during large events in Boston.	1/8/2025	1/28/25, 2/13/25	1/29/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0164	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss 2024 crime statistics.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0167	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0186	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0256	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss discrepancies in Boston's 2024 detainer requests.	1/15/2025		3/6/25 hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0322	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to ensure operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of a 911 system outage.	1/29/2025		

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0335	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Fire Department.	1/29/2025	4/25/2025	3/17/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0336	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department.	1/29/2025	5/23/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0394	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$1,735,107.39) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative Grant awarded by MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs.	2/5/2025	6/5/2025	4/3/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0412	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding the public safety requirements and possible locations for a new Emergency Operations Center in the City of Boston.	2/5/2025		3/18/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0413	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Office of Emergency Management, including the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and Emergency Management Performance Grant.	2/5/2025	3/27/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0414	Mejia	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act.	2/5/2025	3/10/2025	3/12/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0421	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and police staffing in Boston.	2/5/2025	3/13/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0530	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$58,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY19 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, prevention efforts, and research and development.	2/26/2025		

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Rules & Administration	0162	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding the use of nondisclosure, confidentiality, and any and all other types of employment agreements	1/8/2025	1/31/2025	
Rules & Administration	0420	Santana		Order for a hearing to explore ways to increase community engagement and better facilitate public participation for Boston City Council Hearings.	2/5/2025		
Rules & Administration	0616	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss and establish guidelines for the filing and adoption of Council Resolutions.	3/5/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0150	Worrell	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the distribution of Boston's 225 new liquor licenses and provide ongoing support to restaurateurs.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0152	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0159	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review and establish a "Business Owner 101" program for grant recipients.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0263	Durkan		Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a City Wide Merchandise Licensing Program.	1/15/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0770	Louijeune	Weber, Pepén	Order for a hearing regarding support for Boston's Main Streets organizations.	4/2/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0183	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding the City of Boston's response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and related resources for survivors.	1/8/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0261	Weber	FitzGerald, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address programming needs for older adults in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	3/28/2025	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0268	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide.	1/15/2025	2/25/2025	2/26/25-remains in committee
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0317	Flynn	Mejia, Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss elderly scamming.	1/29/2025	2/13/2025	2/11/25-hearuing canceled

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Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0821	Murphy		Order for an emergency hearing to address incidents at The Future BOS Youth Jobs & Resource Fair and to reschedule the event promptly.	4/2/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0165	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the process of establishing Hero Squares in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	2/28/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0166	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	1/8/2025	3/21/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0253	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veteran Services.	1/15/2025		3/21/25-heariung revised
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0255	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss new cancer presumptions announced by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.	1/15/2025	3/21/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0312	FitzGerald	Flynn, Murphy	Order for a hearing to establish a hometown military hero banner program.	1/29/2025	2/28/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0320	Flynn	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss the lung cancer rates among Black Veterans.	1/29/2025	3/21/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0722	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$12,881.00) in the form of a grant, for the Jobs for Veterans' State Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund enhanced employment services for eligible veterans, prioritizing disabled veterans, and those facing significant barriers to employment, with the goal of improving their job search outcomes and economic self-sufficiency.	4/2/2025		

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Ways & Means	0148	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.	1/8/2025	2/18/25, 3/24/25	2/3, 2/24, 3/3/25-working session, 2/5, 2/26, 3/5/25-remains in committee, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled
Ways & Means	0179	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss efforts to cancel medical debt.	1/8/2025		
Ways & Means	0250	Durkan	Coletta Zapata	Order for a hearing regarding the feasibility and impact of a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax in Boston.	1/15/2025		
Ways & Means	0269	Murphy	FitzGerald, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss residential property values and the assessing process.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0325	Worrell	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY26 budget.	1/29/2025	2/18, 2/27, 3/24/25	2/10, 3/17, 3/26/25-working session, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled, 2/12, 3/19/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0419	Flynn	Murpjhy	Order for a hearing to discuss tax exemptions for long-term residents age 55 & above and essential municipal employees.	2/5/2025		
Ways & Means	0458	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School pursuant to M.G.L. c. 70B, § 5. The Statement of Interest describes and explains the deficiencies within the school facility that prevents Boston Public Schools (BPS) from delivering their desired educational program.	2/12/2025	3/3/2025	3/5/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0553	Breadon	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review capital planning, budgeting, and project management practices in the capital program of the City of Boston.	2/26/2025		

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Ways & Means	0590	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds in a principal amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$350,000,000). The current conditions in the municipal bond market appear to be favorable for the City to potentially realize significant savings in debt service costs by refunding certain of its outstanding general obligation bonds.	3/5/2025	4/7/2025	
Ways & Means	0724	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the Collector-Treasurer to enter into a contract under the provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F, by and between the City of Boston and Citizens, for the provision of Banking Services as more fully described in the attached form of compensating balance agreement.	4/2/2025	4/7/2025	
Ways & Means	0725	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the Collector-Treasurer to enter into a contract under the provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F, by and between the City of Boston and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., for the provision of Banking Services.	4/2/2025	4/7/2025	
Whole	0181	Louijeune	Pepén, Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.		1/8/2025	
Whole	0585	Murphy	Flynn	Order for an emergency hearing to discuss the state receivership of Boston Elections Commission.		2/26/2025	

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

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

Thomas J. Murray

In Recognition of:

**A Well-Deserved Retirement, Following Thirty Nine
Years of Dedicated Service for Our City on the Boston
Fire Department**

***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.***

NAME	YEARS
Thomas J. Murray	39.0
Richard M. Rizza	21.0
Patrick J. Malone	18.0
John S. Varner	38.0
Wayne A. Wilson	35.0
Brian P. Heelen	35.0
Carlos Nieves	30.0
Richard J. Johnson	25.0
John Geswell	35.0
Richard F. Paris	38.0
Robert J. McGrath	42.0
Edward J. Glasheen	39.0
Stephen M. Sacilotto	16.0
Robert Dean	37.0
Michael V. Sameski	35.0
Christopher E. Stevens	29.0
Mariano Hernandez	36.0
Robert J. Calobrisi	39.0
Charles J. Papineau	32.0
David C. Harrison	24.0
Paul S. Fitzpatrick	31.0
Kevin M. Jordan	39.0
William J. Hogan	37.0
Philip T. Ordonez	37.0
Michael J. Palizzolo	27.0
John T. MacDougall	37.0
Jeffrey Wilson	24.0
John J. McManus	32.0
Peter J. McDonnell	36.0
Emmett Reed	35.0
Marcus Anderson	32.0

Mark T. Jones	42.0
Shannon Blair	18.0
Frank J. Lang	18.0
Joseph G. McNulty	39.0
Patrick D. Murphy	39.0
Paul S. Luciano	37.0
Vincent E. Dimino	40.0
Harry K. Davis	38.0
Frank Rogier	38.0
Stephen McCormack	32.0

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén

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

Cathy Smalls

In Recognition of:

**Your years of service as one of the longest-serving members of the
Boston Transportation Department!**

Congratulations and best wishes on your well-deserved retirement!

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: *Ruthyee Loujaume*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Soutar*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *E. Pepén*

Date: *March 28th, 2025*

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén

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

Cece Graham

In Recognition of:

Your dedication, leadership, and contributions to our community!
In honor of Women's History Month, we recognize you
for your unwavering commitment to Hyde Park, inspiring positive
change, and uplifting those around you!

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: *Ruthyee Loujaune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Ally Quintos*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *E. Pepén*

Date: March 24, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén & Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Ben Trapanick

In Recognition of:

**Your unwavering dedication and positive impact on the Hyde Park Youth
Basketball Program, and your commitment to improving the well-being of the
youth in the community!**

Thank you for all of your contributions and engagement in youth sports!

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: Ruthzee Louijeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Quintas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: March 8 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1975 BOSTON RED SOX TEAM AND DECLARING APRIL 4, 2025 “1975 RED SOX DAY” IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The '75 Boston Red Sox captured the hearts of fans across the city and the nation with their extraordinary talent and unforgettable run to the World Series; *and*
- WHEREAS,** They were led by beloved legends Carl Yastrzemski, Carlton “Pudge” Fisk, Jim Rice, Dwight Evans, Rico Petrocelli, Bill “Spaceman” Lee, Bernie Carbo, and the indomitable Luis Tiant, the '75 Red Sox embodied the spirit of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** '75 marked the breakout of Fred Lynn, who made history as the first Major League Baseball player to win both *Rookie of the Year* and *Most Valuable Player* in the same season; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The team’s dramatic performance in the '75 World Series, particularly the legendary Game 6 walk-off home run by Carlton Fisk, remains one of the most iconic moments in baseball history and a source of pride for generations of Boston fans; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The team also marked the emotional return of Tony Conigliaro, a native son of Massachusetts whose courage and comeback attempt in '75 inspired fans despite his career having been cut short by injury; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston mourns the recent loss of Luis Tiant, who made his final Fenway appearance in 2024 and whose contributions on and off the field left an indelible mark on Red Sox Nation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Red Sox will open their season at Fenway Park, and members of the 1975 team will return to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their historic season with the city that has always called them family; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council honors the legacy of the 1975 Boston Red Sox, to recognize the profound impact they had on our city’s sports culture and civic pride, and to celebrate their reunion at the 2025 home opener at Fenway Park.



By: *Ruthye Joujeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Guintas*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Sharon Derfen*

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
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Official Resolution
of Councilor Benjamin Weber

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

Kanessa Alexander

In Recognition of:

Owning and operating Perfect 10 Hair Salon on Centre Street in West Roxbury for the past 10 years.

Be it further Resolved that Councilor Benjamin J. Weber and 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: Ruthyee Loujeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Avontas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ben Weber

Date: April 4, 2025

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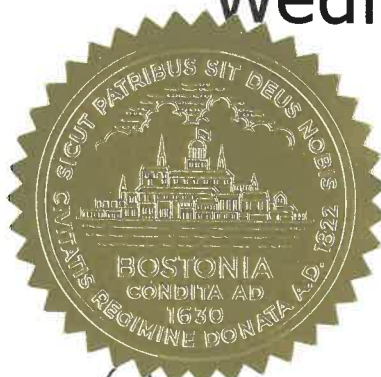
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Wednesday, April 9th, 2025



SINCERELY,


CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest


City Clerk

Presented By



City of Boston

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

PASTOR BRUCE WALL

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your steadfast commitment in serving the Codman Square community and your more than 30 years of dedication to the Global Ministries Christian Church. Your devoted mission to lead neighborhood patrols and to encourage our youth to stay away from drugs and violence is inspiring. Thank you for your tireless efforts to make Boston a better place!

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

PASTOR KARIN WALL

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your steadfast commitment in serving the Codman Square community and your more than 30 years of dedication to the Global Ministries Christian Church.

We commend your efforts to provide guidance and support to students and families who have dealt with trauma, loss, and learning differences. Thank you for your dedication to make Boston a better place!

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WHEREAS: Gold Star Spouses are spouses of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who died on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability; *and*

WHEREAS: On Gold Star Spouses Day, the City of Boston honors and recognizes your sacrifices and the families of our fallen U.S. servicemen. We hold your pain and thank you for bearing the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston and Office of Veterans Services is committed to supporting our Gold Star Spouses and families through various services and program; *and*

WHEREAS: On this day, we encourage everyone to remember the sacrifices of the families of fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; *Therefore Be It*

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council declares April 5th as Gold Star Spouses Day, and recommits to supporting our Gold Star Spouses and families, veterans and military families in Boston.

Filed on: April 4, 2025

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

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

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

Shen Yun Performing Arts

In Recognition of:

Your unwavering dedication over the past 19 years to bringing the rich traditions of classical Chinese dance and music to audiences worldwide. Established in 2006, Shen Yun Performing Arts has been instrumental in reviving and showcasing 5,000 years of divinely inspired Chinese culture through breathtaking performances. Your commitment to cultural preservation and the arts has inspired millions and earned global recognition.

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- Eileen Rosa
- Narica Gaskin
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- Stephanie Estes
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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

Robin Adams

In Recognition of:

Your exceptional achievements and dedication to empowering women in the construction industry have earned you the 2025 Trailblazer Award at the Women in Construction Ceremony by the City of Boston and the Inspectional Services Department. Your remarkable contributions serve as an inspiration to others, embodying the spirit of resilience, leadership, and progress.

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