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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC CENSUS AND TO PROMOTE RESPONSE RATES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** Every 5 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts the Economic Census; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** The Economic Census is authorized by sections 131, 224 and 225 of Title 13 of United States Code and requires businesses and other organizations to respond; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** The Economic Census is the Nation's official five-year measure of American business and the economy providing industry statistics about the national, state, and local governments, including Boston; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** Data from the Economic Census provides the foundation for other key measures of economic performance such as the Gross Domestic Product and the Producer Price Index which is used by the City of Boston to make informed budgetary and economic decisions; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** Data from the Economic Census is used by Boston businesses, policymakers and community organizations for economic development, business forecasting, and strategic planning; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** Without Economic Census data, vital information would be missed regarding changes in the ownership and organizational structure of businesses and industries in Boston; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston uses Economic Census data to attract new businesses, assess the economic health of the city, identify emerging job markets and growing industries; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** Business in Boston use Economic Census data to make decisions about where to locate, how much to produce, and to compare their performance to other businesses across the Nation; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** Information collected from the Economic Census is confidential and is not publicly releasable in any way that could identify a business, organization, or institution; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** The main mailing of the 2022 Economic Census will begin on January 31, 2023 with responses due by March 15, 2023; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council affirms support for the administration of the Economic Census in Boston; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council encourages active partnership between our city government and the U.S. Census Bureau for the purpose of maximizing the Economic Census response rates in Boston.