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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO CREATE INDOOR PLAYGROUNDS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Physical activity benefits not just physical but also mental health and social development; *and*

WHEREAS, Physical activity can improve academic performance, particularly enhancing math skills; *and*

WHEREAS, Access to recreational opportunities is a recognized determinant of equity; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston experiences both dangerously low and dangerously high temperatures that prevent residents from using outdoor facilities; *and*

WHEREAS, Few commercial indoor play spaces exist within the city and access fees for these facilities are often cost-prohibitive; *and*

WHEREAS, Indoor play facilities serve as community centers, frequently hosting parties and celebrations; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston is in dire need of family-friendly facilities to revitalize both downtown neighborhoods and districts long underserved neighborhoods; **NOW,
THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the creation of municipal indoor playgrounds and that representatives from Boston Centers for Youth & Family, Parks & Recreation, and other relevant and interested parties be invited to attend.

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