



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- 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).
- 0293** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$145,687.72) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Violence Against Women's Act, a STOP Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provide services for victims of Jamaica Plain, as well as for Spanish-speaking victims citywide and also supporting overtime for all Civilian Domestic Violence Advocates citywide.

- 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.
- 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.
- 0296** Message and order for your approval an Order extending the City's acceptance of M.G.L. c.32B, §19, to be effective until June 30, 2027, upon my approval and execution of a written agreement with the Public Employee Committee (PEC).

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

- 0297** Communication was received from the Office of Black Male Advancement of the report entitled "Mayor's Office of Black Male Advancement Quarterly Report" October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024.
- 0298** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Jerica Bradley as Temporary First Assistant Collector-Treasurer for a period of 60 days, effective January 10, 2025.
- 0299** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Tim McKenzie as Temporary Second Assistant Collector-Treasurer for a period of 60 days, effective January 10, 2025.
- 0300** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Antonia Edwards as a member of the Task Force on the Study on City of Boston Reparations, effective immediately.

- 0301** Notice was received from Councilor Breadon of her absence from the January 29, 2025 City Council Meeting.
- 0302** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of January 8, 2025.
- 0303** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of January 15, 2025.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- 0189** The Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation, to which was referred on January 8, 2025, Docket #0189, Order regarding a Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code regarding the Bulfinch Triangle District use regulations, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass in a new draft.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

- 0142** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Increase its Residential Exemption.
- 0270** Order to adopt the Good Landlord Tax Abatement as a local option in the City of Boston.
- 0236** Message and order for your approval a new home rule petition to the General Court, "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Residential Tax Relief in the City of Boston."
- 0269** Order for a hearing to discuss residential property values and the assessing process.
- 0163** Order for a hearing to discuss enhanced public safety measures during large events in Boston.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 0304** **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Ordinance codifying the Office of Food Justice in the City of Boston.
- 0305** **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing.

- 0306 Councilor Pepén and Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing on health access in Hyde Park.
- 0307 Councilor Pepén and Durkan offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.
- 0308 Councilor Pepén and Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing to improve recruitment of civilian crossing guards to serve Boston families.
- 0309 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore the creation of Safe School Zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.
- 0310 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the establishment of a Mattapan Square Task Force for economic and cultural growth.
- 0311 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Order for a hearing to address the displacement of Bostonians as a result of new and future development.
- 0312 Councilor FitzGerald and Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to establish a hometown military hero banner program.
- 0313 Councilor FitzGerald and Pepén offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to high-quality school options for Boston Public School students in all neighborhoods.
- 0314 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding fire emergencies and the creation of a Fire Victim Fund.
- 0315 Councilor Coletta Zapata and Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing to assess a ban on polystyrene products in the City of Boston.
- 0316 Councilor Durkan and Pepén offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss a pilot program for waste containerization.
- 0317 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss elderly scamming.
- 0318 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss financial literacy programs in Boston Public Schools.
- 0319 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the proposed zoning amendment to remove the half mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments.

- 0320 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the lung cancer rates among Black Veterans.
- 0321 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston.
- 0322 Councilor Flynn and Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss ways to ensure operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of a 911 system outage.
- 0323 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.
- 0324 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the notification process for abutters meeting in the City of Boston.
- 0325 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY26 budget.
- 0326 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine accountability, transparency, and accessibility in administrative procedures for complying with Boston Landmarks Commission recommendations.
- 0327 Councilor Santana and Breadon offered the following:** Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.
- 0328 Councilor Santana offered the following:** 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.
- 0329 Councilor Santana and Weber offered the following:** 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.
- 0330 Councilor Santana and Breadon offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston.
- 0331 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits.

- 0332 Councilor Santana and FitzGerald offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs.
- 0333 Councilor Santana and Durkan offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding gender-neutral bathrooms in City-owned buildings.
- 0334 Councilor Santana offered the following:** 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.
- 0335 Councilor Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Fire Department.
- 0336 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department.
- 0337 Councilor Murphy and FitzGerald offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding the transition and operations of the new City Planning Department.
- 0338 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Order to adopt laws concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses.
- 0339 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Order for the Boston City Council to hold a series of Policy Briefings with Boston Public Schools leadership.
- 0340 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Sidewalk repair deposits and refunds (disaggregated).
- 0341 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Capital Projects in D7 from 2020 to date.
- 0342 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Maintenance and Improvements of streets and sidewalks in District 7 from 2020 to date.

- 0343 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under section 17F RE: White Stadium and Madison Park Technical Vocational High School.
- 0344 Councilor Flynn and Santana offered the following:** Resolution celebrating Lunar New Year.
- 0345 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution calling for the reinstatement of Eddy Chrispin to the Boston Police Department Command Staff.
- 0346 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution calling for the relocation of Muriel Snowden International school to a modern, fully equipped facility that provides students and teachers with the resources needed for a world-class educational experience.
- 0347 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution to establish a digital marketplace pilot program.
- 0348 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution to improve bus monitor pay rates and working conditions in the city of Boston.
- 0349 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution in support of the "Recover Boston" proposal.
- 0350 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The National Fitness Campaign.
- 0351 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** A resolution to support and ensure the Nubian Square Task Force, its goals, vision, plan and composition is in alignment with the principles of equity and recovery.
- 0352 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution in support of anti-displacement protections in the "Squares and Streets" rezoning initiative.
- 0353 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution in support of the City of Boston fulfilling its promise to meet the Madison Park Technical Vocational High School construction timeline.
- 0354 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution for the timely release and review of final transportation, parking, environmental, and alternative public plans for White Stadium prior to further demolition work.

0355 Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing January 18, 2025 as "Day of Care" in honor of the life and legacy of Kyre Ambrose.

0356 Councilor Durkan and Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the 332nd Fighter Group, the "Tuskegee Airmen" and Brigadier General Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse II.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

0357 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Durkan offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Samantha Courage in City Council, effective February 8, 2025.

0358 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Durkan offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Lily Sweeterman in City Council, effective February 1, 2025.

GREEN SHEETS:

29/25 Legislative Calendar for January 29, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

0359 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Polish Club Boston 2025 Leadership.

0360 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Presner and Presly Nelson.

0361 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating AccessMA.

0362 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Gloria Bowers.

0363 Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution Recognizing Brittany Saunders.

0364 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Gena Mavuli.

0365 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing James Keenan.

0366 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution in memory of Aphrodite "Ethel" Lambros.

- 0367** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Cleda Barthelemy.
- 0368** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Maria Fernandes Goode.
- 0369** Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution Recognizing Jarred Johnson.
- 0370** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution Congratulating Tét In Boston.
- 0371** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution Congratulating Jaely Mỹ Hiền Pereira.
- 0372** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution Congratulating Anthony Nguyễn.
- 0373** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Holocaust Legacy Foundation.
- 0374** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Timothy Murphy.
- 0375** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Inquilnos Boricuas en Accion.
- 0376** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- 0377** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Polish American Citizens Club Boston.
- 0378** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Dr. Phyllis Selter.
- 0379** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Joe Burgess.
- 0380** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Reverend Thomas H Lee.
- 0381** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Chinatown Main Street.

0382 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Tet
Boston.

0383 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Boston
Lunar New Year Festival Committee.

0384 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing St
Stephen's Youth Programs.



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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).

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**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
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by Adam Cederbaum
Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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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-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-TWO CENTS (**\$145,687.72**) in the form of a grant, the FY24 Violence Against Women Act, a STOP Grant, awarded by United States Department Of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain, as well as for Spanish-speaking victims citywide and also supporting overtime for all Civilian Domestic Violence Advocates citywide.

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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the FY24 Violence Against Women Act, a STOP Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department Of Justice AND MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

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

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-TWO CENTS (**\$145,687.72**) would fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain, as well as for Spanish-speaking victims citywide and also supporting overtime for all Civilian Domestic Violence Advocates citywide. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department Of Justice, and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security' the FY24 Violence Against Women Act, a STOP Grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-TWO CENTS (**\$145,687.72**).

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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 THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$100,000.00**) in the form of a grant, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, awarded by United States Department of the Treasury to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

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,

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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.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

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**).

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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 SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$75,000.00)** in the form of a grant, the Boston Tax Help Coalition Santander Bank grant, awarded by Santander Bank, N.A. to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would 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.

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 Boston Tax Help Coalition Santander Bank grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Santander Bank, N.A..

WHEREAS, the Santander Bank, N.A., is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$75,000.00**) would 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. 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 Santander Bank, N.A., the Boston Tax Help Coalition Santander Bank grant award not to exceed the amount of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$75,000.00**).

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Mayor

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Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 27, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order extending the City's acceptance of M.G.L. c.32B, §19, to be effective until June 30, 2027, upon my approval and execution of a written agreement with the Public Employee Committee (PEC).

The City and the PEC have repeatedly entered into agreements pursuant to Section 19 that set forth the parties' agreements with respect to health insurance benefits for the City's subscribers. The most recent agreement was entered into by the parties in December 2019, and runs from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. Upon expiration of this current agreement, Section 19 is revoked and negotiations for health insurance bargaining returns to the City and individual collective bargaining units pursuant to M.G.L. c. 150E.

The City and the PEC wish to remain in Section 19 bargaining and enter into a successor agreement for the limited time period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. The PEC will continue to be the exclusive bargaining representative for the coalition of public employee bargaining units and retirees of the City of Boston with respect to health insurance coverage until June 30, 2027.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Order.

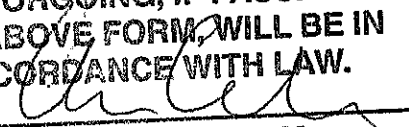
Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. c. 32B, §19 WITHIN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDERED: That the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, be, and the same hereby are, accepted and adopted by the City of Boston effective upon passage, approval of the Mayor and a written agreement with the Public Employee Committee, and the same are revoked effective June 30, 2027.

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

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA" or "Agreement") is entered into this 12th day of November 2024, by and between the City of Boston, including the Boston Public Schools ("City") and the Boston Public Employee Committee ("PEC") (collectively "the Parties"):

WHEREAS, the City is a public employer providing certain health insurance coverage to its subscribers (i.e., employees, retirees, surviving spouses, and dependents); and

WHEREAS, on or about May 4, 2011, the City, by majority vote of the City Council and approval of the Mayor, accepted M.G.L. c. 32B, §19 ("Section 19"); and

WHEREAS, the City and the PEC have repeatedly entered into agreements pursuant to Section 19 that set forth the Parties' agreements 'with respect to health insurance benefits for the City's subscribers.' The most recent such agreement was entered into by the parties in December 2019 and runs from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 ("2020-2025 PEC Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the 2020-2025 PEC Agreement, the 2020-2025 PEC Agreement shall expire and Section 19 shall be revoked on June 30, 2025, thereby returning negotiations for health insurance to bargaining between the City and individual bargaining units pursuant to M.G.L. c. 150E; and

WHEREAS, the City and the PEC wish to remain in Section 19 bargaining and enter into a successor to their 2020-2025 PEC Agreement that will set forth and establish the Parties' agreements with respect to health insurance benefits for the City's subscribers for the limited time period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027 ("2025-2027 PEC Agreement"), provided certain future events occur and future conditions are met; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to the following:

- **RFP for Non-Medicare Plans/Benefits:** The Parties agree that the terms and conditions for existing health insurance plans pursuant to the 2020-2025 PEC Agreement shall remain unchanged and in force through June 30, 2027. The parties agree that an RFP for non-Medicare health plans will be issued no earlier than July 1, 2026, for plan effective dates of July 1, 2027. Consistent with prior practice, the PEC will participate in issuing the RFP and reviewing and evaluating proposals to aid the City in

making a recommendation to the Procurement Official. For information regarding health insurance plans and benefits currently in effect through June 30, 2027, refer to the 2020-2025 PEC agreement, and the March 2022 amendment.

- **Extension of Section 19 by the City:** the Mayor shall recommend to the City Council that it agree to extend its acceptance of Section 19 that is due to expire on June 30, 2025, through June 30, 2027, which the Mayor approves.
- **PEC Agreement by City and PEC:** Provided the City Council votes to extend its acceptance of Section 19 through June 30, 2027, with the Mayor's approval, the City and the PEC shall convene a meeting as soon as possible to approve the terms of this MOA as the terms of the 2025-2027 PEC Agreement pursuant to Section 19.
- **Expiration of PEC Agreement and Revocation of Section 19:** The Parties agree that the 2025-2027 PEC Agreement shall constitute both a vote by the PEC to enter into a new Section 19 agreement as well as a vote by the PEC to revoke Section 19 and the 2025- 2027 PEC Agreement on June 30, 2027. Therefore, Section 19 shall be deemed revoked on June 30, 2027, and said revocation shall not require a subsequent agreement between the City and the PEC or subsequent vote by City Council and approval by the Mayor. If it is later determined that a distinct vote by the City Council and approval by the Mayor is required to revoke Section 19, then this agreement shall be deemed to be supported by the City and the PEC for such revocation.
- **Section 19 Supersedes Collective Bargaining Agreements:** As with the prior PEC Agreements, including the most recent 2020-2025 PEC Agreement, any and all provisions of any collective bargaining agreement relative to health insurance, including but not limited to health insurance plans, contribution rates, or policies between the City, the Boston School Committee and any of the bargaining units who are signatories to this MOA, shall be superseded by the 2025-2027 PEC Agreement, as it is the Parties' understanding that all health insurance matters will hereafter be subject to the provisions and procedures of Section 19 and decisions made between the City and the PEC shall determine said matters, which are therefore not a proper subject of bargaining for individual bargaining units. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, dental and vision benefits and any health

insurance "opt out" clause related to an individual union shall not be part of this MOA or the 2025-2027 PEC Agreement and shall continue to be negotiated between the City and each of the collective bargaining units pursuant to M.G.L. c. 150E.

- **Bargaining After Section 19 Revocation:** When Section 19 is revoked pursuant to paragraph #4, above, the PEC will be dissolved and the City shall, unless otherwise agreed to by any or all bargaining units, negotiate with each bargaining unit individually with respect to health insurance coverage. Said negotiations, and any available insurance coverage, shall be in accordance with M.G.L. c. 150E and/or any other applicable law regarding public employee health insurance.
- **Health Insurance Coverage:** The Parties agree to terms and coverage contained in Appendix A, B, and C for all non-Medicare and Medicare plans. For benefits in effect prior to July 1, 2025, refer to the 2020-2025 PEC agreement.
- **Funding:** The Parties agree to continue their commitment to self-insurance of medical plans.
- **Prescription Drug Carve Out RFP:** The City and PEC agree that during the life of the 2025-2027 PEC Agreement, the City may issue an RFP to carve out Prescription Drug benefits. The objective of the prescription drug carve out will be to lower costs through competitive pricing terms and not lower costs through limited formularies, pharmacy networks, or modifications to standard pharmacy benefit management practices (i.e., step therapy, quantity limits, or prior authorization). The Parties will endeavor to maintain the same formulary for both non-Medicare and Medicare plans; however, some differences may exist as necessary to comply with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") requirements for Medicare prescription drug plans, such as a PDP. Consistent with prior practice, the PEC will participate in issuing the RFP and reviewing and evaluating proposals to aid the City in making a recommendation to the Procurement Official.
- **Medicare RFP:** The City and the PEC agree that during the life of the 2025-2027 PEC Agreement, the City may issue an RFP for Medicare plan design changes and consolidation consistent with the terms contained in Appendix B of this agreement. Consistent with prior practice, the PEC will participate in issuing the RFP and reviewing and evaluating proposals to aid the City in making a recommendation to the Procurement Official.

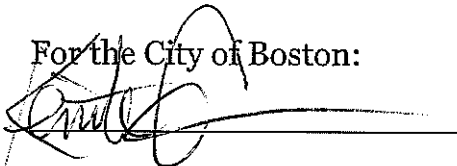
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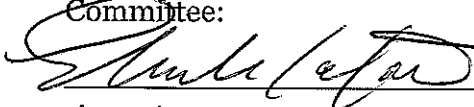
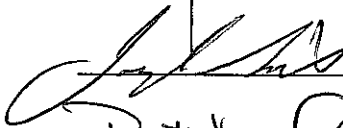
- **Signatories.** The signatories are authorized to bind their principals.

In witness hereof, the City of Boston and the PEC have caused this agreement to be signed on November 12, 2024.

For the City of Boston:


A. Gifford 11/14/24
People's Operations
General Bushy OLR
W:-
C. Carlucci 11/14/24 CR

For the Boston Public Employee Committee:

 AFSCME 1526 11/12/24
Scott Doyle Boston Firefighters 11/12/24
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 USW SEWA 9158 11/12/24
R. K. P. BPSOF 11/12/24
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Changes to Non-Medicare Plans
Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025

APPENDIX A

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Administrative Footnotes to Appendices A and B

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- (2) Boston Public School employees not receiving paychecks during summer months will continue to pay double deductions for this period during the last two (2) months of the school year.
- (3) Employees will continue to have sixty (60) days from the date of hire to enroll in health benefits. Through a benefits administration system, employees will be able to self-enroll during the first thirty (30) days, after which they will need assistance of a Health Benefits Representative. Benefits begins on the first day of the month following hire.
- (4) Employees who are involuntarily separated, laid off and/or resign in lieu of termination, including while charges and/or an investigation is pending, who are enrolled in a City health plan at the time of separation, and have been making health insurance premium contributions to said health plan may elect to continue their health benefits coverage for one month following separation for the life of this agreement. To continue coverage, eligible employees must: a. Notify the Health Benefits Office in writing no later than 5 p.m. on the last day of the payroll cycle in which they separate by completing the required form and b. Provide payment in full for the outstanding employee premium contributions for the final month of coverage as well as any arrears owed to the Health Benefits Office, including if the final payroll cycle does not contain a full deduction. Such payment must be provided alongside the above-referenced form no later than 5 pm on the last day of the payroll cycle in which they separate.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA" or "Agreement") is entered into this tenth day of December 2019, by and between the City of Boston, including the Boston Public Schools ("City") and the Boston Public Employee Committee ("PEC") (collectively "the Parties"):

WHEREAS, the City is a public employer providing certain health insurance coverage to its subscribers (i.e., employees, retirees, surviving spouses, and dependents); and

WHEREAS, on or about May 4, 2011, the City, by majority vote of the City Council and approval of the Mayor, accepted M.G.L. c. 32B, §19 ("Section 19"); and

WHEREAS, the City and the PEC entered into an agreement pursuant to Section 19 that set forth the Parties' agreements with respect to health insurance benefits for the City's subscribers for the limited time period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2020 ("2015-2020 PEC Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the 2015-2020 PEC Agreement, the 2015-2020 PEC Agreement shall expire and Section 19 shall be revoked on June 30, 2020, thereby returning negotiations for health insurance to bargaining between the City and individual bargaining units pursuant to M.G.L. c. 150E; and

WHEREAS, the City and the PEC wish to remain in Section 19 bargaining and enter into a successor to their 2015-2020 PEC Agreement that will set forth and establish the Parties' agreements with respect to health insurance benefits for the City's subscribers for the limited time period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025 ("2020-2025 PEC Agreement"), provided certain future events occur and future conditions are met; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to the following:

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- 2) **Extension of Section 19 by the City:** the Mayor shall recommend to the City Council that it agree to extend its acceptance of Section 19 that is due to expire on June 30, 2020, through June 30, 2025, which the Mayor approves.
- 3) **PEC Agreement by City and PEC:** Provided the City Council votes to extend its acceptance of Section 19 through June 30, 2025, with the Mayor's approval, the City and the PEC shall convene a meeting as soon as possible to approve the terms of this MOA as the terms of the 2020-2025 PEC Agreement pursuant to Section 19.
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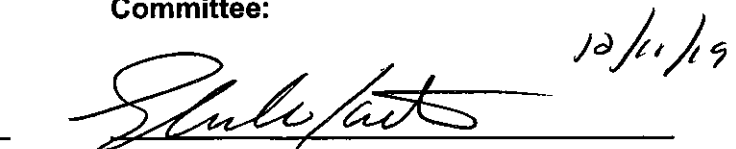
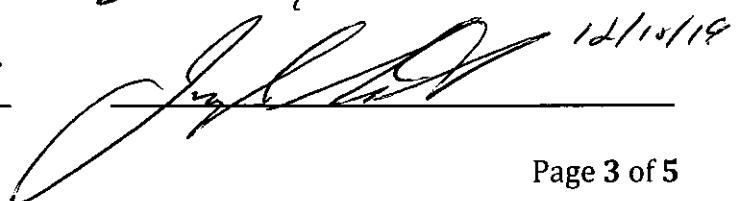
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In witness hereof, the City of Boston and the PEC have caused this agreement to be signed on December 10, 2019.

For the City of Boston:

For the Boston Public Employee Committee:

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Charles F. Jones

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**Amendment to the Agreement
Between the City of Boston and the Public Employee Committee
July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025**

This Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Boston and Public Employee Committee ("PEC") in effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 (herein after the "2020 – 2025 PEC Agreement"), is entered into on this eighth day of March 2022, by and between the City of Boston, including the Boston Public Schools ("City") and the PEC (collectively "the Parties").

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WHEREAS, the City and the PEC wished to remain in Section 19 bargaining and entered into a successor to the 2015 – 2020 PEC Agreement; the 2020 – 2025 PEC Agreement, which set forth and established the Parties agreement with respect to health benefits for the City's subscribers for the limited time period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Parties find it necessary to modify some of the timelines and requirements of the 2020 – 2025 PEC Agreement outlined in Appendix A;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

(1) **Appendix A** will include chiropractor coverage for the Limited and Broad Network HMO plans effective July 1, 2023. The member out-of-pocket cost will be assessed at the specialist copay level per visit up, no limitation of number of visits per year, and authorization requirement after the 12th visit per member per calendar year.

(2) **Signatories.** The signatories are authorized to bind their principals.

In witness hereof, the City of Boston and the PEC have caused this agreement to be signed on March 8, 2022.

FOR THE CITY:

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Emily Betzler ^{HRST}
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Renel Busby
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Mr. M
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FOR THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE:

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Mayor's Office of
Black Male Advancement

Quarterly Report

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

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OVERVIEW - OFFICE OF BMA

Our Mission

The Office of Black Male Advancement strives to improve outcomes and reduce systemic barriers to the advancement for Black men and boys living in Boston. Our office works to empower Black men and boys. We want to ensure they have equitable access to opportunities in the City. As part of our work, we focus on policies, programs, resources, and local and national partnerships.

Our goal is to ensure Black men and boys have support to thrive and share in our City's prosperity.

Our Priorities

Economic
Opportunity &
Workers
Empowerment

Education &
Youth
Advancement

Affordable
Housing &
Pathways to
Homeownership

Public Health
and Wellness &
Fatherhood and
Families

Equity and
Racial Justice

Community
Safety &
Returning
Citizens

Our Programs

- [My Brother's Keeper Boston](#)
- [Community Empowerment Small Grants](#)
- [Project Opportunity](#)
- [R.E.A.C.H. 1000](#)
- [Capacity Building & Impact Institute](#)
- [Black Men Lead](#) and [Young Black Leaders](#)

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City of Boston
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Black Men & Boys Commission

The Commission was established through a 2021 ordinance and is made up of 21-Black males with experience, knowledge and expertise on issues pertaining to Black men and boys in the City of Boston. The Commission serves as an advisory board for the Mayor’s Office of Black Male Advancement, including determining budget and policy priorities.

The Commission seeks to study the social conditions of the city’s Black men and boys, develop strategies to remedy or assist in remedying serious adversities, and make recommendations to create equal opportunity for education, employment, access to public accommodations, and fair housing, significantly improving the life trajectory, physical, mental, economic and emotional wellness of generations of Black men and boys in the City of Boston. **In 2025, Commissioners are collaborating with various City of Boston departments to develop budget and policy recommendations for FY26.**

Recent Commission Meetings

- Community Listening Sessions
- Monthly Commission Meetings
- Bi-monthly Subcommittee Meetings
- Affordable Housing and Pathways to Homeownership Subcommittee meeting (MOH & BPDA)
- Economic Opportunity & Worker’s Empowerment Subcommittee meeting (OEI, OWE, & Boston Residency Job Policy)
- Education and Youth Advancement Subcommittee meeting (BPS & OYEA)
- Public Health & Wellness and Fatherhood and Families Subcommittee meeting (BPHC)
- Community Safety & Returning Citizens Subcommittee meeting (OHS, OCS & ORC, OPAT, BPD)

Commission Members (2025 Leadership*)

Tito Jackson, <i>Chair</i>	Tevez Schail	Joseph Feaster Jr.	Jakhi Dean	William Dickerson II
Devin Morris, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Jeff Similien	Corey Thompson	Tony Richards*	Richard Claytor
Darien Johnson, <i>Secretary</i>	James Hills*	Tony Brewer	Andre Barbour	Charlie Titus
James Mackey*	Kurt Faustin	Piter Brandao	Richard Harris	Open

Year in Review

Office of BMA
Wins in 2024

Budget Proposals

Passed by City Council

The Office of BMA and the Commission proposed budget recommendations encompass various City departments, in line with the Office and Commission priorities of addressing the needs of Black men and boys.

1

January 2024

2

February 2024

BMA Reads for Black History Month

The Office of BMA staff visited BPS elementary students to promote literacy and modelship, reading every Friday in February at the: Tobin, Higginson, Mattahunt, and Trotter Elementary schools



City of Boston
Black Male
Advancement

\$700K Grants **to Community-Based Orgs**

Our 2nd annual Community Empowerment Grants, alongside another round of MBK Grants, allowed the Office of BMA to distribute a total of \$700K in 2024. In late December, a new round of \$500K for 2025 was announced.

3

March 2024

4

April 2024

College Tour **BPS Students to HBCUs**

With dozens of Boston high school students participating, the MBK HBCU College Tour is designed to expose students to post-secondary opportunities, providing excitement around the environment that exists at HBCUs



City of Boston
Black Male
Advancement

Codification

of the Office of BMA

The codification of the Office of Black Male Advancement establishes the Office as a permanent part of Boston's municipal code, ensuring its stability and continued focus on making Boston a home for everyone, including our Black men and boys.

5

AUGUST 2024

6

SEPTEMBER
2024

Equity Study Announced

An RFP was issued for consultants or research teams to provide technical and administrative support in developing an equity study to understand how the city delivers services to Black men and boys. The contract is currently being awarded.



City of Boston
Black Male
Advancement

On-Site Acceptances at MBK HBCU Forum

The HBCU Forum offered workshops, speakers, and interview prep; in which we invited seventeen HBCUs to come to Boston, where leaders from these HBCUs provided

- Scholarship opportunities
- On-Site Interviews
- On-Site Acceptances

7

OCTOBER 2024

8

NOVEMBER 2024

Newsletter Launch

At the end of the year, we launched our first BMA Newsletter. A monthly review of initiatives, events, and activities, the newsletter is sent to over 4,000 BMA contacts as part of our larger network. [Subscribe](#) and read past newsletters at boston.gov/bma and all social media pages.



City of Boston
Black Male
Advancement

6 Flagship Events

BMA Empowerment Summit

1



2



Black Men's Mental Health Symposium

3



Black Father's Day Brunch

4



5



Grantees Network & Mixer

MBK Youth Summit

6



HBCU Forum

BMA: BY THE NUMBERS

- **324 Intake Forms Addressed**

Constituents can request individual support from the Office of BMA

- **82 Community Events Attended**

across Boston neighborhoods aligned with our five priority areas.

- **6 Flagship Events**

Hosted by the Office of Black Male Advancement

- **140 BMA Empowerment Summit**
- **150 Black Men's Mental Health**
- **157 Black Father's Day Brunch**
- **115 MBK Youth Summit**
- **120 Grantees Network & Mixer**
- **72 HBCU Forum**

- **3 Hiring & Resource Fairs**

A Project Opportunity initiative, focused on hiring, & a free CORI legal clinic

- **433 Individuals Attended**
- **23 Departments**

MBK: BY THE NUMBERS

- **370 BMA Reads**

As part of our BMA Reads initiative to promote literacy and modelship, BMA staff read to BPS elementary students every Friday during Black History Month.

- **115 MBK Youth Summit**

students attended the Summit, which included speakers, Mass Robotics workshop, music workshop, and a Dress for Success workshop

- **81 Students on College Tour**

As part of the HBCU College Tour across the country, in addition to the NAACP convention, which featured a college visit.

- **72 Seniors/Juniors at HBCU Forum**

On-site Interviews. On-site Acceptances. Scholarship Opportunities

- **40 Youth-Serving Organizations**

received funding from the Office of Black Male Advancement Community Empowerment Grant, as well as MBK grants in the summer.

- **30 Summer Youth Employees**

placed across the City by the Office of Black Male Advancement

- **17 HBCUs attended Forum**

Universities across the nation traveled to Boston for the MBK HBCU Forum

- **15 BPS Schools Site Visits**

by BMA staff to support school leaders, teachers, and students across needs.

Grants: **BY THE NUMBERS**

- **\$750K Grants Dispersed**
as part of the BMA Community Empowerment Grants
- **63 Community-Organizations**
have received funding over the past year to scale up their work and deepen their impact throughout the city's neighborhoods.
- **5,100+ Individuals Served**
through these community-based organizations, with programming ranging from 10 people to over 2,500 members.
- **7 Focus Areas**
to provide targeted support to our Boston neighborhoods and communities, including out-of school time and mentoring, young adult pathways, housing mobility, workforce training, wealth building, fatherhood engagement, and mental wellness.



Office of BMA Initiatives



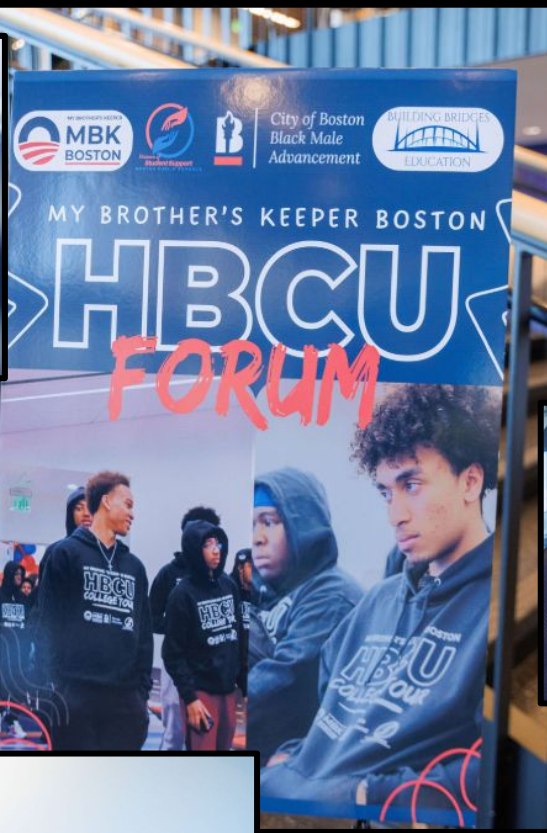
The BMA team planned and executed several initiatives, convenings, and events throughout Q4, highlighted by the HBCU Forum, Project Opportunity Fall Resource Fair, and a host of holiday drives for Thanksgiving and Christmas.



HBCU Forum

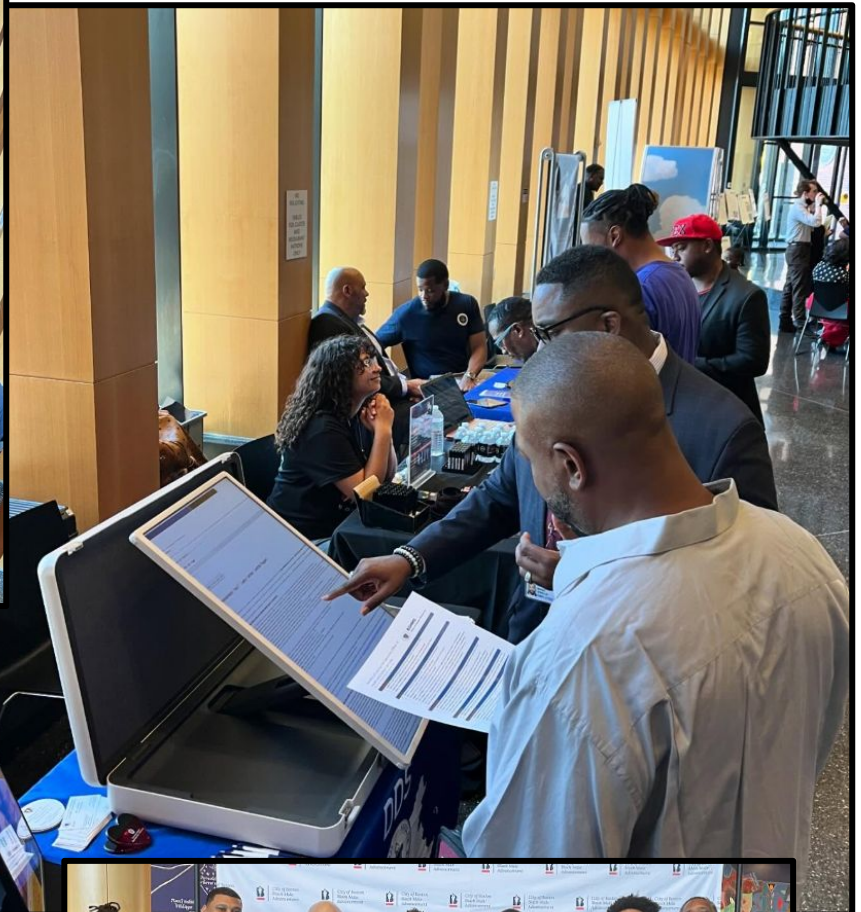
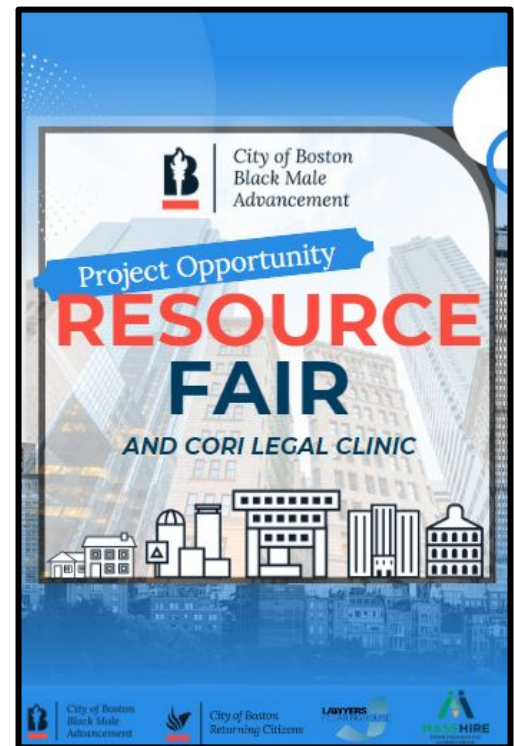
The HBCU Forum was a collaborative presentation for Black young men, offering workshops, speakers, and interview preparation. This event marked the culmination of the Spring 2024 HBCU tour, during which our Office engaged with HBCU leaders across the nation. Seventeen universities traveled to Boston for the Forum, which featured:

- On-site Interviews
- On-site Acceptances
- Scholarship opportunities.



Project Opportunity Resource Fair

The Project Opportunity Spring Resource Fair and CORI Legal Clinic, held on April 27 at the Bruce Bolling Building, attracted over 100 participants and featured more than 20 organizations. The event provided essential resources, including free CORI legal clinics, services from community-based organizations, and educational materials to community members, contributing to April's #SecondChanceMonth initiatives.



Holiday Drives

For the holidays, the Office of BMA staff contributed by packaging and loading turkeys for the Mayor's Turkey Drive and the No Books No Ball annual drive. Additionally, the team assisted in loading toys for the well-known Toys for Tots initiative and the local Boston Gives Back program in Roxbury.



Community Supported Events

October 2024

- Harvard Hutchins Center for African & African American Research W.E.B DuBois Medal Ceremony (Cambridge)
- October Black Men & Boys' Commission Meeting (Roxbury)
- Black Boy Joy Summit (Roxbury)
- Building Bridges HBCU College Fair - Reggie Lewis (Roxbury)

November 2024

- Black Men & Boys' Commission Meeting on White Stadium (Virtual)
- BMA Site Visit to COB Inspectional Department (Dorchester)
- BMA Service Yard Visit to Public Works Department (Dorchester)
- College Process 2024 (Roxbury)
- 6 Won 7 (Roxbury)
- Mayor's Turkey Drive (Dorchester)
- No Books No Ball Turkey Drive (Roxbury)
- Young Visionary Leaders Convention (Northeastern)

December 2024

- Toys for Tots Volunteering (Seaport)
- December Black Men and Boys' Commission Meeting (Roxbury)
- Mayor Wu's Holiday Party (Roxbury)
- Boston Gives Back (Roxbury)



NEXT QUARTER PREVIEW

1) BMA Empowerment Summit

Second Annual

2) 2025 Empowerment Grants

Review of applicants & awarding

3) Project Opportunity Hiring.

Resource Fair & Cori Legal Clinic

4) Black History Month

Partner events and BMA events

5) Capacity Building

Non-profit mentoring trainings

6) Equity Study RFP

Awarding of Contract

7) Data Dashboard

Announcement

OUR TEAM



Frank Farrow

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Director



Maddrey Goode

Chief of Staff



Donte Peebles

Community
Engagement
Manager



Jeysaun Gant

My Brother's
Keeper Program
Manager



Elijah Richards

Resource
Development
Manager



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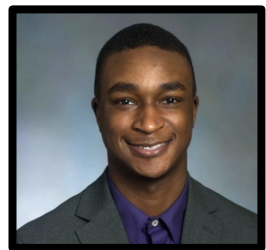
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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 10, 2025

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
Boston City Hall, Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Geourntas:

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, §61A, I hereby appoint Jerica Bradley as Temporary First Assistant Collector-Treasurer for the Treasury Division of the City of Boston, effective January 10th, 2025, for a period of 60 days therefrom.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 10, 2025

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk
City of Boston
Boston City Hall, Room 601
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Geourntas:

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, §61A, I hereby appoint Tim McKenzie as Temporary Second Assistant Collector-Treasurer for the Treasury Division of the City of Boston, effective January 10th, 2025, for a period of 60 days therefrom.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

January 27, 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 Section 15-13.2 of Chapter XII of the City of Boston Municipal Code, I hereby appoint the following Member to the Task Force on the Study on City of Boston Reparations, effective immediately:

Antonia Edwards of 6 Kenilworth Street, Apartment 2C, Boston, Massachusetts 02119.

This member will serve a term expiring on December 31, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



Boston City Council

LIZ BREADON

Councilor – District 9

January 27, 2025

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

Dear Clerk Geourntas:

I am writing to inform you of my absence from the regular meeting of the Boston City Council scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2025. I am continuing to recover from recent knee replacement surgery and anticipate being able to attend meetings in the Iannella Chamber in the coming weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Breadon
District 9 Councilor
Allston-Brighton



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

January 27, 2025

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of January 8, 2025, viz.

- 0122 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend an in-kind donation of 200 rakes donated by Northeastern University's Department of City and Community Engagement. The purpose of this donation is to be used during the "Love Your Block" program, which organizes residents to do a cleanup in their neighborhood.

Approved by the Mayor January 23, 2025

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

January 27, 2025

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of January 15, 2025, viz.

- 0108 Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of One Hundred Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000.00) for purposes of funding the Housing Accelerator Program. The expenditures related to the program are one-time in nature and are assumed to be non-recurring costs of the City, therefore, are appropriate to be funded with non-recurring revenue.
Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on December 2, 2024.

Approved by the Mayor January 23, 2025

- 0110 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC), awarded by the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department. The grant will fund the prospect of cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes.

Approved by the Mayor January 23, 2025

- 0114 Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Four Hundred Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$421,318.00) to provide funding for the Mayor's Office of Housing for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and SEIU Local 888, Mayor's Office of Housing.

Approved by the Mayor January 23, 2025




Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

- 0115 Message and order for a supplemental appropriation for the Mayor's Office of Housing for FY25 in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$421,318.00) to cover the FY25 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and SEIU, Local 888 Mayor's Office of Housing. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in January of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$250.00, \$500.00, \$900.00, and \$800.00 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year.
Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025.
Approved by the Mayor January 23, 2025
- 0116 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$860,169.70) in the form of a grant for the One Stop Career Center grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund comprehensive career services and resources to unemployed job seekers such as reviewing job postings, career counseling and job coaching, education/skills training, and job placement assistance.
Approved by the Mayor January 23, 2025
- 0117 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$593,750.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Hazmat Earmark grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the needs of the hazardous materials response teams, as specified the line items 8324-0000 and 8324-0050 of the FY25 General Appropriation Act.
Approved by the Mayor January 23, 2025

Respectfully,


Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE BOSTON ZONING CODE REGARDING THE BULFINCH TRIANGLE DISTRICT USE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, The Bulfinch Triangle District, located in Boston’s West End, is designated under the National Register of Historic Places, originating in the early 19th century when renowned architect Charles Bulfinch designed its street layout on land reclaimed from the old Mill Pond, also known as North Cove the last remaining portion of the original West End neighborhood; *and*

WHEREAS, The elevated JFK expressway formerly occupied one-third of the district, but the completion of the Big Dig project revitalized the Bulfinch Triangle with the introduction of the Rose Kennedy Greenway and new residential and commercial developments; *and*

WHEREAS, The Bulfinch Triangle’s location within the West End neighborhood, with its proximity to public transit, employment centers, and amenities, makes it an ideal candidate to support increased residential development while preserving its historic character; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston faces a critical housing shortage, necessitating measures to increase housing supply and affordability for all residents; *and*

WHEREAS, The current zoning code designates ‘Residential Uses’ as a conditional use in the Bulfinch Triangle, thereby imposing additional regulatory hurdles that hamper potential housing production thereby creating preference for developers that have the ability to withstand the risk associated with obtaining a variance; *and*

WHEREAS, Streamlining zoning regulations pertaining to the Bulfinch Triangle to make ‘Residential Uses’ an allowed use helps facilitate the creation of additional housing units and aligns with the City and State’s broader planning goals of promoting mixed-use neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, The proposed zoning amendment reduces reliance on conditional approvals that delay development timelines, thereby contributing to the City’s goals of addressing housing scarcity; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

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

Filed on: January 3, 2025

Filed on: TBD

Text Amendment Application No. ____

Boston City Council

TO THE BOSTON PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

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

1. In Article 46, Section 9-3. - Bulfinch Triangle District Use Regulations, Conditional Uses
 - a. Strike part (d), “Residential Uses. Multifamily dwelling; artist's live/work space; apartment house; group residence, limited; lodging or boarding house; temporary dwelling structure; group care residence, general; and any dwelling converted for more families, provided that any nonconformity of such structure as to floor area ratio is no greater after conversion than prior to conversion. Residential uses include any affordable dwelling units, including but not limited to rental units, condominiums, and limited equity share cooperatives.”
2. In Article 46, Section 9-2. - Bulfinch Triangle District Use Regulations, Allowed Uses
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Petitioner: Boston City Council

By: Councilor Sharon Durkan

Address: 1 City Hall Square, Suite 550, Boston, MA 02201

Telephone: 617-635-4225

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



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BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation
Sharon Durkan, Chair

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

January 24, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0189, Order regarding a Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code regarding the Bulfinch Triangle District use regulations.

This matter was sponsored by Councilors Sharon Durkan and Gabriela Coletta Zapata and was referred to the Committee on January 8, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0189 proposes shifting ‘Residential Uses’ from a conditional use to an allowed use in the Bulfinch Triangle, to help facilitate the creation of additional housing units and aligns with the City’s and State’s goals of mixed-use neighborhoods.

The Docket seeks to amend the Boston Zoning Code, 46-9. – Bulfinch Triangle District Use Regulations – as follows:

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The current zoning code designates ‘Residential Uses’ as a conditional use in the Bulfinch Triangle, thereby imposing additional regulatory hurdles that hamper potential housing production by creating preference for developers that have the ability to withstand the risk associated with obtaining a



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conditional use permit. The proposed zoning amendment seeks to change ‘Residential Uses’ from a conditional use to an allowed use, thereby reducing reliance on conditional approvals that delay development timelines.

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held a hearing on Thursday, January 23, 2025 to discuss Docket #0189. Aimee Chambers, Director of the Planning and Zoning Division, Boston Planning Department, and Jeff Thomas, Special Assistant to the Chief of Planning, Boston Planning Department testified on behalf of the administration. The Administration officials answered questions and mentioned they support the Council efforts in the Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code.

The Bulfinch Triangle District, located in Boston’s West End, is designated under the National Register of Historic Places, originating in the early 19th century when renowned architect Charles Bulfinch designed its street layout on land reclaimed from the old Mill Pond, also known as North Cove, the last remaining portion of the original West End neighborhood.

The elevated JFK expressway formerly occupied one-third of the district, but the completion of the Big Dig project revitalized the Bulfinch Triangle with the introduction of the Rose Kennedy Greenway and new residential and commercial developments. The Bulfinch Triangle’s location within the West End neighborhood, with its proximity to public transit, employment centers, and amenities, makes it an ideal candidate to support increased residential development while preserving its historic character, helping address the City’s critical housing shortage.

Summary of Amendments

The text amendment was amended to correct a clerical error in Section 2.a., line 5, replacing the word “conversation” with “conversion”.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation 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**.

Sharon Durkan, Chair
Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR

**HOME RULE PETITION
Residential Exemption**

WHEREAS: The residents of the City of Boston are facing increasing financial pressures due to rising housing costs, property taxes, and other economic challenges; **and**

WHEREAS: The current residential exemption, capped at thirty-five percent (35%) of the average assessed value of Class One-Residential parcels, provides critical relief to owner-occupied homeowners, particularly seniors, families on fixed incomes, and others struggling to afford to remain in their homes; **and**

WHEREAS: The residential exemption has proven to be an effective tool in mitigating the tax burden on owner-occupied residential properties and preserving housing affordability for Boston residents; **and**

WHEREAS: The City Council of Boston recognizes the need to expand property tax relief to further support homeowners and prevent displacement in the face of market pressures; **and**

WHEREAS: Increasing the residential exemption beyond the current cap requires an amendment to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5C, to authorize the City of Boston to adopt a higher residential exemption; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:**

The City of Boston hereby petitions the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact the following legislation:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO INCREASE ITS RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION

SECTION 1:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5C, of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the City of Boston is hereby authorized to adopt a residential exemption of up to forty percent (40%) of the average assessed value of all Class One-Residential parcels within the City of Boston.

SECTION 2:

The City of Boston may determine annually the percentage of the residential exemption, provided that it does not exceed forty percent (40%) of the average assessed value of Class One-Residential parcels.

SECTION 3:

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed in the City Council on: January 8, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER TO ADOPT THE GOOD LANDLORD TAX ABATEMENT AS A LOCAL OPTION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Boston residents are living through the height of the housing crisis. Many residents have been pushed out of their neighborhoods, the City, and many others are on the brink of homelessness or currently homeless; *and*
- WHEREAS,** According to a 2024 Boston Apartment Rental Market Report from Boston Pads, rental unit availability has expanded, but remains limited. The current Real-Time Availability Rate (RTAR) for Boston apartments is 3.91%. As of mid-July 2024, the real-time availability rate (RTAR) for Boston apartments was 3.79%. This is a 34.69% increase from the previous year and a 54.93% increase since mid-July 2022. The RTAR is closer to what it was before the pandemic than in the previous two years, when it was at record lows; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As of January 2025, the average rent in Boston, Massachusetts is \$3,393 per month. This is 118% higher than the national average of \$1,553 per month. Costs to keep units in good shape have increased for small landlords. Property owners often turn to raising their rents leaving renting families and individuals with limited options for affordable housing; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The “Good Landlord Tax Abatement” passed with the Massachusetts tax package at the end 2023. The property tax exemption allows municipalities to adopt a local property tax exemption for affordable real estate that is rented by a person whose income is less than a certain income level set by the City or Town; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Eligible landlords in the City of Boston must have tenants’ with a household income of 80% AMI or less, provide year-round rental units, and must provide rent prices that do not exceed 30% of a household’s total income, as determined “affordable” by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); *and*
- WHEREAS,** In order to deliver more housing to renters at affordable rates, the City of Boston must enact policy that provides incentives and support for landlords who want to provide affordable housing opportunities, but are unable to afford doing so; *and*

WHEREAS Opting into M.G.L. c. 59, § 50 will incentivize landlords to keep their rents below market rate and award good landlords who are already securing rents at accessible Area Median Income levels. Thus, the City of Boston will develop more opportunities affordable housing opportunities for tenants; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the City accept M.G.L. c. 59, § 50, a local option allowing cities and towns to provide an exemption for real property classified as Class One, residential in the city or town. To qualify for the exemption, the property shall be: (i) rented at an affordable housing rate, as determined by the City of Boston and in accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development guidance and regulations; (ii) rented on a yearly basis; and (iii) occupied year-round by a person or persons whose household income does not exceed an amount to be set by the City of Boston; provided, however, that said income shall not be more than 200 per cent of the area median income.

Effective Date. This local option shall be effective upon passage.

Filed on: January 15, 2025



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 13, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval a new home rule petition to the General Court, "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Residential Tax Relief in the City of Boston."

Thank you for your leadership over the last year to advance legislation to stabilize tax bills and protect residents from significant property tax increases through multiple rounds of approvals. As you know, the consensus legislation passed twice by the Boston City Council and the MA House of Representatives did not receive a vote before the MA Senate after a single senator exercised a procedural block three times during the legislature's informal session last month. In ending the session without a vote on this measure, members of the Senate and business groups walked away from the agreed upon compromise legislation that had been advanced a second time through the Council and House at their direction, suggesting that the final property valuation numbers were not as dire as the worst case scenarios outlined, so residents should absorb the impending tax increases.

Since then, residents across Boston have received their Fiscal Year 2025 third quarter tax bills, reflecting very significant increases. We continue to hear from residents across the city who have been shocked at the jump in taxes they now owe due to the divergence in residential and commercial property values. The taxes for the average single family home receiving a residential exemption increased 10.4%, which is nearly \$575 for the year and a 21% bill-to-bill increase. When expanded to include additional residential property types—not only single family homes but also duplexes, condos, and standalone apartments without commercial components—average annual taxes increased 14.9%, around \$833 for the year, or a 30% bill-to-bill jump.

These averages mask the variation across different neighborhoods and properties, and it has been widely documented that many residential taxpayers received a significantly higher increase due to a combination of regular market value changes and the added impact of the commercial tax responsibility shift that the administration sought to avoid through legislation. While individual value changes vary by neighborhood and individual property, the overall shift of commercial responsibility increases the burden on residents across all residential property types and neighborhoods.

More than 55% of all residential property owners received a bill with an annual increase greater than 9% (or quarter-to-quarter bill jump of more than 18%). Had the compromise legislation

been approved by the State Senate last month, this would have been reduced to 21.5% of residential properties with such a significant increase. With these January bills, the average commercial property received a 3.4% reduction in taxes—about \$7,745 dollars less than the previous year. For office buildings, the tax decrease was even larger: a 7% drop.

As our administration reiterated for months, in FY25, the split between residential and commercial taxpayers now puts the burden on residential taxpayers for a 44.07% total share of the property tax levy, up from 41.67% in FY24. This is the single largest year-over-year shift since 2007, and is exactly the dynamic our legislation sought to avoid.

Now that the scale of tax increases is documented and clear, this refiled home rule petition proposes to provide immediate needed relief to residential taxpayers this year through the same compromise tax rate agreed upon after months of negotiations and legislative process, as well as adopting the multiyear rates agreed upon for tax stability over the next two years. Additionally, this legislation has been updated to include new provisions that address specific concerns raised through that legislative process. In sum, this new legislation:

1. Sets the FY25 tax rate to levels which were agreed upon by business groups and previously voted on by the Boston City Council and the House of Representatives. This would allow for relief by adjusting the final quarterly property tax bill for the fiscal year in April 2025. The legislation would need to be passed by March 2025 in order to operationalize this measure.
2. Establishes tax classification levels between residential and commercial property in Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, consistent with the levels that were previously agreed to in the October 2024 compromise legislation, in order to provide future stability for residential and commercial taxpayers through this period of economic transition.
3. As included in earlier compromise legislation, this gives the City the authority to appropriate up to \$15 million for any years that the commercial portion of the levy is greater than the amount currently allowed to offset potential impacts on small businesses due to the shift.
4. Expands property tax relief for low-income seniors by modifying the eligibility criteria for the 41C senior tax relief program, as well as increasing the amount of the exemption. These changes will modernize the dated criteria which has shrunk the pool of eligible applicants in recent years and will provide much needed financial assistance to a group of residents most impacted by property tax increases.
5. As included in earlier compromise legislation, increases the exemption for small businesses on personal property to \$30,000 so any neighborhood business with less than that amount in personal property would not be taxed. This increase would expand the number of small businesses across Boston exempt from personal property tax under this exemption provision from approximately 2,500 to 5,000.
6. In the event the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025 does not change as outlined above, it gives the City of Boston the legal authority to issue some degree of residential tax rebates from surplus funds. The amount of money and the rebate shall be determined by the City of Boston and will be subject to an appropriation reviewed and approved by the Council.

Earlier this month, the City developed a tax calculator so residents can see how much they would have saved if the earlier compromise legislation were in effect. The tax calculator can be found here: boston.gov/tax-calculator.

I urge your Honorable Body to advance this special act and the consensus incorporated to deliver stability for all Boston taxpayers and excellent City services for all residents and stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to regulate property taxes in the City of Boston beginning in fiscal year 2025, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience;

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 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment 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 PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION, THE SENIOR HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION IN 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: Notwithstanding section 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025 the tax rates in the City of Boston shall be the rates that would have occurred were a 181.5% shift in place at the time of their setting. The residential tax rate for property in the City of Boston, which applies to residential real property and open space, shall be \$11.03 per \$1,000 of value, and the commercial tax rate for property in the City of Boston, which applies to commercial real property, industrial real property, and personal property, shall be \$26.92 per \$1,000 of value. In order to go into effect, this section must be enacted by the General Court prior to March 1, 2025.

SECTION 2: Notwithstanding section 1A of chapter 58 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of revenue shall further adjust the minimum residential factor of the City of Boston determined under said section 1A of said chapter 58 for fiscal years 2026, and 2027, if adoption of such factor for any such year would result in the residential property class bearing a higher percentage of the total property tax levy than the percentage of the total

property tax levy imposed on the residential property class in fiscal year 2024. The new minimum residential factor for such year shall be (a) for fiscal year 2026, 50 per cent subject to such adjustment upward as may be required to provide that the percentage of the total tax levy imposed on any class of real or personal property shall not exceed 180 per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of the taxable property of the class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, (b) in fiscal year 2027, 50 per cent subject to such adjustment upward as may be required to provide that the percentage of the total tax levy imposed on any class of real or personal property shall not exceed 178 per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of the taxable property of the class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, (c) in fiscal year 2028 and thereafter, the determination of the minimum residential factor shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions detailed in section 1A of chapter 58. Payments made under section 38H of chapter 59 of the General Laws, and similar provisions of special acts, that are included in the tax levy for purposes of determining the minimum residential factor under said section 1A of said chapter 58 shall be so included in the determination of any factor under this section.

SECTION 3: Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 30B of the General Laws, or any other general or special law, and subject to appropriation by the City of Boston, in each fiscal year in which the total tax levy imposed on the class of commercial property exceeds one hundred seventy five per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of that class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all the taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, the City of Boston is authorized to expend up to fifteen million dollars to make grants and provide programs for the purpose of supporting small businesses impacted by the shift of the tax levy beyond the aforementioned one hundred seventy five per cent. The term "small business" as used in this section shall mean a business with its principal place of business located in Boston, with fewer than fifty employees or less than five million dollars in annual revenue.

SECTION 4: Notwithstanding clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59 or any other general or special law to the contrary, with respect to real property in the City of Boston the following factors determining exemption for real property under clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59 shall be adjusted as follows: (1) increasing the sum of \$500 contained in the first sentence of clause 41C to \$1500; (2) increasing the amounts contained in subclause (B) of said first sentence whenever they appear in said subclause from \$13,000 dollars and from \$15,000 dollars to fifty percent of



Area Median Income as adjusted for household size, as is published annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as required by Section 8 of the Federal Housing Act of 1937 (42 USC Section 1437f), as amended, and the relevant year of the calculation shall be the most recent figure available as of July 1 of the start of the fiscal year to which the exemption is sought; and (3) increasing the amounts contained in subclause (C) of said first sentence whenever they appear in said subclause from \$28,000 dollars to not more than \$80,000 and from \$30,000 to not more than \$110,000. These adjustments shall not be further modified by the second sentence of clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59.

SECTION 5: (a) Notwithstanding section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the City of Boston shall be permitted to allow for an exemption from taxation of personal property not in excess of \$30,000 of value.

(b) The city council of the City of Boston, with the approval of the mayor, shall vote to establish a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation. Said value shall be subject to limitation pursuant to subsection (a).

SECTION 6: Only in the event that the tax rates for the City of Boston for fiscal year 2025 are not changed by March 1, 2025, pursuant to Section 1 of this act, from the tax rates certified in December of 2024, the City of Boston shall be authorized to issue rebates to those taxpayers who received the residential exemption in fiscal year 2025. These rebates shall be a uniform amount of money for each eligible taxpayer to be paid out of a pool of money appropriated by the City of Boston for this express purpose. The amount of the rebate shall be calculated by the Collector-Treasurer of the City of Boston with the approval of the mayor of the City of Boston. This rebate shall be in addition to any exemptions allowed under chapter 59; provided, however, that in no instance shall the taxable valuation of such property after all applicable exemptions and this rebate be reduced below ten per cent of its full and fair cash valuation, unless that is explicitly provided for in any specific section of chapter 59. In order to go into effect, this section must be enacted by the General Court prior to July 1, 2025.

SECTION 7: Effective Date. Sections 1, 2, 3 and 6 of this act shall take effect immediately upon passage. Sections 4 and 5 of this act shall take effect upon passage and be applicable to fiscal year 2026 and all following fiscal years.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**
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**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**  84



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

Order for a hearing to discuss residential property values and the assessing process

WHEREAS, The City of Boston faces deep questions surrounding affordability, revenue, spending, investment, and the future of the work environment and its impact on residential and commercial property values and taxation.

WHEREAS, Many questions exist surrounding the assessing process and its impact on residential tax bills: why can property values vary between nearby parcels, why can property values vary considerably over a short timeframe, what exact considerations and factors are relied upon in establishing a property's value, what methods are used to determine a property's value, and do multiple options exist in that regard, and more.

WHEREAS, Resources do exist for relief in the form of exemptions, abatement, and, potentially rebates, but the qualifications for those programs, the process to apply for them, the amount of relief available, and the timeframe involved should be communicated to residents to achieve full communication and transparency and to ensure residents have every available tool at their disposal.

WHEREAS, The assessing process should be fully explored with potential options for creative and comprehensive solutions considered alongside. Such discussion should undertake a general and specific analysis which includes a full articulation of the factors, considerations, and information are part of the assessing process and comprise a property's value, what valuation methods exist and are there benefits or drawbacks to each, what exact dollar values are associated with home improvements, what role do nearby and other property sales have in the assessing process, and answers to the questions identified in the paragraphs above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the above with representatives from the relevant City Department/s and/or divisions. Community advocates and the public will also be invited to attend and testify.

Filed on the 15th day of January, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ERIN MURPHY, ED FLYNN, ENRIQUE PEPÉN,
COLETTA ZAPATA, DURKAN, FITZGERALD, MEJIA, SANTANA, WEBER,
WORRELL AND LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS ENHANCED PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES DURING LARGE EVENTS IN BOSTON

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is home to numerous large public events, including parades, festivals, and open street activities, which attract significant numbers of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The safety and security of attendees at these events is of paramount importance to the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS, Recent incidents, such as the tragedy in New Orleans where a truck drove into a crowd, underscore the critical need to explore additional measures to protect large gatherings from potential threats; and

WHEREAS, The use of physical barriers, including strategically placed vehicles, has been identified as an effective method to deter and prevent vehicular threats in crowded areas; and

WHEREAS, The Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) collaborates closely with local, state, and federal agencies to enhance situational awareness and provide actionable intelligence that supports law enforcement and public safety officials in maintaining peace and security during large public events; and

WHEREAS, Proactively implementing enhanced safety measures, informed by BRIC's intelligence and expertise, could strengthen the City's preparedness for large-scale events and improve public safety outcomes; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, That the Boston City Council's appropriate committee is requested to hold a hearing to discuss enhanced public safety measures during large events, including the feasibility and logistics of using vehicles or other physical barriers to secure public spaces; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That representatives from the Boston Police Department, Boston Transportation Department, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, and other relevant agencies and stakeholders, as well as public safety experts and event organizers, be invited to participate and provide testimony.

Filed on the 8th day of January, 2025



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

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDINANCE AND AMENDMENT TO THE BOSTON
MUNICIPAL CODE IN REGARD TO MEASURING
RACIAL EQUITY IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

WHEREAS, People of color in Boston and throughout the nation have faced entrenched and historic barriers to homeownership for generations; *and*

WHEREAS, Nationally, the homeownership rate for Black Americans is 42 percent, for Hispanic/Latino Americans 46 percent, while the homeownership rate for white Americans is 73 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, In Boston, the homeownership rate is lower than the national rate, with Black homeownership rates at 30 percent, Hispanic/Latino residents at 17 percent, and white residents at 44 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, Homeownership is the primary way that most families build wealth and pass it down from one generation to the next; *and*

WHEREAS, On average, white families in Boston have a net worth of \$247,000, while African American families in Boston only have an average of eight dollars of wealth; *and*

WHEREAS, In Boston, Black resident's poverty rate is 23 percent, Roxbury's rate much higher at 34 percent, Hispanic/Latino resident's poverty rate is 35 percent, while white resident's poverty rate is 13 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, In Boston, Black mortgage applicants are three times more likely, and Hispanic/Latino are twice as likely to be denied a mortgage than white applicants, while they are 2.5 times more likely to be denied a mortgage for property in the predominantly Black neighborhoods such as Roxbury and Mattapan compared to white neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's high cost of housing has made the city the second most expensive place in America where the typical home price has increased from \$393,000 in 2015 to \$599,000 in 2021; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's high cost of housing has also affected the typical rent, which has increased from \$2,148 in 2015 to \$2,590 in 2021, which steadily forces Black and

Brown residents out of the city in search of cheaper places to live; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2000, Latinos made up the single largest ethnic group in Jamaica Plain, however, since then their population has decreased by over 2,000, with a corresponding increase in Non-Hispanic white residents, who are better situated to afford the increasing cost of housing; *and*

WHEREAS, In 1990, 79 percent of Roxbury residents were Black, and now only 53 percent of residents are Black, while the white population has quadrupled over that time from 3 percent to 12 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, First-time homebuyers and young professionals of means move into neighborhoods like Roxbury to purchase homes that their multigenerational renting neighbors of color are unable to afford and further increase the cost of housing; *and*

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon Boston to measure how developments in affordable housing have assisted Black and Brown residents, who are less likely to own their homes, more likely to live in poverty, and most affected by rampant gentrification and increasing housing costs, making them the most logical beneficiaries of affordable housing in Boston; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

That the City of Boston Municipal Code, Ordinances be amended in Chapter X by adding the following after 10-11.7:

Section 10-12 AFFORDABLE HOUSING EQUITY REPORT.

Section 10-12.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance shall be for the measurement and dissemination of how affordable housing is affecting racial equity, and to make sure affordable housing is decreasing racial inequity.

Section 10-12.2 Definitions.

- a. *Acceptance* means being invited to, or receiving an offer from the Boston Housing Authority or Mayor's Office of Housing to move in, lease, rent, reside in, or otherwise occupy any Affordable Housing;
- b. *Affordable Housing* means any and all housing owned, managed or otherwise overseen by the Boston Housing Authority, or Mayor's Office of Housing, and any and all leased housing or voucher programs that are owned, managed, or otherwise overseen by the Boston Housing Authority or Mayor's Office of Housing;
- c. *Applicant* means any and all persons, families, or anyone applying for any and all programs or housing offered, owned, managed, or otherwise overseen by the Boston Housing Authority or Mayor's Office of Housing.

Section 10-12.3 Reporting.

- a. The Administering Agency shall prepare and submit to the Mayor and the City Council an Equity report on Affordable Housing within the city that includes the following information without name or any other personal identifying information:
 - i. the number of applications received by the city for Affordable Housing, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - ii. the number of applicants that were accepted to move into Affordable Housing, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence previous to residing in said Affordable Housing;
 - iii. the number of Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) requests to the state disaggregated by race;
 - iv. the average amount of time spent waiting for acceptance into an Affordable Housing unit, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - v. the average amount of time spent waiting for denial for an Affordable Housing unit, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - vi. the amount of time residents of Affordable Housing have resided in the said Affordable Housing disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - vii. the number of residents of Affordable Housing, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and Affordable Housing site, who have participated in, and received assistance from the following programs;
 1. ONE+Boston;
 2. Mayor's Office of Housing, First-time Homebuyers Program;
 3. Allston-Brighton Homeownership Program;
 4. Saving Toward Affordable Sustainable Homeownership (STASH) Program;
 5. Enhancing Economic Self-Sufficiency (EESS) Program;
 6. Housing and Stabilizing Chronically Homeless with Supports and Employment (HSCHSE) Program;
 7. Linking Treatment to Housing Program;
 8. Leading the Way Home Program;
 - viii. the number of applicants to Affordable Housing assigned preference or priority, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and neighborhood of residence, further categorized by;
 1. Federal Housing Program, Super Priority;
 2. Federal Housing Program, Supported Housing Programs;
 3. Federal Housing Program, Priority One;
 4. BHA Resident in Federal Housing Pro-Rated rent burden;
 5. Designated Housing not requiring Wheelchair Accessible units;
 6. Displaced Boston Tenant;
 7. Residency Preference;

- ix. the number of new homeowners in Boston disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and neighborhood of residence;
- x. the number of new renters in Boston disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and neighborhood of residence;
- b. Such a report shall be submitted one year following passage of this ordinance, and every year thereafter.

Section 10-12.4 Enforcement.

Enforcement of this section may be by written warning and/or non-criminal disposition fines as provided in MGL, Chapter 40, Section 21D, provided that this section shall not preclude the City of Boston from proceeding to restrain a violation by injunction.

Section 10-12.5 Implementation.

This ordinance shall take effect 90 days after passage.

Section 10-12.6 Severability.

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

Filed: January 29, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN AND RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON HEALTH ACCESS IN HYDE PARK

WHEREAS, Hyde Park is home to nearly 40,000 residents, who disproportionately suffer high rates of diabetes, hypertension, congestive heart failure, hyperthyroidism, and kidney disease among other chronic and acute illnesses; *and*

WHEREAS, Hyde Park and Mattapan are the in the top 3 Boston neighborhoods with the highest percentage of adults with diabetes and diabetes-related hospitalization rates followed by Dorchester that just recently lost Carney Hospital; *and*

WHEREAS, Mattapan and Hyde Park have the top two highest asthma emergency visits among residents aged 0-17 years; *and*

WHEREAS, In its FY 22 - 26 Capital Plan, the City of Boston dedicated \$2 million dollars in an effort to leverage city assets and community partners to create a community health center and related infrastructure for Hyde Park residents; *and*

WHEREAS, Community leaders wish to leverage the city's resources to create new health options that meet people's unique health, cultural, and transportation needs; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should renew and prioritize efforts to expand healthcare access in Hyde Park with all community partners, evaluating multiple pathways to achieve the goal of improving residents' health; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on expanding community health access in Hyde Park. Representatives from appropriate departments of the administration will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed on: January 29, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN AND SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS WAYS TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN PRIVATE WAYS

WHEREAS, Thousands of roadways across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and dozens across our community are privately owned, owing to our nearly 400-year history and neglect by some developers to apply for public adoption of streets; *and*

WHEREAS, Many of these private ways in Boston—such as Maple Leaf Drive, Stella Road, and Back Street—have fallen into disrepair as their owners cannot collectively afford nor come to agreements on how to finance repairs that can range in cost from tens of thousands to millions of dollars; *and*

WHEREAS, Many of these private ways are still publicly accessible to our community's vehicles, compounding damages over time and multiplying the costs for our municipality every year that action is not taken to convert and repair them; *and*

WHEREAS, These private ways expose our vehicles to potholes that can cause substantial damage and uneven surfaces that can contribute to collisions; *and*

WHEREAS, These private ways are a barrier for emergency response vehicles, particularly in winter months when snow removal is delegated to multiple private owners; *and*

WHEREAS, These private ways expose pedestrians and cyclists to unnecessary risks by preventing the city from installing traffic-calming technology; *and*

WHEREAS, These private ways are accessed by companies that maintain and repair public utilities, underlining how public responsibility already extends to this infrastructure in complex and overlapping ways; *and*

WHEREAS, Communities across the United States have workshopped a variety of policy alternatives to alleviate this issue; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the possibility of repairing and maintaining private ways. Representatives from appropriate departments of the administration will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed on: January 29, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN AND HENRY SANTANA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO IMPROVE RECRUITMENT OF CIVILIAN CROSSING GUARDS TO SERVE BOSTON FAMILIES

- WHEREAS,** Students represent one in every ten residents of our community, and we have a moral responsibility to design our city's traffic systems to keep them and their families safe coming to and from school at all ages and stages of life; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Crossing guards assist young people and their caretakers across busy intersections at peak traffic times, protecting children who may not fully understand pedestrian etiquette and safety considerations; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Evidence indicates that areas near schools on schools days experience more accidents and injuries than normal, highlighting the need for our city to explore creative solutions to improve pedestrian safety overall; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Walking to school is a sustainable and healthful option for our community's kids that can also reduce traffic congestion and accommodate caretakers who often have busy work schedules; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Crossing guards can also greet and mentor students, underlining how casual friendships have been shown to improve people's sense of wellbeing and community connection by the 85-year Harvard Study of Adult Development; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Our community had 52 unfilled vacancies at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year for crossing guards, which is over 25% of all necessary positions, a shortage that can divert police officers from availability for calls and one that merits a new approach to recruiting and structuring these roles for retention; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Many Massachusetts cities treat crossing guards as civilian roles, including Watertown, Braintree, Concord, and Lexington, creating a precedent for the City of Boston to be creative in how it recruits and deploys crossing guards; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee hold a hearing on how to improve recruitment and deployment of crossing guards, including discussion of which department ought to oversee these employees, with representatives from Boston Public Schools, Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Transportation Department, Boston Police Department, and the public invited to testify.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF SAFE SCHOOL ZONES TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AROUND ALL SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, In the City of Boston, a School Zone includes solely the streets around the school within two blocks implementing a speed limit of 20mph yet there are no additional requirements nor street standards to enforce speed reduction. This is apparent as some school zones may have multiple signs yet some such as the Chittick School only has one; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is implementing the larger Safety Surge initiative installing speed humps, updating intersections, and changing signals in heavily recorded accident-prone streets. The eligible roads around our schools should be amongst the immediate upgrades as these areas are heavily frequented by pedestrians and commuters not just related to the school; *and*

WHEREAS, According to Safe Kids Worldwide (2016), 30% of school zones across the country lack marked crosswalks.

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, reports updated signage that includes Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons can increase motorist yielding rates up to 98%. These additions can avoid past severe accidents in Boston such as a tragic moment in November 2023 when a Sumner School staff member was struck by a vehicle at the crosswalk on Cummins Highway while assisting students; *and*

WHEREAS, Every four days, Emergency Medical Services respond to a pediatric-related car accident averaging over 100 a year - a grave concern as children spend most of their time at school raising the likelihood of these accidents to happen there; *and*

WHEREAS, All Boston residents should feel a level of added safety regardless of how they are commuting to and around a school; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to explore the establishments of Safe School Zones to create a standard of improvements on street design, road signage, and impose accountability of all community members to adhere to safer commuting behaviors. Representatives from appropriate departments of the administration, and experts on school transportation programs will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MATTAPAN SQUARE TASK FORCE FOR ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL GROWTH

WHEREAS, Mattapan is one of the most diverse Boston neighborhoods, with one of largest Haitian and Caribbean communities and homeownership rates amongst Black and Brown populations in the state; *and*

WHEREAS, In recent years, the current administration has invested in the community through robust zoning changes with PLAN: Mattapan and starting large-scale traffic projects such as redesigning Cummins Highway; *and*

WHEREAS, The neighborhood center of Mattapan Square is a vibrant economic hub with a rich history of BIPOC-owned small businesses promoting their diverse cultures to residents and visitors, yet face many obstacles to opening and sustaining their storefronts; *and*

WHEREAS, Business owners - and residents - have voiced major obstacles to obtaining permits and licenses, renovating their older buildings owned by mostly absentee landlords, and creating welcoming spaces when nearby communities continue to disregard the Square with illegal dumping; *and*

WHEREAS, The Mattapan Square Main Streets district has been operating without a full-time, dedicated executive director and active board for over a year, restricting the Square from receiving transformative grants that other Main Streets districts, such as Roslindale Square, have been able to thrive from; *and*

WHEREAS, Community groups such as the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council have advocated for more City efforts and attention to support Mattapan Square and bring it to its full potential like other nearby neighborhood centers; *and*

WHEREAS, The name Mattapan comes from the Neponsett tribe meaning “a good place to be” or “a good place to sit”, Mattapan deserves a neighborhood center for residents and visitors to gather and support small, locally-owned small businesses; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the development and implementation of a city-led Mattapan Square Task Force dedicated to launch and support economic growth in the community. Experts on

small business development, Main Streets officials, administration officials, and community members will be invited to testify.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS THE DISPLACEMENT OF BOSTONIANS AS A RESULT OF NEW AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Cities in the United States have a history of their communities being displaced by rising prices and gentrification, which alters the social and cultural identities of neighborhoods residents hold dear and causes great insecurity for the victims of displacement; *and*

WHEREAS, Displacement from rising prices and gentrification has predominantly impacted working class neighborhoods, cultural neighborhoods, and neighborhoods with vulnerable populations, forcing the residents of these neighborhoods away from their homes, places of employment, and social gathering spaces; *and*

WHEREAS, More abundant professional opportunities in Boston have increased the demand for housing in the Greater Boston area, enlarging the gap between housing demand and housing supply; *and*

WHEREAS, Rising housing costs and income inequality threaten to make Boston a city where only the rich and poor can live, excluding the middle class from living in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Rising rents, rising income inequality, and the loss of affordable retail space to new, more expensive spaces threaten to gentrify existing commercial sectors, ultimately making Boston a city where only the established wealthy can do business; *and*

WHEREAS, The loss of retail space to new housing developments diminishes economic opportunities for entrepreneurs to invest in Boston, closes down existing businesses, and reduces accessibility to retail destinations for neighborhood residents; *and*

WHEREAS, Cities like East Palo Alto, CA have worked to avoid gentrification by instituting inclusionary zoning, rent control, and condominium conversion limitations, while Portland, OR has instituted a "Right to Return" policy to encourage displaced populations to return to the communities they were priced out of; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston is a city that values the cultural and economic diversity - all Bostonians deserve a place to live, work, and play in the city; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to address the risk of displacement to Boston communities. Experts on displacement, housing, gentrification, administration officials, and community members will be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 29, 2025



**OFFERED BY COUNCILORS JOHN FITZGERALD AND
EDWARD FLYNN**

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ESTABLISH A HOMETOWN MILITARY
HEROES BANNER PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS,** Many civic and neighborhood groups around the City of Boston have taken initiative to honor hometown Veterans by hanging banners and similar monuments along central commercial districts; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Most recently within our city, West Roxbury Main Streets displayed banners along Centre Street, honoring Veterans living with in West Roxbury; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Other neighboring towns like Milton, Stoughton, Lowell and Maynard, have similar initiatives. However instead of the task falling on civic associations and private individuals, the city manages these programs for a fee; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Running such a program through the city will allow us to spread these honors citywide, and incorporate neighborhoods and individuals that might not be engaged in civic associations and other private and nonprofit programs; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Such an initiative will also provide our city an additional way to honor the City of Boston residents currently serving in the armed forces, veterans who have served in the past, and those we have lost; **NOW,
THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss establishing a hometown military heroes banner program. Representatives from the appropriate departments of the administration and other interested parties will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS JOHN FITZGERALD AND ENRIQUE PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS INCREASING ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN ALL NEIGHBORHOODS

- WHEREAS,** We must ensure that students in every neighborhood of Boston have access to high-quality schools, and that all Boston Public Schools (BPS) have adequate resources to serve students and families, regardless of the neighborhood they are in; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** BPS utilizes a Home-Based lottery process to assign students to kindergarten through grade 8, which provides families with the opportunity to rank their top school choices from a customized list, which includes every school within a one-mile radius of their home; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Without high-quality school options in every neighborhood, families are forced to make a false choice between nearby schools or long commutes to higher-quality schools in other neighborhoods; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** By ensuring all students in every neighborhood have high-quality school choices nearby, we can reduce travel distances for more BPS students; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** BPS Transportation costs have also increased significantly over the past decade, rising by \$60 million since 2014, despite losing nearly ten thousand student passengers in that same time frame; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Money spent on transportation accounts for a large portion of the BPS budget, and reducing these costs would allow greater investments in providing better school environments, improved academic and athletic programs, more counselors and other student and family support programs, and other direct benefits for the education and welfare of our students; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** We must recognize the inequitable distribution of resources our school system has historically had and continues to suffer from, and as the City continues to work to rectify this legacy, any decreases in BPS transportation costs must be reinvested towards improving the schools with the greatest need; *and,*

- WHEREAS,** This investment strategy would counteract inequalities that arose in previous school community-based models, and which were upheld by a Boston School Committee that aggressively blocked school funding and resources from communities of color; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Reducing long travel distances for some BPS students would enable prioritizing existing bus operators and transportation staff to better serve students who still need school bus travel options; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Boston is experiencing increased traffic congestion, and BPS travel adds 632 school buses to our city's traffic, in addition to cars and other transportation needed to transport the two-thirds of BPS students who do not use school bus travel; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** As the City works towards addressing traffic by improving pedestrian safety and elevating alternative forms of travel, we must further expand these initiatives within school transportation; with some students attend schools closer to their homes, we can reduce demand on our school bus transportation system and reduce car trips by encouraging more students to walk, bike, or take other non-vehicular modes of travel to school; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Decreasing school bus demand can also reduce staggered school start times, allowing for a more uniform school schedule, making planning easier for parents when coordinating drop-off and pick-up times; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** In 2023, school buses accounted for 11% percent of municipal greenhouse gas emissions, and fossil fuel emissions also release harmful particulate matter and nitrogen oxides, which risk human and environmental health; shorter travel distances can allow the City to more easily phase out existing propane- and diesel-powered buses, as the City moves towards electric vehicles; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** School bus electrification alone does not remove all environmental and public health concerns, with greenhouse gasses released during electricity generation, and environmental harm done in mining for the raw materials for batteries, so reducing travel distances is still beneficial; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the potential of increasing access to high-quality school options for Boston Public School students in all neighborhoods. Representatives from the appropriate departments of the administration and other interested parties will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in City Council: January 29, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING FIRE EMERGENCIES AND THE CREATION OF A FIRE VICTIM FUND

WHEREAS, Boston has experienced a variety of residential fire emergencies that have left residents displaced and in financially precarious situations; *and*

WHEREAS, On July 19th, 2022, a fire occurred at a triple-decker on Princeton Street in East Boston in the midst of some of the highest temperatures on record across the City of Boston. Approximately one hundred and fifty brave firefighters fought the five-alarm fire that burned through all three stories of the building while battling heat exhaustion. The fire displaced twenty-eight people, including eight children – four who are under the age of two, many had no housing after losing all of their belongings, and almost none had renters or homeowners insurance; *and*

WHEREAS, Similarly, on April 2nd, 2024, a six-alarm fire ravaged a home on Meridian Street in East Boston, claiming the lives of a child as well as an adult resident, and displacing thirty people. Last week, East Boston again dealt with another fire on Prescott Street that displaced twenty-seven people. These devastating emergencies have occurred all over the city; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston response from Neighborhood Services, Emergency Management and Medical, Housing Stability, and has been vital in assisting non-English speaking, undocumented, and low-income families on scene; *and*

WHEREAS, Local grassroots organizations often scramble to raise funding for housing and gather clothing donations for displaced residents. However, many still lack adequate housing and instability two months later due to the skyrocketing rate of rental units; *and*

WHEREAS, Historically, our communities have united to implement mutual aid funds benefiting these families in the absence of adequate city resources to help affected residents get back on their feet. However, it is the city's responsibility to address gaps in fire emergency support and response; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston must have a standardized process when individuals are displaced after an emergency like a fire, flood, or building collapse. Additionally, the City should implement a fire victim fund to cover initial housing costs and

basic necessities like food and clothing. The Office of Housing Stability and the Office of Neighborhood Services' emergency response process is in need of assessment to better serve residents impacted by these types of crises; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the coordination of the fire and other emergencies and that the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Office of Housing Stability, Office of Neighborhood Services, Emergency Management, and other relevant departments be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 29, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ASSESS A BAN ON POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has committed to the reduction of waste through the 2018 Zero Waste Boston Initiative, which dictated that the City “will reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost at least 80 to 90 percent of its solid waste”, which has resulted in projects such as our Curbside Food Waste Collection program; *and*

WHEREAS, Polystyrene is made from fossil fuels, meaning that it is not only a non-reusable form of plastic and contributes to the amount of waste in our landfills, but also is not accepted by curbside recycling in the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is lagging behind 60 municipalities across the Commonwealth that have banned a form of polystyrene, with ordinances in towns such as Cambridge, Newton, and Melrose and members of the Massachusetts Legislature have attempted to ban polystyrene products statewide; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2020, Newton banned single use polystyrene products in restaurants and retail establishments including both food packaging and packing materials with a progressive fine model, which has transformed into a sustainable food service, packaging and single use items ordinance that bans the use of single use containers; *and*

WHEREAS, 11 states and dozens of cities across the country have enacted polystyrene bans including Seattle, Santa Cruz, and New York City that have passed polystyrene bans over the course of the last decade; *and*

WHEREAS, Seattle, Washington has had their polystyrene ban in place for 15 years that was implemented in two phases: a styrofoam container ban and then progressed into a ban on non-recyclable and non-compostable food packaging ban six months later with support from the state of Washington; *and*

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WHEREAS, New York State has implemented one of the strongest statewide ordinances that bans both food containers and packing material and emphasizes the use of alternative reusable recyclable and compostable containers, and also provides a 12-month financial hardship waiver for non profits and smaller businesses; *and*

- WHEREAS,** The states and cities that have a polystyrene ban implemented a grace period and exemptions to the ban to provide an adjustment period to not burden the companies and small businesses in the area; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Over 5 billion pounds of styrofoam ends up in landfills and waterways each year including foam containers, cups, and packing materials, since they are not biodegradable and do not break down in the natural environment; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Styrene, which is the chemical used to create polystyrene, has the potential to be harmful in all parts of its lifecycle including manufacturing, consumer use, and disposal of the product and has been detected in food samples that have packaged in polystyrene containers; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has identified that styrene in some forms is “reasonably anticipated” to be a carcinogenic and moreover is highly toxic resulting in potential impacts to the central nervous system and upper respiratory tract; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The toxic byproducts that are produced by discarded polystyrene products in landfills or incinerators disproportionately impact low income and Black and Brown communities, since landfills and incinerators have a far higher likelihood of being located in environmental justice communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There are numerous alternatives to polystyrene products including compostable, reusable, and recyclable containers that are chemical free and less harmful for our environment, which are readily available and can be produced for our businesses in the City and have been reported to be much more cost effective in the long run in comparison to plastic products; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Municipality of Honolulu produced a Polystyrene Ban Impact Study that suggested that did note that the price for customers would increase with the ban, however, only a minority of customers reported a negative reaction to price increases, and the majority of participants expressed a deeper desire to keep the environment clean and healthy; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has a responsibility to protect its environment and the health and safety of its residents, which includes harmful plastic products that are being sold and utilized in our municipality; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the feasibility of a ban of polystyrene products in the City of Boston, and individuals and organizations including the Mayor’s Office of the Environment, Sierra Club of Massachusetts, advocacy organizations and the public be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 29, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS A PILOT PROGRAM FOR WASTE CONTAINERIZATION

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is responsible for the collection of residential solid waste, including trash and recycling; *and*

WHEREAS, The City's guidance to residents is for trash to be placed on the curb between 5:00 PM the night before and 6:00 AM the day of scheduled collections in a container with a lid, a 2-ply bag, or plastic bag with a minimum thickness of 0.9 millimeters; *and*

WHEREAS, The built environment of Boston is varied and several neighborhoods have limited outdoor space to store or site trash containers for pickup; *and*

WHEREAS, In several of Boston's downtown neighborhoods, the standard practice is to use trash bags rather than lidded containers; *and*

WHEREAS, Implementing a trash containerization pilot is a promising solution by using sealed rodent-resistant containers, Boston can reduce litter and promote a cleaner environment across all neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, This approach has shown success in other cities and could be tailored to meet Boston's diverse needs; *and*

WHEREAS, The lack of dedicated space for storing and staging trash bins for collection is causing many downtown neighborhoods to be routinely inundated with loose or poorly contained trash, and is providing sustenance to rodents; *and*

WHEREAS, An innovative and community-tested solution is needed to improve the state of residential trash storage in Boston's downtown neighborhoods; **NOW,
THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss options for a household trash containerization pilot for the City of Boston's neighborhoods and representatives from the Public Works Department, the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, Inspectional Services Department, any other relevant departments, and the public be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 23, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS ELDER SCAMMING

WHEREAS: Seniors are frequently targeted by companies that claim to offer the best deal, product, or service in home repair, banking, insurance, utilities and home sales. Often times, these companies are employing predatory sales techniques that mislead or confuse potential customers; *and*

WHEREAS: Seniors, as well as our immigrant neighbors, are particularly vulnerable to scamming and predatory sales techniques for a variety of reasons including language barriers, social isolation, and more; *and*

WHEREAS: The median home value in Boston is \$748,710, and Boston homes values have gone up by 3.7% over the past year making seniors whose homes have substantially increased in value particular targets; *and*

WHEREAS: In August last year, a Boston Police Department Community Alert warned that residents, especially our seniors, were at an increased risk of home improvement fraud. It shared that in past years, "Boston residents have paid tens of thousands of dollars for masonry, driveway paving, chimney, basement, roofing and fence repair; only to be left with worse damage or little to no improvement." Some seniors were manipulated into paying for repair work that starts off with \$1,500 only to escalate into \$20,000 to \$30,000 in structural costs due to deceitful construction; *and*

WHEREAS: Seniors have the right to age in place and feel safe in their homes and communities without the disruption of exploiters. It is critical that residents recognize the signs of different types of fraud, including the use of phone solicitations, door-to-door solicitations, solicitation with discounts, solicitations through apps, and asking that checks be made out to the individual, rather than the company; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss how we can better protect our senior residents from being victims of fraud. Representatives from Age Strong Commission, the American Association for Retired Citizens, Massachusetts Identity Theft Coalition, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and the Office of the Attorney General as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 29, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ED FLYNN AND ERIN MURPHY

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- WHEREAS:** Financial literacy is an important skill that helps us manage day-to-day finances, learn how to budget and reach financial goals. According to a survey conducted by Experian, the credit monitoring agency, it found that three in five Americans said they made financial mistakes and took on debt because they weren't money-savvy; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Many of our youth lack the knowledge they need to make crucial financial decisions as they enter adulthood. While some High School students may already work part-time jobs and some may be granted debit and credit cards by their parents at a young age, many may not know about concepts of budgeting and saving. It is important for our high school students to get a solid foundation on financial literacy, especially before entering college; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2023, The Boston Globe reported that the number of states that have approved legislation for financial literacy programs in public schools have increased from eight to twenty-three, yet Massachusetts remains behind on this effort. Although 70% of Massachusetts' schools offer some electives in financial literacy, most students graduate with having little to no knowledge of the fundamentals of budgeting, saving, investing, and maintaining good credit; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Teaching financial literacy to our students can help them understand concepts regarding budgeting, credit, debt, interest rates and taxes, and help protect them from becoming victims of financial fraud later in life. It teaches students the importance of behavioral decision making that could prevent them from making bad financial decisions that could have an impact later on in their lives; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In recent years, the Massachusetts State Treasurer's office has done work on this issue and made recommendations regarding teaching financial education in schools. However, while it has received bipartisan support, passing legislation on this remains slow. On the City level, Boston Public Schools should consider implementing financial literacy programs into the High School curriculum to teach students practical, real-life financial skills; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss implementing financial literacy programs for high school students in Boston Public Schools. Representatives from Boston Public Schools and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed in Council: January 29, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT TO REMOVE THE HALF MILE BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS

- WHEREAS:** Since the legalization of cannabis in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 2016, there have been numerous cannabis dispensaries opening in the City of Boston in various neighborhoods; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Currently, the Boston Zoning Code requires a buffer zone between schools and dispensaries, as well as an half mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments, which was a measure passed in the City Council in 2016; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The buffer is intended to prevent cannabis establishments from opening in clusters so that no particular neighborhood would become the center for cannabis shops, and to ensure that dispensaries are spread out in the city, while allowing access to patients and customers; *and*
- WHEREAS:** There is now a proposed zoning amendment that seeks to adjust the buffer requirements between cannabis dispensaries and school entrances to 500 feet that is in line with state requirements, but it would also remove the half mile buffer zone between dispensaries; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Constituents have consistently voiced support for the half mile buffer zone, as they see this restriction as both a safeguard for the community voice and against the potential negative impacts on quality of life; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Residents in all neighborhoods have expressed concerns over this amendment, as they may reside in densely populated areas with existing dispensaries, nearby daycares, a student population, and nonprofits that also service vulnerable neighbors in close proximity. Removing the half mile buffer zone can exacerbate existing public safety challenges and quality of life issues; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Allowing the half mile buffer to lapse could potentially saturate the market, harm existing operators, and could create the potential for both new and existing operators to either not engage with civic organizations, or walk away from existing community agreements entirely; *and*
- WHEREAS:** There needs to be a thorough community process for this zoning amendment before any vote should be taken, and we need to recognize that each neighborhood is unique and has different sets of challenges; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the proposed zoning amendment to remove the half mile buffer zone between cannabis dispensaries. Representatives from the Boston Planning and Development Agency, the Zoning Commission, the Boston Cannabis Board, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 29, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE LUNG CANCER RATES AMONG AFRICAN-AMERICAN VETERANS

WHEREAS: Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths among U.S. Veterans, with African-American veterans facing higher risks due to military-related exposures like asbestos. As the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) states, “Veterans have a 25% to 76% higher risk of lung cancer,” and “asbestos exposure remains a significant contributor to this elevated risk”; *and*

WHEREAS: African-American veterans experience disparities in diagnosis, treatment, and survival rates compared to other groups. While Boston’s Black population has a lower incidence of lung cancer than the national average, the five-year survival rate among African-Americans is “11% lower than that of white Americans,” according to The American Lung Association. Early diagnosis rates are also lower, suggesting a need for improved access to care; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has a responsibility to address the unique challenges African-American veterans face in lung cancer care. “Improving the care of patients” is essential, as noted by Dr. Brid M. Ryan the lead researcher on a study about racial disparities in lung cancer, to “leverage research findings to improve outcomes,” especially for communities of color like African-American veterans who may face distinct biological and treatment response factors; *and*

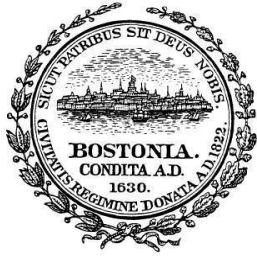
WHEREAS: There are a number of organizations in Boston that are dedicated to ensuring veterans receive medical services, such as the Boston VA Health Care System. The Boston VA provides healthcare services to veterans at increased risk of illnesses such as lung cancer through cancer care that aim to facilitate early detection and treatment with advanced therapies tailored to address racial discrepancies; *and*

WHEREAS: The Veteran Outreach Center at the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center is also vital for linking Boston veterans from marginalized communities to resources and healthcare services through tailored outreach initiatives that educate on detection and treatment choices while addressing disparities in healthcare access; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss disparities in Lung cancer among African-American veterans in Boston. Representatives from the City of Boston Veterans Services, medical professionals, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 29, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CRUISE INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: The Port of Boston is managed by the Massachusetts Port Authority, also known as Massport. Massport manages Conley Terminal, Flynn Cruiseport Boston, and Boston Autoport, including Boston Logan Airport; *and*

WHEREAS: According to the Flynn Cruiseport 2024 Economic Impact Report, Boston's cruise industry had significant growth over the past six years. It contributed \$256 million to the economy, a 90 percent increase since 2018, and supported over 3,000 jobs, a 36 percent increase from 2018; *and*

WHEREAS: In November 2024, Massport celebrated a record-breaking passenger count at Flynn Cruiseport with 167 cruise ships and over 480,000 passengers, a 29 percent passenger increase compared to 2023; *and*

WHEREAS: Massport also announced plans for a \$100 million investment in the Cruiseport, \$60 million of which will go towards shore power, which includes the installation of "ship-to-shore" electrical power that will enable cruise ships to switch off their diesel engines while at berth in the South Boston Waterfront. This will reduce emissions for the environment and the surrounding community in South Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: The cruise industry is an important sector that powers Boston's local economy and beyond. It supports our local businesses, including our restaurants, shops and hotels, and creates job opportunities for many in our neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston is a city with a rich maritime history. It has always been a port city, and its port operations have always been vital to the local economy. The Flynn Cruiseport is named in honor of former Mayor Ray Flynn - whose father was a longshoremen at the Port of Boston who served in the maritime community together with many other proud union longshoremen; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston. Representatives from Massport, the Boston Planning Department, Boston Transportation Department, and any other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ED FLYNN AND ERIN MURPHY

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS WAYS TO ENSURE THE OPERATIONS OF THE 911 SYSTEM AND CONTINGENCY PLANS IN CASE OF A 911 SYSTEM OUTAGE

- WHEREAS:** Last year, on June 18th, 2024, the statewide 911 system faced an outage for about two hours, preventing residents in the state from calling 911 in case of an emergencies; *and*
- WHEREAS:** During this time, residents were advised to call their local police and fire stations for emergencies, or pull the nearest fire box to notify public safety agencies; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Initial investigation indicated that the outage was due to a firewall malfunction, a feature that scans incoming packets of data, and block out any type of malware or malicious data from coming into the 911 system; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Massachusetts' 911 system is based on the same technologies that power the internet, which is called the Next Generation 911 system. This internet based system allows the calls to be rerouted if one call center is down, and let call centers communicate with each other more easily; *and*
- WHEREAS:** One benefit of a Next Generation 911 system is decentralization, where issues can be localized and not impact the whole system, therefore it is alarming to see that a malfunction with the firewall was able to cause an outage in the entire system; *and*
- WHEREAS:** We need to ensure that the 911 system has redundancies in place so that a systemwide outage will not happen again, and that each department has contingency plans in place in case of issues with the 911 system. We also need to publicize to residents ways to contact their public safety departments in case they can not dial 911; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss ways to ensure the operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of issues with the 911 system. Representatives from the Boston Police Department, Boston Fire Department, Boston EMS, the Office of Emergency Management, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 29, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF CORI ON ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

WHEREAS: Criminal conviction harms long-term employment outcomes, and negative effects of criminal conviction are magnified for our communities of color, who not only face higher conviction rates than whites, but tend to fare worse, at baseline, on employment outcomes and related measures of wellbeing; *and*

WHEREAS: Criminal offender record information (CORI) is a person's criminal record, and even criminal cases that end in a person's favor would still be a part of the record. Having a criminal record often impedes access for past offender for employment, housing, and other opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2010, Governor Deval Patrick signed the Massachusetts Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Reform into law, which barred employers from asking early-stage applicants questions about their criminal history (known as "ban the box"). It also made it easier for former prisoners and convicts to seal criminal records, created a 10 year "sunset" for felony records, and a new online criminal records system; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2018, the Massachusetts legislature expanded the 2010 CORI Reform law, it reduced the period for required disclosure of misdemeanor convictions from five years to three years, prohibited employers from asking applicants about criminal records that have been sealed or expunged, and required employers to update language on job applications to make requirements regarding expunged records clearer; *and*

WHEREAS: Despite progress on CORI reform, research shows that that banning the box still often failed to reduce employer discrimination related to criminal records, and that there should also be focus on alternative measures to improve reentry prospects for former convicts and policies that decrease the likelihood of conviction in the first place, such as the elimination of cash bail systems; *and*

WHEREAS: CORI can be used as a reason for employers and other authorities to limit access to opportunities for those who are gaining reentry, and our communities of color are deeply impacted by a criminal justice system that disproportionately incarcerated and convicts the poor and people of color; *and*

WHEREAS: In our much needed discussions about racial justice and equity, we should also talk about ways to expand opportunities for our Black and Brown communities, including how we can further improve on our current CORI reforms; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities, and ways to increase opportunities for those who are gaining reentry. Representatives from the City of Boston's Office of Workforce Development, Office of Returning Citizens, criminal justice advocates, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS FOR ABUTTERS MEETINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** Abutters meetings are important ways for neighbors to learn and provide input on building proposals or applications from businesses that have an impact on quality of life in their community, such as new developments, additions to existing buildings, licenses to selling liquors, among others; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Elected officials also rely on abutters meetings to gather information and hear community input on proposals, so that they can appropriately represent neighborhood interests at the Zoning Board of Appeals or at the Licensing Board; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Currently, flyers for abutters meetings are distributed by the proponents to residents living within 300 feet of the proposed project, with the notification also posted on the “Events” section on the City’s website; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Abutters have often reached out about not receiving notifications about abutters meetings, and City Councilors also often does not receive notifications until they hear from residents, even though elected officials’ offices are expected to attend the abutters meetings and weigh in on proposals; *and*
- WHEREAS:** There are concerns also on whether reliance on proponents to send flyers to abutters cause conflicts of interest, with the possibility that proponents of controversial projects may be less inclined to conduct a thorough abutters meeting and notify all abutters; *and*
- WHEREAS:** There are also many instances where abutters did not receive flyers because they live inside a large building, or that they are not notified by email or by other electronic means. There is currently no dedicated web page listing abutters meetings, and it is unreasonable to expect constituents and City Council offices to comb through the all the events listed to find abutters meetings; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Residents have also noted that 300 feet notification requirement is not adequate for many projects, especially for businesses seeking liquor licenses and changing operating hours, as these proposals will have impact on the quality of life of residents in entire surrounding area, much farther than a 300 feet radius; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that there is an adequate process of notification for abutters meetings for residents and City Councilors, so that they can attend the meetings, receive information, and gather feedback on projects and proposals impacting our neighborhoods; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the notification process for abutters meetings in the City of Boston. Representatives from the Office of Neighborhood Services, neighborhood associations, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 29, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON'S FY26 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Boston's Fiscal Year 2025 budget totals more than \$4.64 billion; *and*

WHEREAS, Mayor Michelle Wu is expected to announce the FY26 budget on April 9, and the Council is expected to take action on the FY26 budget on June 4, with final action on June 25; *and*

WHEREAS, For Fiscal Year 2025, the City Council focused on its priorities of housing, quality of life issues, community safety, and college and career readiness; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council successfully collaborated with Boston Public Schools earlier than usual during the FY25 budget process and is in the midst of earlier collaboration for BPS' FY26 budget, thus providing a blueprint for earlier collaboration with the entire administration; *and*

WHEREAS, In FY24, actual revenue collections exceeded budget by \$176 million, according to its year-end report, including \$133 million more in investment income, \$50 million more in room taxes, meal taxes, and jet-fuel taxes, \$20 million more in PILOT payments, and \$18 million more in motor vehicle excise taxes, thus showing the strength of the City's revenues and finances; *and*

WHEREAS, According to the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, FY25 marked the highest share of the property tax levy paid by residential property owners and the lowest share paid by business property owners in at least four decades; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should continue to invest in its residents, with schools, parks, streets, libraries, housing, climate resiliency, community safety, and more in its FY26 operating and capital budgets; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold multiple hearings and public testimony sessions regarding city revenues, the current status of the annual operating budget and preliminary plans for the upcoming budget, and that representatives of City of Boston and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 24, 2025

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-FIVE**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE ACCOUNTABILITY,
TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCESSIBILITY IN ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEDURES FOR COMPLYING WITH BOSTON LANDMARKS
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

- WHEREAS,** The Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) was established by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975 to protect Boston's historic and architectural resources through the identification, conservation, and enhancement of areas, sites, structures, and fixtures of cultural significance; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Commission's legislative mandate includes the designation of landmarks, landmark districts, and architectural conservation districts, as well as the enforcement of Article 85 of the Boston Zoning Code, Demolition Delay, which is intended to establish a 90-day waiting period during which the City, the applicant, and other interested parties have the opportunity to explore demolition alternatives to minimize building demolitions; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City administration is responsible for processing and responding to BLC recommendations, including permitting decisions, demolition delay processes, and landmark designations, in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Recent communications from the Commission have raised concerns about administrative practices that may not align with the legislative intent of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, including delays, deviations from established processes, and potential noncompliance with procedures for receiving and responding to recommendations from the Commission; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The effective operation of City agencies and programs depends on adherence to legislative frameworks, as well as the transparency, accountability, and consistency of administrative procedures; *and*

WHEREAS, Evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of City programs, including administrative compliance with legislative intent and regulations, is necessary to ensure that public resources, including Boston's historic assets, are responsibly managed and that City government operates transparently; *and*

WHEREAS, An audit of the administration's procedures for implementing or responding to BLC recommendations is necessary to identify potential inefficiencies, lapses in compliance, and opportunities for improving interdepartmental coordination; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the City administration's handling of recommendations from the Boston Landmarks Commission, with a focus on compliance with legislative mandates, transparency in decision-making, and operational efficiency. Representatives from the City administration, the Boston Landmarks Commission, and relevant stakeholders shall be invited to participate in the hearing and provide testimony.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO CONTINUE EXPLORING STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING MIXED-INCOME SOCIAL HOUSING TO INCREASE HOUSING ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY FOR ALL BOSTONIANS

WHEREAS, Social Housing is publicly financed, mixed-income housing that recoups public investment for the public good, and has been proven to be a fiscally responsible and sustainable method to create and maintain high-quality and affordable housing for a wide range of income levels; *and*

WHEREAS, Housing is a human right, everyone deserves to have a home, and data and the lived experiences of our residents continuously demonstrate that housing is currently unaffordable for most Bostonians, with the majority of Boston households being renters, and 53.5% of Boston renters being cost burdened, with over 30% of their household income going to housing costs; 80.6% of Boston households having household income below \$200,000, the approximate amount required to afford to purchase an average home in the Boston Metro; and 27.5% of existing Boston homeowners already cost-burdened (US Census Bureau American Community Survey; Redfin, August 2023); *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has taken a critical step forward in support of developing Mixed-Income Social Housing, with the launch of the \$110 million City of Boston Housing Accelerator Fund, modeled on the policy approaches discussed during a series of City Council hearings held on this matter in 2024, and created with the assent of the City Council in January 2025; *and*

WHEREAS, The new Housing Accelerator Fund will increase the availability and accessibility of Boston Housing Authority (BHA) public housing, while fostering mixed-income communities, beginning with immediately enabling resumption of the redevelopment of Boston's largest public housing development, BHA Bunker Hill, with the replacement of all 1,100 existing affordable Charlestown units with an integrated community comprised of 2,699 mixed-income homes, including 1,010 deeply affordable units; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has also launched a \$50 million Momentum Fund through the 2024 Affordable Homes Act, which will further support the creation of affordable mixed-income housing in Boston; MassHousing

is partnering with the City of Boston by providing at least \$10 million of investments in Boston projects to supplement the City of Boston Housing Accelerator Fund, starting with the the development of 750 to 1,000 mixed-income rental units beyond the Bunker Hill BHA redevelopment; *and*

WHEREAS, The Housing Accelerator Fund will also support homeownership through a pilot program structured for earlier investment and earlier payback, so the City recoups its investment faster, and can reuse the funds for additional projects; *and*

WHEREAS, All of these housing development projects come at virtually no cost to taxpayers, and in fact generate an actual financial investment return for the public, as the City of Boston’s Housing Accelerator Funds will be replenished with interest as these projects come online, enabling further investment in additional mixed-income social housing projects; *and*

WHEREAS, This investment in BHA public housing for low-income households comes at an especially critical time, when shortfalls to meet demand are obvious, with BHA reporting communities currently have waiting lists of 1,200 to 13,000 applicants, often requiring wait times over 10 years; and many BHA facilities long past their useful lifespans, and in desperate need of replacement; *and*

WHEREAS, Additional strategies for affordable housing creation beyond BHA public housing are also critical, as federal restrictions through the “Faircloth Amendment” of the United States Housing Act of 1937 §9(g)(3) limit the number of public housing units for which the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) can provide Capital Fund or Operation Fund allocations for each municipality. This effectively caps how many additional BHA public housing units can be created or acquired and have their ongoing maintenance funded by the federal government. In January 2024, the Boston Planning and Development Agency noted a limit of 2,891 new units, approximately a 23% increase from the approximately 12,623 units BHA currently owns or operates per its website; *and*

WHEREAS, Income limits on BHA, Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), and Housing Choice Voucher programs restrict eligibility and create financial cliffs. While these programs are hugely beneficial for the people they serve, many Bostonians who are housing cost-burdened are ineligible for these programs, even if there were sufficient supply of public housing, IDP units, or housing vouchers to eliminate long waitlists. Additionally, residents currently utilizing any of these programs can face challenging or insurmountable financial decisions in cases where their income increases enough to cease qualifying for a housing program, but insufficiently to afford market-rate housing; *and*

WHEREAS, Many Boston residents earn “too much” income to qualify for subsidized housing programs, yet are far from being able to sustainably afford market-rate housing.

Boston needs more housing affordable across all income levels, in addition to the extremes of market-rate and low-income. Housing affordable to a variety of income levels also provides stability against displacement and changing life circumstances; *and*

WHEREAS, Mixed-income communities are needed to break down historical socioeconomic and racial segregation, and knit the city of Boston back together. Boston’s history of redlining by deeming areas “hazardous” for lending by the federal Home Owners’ Loan Corporation based on racist, anti-immigrant, and classist assumptions beginning in the 1930s; race-based restrictive covenants limiting where people could live based on race from the 1840s through 1940s; and urban renewal programs from the 1950s through 1960s which demolished diverse working-class communities and communities of color, created a city segregated by race and socioeconomic status. Though the policies that created that segregation have been stopped, a 2022 Harvard Chan School of Public Health report found that geographic segregation nonetheless persists even decades later, with roughly twice the poverty level, roughly twice the Black population, and roughly twice the level of household crowding in neighborhoods redlined in the 1930s as compared to those not. A 2023 Boston Public Health Commission report noted the stark difference in life expectancy of 92 years for a census tract in Back Bay, versus 69 years for a census tract in the historically redlined Roxbury less than 2 miles away; *and*

WHEREAS, Social Housing is a proven method long leveraged by other cities to sustainably create and maintain housing that is affordable for all income levels, and create socioeconomically integrated communities. Vienna has employed Social Housing for over a century to maintain high-quality and low-cost housing while funding ongoing housing development and maintenance to keep pace with demand; nearly half of the Vienna housing market is made up of city-owned or cooperative units, and over 60 percent of Vienna’s 1.8 million residents live in subsidized housing. Vienna is not alone, with similar programs encompassing approximately 17 percent of housing in Helsinki, and creating homes for more than 80 percent of residents in Singapore; *and*

WHEREAS, Montgomery County, Maryland has successfully demonstrated Social Housing can be built in the United States without federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) nor long-term Housing Initiative Fund (HIF) funding, creating a 268-unit mixed-income, mixed-use development rich with amenities that opened in 2023 and has already replenished the County’s revolving fund that financed it. Unlike other public financing strategies, the funds can now be used again, and the Housing Opportunities Commission is continuing progress on a master development plan, including 1,014 multifamily units, 100 for-sale condominiums, 406 townhomes, up to 82,000 sq. ft. of retail, and a public library; *and*

WHEREAS, Mixed-Income Social Housing is a self-sustaining and fiscally responsible housing production strategy that enables Boston to treat public funds as investment instead of expense, generating public benefit instead of private profit. In most housing programs, the government serves as a subsidizer, giving away our public funds and public land to a private developer, and limiting our public assets to a single use. In contrast, Social Housing utilizes a revolving fund that finances the creation of mixed-income housing, which is replenished with proceeds from the development. This enables reinvesting the fruits of our public resources for further public benefit by developing additional housing; *and*

WHEREAS, Traditional federal public housing strategies create units prone to falling into disrepair and being stigmatized because their reliance solely on external financial subsidization is challenging to maintain. Social Housing addresses this by integrating mixed-income housing that generates income, enabling higher-quality development and funding ongoing maintenance; *and*

WHEREAS, Mixed-Income Social Housing programs creates housing accessible across a wide range of incomes, without disrupting private and nonprofit housing production. Boston's housing affordability crisis necessitates more housing supply across all levels, and private developers, community development corporations and other mission-driven nonprofits creating affordable housing, and public value capture programs like IDP, are all part of that. Social Housing simply expands our toolbox, adding a tool that can overcome the tendency of striated housing split across market-rate and low-income that tends to arise from underlying objectives and financing options available to other housing development strategies, and which can continue to produce housing during countercyclical markets; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston must continue to explore all options to address housing affordability across all income levels, and support mixed-income communities where all residents can thrive regardless of income level, and without segregation.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing in the city of Boston to create socioeconomically integrated communities, contribute to the access and affordability of housing for residents across all income levels, and invest in community ownership of housing. Representatives from the appropriate departments of the Administration and experts on Social Housing programs will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: January 29, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

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

WHEREAS, The City of Boston provides youth and young adult job opportunities throughout the year for thousands of Boston youth and young adults ages 14 through 24 through multiple City-run programs, including SuccessLink, futureBOS, Youth Options Unlimited (YOU Boston), and other programs managed by the Office of Youth Employment and Advancement and the Office of Workforce Development in coordination with Boston Public Schools and other City departments; *and*

WHEREAS, All youth in Boston are eligible to apply for the youth jobs available through City-run programs, with a special new “Mayor’s Youth Job Guarantee” (MYJG) provided beginning in 2024 that promises that all BPS students who wanted a paid summer job would have access to one; *and*

WHEREAS, Youth jobs provide an important educational opportunity for youth outside of classrooms, offering real-world exposure to a variety of people, jobs, and industries; *and*

WHEREAS, As the future of our workforce, youth jobs also provide the next generation of workers with hands-on experience, applicable skills, and exposure to different career opportunities, bolstering Boston’s economic development, particularly for more marginalized youth with fewer economic opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2023, the City of Boston invested \$18.7 million in youth summer jobs, leading to nearly 10,000 young people having the opportunity of a paid job, and further over 2000 youth were hired for during the 2023-2024 school year in partnership with over 120 employers; *and*

WHEREAS, The Mayor’s initial FY25 budget proposal included increased investments in youth jobs, including \$21.6 million for the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity; the final FY25 budget includes budget reallocations passed by the Boston City Council to provide an additional \$1,020,000 toward youth jobs; *and*

WHEREAS, With such substantial educational and workforce development benefits of youth and young adult job programs, it is highly worthwhile for the Boston City Council to review the successes and opportunities of the existing programs, as well as the results of the first year of the Mayor's Youth Job Guarantee, and to discuss how youth and young adult jobs in Boston can be further bolstered.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development successes and opportunities of youth jobs offered by the City of Boston. Youth, community advocates, and representatives from the Office of Youth Employment and Advancement, Office of Workforce Development, and other appropriate administration departments will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

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

WHEREAS, As of November 2023, more than 90,000 households in Massachusetts benefit from the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program, a successor to the Section 8 Rental Voucher or Rental Certificate Program, the majority being seniors, children, or people with disabilities. This program allows residents to rent an apartment or house in the private market anywhere in Boston or other communities in the United States and its territories. Residents pay 30% to 40% of their income toward rent, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) pays the remainder directly to the landlord; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts offers the largest state-funded rental-assistance program in the country, called the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, which as of December 2022 assists approximately 10,000 households across the Commonwealth, working in conjunction with the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts also offers the Alternative Housing Voucher Program, which assists people with disabilities under the age of 60 in conjunction with the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program and Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, including 475 people across the Commonwealth as of January 2019; *and*

WHEREAS, Rental assistance has been proven to be one of the most effective ways to serve vulnerable households to prevent homelessness. In a twelve-city “Family Options Study” conducted by HUD over the course of 37 months comparing outcomes for different interventions for families experiencing homelessness, Housing Choice Vouchers were found to be the most effective assistance program for families living in shelters. Only 22% of voucher recipients in the study experienced another episode of homelessness or of living doubled up with others over the next 18 months, by comparison to 50% of families who only received continued shelter (the control group), 47% of families who received rapid rehousing, and 42% of families who received transitional housing; *and*

WHEREAS, Evidence-based studies additionally demonstrate that rental assistance programs provide positive impacts on overcrowding and food insecurity, homelessness, health, transportation, and education. A 2018 report by the Urban Institute based on data from the Joint Centers for Housing Studies of Harvard University and US Bureau of Labor Statistics noted severely cost-burdened households paying more than 50% of their income on rent spend approximately 40% less on food, 65% less on transportation, and 70% less on healthcare than their peers who are not severely housing cost-burdened. Rental vouchers reduce these cost burdens, allowing families to invest more in their children by buying books and educational materials, and households to spend more money on essential goods and services for their health and wellbeing; *and*

WHEREAS, It is illegal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for housing providers to discriminate against anyone utilizing a Housing Choice Voucher, as per MGL c. 151B, § 4(10):

“[f]or any person furnishing ... rental accommodations to discriminate against any individual who is a recipient of federal, state, or local public assistance ... or who is a tenant receiving federal, state, or local housing subsidies, including rental assistance or rental supplements, because the individual is such a recipient, or because of any requirement of such public assistance, rental assistance, or housing subsidy program”; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Municipal Code c. X, § 10-3.1 further prohibits this discrimination:

“It is the policy of the City of Boston to see that each individual, regardless of his/her ... source of income shall have equal access to housing and to encourage and bring about mutual understanding and respect among all individuals in the City by the elimination of prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and discrimination in the area of housing”; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite discrimination against Housing Choice Vouchers holders being illegal in Massachusetts, and additionally prohibited explicitly by the City of Boston, current and longstanding concerns have been raised by voucher holders, the Boston Housing Authority, Housing Rights Initiative, and other organizations that discrimination against voucher holders is occurring in the city of Boston, and that voucher holders are struggling to find homes to rent with a voucher; *and*

WHEREAS, Suffolk University Law School conducted a housing discrimination testing study in 2020, which found evidence of voucher-based discrimination in 86% of tests with housing providers in Greater Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Housing Choice Voucher programs are intended to provide renters with the opportunity to choose the neighborhood they live in, including affluent or mixed-income neighborhoods that many low-income people would otherwise be unable to afford, yet discrimination against voucher holders limits the options available. A 2016 study of Boston Housing Authority data found that 76% of Boston-area voucher recipients lived in lower-opportunity neighborhoods.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds 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 in the city of Boston. Representatives from the appropriate departments of the administration will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Filed in Council: January 29, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING LGBTQIA+ YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Homelessness and housing instability are disturbingly common amongst LGBTQIA+ youth, with 28% reporting experiencing homelessness or housing instability at some point during their lives (Trevor Project, 2021); *and*

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are 120% more likely to face homelessness than their peers (True Colors United), with intersecting challenges increasing the risk of experiencing homelessness, including discrimination, family rejection, lack of social support, and inadequate community services (Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth [MCLGBTQY], 2024 FY25 Annual Recommendations Report); *and*

WHEREAS, In Massachusetts, 30% of unaccompanied youth and young adults under the age of 25 who are unstably housed or experiencing homelessness identify as LGBTQ+ (Massachusetts Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth [UHYC], 2022 Youth Count); *and*

WHEREAS, Transgender and nonbinary youth are at particular risk for homelessness, with 38% of transgender girls/women, 39% of transgender boys/men, and 35% of nonbinary youth reporting homelessness and housing instability, by comparison to 23% of cisgender LGBQ youth (Trevor Project, 2021); *and*

WHEREAS, The risk for transgender youth experiencing homelessness is rapidly growing, with a 28% increase in just one year (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD], 2023 Annual Count); *and*

WHEREAS, Transgender and nonbinary youth report experiencing the highest rate of discrimination in shelters; further, shelters often fail to meet even basic needs for transgender individuals, for instance, men's shelters failing to provide access to menstrual products for transmasculine individuals (MCLGBTQY, 2024 FY25 Annual Recommendations Report); *and*

WHEREAS, The risk of homelessness also disproportionately affects youth of color, with Black youth 83% more likely and Latinx/e youth 33% more likely to experience homelessness (True Colors United); this is exacerbated by racist housing discrimination, with LGBTQ+ people of color being 138% more likely to have experienced discrimination affecting their ability to rent or purchase a home to some degree, and 186% as likely to report experiencing discrimination in an apartment community (American Progress, June 2020 National Survey); *and,*

WHEREAS, Youth homelessness is especially prevalent in Massachusetts, with two-thirds of people experiencing homelessness in Massachusetts being in families with children, which is the highest portion in the country (HUD, 2023 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report); *and,*

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are the subgroup most likely to exchange sex or sexual content for food, a place to stay, money, or other needs, with 56.6% of Massachusetts youth engaging in these activities identifying as LGBTQ+ (UHYC, 2022 Youth Count); *and,*

WHEREAS, Despite LGBTQ+ youth being the most vulnerable to exchanging sex for needs, 55% of homeless youth service providers in Massachusetts reported receiving no training in LGBTQ+ sexual health (UHYC, 2022 Young Adults Who Experience Homelessness or Housing Instability and Exchange Sex to Meet Their Needs: Findings & Recommendations); *and,*

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability often go unidentified and lack connection to vital services due to being more likely to have even the people closest to them unaware of their housing situation, and being difficult for outreach services to connect with due to frequently moving between transient housing situations; *and*

WHEREAS, Our Boston Public Schools (BPS) are an important avenue for connecting with and serving youth experiencing homelessness, with roughly 8% of BPS students — totaling over 4,000 students — experiencing homelessness in School Year 2021-2022 (BPS Homeless Education Resource Network, 2022), which is over twice the statewide rate of youth in Massachusetts public schools experiencing homelessness (National Center for Homeless Education); to help address this, BPS employs homeless liaisons at every school across the district, and BPS implemented a youth peer housing navigation and rapid rehousing program; *and*

WHEREAS, Many local Boston organizations are working to address LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness, including BAGLY (Boston Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Youth), Breaktime, Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Fenway Health, and Y2Y; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite valiant efforts, there remain major gaps in the LGBTQIA+ youth-specific emergency shelters, wraparound services, and support programs available to address LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston, and further work can and should be done to identify and address these needs.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston. Representatives from the Mayor's Offices of Housing, LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement, and Youth Engagement and Advancement; Boston Public Schools Homeless Education Resource Network; and community organizations and advocates will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING BOSTON LGBTQIA+ YOUTH COMMUNITY SPACES AND THEIR PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ youth are at a much higher risk for ill mental health effects due to continual and growing exposure to social and political hostility, discrimination, and bullying. Community spaces where LGBTQIA+ youth can come together with peers and advisors can be a life-saving measure, and have been shown by studies to be profoundly positively impactful on mental health, and protective of public health concerns, particularly for transgender and gender-expansive youth; *and*

WHEREAS, In Massachusetts, 50% of LGBTQ+ youth have seriously considered suicide in the past year, more than 70% experience anxiety, and 58% report depression, per the 2024 Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth FY25 report; *and*

WHEREAS, 11% of 13-18 year-old LGBTQ+ youth in Massachusetts had attempted suicide per the most recent Trevor Project survey, with an even higher rate of 16.2% of Boston Public High School (BPS) students identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, questioning, and students who describe their sexuality in some other non-heterosexual way (LGBQ+) having attempted suicide per a 2024 Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) report analyzing data from 2017, 2019, and 2021 studies; *and*

WHEREAS, Schools sometimes offer GSAs (gender and sexuality alliances), which studies have shown are positively impactful on mental health, and also reduce sexual violence against the LGBTQ+ youth who participate; GLSEN has further found that students in GSAs experienced nearly half as much in-person victimization for their sexual orientation or gender expression. However, these programs are often reliant on the availability of a staff member who has the time and willingness to volunteer; this is true for the BPS GSA program, which has led to many BPS locations lacking an active GSA for students. The Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth also notes that surveys show GSA advisors very frequently report receiving no training or mentorship in how to facilitate meetings and happenings that are productive for LGBTQIA+ youth mental health and public health concerns; *and*

WHEREAS, In-school LGBTQIA+ youth community groups are important for ease of access for many students, but bullying of LGBTQIA+ students at schools can be one of the primary threats to public health for LGBTQIA+ youth, often making schools an unsafe space to host LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces, because it makes the affected youth more visible to bullies. Further, not all LGBTQIA+ youth are enrolled in a school, and it is challenging to ensure every school will have an active program at all times, particularly for non-BPS schools where the City has more limited resources and purview to utilize. These factors necessitate also offering LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces in other accessible locations outside of schools like libraries and community centers; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Libraries (BPL) and Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) community centers are particularly apt facilities to potentially host more LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces, given their existing resources, locations throughout Boston, and aligned missions; *and*

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces hosted in non-school locations can also facilitate youth in developing greater and more durable community connections, including with youth from different neighborhoods, schools, and age groups; *and*

WHEREAS, These spaces can also serve as a way for youth to keep updated on and discuss current events and news, host health and sexual education programs oriented toward LGBTQIA+ youth, provide after-school and teen advisory programs, and facilitate special community events like LGBTQIA+ proms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits. Representatives from the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Public Libraries, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement, and community organizations and advocates will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING BOSTON'S LGBTQIA+ MENTAL HEALTH DATA COLLECTION PROCESSES, EXISTING SERVICES, AND FURTHER COMMUNITY NEEDS

WHEREAS, Numerous studies have consistently found that Commonwealth of Massachusetts has one of the highest LGBTQIA+ population concentrations of any U.S. state or district, with the city of Boston being home to the largest population identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer in Massachusetts; *and*

WHEREAS, Studies also show that LGBTQIA+ people in both Massachusetts and the U.S. at large suffer from higher rates of anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation and attempts, and other harmful mental health effects relative to their cisgender, heterosexual, and endosex counterparts, due to continual and growing exposure to social and political hostility, discrimination, bullying, and a severe lack of access to mental health resources addressing their needs; these effects are especially pronounced amongst youth; transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people; and LGBTQIA+ people with intersectional identities, including Indigenous, Black, person of color, neurodiverse, and immigrant; *and*

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth (MCLGBTQY) FY25 Report released on May 28, 2024, observes:

“515 anti-LGBTQ bills have been introduced by policymakers in states across the nation; many have already passed in the South and Midwest. In our country, states are legislating discrimination, dehumanization, terrorization, and the erasure of millions of queer, transgender, and gender-expansive youth, as well as their caregivers, providers, and educators.

“As a result, 50% of our queer and trans youth have seriously considered suicide in the past year. More than 70% of our LGBTQ youth experience anxiety, and 58% report depression. Despite these statistics, 1 in 2 LGBTQ youth in Massachusetts were unable to access the mental health care they desperately wanted.”; *and*

WHEREAS, The most recent Trevor Project survey found that 11% of 13-18 year-old LGBTQ+ youth in Massachusetts had attempted suicide; with an even higher rate of 16.2% of Boston Public High School students identifying as lesbian, gay,

bisexual, questioning, and students who describe their sexuality in some other non-heterosexual way (LGBQ+) having attempted suicide per a 2024 Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) report analyzing data from 2017, 2019, and 2021 studies; *and*

WHEREAS, The U.S. Census Bureau’s most recent Household Pulse Survey notes that LGBTQ+ 18-29 year-olds are nearly twice as likely to experience anxiety and depression as their non-LGBTQ+ counterparts, with similar findings noted in local Boston data in BPHC’s Health of Boston 2024 Mental Health Report; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite crisis-level public health concerns for LGBTQIA+ mental health, Boston’s LGBTQIA+ population is often invisible to data collection, with the MCLGBTQY noting that “no recent national and state-level survey about LGBTQ mental health exists that is disaggregated by intersex status, immigration status, geographical location, disability, or involvement with child welfare or juvenile justice”; *and*

WHEREAS, In a June 2024 report addressing LGBTQ+ health equity in Boston, the BPHC identifies significant health concerns and inequities, but notes:

“To date, however, there has not been a consolidated effort in the city of Boston to address LGBTQ+ specific health issues and disparities. BPHC’s current programming is inclusive of serving LGBTQ+ residents; however not specifically directed toward reducing health disparities in the LGBTQ+ community.”; *and*

WHEREAS, Given the increasing legislative attacks on members of the LGBTQIA+ community across the country by all levels of government, special consideration must be given to the privacy and safety of LGBTQ+ community members when collecting and analyzing sensitive mental health and healthcare data for public health purposes. ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the City of Boston’s current LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs, so that the City can be better informed and equipped to tackle the public mental health crisis among both LGBTQIA+ youth and adults. Representatives from the Boston Public Health Commission, Mayor’s Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement, Mayor’s Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement, Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth, American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, and relevant local community organizations will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING GENDER-NEUTRAL BATHROOMS IN CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, Transgender, nonbinary, gender-nonconforming, and gender-expansive individuals face a wide range of discrimination as well as escalating physical and legislative attacks across the country, with at least 32 trans individuals murdered in the U.S. in 2024, of which 56% were Black trans women, and 78% were trans people of color; and over 672 anti-trans bills filed in U.S. state legislatures in 2024, more than any other year on record, and the fifth consecutive record-breaking year for anti-trans bills considered in the U.S.; *and*

WHEREAS, Access to restroom facilities is one of the most basic public accommodations, yet it is a notable mental burden for transgender as well as intersex individuals, even in comparatively safer locations like Boston, due to inconsistent and unreliable access to gender-neutral facilities, and pervasive instances of harassment, discrimination, and physical and sexual violence against transgender and gender-nonconforming people, including when using gendered bathrooms; *and*

WHEREAS, As further evidence of this omnipresent concern and its mental health impacts, 91% of transgender and nonbinary youth said that they have worried about transgender people being denied access to bathrooms due to state or local laws, per the Trevor Project 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health; *and*

WHEREAS, Gender-neutral bathrooms are of benefit to cisgender and endosex individuals as well, as for instance in cases of parents or guardians with children of a different gender; for people with disabilities or others who have a personal attendant of a different gender; and in situations where one bathroom is occupied and another is unoccupied, which could be utilized to reduce unnecessary waiting times; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite the City of Boston's intentions to create supportive and accommodating public spaces for all residents, workers, and visitors, many City-owned buildings continue to have limited gender-neutral bathroom facilities, including City Hall, Faneuil Hall, the Civic Pavilion, and many Boston Public Libraries, Schools, and Community Centers; *and*

WHEREAS, There are many and growing opportunities to remedy this shortcoming, including simply by updating signage, aided in part by updates to the Massachusetts Uniform State Plumbing Code (248 CMR 10.00) adopted by the Massachusetts Plumbing Board on December 8, 2023, which better allow for the creation of gender-neutral bathrooms in both new and existing buildings; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public School (BPS) and Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) policies already specify that transgender and gender-nonconforming students should be given access to the bathroom or locker room facilities they are most comfortable with, and encourage designating one or more restrooms for all genders. Many BPS schools currently have bathrooms in desperate need of repair or replacement, and the district is currently undertaking a multi-year construction plan at dozens of schools, making this an opportune time to ensure the bathroom and locker room facilities meet the needs of all students, staff, and teachers. ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding gender-neutral bathrooms in City-owned buildings. Representatives from the Property Management Department, Boston Public Library (BPL), Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF), Boston Public Schools (BPS), Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement, and community organizations and advocates will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

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

WHEREAS, “Inclusion” is an education model that seeks to ensure the effective education of students with diverse learning needs, including multilingual learners and students with disabilities, while enhancing the social and emotional development for all students in an integrated learning environment that supports the needs of each student, instead of segregating students based on their learning needs; *and*

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Education identifies multilingualism and multiliteracy as highly beneficial for the cognitive and socio-emotional development of children, with peer-reviewed research demonstrating increased understanding of math concepts, easier development of strong thinking skills and use of logic, improved focus and decision-making, better self-control, and strengthened connections with culture and community, in addition to long-term practical benefits for job opportunities and participation in multilingual local and global communities; *and*

WHEREAS, It is therefore highly beneficial for English Learners to have their native language fostered through native language instruction while simultaneously developing skills in the English language, rather than receive instruction solely in English; and it is further of benefit for native English speakers to gain exposure to other languages through inclusive classrooms that support and integrate Multilingual Learners with instruction in their native languages in addition to English; *and*

WHEREAS, Further, the inclusion of students with disabilities provides similar benefits for social and emotional development of all students, while enhancing positive outcomes for students who learn differently; *and*

WHEREAS, BPS currently places students in substantially separate classrooms (SSCs) at highly disproportionate rates, particularly for Black male students and English Learners, with over twice the state and national rate of students in SSCs, Black male students being over three times as likely to be placed in emotional impairment SSCs as other student groups, and English Learners with an identified communication disability being over two and a half times more likely to be placed in SSCs; *and*

WHEREAS, BPS leadership has recognized this deficiency and urgency to implement a more inclusive approach, including as part of a 2022 deal with the Massachusetts Education Commissioner, which mandated structural changes to address what state leaders described as “systemic disarray” in BPS’s special education services, and which allowed BPS the opportunity to address these shortcomings to avoid being immediately labeled “underperforming” or requiring state receivership; *and*

WHEREAS, A May 22, 2024 BPS School Proposals report reflects these necessary changes, discussing investments BPS is making: “[to] create inclusive opportunities to the maximum extent possible, to increase students' access to grade level content and high-quality instructional materials with the appropriate resources and supports to ensure that ALL students can be successful, especially students we have not served well. This work is at the center of our efforts to eliminate gaps in opportunities and outcomes.”; *and*

WHEREAS, Research studies on special education outcomes consistently demonstrate that students having access to targeted subject matter interventions and sufficient support are both critical, making the specific details of the implementation of Inclusion extremely important; *and*

WHEREAS, Teachers and staff must be adequately trained and provided resources to maximize the positive impact of Inclusion on student outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS, Some BPS schools have been nationally recognized for highly effective implementations of Inclusion, and their systems should be discussed as models for expansion to the majority of other BPS schools that do not currently implement similar systems, and consequently have measurably poorer outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS, Inclusive classrooms are best facilitated by a team of educators who are dedicated to one classroom of students, so the educators can build relationships and provide consistency for those students, and collectively meet each of their needs, without overtaxing teachers to possess multiple licenses and perform the duties of more than one job at once, or jump between classrooms and split attention across too many students to maintain close relationships; *and*

WHEREAS, Emphasizing the necessity of a team of educators for effective implementation of Inclusion, the Council of Great City Schools, a coalition of 75 of the nation’s largest urban public school systems, of which the Boston School Committee is a member, published a report in 2022 commissioned by BPS, which highlighted: “No districts we are familiar with use dually certified general/special educators to meet the needs of all of their students, even with paraeducator support”; *and*

WHEREAS, Providing native language instruction requires a sustained pipeline of educators who are fluent in the primary home languages of students, making it critical to implement systems to attract, hire, and retain enough teachers to meet students' needs; *and*

WHEREAS, The effective implementation of inclusive classrooms requires guidance and support from families and students, and must therefore integrate community outreach on a school-by-school basis with both the school's community at large, as well as the individual families of that school's students.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds 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. Experts on classroom Inclusion models; community groups representing Boston Public School teachers, students, parents, and staff; and representatives from Boston Public Schools will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING ALL CITY OF BOSTON GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, In accordance with MGL c.44, §53A, and as incorporated in the City of Boston Charter §51 “Grants and Gifts; Acceptance and Expenditure,” as prepared and distributed by the Boston City Council, July 2007:

“An officer or department of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from the federal government and from a charitable foundation, a private corporation, or an individual, or from the commonwealth, a county or municipality or an agency thereof, and ... may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift with the approval of the Mayor and City Council.”;
and

WHEREAS, The Boston Fire Department routinely applies for and receives a wide variety of grants and gifts from the federal government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, charitable foundations, private corporations, and individuals, and such funding represents a significant source of revenue for the Boston Fire Department, and provides for critical staff, equipment, and operations; *and*

WHEREAS, Such grants and gifts include both non-competitive grants, which are allocated by federal and state government entities in proportion to available resources and need, as determined by such entities; as well as competitive grants and gifts, which are applied for by the City of Boston, and awarded by both governmental and non-governmental entities on the basis of the merits of the City’s application;
and

WHEREAS, The quality and breadth of the applications for competitive grants and gifts submitted by the City of Boston to grant-making entities substantially affects the the resources available to serve the public safety needs of residents, businesses, workers, and visitors in Boston, and it is therefore critical that sufficient staffing and resources are provided to the Boston Fire Department to pursue competitive grants and gifts, which can only be accomplished with full awareness by the Boston City Council of current and ongoing grant applications; *and*

WHEREAS, Non-competitive grants awarded by federal and state governmental entities can be highly variable in dollar amount and scope in accordance with changes in federal and state budgets and priorities, and it is critical that the Boston City Council remains apprised of these variations from year to year, and that the City of Boston adjusts City funding and services accordingly; *and*

WHEREAS, In compliance with the aforementioned Massachusetts General Law and City of Boston Charter, upon receipt of a grant or gift to the City of Boston to be administered by the Boston Fire Department, the Mayor of Boston files a legislative order with the Boston City Council to accept and expend or make use of such grant or gift; *and*

WHEREAS, Once filed with the City Council, the City Council President refers such orders to a City Council Committee, which reviews the grant or gift and associated mayoral order, and thereafter provides a recommendation for formal action by the whole City Council body to approve or disapprove of the City of Boston accepting such grant or gift, at which time all Councilors are free to vote on the order at their discretion; *and*

WHEREAS, In the past 12 months, the City Council Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice conducted such reviews and recommendations for formal action on grants administered by the Boston Fire Department totaling \$5,593,221.51; *and*

WHEREAS, Due to such orders to accept grants or gifts being filed at the time of receipt by the City of Boston, reviewing these orders solely at the time of filing would provide a haphazard and incomplete picture of grants and funding sources for the Boston Fire Department, as there are a multitude of funding sources even for individual programs, services, teams, equipment purchases, maintenance, and operations, from both various grants and gifts, as well as City funds and other sources; *and*

WHEREAS, By instead conducting its oversight role proactively and with a holistic approach, rather than solely reacting to legislative orders filed by the Mayor upon receipt of grants or gifts, the City Council can better ensure public safety and the effective funding and function of the Boston Fire Department, while providing greater public transparency. ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding all grants administered by the Boston Fire Department (BFD). Representatives of BFD who manage the application for, receipt of, and disbursement of grants and gifts administered by BFD will be invited, along with on-the-ground members of the BFD providing critical public safety services. Interested parties and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A SERIES OF HEARINGS REGARDING ALL CITY OF BOSTON GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, In accordance with MGL c.44, §53A, and as incorporated in the City of Boston Charter §51 “Grants and Gifts; Acceptance and Expenditure,” as prepared and distributed by the Boston City Council, July 2007:

“An officer or department of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from the federal government and from a charitable foundation, a private corporation, or an individual, or from the commonwealth, a county or municipality or an agency thereof, and ... may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift with the approval of the Mayor and City Council.”;
and

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department (BPD) routinely applies for and receives a wide variety of grants and gifts from the federal government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, charitable foundations, private corporations, and individuals, and such funding represents a significant source of revenue for BPD, and provides for critical staff, equipment, and operations; *and*

WHEREAS, Such grants and gifts include both non-competitive grants, which are allocated by federal and state government entities in proportion to available resources and need, as determined by such entities; as well as competitive grants and gifts, which are applied for by the City of Boston, and awarded by both governmental and non-governmental entities on the basis of the merits of the City’s application;
and

WHEREAS, The quality and breadth of the applications for competitive grants and gifts submitted by the City of Boston to grant-making entities substantially affects the the resources available to serve the public safety needs of residents, businesses, workers, and visitors in Boston, and it is therefore critical that sufficient staffing and resources are provided to BPD to pursue competitive grants and gifts, which can only be accomplished with full awareness by the Boston City Council of current and ongoing grant applications; *and*

WHEREAS, Non-competitive grants awarded by federal and state governmental entities can be highly variable in dollar amount and scope in accordance with changes in federal and state budgets and priorities, and it is critical that the Boston City Council remains apprised of these variations from year to year, and that the City of Boston adjusts City funding and services accordingly; *and*

WHEREAS, In compliance with the aforementioned Massachusetts General Law and City of Boston Charter, upon receipt of a grant or gift to the City of Boston to be administered by BPD, the Mayor of Boston files a legislative order with the Boston City Council to accept and expend or make use of such grant or gift; *and*

WHEREAS, Once filed with the City Council, the City Council President refers such orders to a City Council Committee, which reviews the grant or gift and associated mayoral order, and thereafter provides a recommendation for formal action by the whole City Council body to approve or disapprove of the City of Boston accepting such grant or gift, at which time all Councilors are free to vote on the order at their discretion; *and*

WHEREAS, During 2024, the City Council Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice conducted such reviews and recommendations for formal action on grants and gifts administered by BPD totaling over \$9,928,596; *and*

WHEREAS, Due to such orders to accept grants or gifts being filed at the time of receipt by the City of Boston, reviewing these orders solely at the time of filing would provide a haphazard and incomplete picture of grants and funding sources for BPD, as there are a multitude of funding sources even for individual programs, services, teams, equipment purchases, maintenance, and operations, from both various grants and gifts, as well as City funds and other sources; *and*

WHEREAS, By instead conducting its oversight role proactively and with a holistic approach, rather than solely reacting to legislative orders filed by the Mayor upon receipt of grants or gifts, the City Council can better ensure public safety and the effective funding and function of BPD, while providing greater public transparency.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a series of hearings regarding all grants administered by the Boston Police Department (BPD). Representatives of BPD who manage the application for, receipt of, and disbursement of grants and gifts administered by BPD will be invited, along with on-the-ground members of BPD providing critical public safety services. Interested parties and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE TRANSITION AND OPERATIONS OF THE NEW CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2024, the City of Boston officially launched its new Planning Department, restoring planning as a core function of City government for the first time in 70 years; and

WHEREAS, This transition involved integrating the majority of Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) staff into the new department, aiming to enhance the city's planning capabilities and better serve its residents; and

WHEREAS, Prior to this transition, staff and residents raised various concerns about the structure, transparency, and effectiveness of planning in the city, which underscores the importance of evaluating how the new department is operating; and

WHEREAS, It is essential for the City Council to assess the progress of the new department to ensure it aligns with the city's goals and meets the needs of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Introducing the new Chief of Planning to the City Council and the public will foster transparency, collaboration, and a shared understanding of the department's vision and objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to:

1. Review the transition process from the BPDA to the new Planning Department;
2. Discuss how the concerns raised prior to the transition have been addressed;
3. Evaluate the department's current operations, achievements, and challenges;
4. Discuss the department's strategic plans and initiatives for the future; and
5. Formally introduce the new Chief of Planning to the City Council

Representatives from the Planning Department, including the Director, as well as other relevant stakeholders, shall be invited to attend and provide testimony.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER TO ADOPT LAWS CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN EMBARKING AND DISEMBARKING SCHOOL BUSES

WHEREAS, School buses should be respected by all parties using the road and yet their stop signs continue to be disregarded as little enforcement is currently available; *and*

WHEREAS, Across the Commonwealth, school districts have launched school bus camera pilots such as nearby Peabody that recorded over 850 vehicles illegally passing school buses within the first 5 weeks of the school year.

WHEREAS, School bus stop enforcement should be regarded as a community concern not just to those utilizing the school bus. Drivers must be held accountable for unsafe behavior that could result in the fatality of school children

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should do all it can to ensure the safety of its children, parents, and commuters by locally adopting state law M.G.L c. 40 Section 70 and M.G.L. c. 90 Section 14; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the City of Boston accept General Laws Chapter 40, Section 70 (which authorizes a city or town to install and operate a school bus violation detection monitoring system on a school bus to enforce violations pursuant to sections 14 and 14C of chapter 90) and Chapter 90, Section 14C (which authorizes a city or town that accepts section 70 of chapter 40 to install and operate a school bus violation detection monitoring system on a school bus to enforce violations by an operator of a motor vehicle who overtakes or fails to stop their vehicle for a school bus when required to do so pursuant to section 14) to be effective for enforcement on the date of acceptance.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD A SERIES OF POLICY BRIEFINGS WITH BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, Boston City Council Rule 35A defines Committee Policy Briefings in contrast to more formal Committee Hearings:

“Committee policy briefings refer to less formal sessions in which a chair of a committee invites representatives from the Administration, experts and others from the public to participate in an open discussion about a particular policy issue”; *and*

WHEREAS, The City Council has expressed a consistent need as a body for more frequent and deeper conversations with Boston Public Schools (BPS) senior leadership; *and*

WHEREAS, Committee Hearings are beneficial for the Council to receive information and provide for public testimony, but formal presentations and logistics for rounds of Councilor questions can inhibit more dynamic and free-flowing discussion; *and*

WHEREAS, The Committee on Education held a Policy Briefing with BPS leadership on November 18, 2024, and found the format to be effective for facilitating deeper discussion supplementing various hearings held by the Committee, and it is the recommendation of the Chair that the Committee continue this practice regularly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate Boston City Council Committee host a series of policy briefings with BPS leadership. The briefings shall each be on one or two interconnected key topics related to BPS, shall limit BPS panelist participation to those most able to address the topic in depth, shall include the Superintendent of BPS whenever possible, and shall abstain from formal statements or question rounds in favor of allowing more time for open discussion. The briefings shall be duly publicly noticed and open to the public, and City Councilors, stakeholders, and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION UNDER SECTION 17F RE: SIDEWALK REPAIR DEPOSITS AND REFUNDS (DISAGGREGATED)

ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, information relative to sidewalk repairs, deposits, and refunds made by any residents and/or contractors over the past five years. Specifically, I am requesting the following:

1. A comprehensive list of all sidewalk repair deposits made, including the amount of the deposit, the address or location associated with the repair, and the date of the deposit.
2. A breakdown of which deposits received refunds, including the amount refunded, the date of the refund and the reason for the refund.
3. Disaggregated data that shows the breakdown of deposit refunds by race, income level, and/or any other relevant demographic information available.
4. A copy of any policies or procedures related to the return of deposits, including how those policies ensure fairness and transparency in the return process.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**ORDER REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION
UNDER SECTION 17F RE: CAPITAL PROJECTS IN D7
FROM 2020 TO DATE.**

ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, information relative to capital projects in District 7 from 2020 to date. Specifically, I am requesting a comprehensive breakdown including the following details for each project:

1. A list of capital projects in District 7, categorized by their current phase of development, including:
 - Projects that have been completed
 - Projects that are in design
 - Project in the feasibility study phase
 - Projects that are pending
2. For each project, please provide the following:
 - The total amount of money spent on each project to date its remaining balance.
 - The project's timeline or 5-year window, specifying the expected or actual start and end dates.
3. A total breakdown of the amount of money spent for each year from 2020 to date on all projects in District 7, and the overall total spent across all years during this period.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION UNDER SECTION 17F RE: MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS IN DISTRICT 7 FROM 2020 TO DATE.

WHEREAS: The state of streets, sidewalks, and road infrastructure plays a critical role in ensuring the safety, accessibility, and overall quality of life for the residents of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: District 7, home to historically underserved communities, experiences significant disparities in infrastructure maintenance, with many streets, sidewalks, and potholes in need of repair; *and*

WHEREAS: A comprehensive and up-to-date assessment of the condition of streets, sidewalks, and potholes throughout District 7 is essential for prioritizing repairs, allocating resources equitably, and planning long-term infrastructure improvements; *and*

WHEREAS: Ensuring transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the allocation of public works resources is a vital component of good governance; **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 applicable provision of law, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, information relative to maintenance and improvements of streets and sidewalks in District 7 from 2020 to date. Specifically, I am requesting a comprehensive breakdown including the following details:

1. A current inventory of all streets and sidewalks within District 7, specifying locations where repairs are needed or scheduled and what the repairs are for;
2. A comprehensive list of potholes in District 7, including the dates they were reported, the dates of any repairs made, and locations pending repair;
3. A detailed outline of the criteria and processes used for prioritizing and scheduling street and sidewalk repairs;

4. A summary of the budget and resources allocated for street, sidewalk, and pothole repair work in District 7, including a timeline and an analysis of whether current funding is sufficient to meet identified infrastructure needs.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information relative to White Stadium and Madison Park Technical Vocational High School.

1. How much is currently spent on maintenance for all BPS facilities? Please include yearly cost for each site.
2. Please provide a list of BPS facilities where students have 100% ownership or access.
3. Are there any potential or perceived conflicts of interest regarding the development of White Stadium?
4. Can you provide a detailed explanation of why the project costs increased by \$41 million?
5. What will be the impact of increased noise and lighting, including extended hours into the night, on surrounding residents and Zoo animals? What specific language in the lease agreement addresses this?
6. Please share plans, studies, or impact reports related to White Stadium's construction, particularly regarding its effects on Rafael Hernández Dual Language School and Greater Egleston High School?
7. How many Madison Park students were involved in the design plan process?
8. How many Madison Park parents were involved in the design plan process?
9. How were students and families engaged?
10. What is causing the ongoing delay in construction?
11. For how many BPS students are we paying to go to school outside of the city due to the disruptions caused by these renovations?

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ED FLYNN AND HENRY SANTANA

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

WHEREAS:

Lunar New Year is one of the most important holidays for our Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities, and it begins on the second new moon after winter solstice, and is usually celebrated for a week starting from New Year's Eve to the sixth day of the New Year. This year, Lunar New Year starts on January 29th, and it will be the Year of the Snake; *and*

WHEREAS:

In Boston, we have a large number of AAPI residents who celebrate Lunar New Year, with numerous lion dances, banquets, and other events to celebrate this holiday. We also have one of the largest Chinatowns in the United States, a vibrant Vietnamese community in Dorchester, and many smaller pockets of AAPI communities throughout the city; *and*

WHEREAS:

Our AAPI neighbors are an integral part of our city and our society; they are our neighbors, frontline healthcare workers, school teachers, small business owners, policymakers, military members, youth sports coaches, among many others; *and*

WHEREAS:

Despite their contributions and sacrifices, AAPIs have faced strong institutional discrimination and racism throughout history, with the most prominent examples being the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, which was repealed in 1943, and Japanese Internment during World War II. Since COVID-19, there has been a significant increase of racist incidents and hate crimes committed against AAPI residents; *and*

WHEREAS:

It is important that we recognize the contributions of our AAPI community, and continue to celebrate and support our AAPI and immigrant communities as their experience and cultural heritage enrich our city and nation; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council recognizes and celebrates the Lunar New Year of the Snake with our AAPI communities and continues to honor the tremendous contributions of our AAPI residents.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF
EDDY CHRISPIN TO THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMAND STAFF

WHEREAS, Sergeant Detective Eddy Chrispin, a 25-year veteran of the Boston Police Department and well-respected leader in the Boston community, was removed from the Boston Police Department Command Staff in July last year. Prior to his removal, he was appointed to the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) in June of this year; *and*

WHEREAS, POST is a police oversight board that was created after the 2020 Police Reform Act to establish uniform training standards and accountability for all law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth; *and*

WHEREAS, When Sergeant Detective Chrispin was removed, many expressed confusion and disappointment about the decision. Sergeant Detective Chrispin is a seasoned and knowledgeable leader who has demonstrated a deep dedication to serving the Boston Police Department and our community, and his removal is a huge loss to the important work of the department and the communities we serve; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department stated that their decision to remove Sergeant Detective Chrispin from Command Staff is due to a conflict of interest in his role serving on the POST Commission. However, the POST Commission Director Enrique Zuniga, as well as Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell, who appointed Chrispin to the post, have questioned this decision and stated that there is no conflict of interest in Sergeant Detective Chrispin serving both roles; *and*

WHEREAS, Community leaders and the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers (MAMLEO) also raised questions with regard to the Boston Police Department's explanation of removing Sergeant Detective Chrispin, expressing frustration with a lack of transparency; *and*

WHEREAS, Sergeant Detective Chrispin is an outstanding leader in our community and a respectable voice in our Police Department. His removal from the Police Command Staff and the explanation provided continues to puzzle; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council calls for the Boston Police Department to reinstate Eddy Chrispin to the Boston Police Department Command Staff.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RELOCATION OF MURIEL SNOWDEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TO A MODERN, FULLY EQUIPPED FACILITY THAT PROVIDES STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WITH THE RESOURCES NEEDED FOR A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- WHEREAS,** Snowden International School at Copley, one of Boston's most esteemed public schools, provides students with a rigorous international curriculum that prepares them to thrive in a globally interconnected world, fostering excellence in academic achievement, cultural awareness, and language proficiency; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Despite consistently performing at levels comparable to other prestigious Boston exam schools, the students and educators at Snowden are subjected to substandard learning and working conditions that undermine their success, innovation, and holistic development; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The current Snowden school building is wholly inadequate, depriving students of basic educational resources and creating barriers to equitable learning opportunities, as exemplified by a complete lack of an on-site gymnasium, forcing students to walk multiple blocks to the YWCA for physical education, compromising both their safety and valuable instructional time; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A basement cafeteria that doubles as a classroom, providing an unhealthy, overcrowded, and insufficient environment for meals and learning activities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Absence of modern science labs, depriving students of essential hands-on world class STEM learning experiences that are critical for college and career readiness in science and technology fields; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Insufficient arts and / or recreational facilities, requiring students to walk to a nearby church for these vital enrichment classes, thereby disconnecting them from the integrated learning environment that holistic education demands; *and* Inadequately small classrooms, stifling creativity, student engagement, and collaborative instruction; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Inadequately small classrooms, stifling creativity, student engagement, and collaborative instruction; *and*

- WHEREAS,** The failure to invest in suitable facilities for Snowden students perpetuates systemic inequities, disproportionately affecting students of color, low-income families, and future leaders from historically underserved communities, who deserve environments that foster their full potential; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The hardworking teachers at Snowden International School, dedicated to shaping globally minded citizens, are denied the professional dignity and resources that a 21st-century teaching environment demands, thereby compromising morale and instructional quality; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston prides itself on being a national leader in education, yet allowing Snowden's students to endure these conditions contradicts the city's stated commitment to educational equity and excellence; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Equitable investment in school infrastructure is a direct investment in the future of Boston's youth, and relocating Snowden to a modern, properly resourced facility would eliminate these injustices and ensure students receive the full benefits of their educational experience; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council strongly calls upon the Administration and Boston Public Schools to prioritize, without delay, the relocation of Snowden International School to a facility that provides: A dedicated, on-site gymnasium for physical education and extracurricular sports. State-of-the-art science laboratories to facilitate hands-on STEM learning and innovation. A purpose-built cafeteria and common spaces that support safe, healthy dining and student interaction. Arts and performance spaces to foster creativity and cultural expression. Spacious, modern classrooms that enhance learning, collaboration, and student engagement; ***AND BE IT FURTHER***
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council demands a detailed public timeline and financial commitment from the City of Boston and Boston Public Schools for achieving these necessary investments; ***AND BE IT FURTHER***
- RESOLVED:** That this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Boston, the Superintendent of Boston Public Schools, the Boston School Committee, and the entire Snowden International School community as a clear and urgent call for action to honor the city's promise of quality education for all.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A DIGITAL MARKETPLACE PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. The pandemic highlighted the fact that investments in small business infrastructure are key to reducing poverty and the racial wealth gap in the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Technology companies are exacerbating the situation as they grab more market share online while local businesses shutter. Large corporations like Amazon, Walmart, Instacart, etc. saw record-breaking profits as stimulus dollars were largely recaptured by these conglomerates; *and*

WHEREAS, Small businesses that are unable to build an online presence will perish during this pandemic, leading to a wider racial wealth gap and health disparities, increased crime, and poor educational attainment; *and*

WHEREAS, Small businesses cannot bear the burden of exclusion on the new “main street” or the “online highway”. Small businesses generate half of this country’s jobs and nearly half of its gross domestic product, and to boot, are the largest employers of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC); *and*

WHEREAS, BIPOC small business owners pay two to four times more in commercial rent and are less likely to have leases and insurance, leaving them vulnerable to evictions and loss; *and*

WHEREAS, BIPOC small business owners are limited in economic opportunities because of lack of allowable uses such as large retail, galleries, arts & entertainment, and large restaurants due to exclusionary zoning — all of which would bring more economic activity to an excluded community; *and*

WHEREAS, Our work with City Economic Development Departments, Community Development Corporations (CDC’s), Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Small Business Administrations (SBA’s), Main Streets and universities exposed the City’s inadequacies in helping the most marginalized — businesses in Boston, located in neighborhoods with 30-50% poverty rates; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston must build for the future, centering small businesses to preserve local culture, reduce poverty, save the environment by producing locally, and mitigate sales leakage; *and*

WHEREAS, A marketplace owned by the people would insulate communities from systemic policies that harm them; *and*

WHEREAS, A coordinated economic development strategy to reduce poverty and revitalize neighborhoods must happen across multiple sectors, including businesses and nonprofits; *and*

WHEREAS, In order for small businesses to thrive, they need to capture more disposable income and align with future demographics and consumption patterns by appealing to the largest demographic in their immediate neighborhood — young Black people; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the City of Boston create a pilot digital marketplace or ecommerce through BLocal with technical assistance for minority-owned small businesses that would address operations, lack of capital, build a “public option” for a local online marketplace owned by the people, partnership with local community service providers, transition brick & mortar business operations online as well as their inventory to be offered as an alternative to online conglomerates by implementing data collection, coalition building, built environment plan for financial sustainability level, policy centering small businesses, tech adoption, and the development of the future small business infrastructure.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE BUS MONITOR PAY RATES AND WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The average pay for a bus monitor in the City of Boston is \$18 an hour, which is only 3 dollars more an hour than the prevailing minimum wage of \$15 an hour in the city; *and*

WHEREAS, The pay range is 15-23 an hour for the position, but because the initial pay is in minimum wage range, there is a high turnover rate, meaning that a majority of monitors don't reach the higher end of the scale, which, with Boston being the second most expensive rental market in the country, is, in and of itself, not a particularly high rate; *and*

WHEREAS, The average yearly salary for a school bus monitor in Boston is \$26,171, with a salary range of \$21,127 to \$ 31,895 a year; *and*

WHEREAS, However, according to apartments.com, the average studio apartment in Boston is currently \$2,749 a month, while a one bedroom is going for \$3,310 a month, the yearly totals of which are both more money than what bus monitors make at even the high end of their salary scale; *and*

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the conditions of said work are often porous, with each monitor responsible for the safety and security of dozens of students; *and*

WHEREAS, This means that the monitors are tasked with implementing behavioral management strategies that can be problematic utilizing in the bus setting; *and*

WHEREAS, The work is often arduous, calling on the monitor to move around the bus, assist with the loading and unloading onto and off the bus of students in wheelchairs, and forcing them to settle disputes and brouhahas in both a studied and an improvisational manner as called upon; *and*

WHEREAS, Such a significant amount of hard work requires that our monitors be granted additional sit time so that they can obtain needed rest from their yeoman-like labors to better sustain their ability to remain in the field and to care for their

minds and bodies: ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council Supports the Bus Monitors of the Boston PublicSchools in their efforts to obtain a solid living wage and better working conditions.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE "RECOVER BOSTON" PROPOSAL

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston, like many other urban areas, is experiencing a significant rise in homelessness, substance abuse disorders, and open-air drug markets, all of which are contributing to a public health and safety crisis, particularly in the Newmarket area and surrounding neighborhoods; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The closure of the Long Island Shelter in 2014, and the prolonged timeline for the redevelopment of Shattuck Hospital campus, have left a significant gap in available long-term treatment and recovery services; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This crisis has had a detrimental effect on the quality of life for residents and visitors, with crime, violence, human trafficking, and public drug use, diminishing public safety, and further affecting approximately 1,300 elementary and middle school students in the affected neighborhoods, with more to be impacted as new schools open in the area; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The current system is failing to provide a cohesive, comprehensive approach to addressing the interconnected issues of homelessness, substance abuse, mental health, and recovery, leading to a cycle of repeated relapses and continued hardship for individuals; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The "Recover Boston" proposal provides a much-needed solution by creating a recovery campus with multi-phased zones that will address the needs of individuals at various stages of recovery, while also addressing homelessness through job training, mental health services, and pathways to permanent housing; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The "Recover Boston" proposal aims to eliminate the open-air drug market in the "Mass & Cass" area, increase treatment options, and reduce homelessness in Boston by creating a safe, structured environment for recovery, providing individualized treatment, and reducing the environmental factors that perpetuate substance use disorders and homelessness; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The proposed recovery campus will house over 200 individuals in housing units, with separate recovery zones providing critical services such as detox, mental health support, job training, life skills development, and housing placement; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The creation of the "Recover Boston" proposal is supported by various public and private entities, including the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the

Massachusetts State Legislature, the Boston City Council, local businesses, philanthropic organizations, and community partners; *and*

WHEREAS, The implementation of a recovery campus will provide immediate relief to those suffering from substance use disorders and homelessness while creating long-term solutions for their reintegration into society as productive, self-sufficient individuals; *and*

WHEREAS, The “Recover Boston” proposal includes critical enforcement mechanisms to uphold public safety, including a no-tent ordinance, strict enforcement of laws against open-air drug use, and coordinated enforcement of crimes such as drug dealing and human trafficking; *and* **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council supports the "Recover Boston" proposal as a comprehensive and humane solution to the city's homelessness and substance abuse crisis, and commits to advocating for the necessary funding, resources, and support from local, state, and federal governments, as well as private and philanthropic sectors, to ensure the successful implementation of this plan; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council calls for the immediate creation of a task force to work in partnership with the Mayor’s office, the Governor, the State Legislature, and other relevant stakeholders to begin planning the construction and operation of the recovery campus, with a focus on expediting the timeline for opening and ensuring that adequate resources are allocated for the success of the initiative; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council commits to working alongside affected communities, service providers, law enforcement, and public health experts to ensure that the recovery campus is built with the input and needs of the community in mind, and that its services are accessible, effective, and equitable; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED: That the City Council work with the Massachusetts State Legislature to encourage the Governor, and the federal government to prioritize the allocation of funds necessary to support this proposal and help make it a model for addressing homelessness and substance abuse throughout the Commonwealth.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN

- WHEREAS,** Focusing on healthy eating, active living, early detection screening, and addressing social determinants of health can be associated with improved mental health, emotional, sexual, and physiological health; *and*
- WHEREAS,** According to Mindbody, an organization which provides supports for fitness centers across the globe, Bostonians spend 23% more a year on fitness than the average American; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston takes pride in ensuring that all residents are just a 10-minute walk away from a local park, and similarly, there should be a strong emphasis on providing equitable access to health and wellness facilities for everyone; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The National Fitness Campaign (NFC) is an organization which works with municipalities, schools, and sponsors across America to plan, design, fund and activate healthy communities and schools of the future, with a 2030 goal to fund 5,000 free outdoor Fitness Courts within a 10-minute bike ride of every American.; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In addition, in the creation of their Fitness Courts NFC partners with local artists and other creatives to ensure that each space reflects and expresses the local community's history, pride, and vibrancy; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Data from the Boston Public Health Commission reliably finds neighborhoods like Roxbury face higher rates of heart disease, asthma and diabetes, as well as lower life expectancies, indicating a strong need for intentional health and wellness spaces and programming accessible to low-income communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As the City of Boston continues to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, creating space for physical activities, exercise, and health and wellness spaces will help improve health outcomes, create new community gathering spaces, and help improve mental health;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council offers its support for the National Fitness Campaign in their pursuit of creating easier access to outdoor physical health and wellness activities; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council encourages the City of Boston to partner with organizations like the National Fitness Campaign in order to expand access to outdoor health and wellness spaces.

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A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND ENSURE THE NUBIAN SQUARE TASK FORCE, ITS GOALS, VISION, PLAN, AND COMPOSITION IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY AND RECOVERY

WHEREAS, Substance use disorder is on the rise in Massachusetts leading to an increase in opioid-related overdoses, as the Boston Public Health Commission found that the opioid-related overdose death rate was 33.5 per 100,000 people in 2022 and that there were 2,357 confirmed and estimated deaths, representing a 9.1% increase from the pre-pandemic peak in 2016, with neighborhoods like Roxbury, the South End and Dorchester experiencing disproportionately higher rates than other neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, At the same time, Boston also saw an increase in the number of unhoused people sleeping out on the streets, with a roughly 25% increase from January 2020 to January 2021, and while no one night paints the full scope of the problem, The City's Engagement Center, which focuses on serving individuals experiencing homelessness and people who use drugs, served 14,368 unique individuals from May 2021 through March 2022; *and*

WHEREAS, While substance use disorder and homelessness exist in all corners of the City of Boston, neighborhoods like Nubian Square experience disproportionate rates of both, a problem which not only demands urgency in the provision of services for unhoused individuals experiencing substance use disorder, but also demands the creation of a holistic plan for the community which takes into consideration the needs of both long-term residents and those living without shelter experiencing substance use disorder; *and*

WHEREAS, In order to mitigate the harmful impacts to both unsheltered individuals and long-term residents, and to address the root causes of substance use disorder and homelessness, holistic plans for Nubian Square must be made in collaboration with community stakeholders, the District 7 office, and public health and safety officials in order to ensure that people have access to the services they need; *and*

WHEREAS, Any future plans for recovery services in Nubian Square must involve the full continuum of care, including implementing harm reduction models, holistic

wraparound referrals, follow up services, and intensive care coordination, which itself can include case management, peer advocacy, and access to therapeutic practitioners, street workers, life coaches, and more; *and*

WHEREAS, Plans should also keep in mind both operational and capital-based collaterals such as safe consumption sites, needle-exchange programs, health vans, work programs, and deeper, more meaningful public safety collaboration; *and*

WHEREAS, Furthermore, it is imperative that plans are properly administered and managed, establishing metrics and guidelines through which we can measure the mitigation of both homelessness and substance use disorder, in addition to guaranteeing adequate facilities, administrative support, and management; *and*

WHEREAS, Plans for Nubian Square should take lessons from other neighborhoods and cities, including the Newmarket Business Improvement District’s plan titled “Recover Boston,” which would build a temporary recovery campus with a pathway towards permanent housing and long-term sobriety for participants; *and*

WHEREAS, Similarly, the City of Boston can look abroad to find successful models of substance abuse and homelessness recovery services, including in Lisbon, Portugal where lawmakers successfully addressed the opioid crisis by decriminalizing drugs, increasing access to harm reduction services, and provides legal, psychiatric, and medical services to those who need it; *and*

WHEREAS, To help address the concurring issues of substance use disorder and homelessness in neighborhoods like Nubian Square, the City of Boston assembled the Nubian Square Task Force, described as a coalition of community, public health organizations, and businesses that share and coordinate resources in the Nubian Square area, supporting people who use drugs and experience homelessness; *and*

WHEREAS, The District 7 office has partnered with residents, community advocates, the Nubian Square Task Force members, academic partners, and nonprofits to advocate for increased services and accountability in Nubian Square, including advocating for the establishment of a health clinic in Nubian Square offering holistic and culturally competent care, in addition to partnering with the Nubian Square Task Force to structure metrics, organize collateral, restructure check-ins, recruit interns, and create a dashboard for new hires; *and*

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the Boston City Council, the administration, representatives of the Boston Public Health Commission, representatives for the B2 Police district, representatives for the Streets cabinet responsible for the cleaning of said areas, members of the Nubian Square Task Force, community public health officials, members of the wraparound collateral services, and community

stakeholders collaborate on developing recovery plans for Nubian Square rooted in equity, science, compassion, and accountability; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the Nubian Square Task Force, its goals, plan, and composition. Representatives from the City of Boston, including but not limited to the Boston Public Health Commission, the Office of Recovery Services, and representatives from the Nubian Square Task Force, in addition to community advocates and members of the public are encouraged to testify.

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ANTI-DISPLACEMENT PROTECTIONS
IN THE “SQUARES AND STREETS” REZONING INITIATIVE**

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has committed to advancing equity through community-led planning and addressing displacement, as outlined in its Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) goals; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Squares and Streets initiative aims to encourage transit-oriented development but poses significant displacement risks to low-income residents, small businesses, and communities of color across 17 neighborhoods in Boston including Fields Corner, Codman Square, Four Corners, Hyde Park, and Roslindale; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City lacks codified anti-displacement protections, including safeguards against no-fault evictions, rising rents, and speculative real estate activity, leaving communities vulnerable to clear-outs and redevelopment pressures; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Models like Plan JP/Rox have demonstrated the importance of setting neighborhood-specific affordability goals and robust anti-displacement measures before rezoning; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED,** That no rezoning under the Squares and Streets initiative shall move forward until citywide anti-displacement protections are codified, fully funded, and implemented for residents and small businesses; neighborhood-specific affordability plans are developed with impacted communities, reflecting local area median incomes (AMIs) and including permanent affordability provisions; and the City fulfills its AFFH obligations by ensuring transparent, inclusive, and community-driven engagement.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



**CITY OF BOSTON
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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON FULFILLING
ITS PROMISE TO MEET THE MADISON PARK TECHNICAL
VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE**

- WHEREAS,** Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, the only vocational-technical school in the Boston Public Schools (BPS) system, serves as a citywide institution providing critical Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that prepare students and adult learners for the modern workforce; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The facilities at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School are outdated and inadequate, hindering the school's ability to fully support its students and meet the growing demands of technical education, despite its critical importance to Boston's economic future; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston had previously committed to a timeline for the Madison Park Technical Vocational High School construction project, which was supposed to be shovel-ready by Summer 2025; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City recently determined that the Madison Park renovation costs exceed the initial budget and has chosen to delay the project to seek funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), a process with no guaranteed outcome, potentially escalating costs, delaying critical improvements, or risking permanently pausing the project; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Delaying the project to pursue MSBA funding, which is not guaranteed, undermines the City's prior commitments and creates uncertainty for current and future members of the Madison Park community. It also postpones critical investments in Boston's students, families, and workforce; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Timely and decisive action by the City of Boston to prioritize the Madison Park renovation, even amid financial challenges, would demonstrate fiscal responsibility in utilizing taxpayer funds, transparency through community

engagement, and a steadfast commitment to providing high-quality facilities for the City's only comprehensive vocational-technical high school; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council urges the City to move forward with the Madison Park Technical Vocational High School project as originally planned, with the site shovel-ready in Spring/Summer 2025 to demonstrate Boston's commitment to its students and future.

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**CITY OF BOSTON
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**RESOLUTION FOR THE TIMELY RELEASE AND REVIEW OF FINAL
TRANSPORTATION, PARKING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ALTERNATIVE
PUBLIC PLANS FOR WHITE STADIUM PRIOR TO FURTHER
DEMOLITION WORK**

- WHEREAS,** The renovation of White Stadium represents a critical opportunity to ensure that public investments address the needs of Boston Public Schools (BPS) student-athletes and the surrounding community while maintaining transparency, equity, and collaboration; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The proposed \$200 million public-private partnership to renovate White Stadium has raised significant concerns regarding the transparency of the planning process, the equitable distribution of costs and benefits, and the lack of meaningful community engagement; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Two City Council hearings held on January 22, 2025, highlighted overwhelming concerns from community members, many of whom stated that the community engagement process has been inadequate and insufficiently responsive to the needs and voices of Roxbury, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, and other historically impacted neighborhoods that have disproportionately borne the burdens of urban development projects; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There is currently no finalized plan for transportation, parking, or climate resilience to address key issues such as traffic congestion, accessibility, pedestrian safety, and the loss of trees. The absence of a comprehensive strategy—including accessible public transit options, sustainable mobility solutions, and clear commitments to preserving or replacing trees—has heightened concerns about potential adverse impacts on densely populated neighborhoods; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Public frustration has been exacerbated by engagement practices that limit opportunities for genuine input, such as restrictive public meetings that prioritize presentations over dialogue, impose strict time constraints on

comments, and restrict digital participation features, therefore undermining trust and collaboration; *and*

WHEREAS, BPS student-athletes are already experiencing significant barriers to accessing sports facilities, including delayed or absent buses that prevent them from attending practices and games, and no clear transportation plan has been presented to ensure reliable and equitable access to White Stadium for students; *and*

WHEREAS, The City Council approved and authorized up \$50 million for the White Stadium renovation as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 2024 Capital Budget for the White Stadium renovation, but the City's cost burden estimate has since more than doubled to \$100 million, and the renewed borrowing expenditure has not yet been brought to the City Council for review or approval, with the next Capital Budget vote scheduled for June 2025; *and*

WHEREAS, Many community members have expressed frustration with the City's singular focus on the current public-private partnership plan and the lack of alternative renovation models, leaving significant questions about whether a fully public option could better meet the needs of students and the community while ensuring fiscal responsibility; *and*

WHEREAS, White Stadium is a long-overlooked public asset that requires urgent investment to provide modern facilities for BPS students and the community, but this project must be done in a manner that prioritizes public benefit, equity, and sustainability; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council calls for an immediate pause on White Stadium demolition and construction until the City finalizes comprehensive transportation, parking, and climate resilience plans; releases a fully public renovation option; and addresses concerns related to community engagement and transparency to ensure investments in White Stadium benefit all Boston residents equitably.

Filed in Council: January 29, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 18, 2025, AS “DAY OF CARE” IN HONOR OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KYRE AMBROSE

- WHEREAS,** Kyre Ambrose, a cherished member of the Boston Arts Academy Class of 2023, was a talented dancer whose passion, authenticity, and humanity left a profound impact on the Boston arts community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Kyre performed with renowned Boston-area dance organizations such as the Tony Williams Dance Center, Phunk Phenomenon, and the cast of “*The Urban Nutcracker*,” showcasing his extraordinary talent and dedication to his craft; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Dance organizations across Boston and surrounding areas, including Stajez Cultural Center, Area 51 Majorette, Unknown Hype Dance Studio, J’adore Dance Company, 4 Star Dance Studio, Tony Williams Dance Center, The Hazzel Jinx Collective, Phunk Phenomenon, and the Roxbury Center for the Performing Arts, have stood in solidarity to honor Kyre’s memory, providing unwavering support to his family, friends, and the arts community during this difficult time; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The resilience and compassion of these organizations exemplify the unity of Boston’s arts community and their shared commitment to celebrating the transformative power of the arts; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Kyre’s life and contributions to the arts have inspired countless individuals, and his memory continues to serve as a beacon of hope, creativity, and compassion; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council recognizes and commends these dance organizations for their solidarity and dedication in honoring Kyre Ambrose’s life, while celebrating the power of the arts to inspire and heal, and honors Kyre’s lasting legacy, whose contributions to the arts and community will continue to inspire future generations.

Date Filed: January 29, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN AND ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 332ND FIGHTER GROUP, THE “TUSKEGEE AIRMEN” AND BRIGADIER GENERAL ENOCH “WOODY” WOODHOUSE II

WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen, famously known as the “Red Tails,” were the nation’s first Black military pilots, serving in the 332nd Fighter Group of the 15th Air Force during World War II, where they provided critical bomber escort missions and earned one of the lowest loss records of all fighter units, showcasing extraordinary skill, discipline, and bravery; *and*

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Enoch “Woody” Woodhouse II, born on January 14, 1927, in Roxbury, MA, is a cherished member of the Boston community and a distinguished member of the Tuskegee Airmen who has lived a life of extraordinary service, resilience, and advocacy for equity and justice; *and*

WHEREAS, At just 17 years old, Woody enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, overcoming systemic racism and personal challenges, including being subjected to segregation on his way to basic training, where he was denied a seat on the train designated for “Whites Only,” delaying his arrival at boot camp; *and*

WHEREAS, Woody was initially assigned to Squadron F, an all-Black unit primarily tasked with housekeeping, road maintenance, and kitchen duties, but through his determination and intellect—bolstered by his multilingual abilities—he earned a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant at the age of 19 and became the paymaster and finance officer for the 332nd Fighter Group; *and*

WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen’s contributions to the war effort and their fight against racial injustice set the stage for the desegregation of the U.S. Armed Forces and inspired countless individuals to pursue excellence in the face of adversity; *and*

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Woodhouse has dedicated his post-military life to serving as a mentor, advocate, and educator, tirelessly sharing the story of the Tuskegee Airmen and using his platform to inspire future generations to overcome challenges and work toward a more inclusive society; *and*

WHEREAS, Recent actions to remove references to the Tuskegee Airmen and Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) from Air Force curricula in compliance with federal directives threaten to erase the rich and invaluable contributions of these trailblazing service members, making it all the more critical to preserve and honor their legacy; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes the significance of the 332nd Fighter Group, and their historic contributions to World War II. We reaffirm the city's commitment to ensuring their story is preserved and celebrated for generations to come, including the legacy of Brigadier General Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse II, expressing deep gratitude for his leadership and commitment to advancing justice and equality in our City and throughout the world; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council urges local, state, and federal leaders to prioritize the inclusion of diverse historical narratives in educational and training programs, ensuring the sacrifices and achievements of individuals like Brigadier General Woodhouse and The Tuskegee Airmen are never forgotten.

Filed on: January 27, 2025

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

January 22,2025

Councilor Louijuene
(Councilor Durkan)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, February 8, 2025 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 14, 2025.

BiWeekly Payroll

Samantha Courage	Secretary	\$3,076.94	full time
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BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

January 24, 2025

Councilor Louijuene
(Councilor Durkan)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, February 1, 2025 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 14, 2025.

BiWeekly Payroll

Lily Sweeterman	Secretary	\$2,884.62	full time
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Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the January 29, 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.

In effect March 9, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Transdev and its bus drivers. **(Docket #0112)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the Collective Bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment, an increase for regular wages and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025. **(Docket #0113)**

In effect March 16, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDDBS)-Forensic Group. **(Docket #0237)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDDBS)- Forensic Group. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a market adjustment to base wages in FY25, as well as base wage increase of 2% to be given in January 2026 and 2027 and flat amounts of \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January 2026 and 2027, after the percent increases. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 13, 2025. **(Docket #0238)**

Assigned for Further Action

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 Mayor³

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.

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0104	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$305,600.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhances the quality of life in the City of Boston.	11/20/2024	2024-1679
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	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0123	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to declare surplus City-owned computers that are no longer of use to City employees. Once the Department of Innovation and Technology determines that a City-owned computer has reached the end of its useful life and has little to no resale value, the Department wishes to donate the surplus computers to a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30B § 15. The computers would be sanitized by the Department of Innovation and Technology in accordance with industry standards to remove any City data prior to donation. The computers would then be refurbished by a charitable organization for future use by Boston residents to close the digital divide.	1/8/2025	
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	

2025 Matters in Committee

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0257	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.	1/15/2025	
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	
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	
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	

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
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	
Education	0267	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes.	1/15/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0103	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$456,500.00) in the form of a grant, for FY25 MVP Action Grant, awarded by the Executive Office of Energy & Environment Affairs to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund the permit submittals for the project in FY26, with a goal of completing the MEPA permitting process and submitting permits to other applicable Local, State and Federal permitting agencies.	8/28/2024	2024-1282
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0120	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$36,638.00) in the form of a grant, for FY23 Mass Trails Grant, awarded by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund the enhancement of trails and trail access in the Dorchester Community.	1/8/2025	
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	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0252	Flynn	Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss expanding the urban tree canopy in District 2.	1/15/2025	
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	
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	

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
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		
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		
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		
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	
Government Operations	0144	Louijeune	Mejia, Santana	Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston.	1/8/2025		
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		
Government Operations	0236	Mayor		Message and order for your approval a new home rule petition to the General Court, "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Residential Tax Relief in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	
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		

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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		
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		
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		

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
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	0189	Durkan	Coletta Zapata	Order regarding a Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code Regarding the Bulfinch Triangle District Use Regulations.	1/8/2025	1/23/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0241	Mayor		Message and order temporarily extending Urban Renewal Plans in the City of Boston until March 31, 2027 or passage of a proposed relevant Home Rule Petition.	1/15/2025		
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		
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
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0106	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Samantha Riemer, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024		2024-1688
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0107	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Janet Peguero, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring October 27, 2029.	11/20/2024		2024-1689
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		

2025 Matters in Committee

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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		
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 Safety & Criminal Justice	0118	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$395,746.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, awarded by United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Domestic Violence Management Analyst at the Family Justice Center, a Hub & Center of Responsibility Coordinator, and a Technology Coordinator for multiple data collection, reporting, and record management systems.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0119	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 FY22 COVID-19 SA/DV Trust Fund, awarded by the MA Department of Public Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two full-time Domestic Violence advocates who will work with social services agency partners at the Boston Public Health Commission Family Justice Center.	1/8/2025		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0128			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		
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	1/28/2025	
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	0239	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Training Academy Earmark, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the purchase of equipment and supplies, and to fund training initiatives for the Boston Fire Training Academy to ensure the department remains current in the firefighting services.	1/15/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0240	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend for the benefit of the City of Boston, a donation from the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Radiological Security (ORS) of 2024 GMC Sierra 4WD Crew Cab Pickup valued at SixtyThousand Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars (\$60,233.00). The truck will be used as a Radiological Security Awareness and Response (RSAR) support truck and will allow the Boston Police Department to continue the sustainment of RSAR training programs.	1/15/2025		

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0256	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss discrepancies in Boston's 2024 detainer requests.	1/15/2025		
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		
Rules & Administration	0190	Weber		Order to implement a nondisclosure agreement prohibition policy for Boston City Council.	1/8/2025		
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		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0109	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Nazzaro Community Center Renovation grant, awarded by the United States Department of Treasury, passed through the MA Executive Office of Economic Development, to be administered by Property Management. The grant will fund repairs and capital improvements to maintain current functionality and programming at the Nazzaro Community Center.	12/4/2024	1/30/2025	2024-1766, 1/21/25-hearing rescheduled
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0111	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 Age Strong Universal Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund senior center programs and services for older adults in Boston.	12/4/2024	1/30/2025	2024-1769, 1/21/25-hearing rescheduled

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0121	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the city of Boston to accept and expend a donation of a Vectra Fitness Cable Multi Station Weight Machine, valued at Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$12,599.00) donated by Fitness Equipment Service of New England. The purpose of this donation is to enhance the fitness program and facilities at the BCYF Roslindale Center for the benefit of the Roslindale neighborhood.	1/8/2025	1/30/2025	1/21/25-hearing rescheduled
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		
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	
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		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0166	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	1/8/2025		
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		
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		
Ways & Means	0112	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Transdev and its bus drivers.	1/8/2025	1/13/2025	1/15/25- remains in committee

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Ways & Means	0113	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the Collective Bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment, an increase for regular wages and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025.	1/8/2025	1/13/2025	1/15/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0148	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.	1/8/2025		2/3/25-working session
Ways & Means	0179	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss efforts to cancel medical debt.	1/8/2025		
Ways & Means	0237	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contains within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)-Forensic Group.	1/15/2025		
Ways & Means	0238	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)- Forensic Group. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a market adjustment to base wages in FY25, as well as base wage increase of 2% to be given in January 2026 and 2027 and flat amounts of \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January 2026 and 2027, after the percent increases. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 13, 2025.	1/15/2025		

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
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	
Ways & Means	0270	Coletta Zapata	Worrell, Santana	Order to adopt the Good Landlord Tax Abatement as a local option in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	
Whole	0181	Louijeune	Pepén, Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.	1/8/2025		

Official Resolution

of Councilor John Fitzgerald

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

Stasia Kacprzak

In Recognition of:

Being Elected President of Polish Club Boston

***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	Position
Stasia Kacprzak	President
Eric Basile	Vice President
Erica Manczuk Stocks	Secretary
Peter Dziedzic	Treasurer
Joanna Curry	Director
Jay Judas	Director
Dawn Morris	Director
Steve Poftak	Director
Keith Stocks	Director

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Presner and Presly Nelson

In Recognition of:

Your extraordinary vision, determination and entrepreneurial spirit in founding PN Transportation. Starting with one vehicle a decade ago and growing your company into a thriving fleet. We honor you, Presner and Presly Nelson not only for your remarkable achievements but also your lasting contributions to the community.

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



By: _____

President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston

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Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

AccessMA

In Recognition of:

Your unwavering dedication and generosity in supporting the community of Academy Estates. Over the past three years you have partnered in organizing impactful initiatives that benefitted thousands of residents and through these efforts, you have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to improving the lives of others.

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.



By: Ruthzee Louijeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Gontas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louijeune

Date: _____

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Gloria Bowers

In Recognition of:

Your exceptional leadership and tireless commitment to the community as the Director of Academy Estates since 1999. You have positively impacted the lives of others by connecting residents with essential resources and collaborating with local nonprofits to address the needs of an underserved community. You are a true pillar and we honor your lasting contributions.

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.



By: _____

President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY

Councilor Sharon Durkan

Be It Resolved, that the Boston City Council Celebrates:

Brittany Saunders

- WHEREAS,** Brittany Saunders, a Foley Hoag LLP associate, has been named to The National Black Lawyers' 40 under 40 list; *and*
- WHEREAS,** She has shown exemplary leadership in focusing her practice on complex patent, trade secret, and data privacy litigation as well as other intellectual property related commercial disputes; *and*
- WHEREAS,** She demonstrated legal excellence that will inspire future generations of African American lawyers to follow in her footsteps both locally and nationally; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council proudly honors Brittany Saunders, applauds her accomplishments that have earned her membership to NBL's exclusive organization, and recognizes the outstanding achievement results in her career. We extend our sincere congratulations and wish her continued success.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Sharon Durkan

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of Councilor Benjamin Weber

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

Gena Mavuli

In Recognition of:

Expansion of her business Create in Jamaica Plain.

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 Loungeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Ally Santos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: January 17, 2025

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IN
CITY COUNCIL



**Official Resolution
of Councilor Benjamin Weber**

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

James Keenan

In Recognition of:

Your Retirement from the MBTA after 23 years of serving the residents
of Massachusetts.

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 Fougere*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *B. W.*

Date: *January 18, 2025*

City of Boston

IN
CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

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

Aphrodite "Ethel" Lambros

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

Wednesday, January 29th, 2025

SINCERELY,

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Cleda Barthelemy

In Recognition of:

The remarkable occasion of your 102nd birthday. We celebrate you, Cleda Barthelemy for a lifetime of wisdom, resilience and meaningful contributions to your family and community. You are a living archive and your century-long journey is inspirational.

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.



By: Ruthzee Louijeune

President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Quintas

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louijeune

Date: 01/17/2025

Official Resolution

of Councilor John Fitzgerald

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

Maria Fernandes Goode

In Recognition of:

Celebrating Her One Hundredth Birthday

***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.***

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY

Councilor Sharon Durkan

Be It Resolved, that the Boston City Council Celebrates:

Jarred Johnson

- WHEREAS,** Jarred Johnson has dedicated the past six years to advancing public transportation in the City of Boston and throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through his exceptional leadership as Executive Director of TransitMatters; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Under Jarred's leadership, TransitMatters has transformed from a small local advocacy group into a nationally recognized technical advocacy organization that has built trusted partnerships with the MBTA; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Jarred's efforts have garnered national attention as a leader in public transportation advocacy, highlighting the essential role of safe, frequent, and reliable transit in creating equitable, accessible, and sustainable communities; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council extends its deepest gratitude to Jarred Johnson for his extraordinary contributions to public transportation advocacy, his transformative leadership of TransitMatters, and his enduring commitment to a better Boston.



By: *Ruthye L. Johnson*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Dassie R. Sheehan*
Asst. Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Sharon Durkan*

Date: _____

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Tết In Boston

In Recognition of:

The 36th Annual Tết in Boston that brings the rich history, culture and traditions of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year to the city. This year's celebration honors the year of the snake (xuân Ất Ty), a symbol of wisdom, transformation and renewal

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.



By: Ruthzee Louijeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Quintos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louijeune

Date: 01/25/2025

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Jaely Mỹ Hiền Pereira

In Recognition of:

You being a leader and an ambassador for the Vietnamese community and culture and your tireless efforts in planning the 36th Annual Tết in Boston, an event that promotes intergenerational collaboration and fosters the next generation of young leaders

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.

By: Ruthzee Louijeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Grintas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louijeune

Date: 01/25/2025



City of Boston

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Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Anthony Nguyễn

In Recognition of:

Your dedication to uplifting the Vietnamese community and the leadership that you have demonstrated over the years is commendable. Through your efforts of organizing the 36th Annual Tết in Boston, the event will remain a beacon of intergenerational strength and unity

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.



By: Ruthzee Louijeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Quintos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louijeune

Date: 01/25/2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

HOLOCAUST LEGACY FOUNDATION

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your efforts to address the rise of antisemitism through the What You Do Matters Program.
Thank you for your tireless dedication to bringing awareness to this issue and provoking
meaningful conversations. It is critical that we continue to demonstrate support for our
Jewish neighbors and speak out against antisemitism and hate.**

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.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

TIMOTHY MURPHY

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your promotion to the rank of Colonel in the United States Army. Thank you for your 22 years of committed services to our Nation, and your important role as a neighbor and friend in the South Boston Community.

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

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

INQUILINOS BORICUAS EN ACCIÓN

IN RECOGNITION OF:

The annual celebration commemorating Three Kings Day, marking the arrival of the Three Wise Men. This is an important holiday in Latino culture. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to join Villa Victoria and South End residents in celebrating this important day. Thank you for continuing to honor the Latino identity, history, and impact in the City of Boston.

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

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

WHEREAS: As we celebrate the heroic life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, we must remember his call for racial equity, and recommit ourselves to fulfilling his dream of a future free of racism and discrimination; *and*

WHEREAS: Dr. King's fearless leadership led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed racial segregation and racial discrimination in the workplace; *and*

WHEREAS: Dr. King's fight for civil rights and racial equality continues to resonate today, and his fearless leadership and activism still guide us as we work towards a future free of racism and discrimination; *and*

WHEREAS: We therefore must continue to work together to advance civil rights and to further racial justice, not just on Martin Luther King Day, but live up to Dr. King's ideals every day; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council recognizes Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the City of Boston and work together to advance civil rights for all of our residents.

Filed on: January 14, 2025

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City Council

Offered By: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

POLISH AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB BOSTON

IN RECOGNITION OF:

This evening's Installation Reception! We welcome this organization's newly elected officers and directors. For over 85 years, the Polish American Citizens Club has created an inclusive community for Polish Americans in Boston, and your new roles are critical in the mission of this organization. We wish you the best in your new roles!

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.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

Dr. Phyllis Selter

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your 47 years of service to the South End Community Health Center/NeighborHealth. We celebrate your work with the Pediatrics Department and commend your dedication and commitment to the healthy upbringing of countless local youth. Thank you for your tireless contributions to the South End community - your devotion to bettering the health of our children, youth and families has left an indelible impact for our city.

Congratulations on your retirement!

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.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: January 16, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

JOE BURGESS

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your earned retirement from Amtrak. Your contributions to the safety and efficiency that Amtrak provides to its passengers will last for generations. We also recognize your service in the United States Navy Reserves. Thank you for your longtime dedication and support for veterans and military families throughout Massachusetts. We wish you all the best in your retirement!

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.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

Reverend Thomas H. Lee

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Congratulations on your installation as the new Senior Pastor
of the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church!**

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.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

Chinatown Main Street

IN RECOGNITION OF:

The 15th Annual Chinese New Year flowers and gifts popup market! We commend your dedicated efforts at organizing this event and thank you for sharing the traditions of the Chinese New Year with the community. May the Year of the Snake be filled with good health, prosperity and success!

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.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

Tet Boston

IN RECOGNITION OF:

The 36th Annual Tết in Boston Festival! We welcome the celebration of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year and recognize the dedicated efforts and tremendous contributions that the Vietnamese-American community make to the City of Boston every day. Thank you for sharing this beautiful celebration with us!

We wish you a prosperous and healthy Year of the Snake!

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.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

Boston Lunar New Year Festival Committee

IN RECOGNITION OF:

The Boston Lunar New Year Festival Gala, a celebration of rich and significant cultural traditions! Thank you for your dedicated efforts to bring our Asian and Asian American communities together to celebrate the Lunar New Year festivities and make meaningful connections. We wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Snake!

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.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH PROGRAMS

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your commitment to supporting youth throughout Boston, especially in the South End and Roxbury. Thank you for your dedication to fostering a welcoming environment for our youth in need. Your organization has uplifted our youth by offering year-round academic support, social and emotional support, and career coaching. Thank you for all that you do, and we wish you success for many years to come.

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.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____