

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SAFE INJECTION SITES IN  
THE CITY OF BOSTON**

**WHEREAS:** On September 15th, the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use, and Recovery held a hearing to discuss Bill S1393 “An Act Relative to Preventing Overdose Deaths and Increasing Access to Treatment”, which would effectively promote the use of safe injection sites (SIFs) in the City of Boston and the Commonwealth; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Neighbors continue to express frustration and calls for help on the increasingly alarming public safety and quality of life issues that have gone well beyond the already unacceptable public drug dealing, public drug use, and needles throughout the city- including individuals breaking into a family’s homes, cars, and trespassing in backyards; *and*

**WHEREAS:** On September 4th, the City Council Committee on Health, Homelessness, and Recovery held a hearing on-site at the Hampton Inn, where approximately 200 constituents shared their lived experiences on public safety, public health, and quality of life issues due to the Mass & Cass crisis; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Many residents and small businesses in the area, and impacted communities nearby, have emphasized that the answer to this crisis is not incentivizing safe injection, but prioritizing a recovery and treatment-first approach to break the cycle of addiction. It is critical that the city and state work collaboratively to make a recovery campus a reality - not only for the most vulnerable in our city and state, but to address the public safety and quality of life of neighbors and small businesses.; *and*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Boston City Council opposes the placement of safe injection sites (SIFs) in the City of Boston, and their inclusion in Bill S1393 “An Act Relative to Preventing Overdose Deaths and Increasing Access to Treatment”.

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