



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

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

0989 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Racial Equity Fund, awarded by the Boston Charitable Trust to be administered by the Office of Equity. The grant will fund the City's efforts, in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, to update the 2015 Color of Wealth in Boston report and create a data-driven action agenda to address the racial equity wealth gap in the City of Boston.

0990 Message disapproving the Annual Appropriation and Tax Order for FY2025, (Docket #0670), passed by the City Council on June 05, 2024. I am filing an amended Annual Appropriation and Tax Order.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

0991 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Brian Swett as a Member to the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Agency.

0992 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Carlton Jones as Director of the Public Facilities Department, effective June 1, 2024.

0993 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Julie Kim as a Member of the Boston Public Library Board of Trustees for a term expiring

May 1, 2029.

0994 The Constable Bonds of Sabrina Jackson, Zachary Marble, Anthony DeMarco, and Linda Castagna having been duly approved by the Collector-Treasurer were received.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

0377 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Four Thousand Fourteen Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,604,014.20) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Hazmat 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 in line item 8324-0000 and 8324-0050 of the FY24 General Appropriation Act.

0378 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars. (\$1,125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 State Training Grant, awarded by 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.

0910 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$16,825.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY2020-2021 Port Security Grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund and support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

0995 **Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Regarding the Disability Pension for Richard Lopez.

0996 **Councilor Louijeune and Mejia offered the following:** Home Rule Petition for a Special Act Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston.

0997 **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing on city offices without enabling legislation in the municipal code.

0998 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding

Boston LGBTQ+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits.

- 0999 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss ways to diversify the City of Boston's revenue.
- 1000 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the notification process for abutters meetings in the City of Boston.
- 1001 Councilor Santana and Breadon offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQ+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston.
- 1002 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to create a Boston Development Fund in the Planning Department.
- 1003 Councilor Fernandes Anderson and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Juneteenth as a holiday in the City of Boston and commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.
- 1004 Councilor Mejia and Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution calling on the Massachusetts Legislature to pass an act establishing collective bargaining rights for TNC drivers.
- 1005 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution celebrating Flag Day.
- 1006 Councilor Breadon and Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing June 20, 2024 as World Refugee Day.
- 1007 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution to rename Grove Hall Branch Library's community room after Mimi Jones.
- 1008 Councilor Worrell and Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Edward Joseph Soares's and Ralph Brown's chess games.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

- 1009** Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Elsa Flores in City Council, effective July 1, 2024.

GREEN SHEETS:

- 12/24** Legislative Calendar for June 12, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1010 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Cathy

Slade.

- 1011** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing American Legion Boston Chinatown Post 328.
- 1012** **Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Mike Joyce.
- 1013** **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing five members of the District 7 Advisory Council.
- 1014** **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution Recognizing 12 Elementary Retiring Teachers.
- 1015** **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Hampshire House.
- 1016** **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Michelle (Dunn) McCourt.
- 1017** **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ronan Fitzpatrick.
- 1018** **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Crystal Galvin.
- 1019** **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Debbie Hughes.
- 1020** **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Debra Burke.



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

06-05-2024

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 SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$65,000.00**) in the form of a grant, Racial Equity Fund, awarded by Boston Charitable Trust to be administered by the Office of Equity.

The grant would fund the City's efforts, in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, to update the 2015 Color of Wealth in Boston report and create a data-driven action agenda to address the racial equity wealth gap in the City of Boston.

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 Racial Equity Fund FUNDS, AWARDED BY Boston Charitable Trust.

WHEREAS, the Boston Charitable Trust, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Equity; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$65,000.00**) would fund the City's efforts, in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, to update the 2015 Color of Wealth in Boston report and create a data-driven action agenda to address the racial equity wealth gap in the City of Boston. 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 Boston Charitable Trust, Racial Equity Fund award not to exceed the amount of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$65,000.00**).

Docket # _____

**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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

by Adam Cederbaum
Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

June 10, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors,

Pursuant to Section 48 of the Boston City Charter, as amended, I am procedurally disapproving the City Council’s amended version of Docket 0670, “Message and Order for Annual Appropriation and Tax Order for FY2025” and return Docket 0670 with further amendments to your Honorable Body. Thank you for the Council’s stewardship of this process and continued partnership in responsibly managing the City’s finances.

In April, we proposed a Fiscal Year 2025 budget to build on our steady progress to make Boston a home for everyone—where our communities’ needs are met and dreams can grow. This budget reflects the shared priorities of the Administration and Council in strengthening core City services for public safety and constituent services and investing in operational and service improvements that support affordability, resiliency and equity throughout our neighborhoods. We are grateful for the Council’s year-round advocacy and leadership in communicating the vision and values that helped shape our initial budget proposal.

Since April the City Council has conducted a robust and thorough review process with over 30 public hearings and working sessions, closely scrutinizing the budget and various departments’ plans for the year ahead, to help ensure the effective and efficient delivery of services. As always, these hearings also served as an opportunity to listen and learn from members of our communities to propose new ideas for the City to consider.

Our returned budget maintains a diligent focus on fiscal responsibility and reflects the productive analysis and advocacy through the Council’s recent process. The City’s economic strength was affirmed last month in a credit opinion issued by Moody’s Ratings which maintained our AAA bond rating and cited our “strong regional economy,” “stable property tax revenue,” and “strong fiscal management.” Since introducing the budget in April, continued strength in locally generated excise revenue—particularly in our strong hospitality sector — allows us to assume an additional \$850,000 (or 0.02%) in revenue for the FY25 budget.

Our returned budget also includes acceptance of \$1.1 million in reductions proposed by the Council. We restore funding to ensure effective operations in core city services and public safety, including where new funding is needed for the Boston Police Department to operationalize contract reforms in modernizing paid details, upgrading technology, and other planned improvements. Boston is now the safest major city in the country, and we must continue that progress through continued coordination and strong infrastructure for community safety and excellent city services for youth, families, and seniors. Our record-low levels of violence are tied

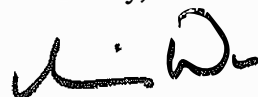
to well-resourced public safety efforts, beautiful parks and public spaces, and comprehensive programming to serve every generation of our community. We therefore disapprove of deeper cuts to departments while accepting some more modest reductions that reflect a pattern of vacancies in staffing as we work to improve hiring processes and fill these needed roles. We disapprove proposed cuts to the Execution of Courts line item used to fund legal judgments and settlements because these expenses, like public safety overtime, are legally required expenses that historically have required this level of funding at minimum.

These revenue and spending adjustments allow for our returned budget to accept approximately \$2 million of proposed spending amendments. We recognize the Council's dedicated focus on housing and youth jobs by partially accepting amendments related to these important priorities. The \$500,000 of funds for housing can support investments in down payment assistance, community land trusts, and legal representation for families. We also include a requested increase in Council office salaries, which Councilors noted as a priority. We accepted funding for inspectional services, trash containerization, constituent services technology, parks and green spaces, infant and maternal health programs, landmarks personnel, and supports for small businesses, particularly in emerging sectors like accessory dwelling unit development. We're committed to continuing to work together on workforce development and college readiness through potential external funding sources. We anticipate returning to the Council in the coming months to propose allocating the remaining ARPA funding for housing and other priorities.

Over the past few years the City has worked diligently to settle labor contracts and invest in increasing salary levels for our lowest paid workers. In collaboration with the Council we have deployed new employee hiring and retention efforts across the City to attract and train new employees. We believe that with these investments and the valued collaboration with our labor partners, we will be able to fill important staffing vacancies and continue to provide the high quality of City services that makes Boston an attractive destination for residents and businesses alike.

Our team looks forward to the continued partnership of the City Council in this operating budget process including the final approval of the Boston Public Schools appropriation and the FY25-FY29 Capital Plan. Thank you for all that you do to represent our communities across the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Wu', written in a cursive style.

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**Appropriation and Tax Order for the fiscal year
Commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025**

ORDERED:

I. That to meet the current expenses of the City of Boston, in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, the respective sums of money specified in the schedules hereinafter set out, be, and the same hereby are, appropriated for expenditure under the direction of the respective boards and officers severally specified, for the several specific purposes hereinafter designated and, except for transfers lawfully made, for such purposes only said appropriations, to the extent they are for the maintenance and operation of parking meters, and the regulation of parking and other activities incident thereto (which is hereby determined to be \$30,000,000), being made out of the income from parking meters and, to the extent they are for other purposes, being made out of the proceeds from the sale of tax title possessions and receipts from tax title redemptions in addition to the total real and personal property taxes of prior years collected from July 1, 2022 up to and including March 31, 2023, as certified by the City Auditor under Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, and out of available funds on hand, (which is hereby determined to be \$40,000,000) as certified by the Director of Accounts under said Section 23, and the balance of said appropriations to be raised by taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

CITY DEPARTMENTS	Personnel Services	Contractual Services	Supplies & Materials	Current Charges & Obligations	Equipment	Special Appropriation	Structures & Improvements	Land Non-Structural Improvement	Total Return
Mayor's Office									
111 Mayor's Office	6,102,102	522,650	75,500	32,000	113,218	-	-	-	6,845,470
121,128 Election Department	4,185,910	831,179	1,165,735	165,200	88,703	-	-	-	6,436,727
150 Intergovernmental Relations	982,069	161,161	6,200	161,976	-	-	-	-	1,311,406
151 Law Department	8,767,811	2,198,101	18,650	164,500	-	-	-	-	11,149,062
Equity & Inclusion									
402 Office of Equity	2,211,130	1,043,378	29,500	5,322	1,249	-	-	-	3,290,579
409 Office of Language & Communications Access	1,160,873	926,162	13,143	12,375	56,945	-	-	-	2,169,498
401 Human Right Commission	368,379	87,300	8,000	1,200	-	-	-	-	464,879
113 Office for Immigrant Advancement	1,289,609	2,073,217	11,400	15,324	-	-	-	-	3,389,550
417 Women's Advancement	516,152	225,973	610	190	-	-	-	-	742,925
419 Black Male Advancement	968,899	851,550	10,500	2,800	9,500	-	-	-	1,843,249
403 Fair Housing & Equity	338,703	118,297	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	467,000
422 LGBTQ+ Advancement	536,203	223,250	16,000	2,750	4,000	-	-	-	782,203
404 Commission For Persons W/Disabilities	814,683	63,860	7,380	7,500	-	-	-	-	893,403
OPAT									
410 Office of Police Accountability & Transparency	1,274,661	84,775	8,500	107,840	5,500	-	-	-	1,481,276
Operations									
180 Property Management	11,799,500	14,274,432	436,848	1,478,378	432,057	-	-	-	28,421,215
181 Public Facilities Department	10,039,337	486,879	21,521	13,713	5,800	-	-	-	10,567,250
260 Inspectional Services Dept	22,283,176	1,242,742	268,795	176,863	80,735	-	-	-	24,052,311
Community Engagement									
412 Neighborhood Services	5,209,450	241,554	12,693	26,180	39,970	-	-	-	5,529,847
Arts & Culture									
414 Office of Arts & Culture	2,259,825	2,199,487	15,000	47,400	-	-	-	-	4,521,712
Economic Opportunity & Inclusion									
182 Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion	2,739,800	4,254,409	43,800	83,714	8,489	-	-	-	7,130,212
114 Consumer Affairs & Licensing	1,956,020	23,114	14,500	5,773	9,420	-	-	-	2,008,827
156 Supplier Diversity	1,733,703	591,926	6,110	-	4,800	-	-	-	2,336,539
416 Office of Tourism	1,144,613	297,710	18,368	60,054	44,489	314,200	-	-	1,879,434
Worker Empowerment									
157 Labor Compliance and Worker Protections	1,404,897	543,740	5,820	-	3,200	-	-	-	1,957,657
183 Office of Workforce Development	3,602,535	3,273,008	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,875,543
448 Youth Employment and Opportunity	8,077,735	14,143,079	95,000	44,496	-	-	-	-	22,360,310
Environment, Energy & Open Space									
303 Environment Department	3,785,367	1,338,317	16,300	10,500	-	-	-	-	5,150,484
300,400 Parks & Recreation Department	18,482,694	8,225,154	1,283,327	331,113	2,497,973	90,000	-	3,568,349	34,478,610
421 Office of Historic Preservation	1,477,383	51,800	28,800	6,000	-	-	-	-	1,563,983
420 Office of Food Justice	562,387	818,550	11,500	3,600	-	-	-	-	1,396,037
Finance									
144 Office of Finance	1,144,929	464,965	1,250	2,400	-	-	-	-	1,613,544
136 Assessing Department	7,166,682	810,286	123,700	207,000	-	-	-	-	8,307,668
131 Auditing Department	3,516,915	313,726	11,528	44,104	-	-	-	-	3,886,273
141 Budget Management	2,822,406	741,750	6,350	201,975	-	-	-	-	3,772,481
418 Office of Participatory Budgeting	372,323	348,246	-	10,000	1,000	1,400,754	-	-	2,132,323
333 Execution of Courts	-	-	-	-	-	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
374 Pensions & Annuities	4,005,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,005,000
143 Procurement	3,066,851	270,838	15,725	205,200	-	6,000	-	-	3,564,614
,138 Treasury Department	4,056,737	887,153	875,703	20,123	20,000	-	-	-	5,859,716

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People Operations									
146 Office of People Operations	1,070,919	140,081	6,000	1,000	10,000	-	-	-	1,228,000
148 Health Insurance	-	-	-	234,083,420	-	-	-	-	234,083,420
142 Human Resources	6,978,223	781,218	57,580	1,033,799	-	-	-	-	8,850,820
139 Medicare Payments	14,603,637	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,603,637
147 Labor Relations	1,356,280	536,622	3,000	74,121	1,000	-	-	-	1,971,023
163 Registry Division	1,515,479	62,751	55,750	832	-	-	-	-	1,634,812
199 Unemployment Compensation	350,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350,000
341 Workers' Compensation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000
Human Services									
388 Office of Human Services	4,266,576	5,046,780	22,500	286,500	8,000	-	-	-	9,630,356
385 Boston Center for Youth & Families	23,735,374	4,820,042	968,744	351,699	663,686	-	-	-	30,539,545
387 Age Strong	5,077,212	2,521,727	366,849	87,400	17,416	-	-	-	8,070,604
110 Library Department	33,518,583	10,565,179	3,914,686	344,750	718,107	-	-	35,000	49,096,305
741 Boston VETS	1,242,686	190,202	71,550	3,331,251	-	-	-	-	4,835,689
Housing									
188 Mayor's Office of Housing	7,646,773	2,895,767	36,939	154,233	22,986	43,389,343	-	-	54,146,041
Public Health									
620 Public Health Commission	-	-	-	-	-	140,078,762	-	-	140,078,762
Information & Technology									
149 Department of Innovation & Technology	17,729,240	8,238,011	69,700	25,799,034	1,401,742	-	-	-	53,237,727
Public Safety									
231 Emergency Management	1,031,189	225,167	6,000	410,417	-	-	-	-	1,672,773
221 Fire Department	278,569,749	10,525,363	6,900,309	5,143,004	5,411,385	-	-	20,000	306,569,810
211 Police Department	420,338,192	29,783,799	8,854,158	6,200,203	9,131,435	-	-	-	474,307,787
Streets									
321 Central Fleet Management	2,362,514	555,415	96,227	5,757	350,510	-	-	-	3,370,423
310 Office of Streets	3,954,776	533,111	4,250	6,600	-	-	-	-	4,498,737
311 Public Works Department	27,200,662	84,243,764	1,879,181	643,153	3,614,989	-	600,000	-	118,181,749
331 Snow & Winter Management	-	20,460,490	57,500	-	1,950,948	-	-	-	22,468,938
251,253 Transportation Department	29,200,488	11,090,533	2,065,237	368,630	1,848,944	-	-	-	44,573,832
Planning									
175 Planning	24,276,057	7,477,723	193,712	651,787	80,000	-	-	-	32,679,279
Non-Mayoral Departments									
112 City Council	7,822,536	460,024	59,100	40,420	84,000	-	-	-	8,466,080
161 City Clerk	1,535,297	137,317	20,608	10,245	-	-	-	-	1,703,467
193 Finance Commission	333,930	4,752	525	250	2,125	-	-	-	341,582
Other									
158 Risk Retention Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	3,500,000	-	-	3,500,000
159 Housing Trust Fund	-	-	-	-	-	618,000	-	-	618,000
999 Reserves for Collective Bargaining	96,838,073	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96,838,073
TOTAL	1,164,781,894	266,549,556	30,398,841	282,691,068	28,744,321	196,397,059	600,000	3,623,349	1,973,786,088
Approp. Cemetery Trust Fund	950,000								950,000
									1,974,736,088

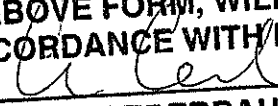
**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

FURTHER ORDERED:

II. That to meet so much of the expenses of maintaining, improving and embellishing in the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, cemeteries owned by the City of Boston, or in its charge, as is not met by the income of deposits for perpetual care on hand December 31, 2023, the respective sum of money specified in the subjoined schedule be, and the same hereby is, appropriated out of the fund set up under Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1961 the same to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation:

400100

Cemetery Division
Parks and Recreation Department
\$950,000

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



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

May 13 2024

Brian Swett
6 Dartmouth Place
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Brian,

Pursuant to my authority under Chapter 372 of the Acts of 1984, I am pleased to appoint you as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Consistent with the statute under which you were appointed, your term will run coterminous with Mayor Michelle Wu.

I appreciate your willingness to serve the City and the Commonwealth in this capacity. Congratulations on your appointment.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

May 29, 2024

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 City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 5, 5.10, I hereby appoint Carleton Jones of 225 Fairmount Ave, Hyde Park, MA 02136 as Director of the Public Facilities Department, effective June 1, 2024.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

June 7, 2024

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 Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1878, as amended by Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1887, as amended by Chapter 167 of the Acts of 1953, as amended by Chapter 305 of the Acts of 1995, as amended by Chapter 340 of the Acts of 2006, as amended by Chapter 109 of the Acts of 2017, I hereby appoint Julie Kim of 54 Commonwealth Ave, Apartment 1, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 , as a Member of the Boston Public Library Board of Trustees.

This Member will serve a term expiring on May 1, 2029, provided that members may continue to serve until a replacement member is appointed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



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

02-26-2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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Docket # _____

**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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

by *Adam Cederbaum*

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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

02-26-2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$1,125,000.00)** in the form of a grant, FY24 State Training Grant, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department.

The grant would 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.

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 FY24 State Training Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Massachusetts Department of Fire Services.

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$1,125,000.00**) would 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. 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 Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, FY24 State Training Grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$1,125,000.00**).

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**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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05-31-2024

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 **SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$16,825.00)** in the form of a grant, FY20-21 Port Security Grant, awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department.

The grant would fund and support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.

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 FY20-21 Port Security Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Federal Emergency Management Agency.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (**\$16,825.00**) would fund and support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies. 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 Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY20-21 Port Security Grant award not to exceed the amount of SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (**\$16,825.00**).

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**In City Council
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City Clerk

Mayor

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR

HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS: Richard Lopez sustained serious injuries while in the line of duty on June 10, 2006 and as a result is incapacitated from further service as a firefighter for the Boston Fire Department; *and*

WHEREAS: While employed in the Boston Fire Department, Richard Lopez's pay and retirement are under the jurisdiction of the Boston Retirement Board; ***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, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT REGARDING THE DISABILITY PENSION FOR RICHARD LOPEZ

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Boston retirement board shall increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Richard Lopez, a retired firefighter of the fire department of the city of Boston who, as a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of his duties on June 10, 2006, is totally and permanently incapacitated from performing the essential duties of a firefighter.

(b) The annual amount of pension payable to Richard Lopez shall be equal to the regular rate of compensation which would have been paid had he continued in service as a firefighter of the city of Boston at the grade held by him at the time of his retirement until his death or reaching mandatory retirement age, whichever comes first. All amounts paid under this act shall be non-taxable to the extent allowable under state and federal law.

(c) Notwithstanding Sections 8 and 91A of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, Richard Lopez's annual earnings, when added to his retirement allowance, may annually earn up to one-half the amount of his retirement allowance without refund penalty.

(d) Upon attaining the mandatory retirement age for a firefighter of the city of

Boston, Richard Lopez shall receive a pension pursuant to section 7 of said chapter 32, a yearly amount of pension equal to 80 percent of the annual rate of the compensation he was receiving on the day before he reaches the mandatory retirement age for a firefighter in the city of Boston.

(e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the benefits granted herein shall be funded and administered by the Boston retirement board, consistent with and subject to chapter 32 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Richard Lopez shall be entitled to receive indemnification for all hospital, medical and related expenses that have been or may be incurred after the date of his retirement as a result of the injuries sustained by him while in the performance of his duties from June 10, 2006, in accordance with sections 100 and 100B of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Boston retirement board shall forthwith pay to said Richard Lopez the amount credited to him as accumulated total deductions in the annuity savings fund of the Boston Retirement Board as of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if Richard Lopez was married upon retirement, upon his death, if he is still married to the spouse he was married to upon retirement then, should his spouse to whom he was married on the date upon retirement survive him, the retirement board of the city of Boston shall pay to the spouse an annuity in the amount of 75 per cent of the amount of the pension which otherwise would have been payable to Richard Lopez until the spouse's death. The pension benefits provided for in this section and section 1 shall be subject to section 103 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

SECTION 5. In the event that both Richard Lopez and his spouse to whom he was married on the date upon retirement die before their children reach the age of 18 the payments that would otherwise have been made to his spouse shall be payable, per stirpes, to each surviving children under the age of 18; provided, however, that payments shall continue for the benefit of a surviving child 18 years or older who, on or before the date of death of Richard Lopez or his spouse to whom he was married on the date upon retirement, whichever is later, had been medically determined to be permanently physically or mentally incapacitated from earning or for the benefit of a child under the age of 22 who is enrolled as a full-time student as determined by the criteria of the educational institution.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: June 12, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR

HOME RULE PETITION

- WHEREAS,** Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) empowers voters to express their preferences more fully by ranking candidates in order of preference, enhancing the expressive quality of the voting process; *and*
- WHEREAS,** RCV ensures that elections are decided by candidates who have broad consensus support, thereby reinforcing the legitimacy and acceptance of election outcomes; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This voting method minimizes strategic voting, as voters can support their preferred candidate without fear that their choice might inadvertently benefit less favored candidates; *and*
- WHEREAS,** RCV can lead to a more diverse group of candidates choosing to run for office, as the system’s inclusive nature reduces barriers to entry by diminishing the fear of marginalization from split allegiances; *and*
- WHEREAS,** RCV encourages candidates to campaign positively and build alliances with other candidates’ supporters to garner second-choice rankings, promoting a more constructive and less adversarial political dialogue; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The flexibility of RCV allows voters to support their true first-choice candidate without concern for electoral viability, fostering a political environment where ideas can be judged on their merit rather than electoral practicality; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Moving from the current “Top-two” to a “Top-four” system can be accomplished with just three simple changes: 1) Promote four, rather than two, candidates from preliminary elections for mayor and district city councilor, 2) Allow voters to rank up to four candidates on their ballot for all general elections for mayor and city councilors, and 3) use standard ranked ballot tabulation methods appropriate to the number of seats being elected; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A “Top-four” system would lower the chances of non-incumbents or newer candidates from theoretically harming another more established candidate’s

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting promotes fair and representative elections by allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference, which supports a more democratic process by enabling the election of candidates who can command a broad consensus among voters, and leads to a higher representation of traditionally underrepresented groups in elected positions, thereby making the electoral process more inclusive and reflective of the community; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

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

SECTION 1. Definitions.

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

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

SECTION 2. General Provisions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. Preliminary Elections.

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

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

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

SECTION 4. Tabulation of Ranked Choice Ballots.

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

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

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

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

(c) Treatment of Ballots.

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

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

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

SECTION 5. Results Reporting.

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

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

SECTION 6. Regulatory Authority.

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

SECTION 7. Severability.

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

SECTION 8. Voter Acceptance and Effective Date.

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

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

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

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

Offered by City Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING ON CITY OFFICES WITHOUT
ENABLING LEGISLATION IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, Section 17B of the Boston City Charter states that “The city council may, subject to the approval of the mayor, from time to time establish such offices, other than that of clerk, as it may deem necessary for the conduct of its affairs”; *and*

WHEREAS, While the Council must enable new offices and departments through ordinance, the Mayor may create new offices at their discretion by hiring new personnel and realigning budgetary appropriations; *and*

WHEREAS, Many offices created in recent years do not have enabling legislation in the municipal code, including the Supplier Diversity office, the Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement, the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity, the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet, and more; *and*

WHEREAS, Some offices are cited in the municipal code despite either not having enabling legislation or having pending enabling legislation, such as the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Advancement; *and*

WHEREAS, At the same time, there are offices and departments within the municipal code that no longer exist or have had its responsibilities substantially changed, including the Housing Inspection Department, which was abolished and had all powers and duties transferred to the Inspectional Services Department by Ch. 19 of the Ordinances of 1981; *and*

WHEREAS, Many of these offices play a pivotal role in the provision of equitable city services, but without enabling legislation, their status as institutions within the municipal government remains impermanent and subject to political changes; *and*

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the City Council struggles to fulfill its role as an accountability and oversight body, having nothing to measure these offices against without enabling legislation; *and*

WHEREAS, While work is underway by the Council to codify some of these offices, including the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet, a broader conversation on the ways in which these offices can be codified must take place to ensure that the city does not take a piecemeal approach to the important work of creating accountability and transparency mechanisms; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to audit the existence of offices which do not currently exist in the municipal code. Representatives from the administration, including the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet, the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity and the Supplier Diversity Office, in addition to members of the public are encouraged to testify.

Filed in Council: June 12, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ youth mental health and public health concerns; *and,*

WHEREAS, In-school LGBTQ+ youth community groups are important for ease of access for many students, but bullying of LGBTQ+ students at schools can be one of the primary threats to public health for LGBTQ+ youth, often making schools an unsafe space to host LGBTQ+ youth community spaces, because it makes the affected youth more visible to bullies. Further, not all LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ youth community spaces, given their existing resources, locations throughout Boston, and aligned missions; *and,*

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ youth, provide after-school and teen advisory programs, and facilitate special community events like LGBTQ+ proms;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQ+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits. Representatives from the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Public Schools, 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.

Filed in Council: June 12, 2024

Offered by: **COUNCILOR JOHN FITZGERALD**



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS WAYS TO DIVERSIFY THE CITY OF BOSTON'S REVENUE

WHEREAS: The City of Boston's current budget revenue consists of: Property Tax, State Aid, Departmental, Excise and Non-Recurring revenue. The proportion of the City's revenue coming from property tax has significantly increased over the past two decades; in the year 2002, property taxes only accounted for 52.4% of total revenue, whereas today, property taxes account for 71.1%; and

WHEREAS: The proportion of the cities revenue coming from property tax has significantly increased over the past two decades, in the year 2002 property taxes only accounted for 52.4% of the cities total revenue; and

WHEREAS: In other large Northeastern cities property taxes make up a much smaller proportion of total revenue, in New York City property taxes consisted of 30.2% of FY25 total revenue and in Philadelphia real estate taxes composed of 14.1% of its FY25 total revenue; and

WHEREAS: A large portion of Boston's property tax revenue comes from taxing commercial office space, a significant amount of which have been left empty following the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: A report from earlier this year found that declining commercial property values could result in a \$ 1.4 billion tax shortfall over the next five years; and

WHEREAS: The city currently collects local revenue through additional sources including but limited to parking meters, permitting fees and additional taxes; THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing to review the revenue sources within the City of Boston identifying potential areas for expansion or to establish completely new forms of revenue to ease the burden on residential and commercial properties.

Filed in City Council: June 12, 2024



**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.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, Homelessness and housing instability are disturbingly common amongst LGBTQ+ youth, with 28% of LGBTQ+ youth 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);

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 LGBTQ youth (Trevor Project, 2021);

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, LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ 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 the Transgender Emergency Fund of Massachusetts; *and,*

WHEREAS, Despite valiant efforts, there remain major gaps in the LGBTQ+ youth-specific emergency shelters, wraparound services, and support programs available to address LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston. Representatives from the Mayor's Offices of Housing, LGBTQ+ 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.

Filed in Council: June 12, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO CREATE A BOSTON DEVELOPMENT FUND IN PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has “free cash” certified after FY23 of \$512 million, collected a historic surplus of \$192 million more than budgeted in FY23, and maintains bank accounts with monthly balances totaling more than \$3 billion; *and*

WHEREAS, Amid a statewide housing crisis, there are nearly 30,000 permitted, but unbuilt housing units in the city, and developers of those units are struggling to gain financing in the current market; *and*

WHEREAS, Retail spaces in commercial properties are often vacant; *and*

WHEREAS, The City Council has explored social housing in the past, and has mixed-income, private and public housing models already existing at Tent City and in development in Charlestown and South Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The creation of a \$100 million development fund, using a one-time appropriation from the city’s “free-cash” balance, would be targeted at boosting development across the city; *and*

WHEREAS, The fund would allow developers to tap into the fund for four reasons: The city granting lower-than-market-rate loans targeted at building already permitted housing units; the city purchasing permitted-but-unbuilt IDP units as forever-deeply-affordable units owned by the city; the city matching a development’s coastal resilience effort up to \$1,000,000; and the city purchasing retail vacancies in unbuilt office buildings to use as civic space such as libraries, senior centers, day cares, and community centers; *and*

WHEREAS, Any loan payments or rental income from the above properties would be paid back into the fund over time; *and*

WHEREAS, Developers would be prioritized if they have a history of adhering to the Boston Residents Job Policy, are minority- or women-owned firms, have shown near-unanimous community support during their development review process, or are committed to the most recent 20-percent IDP and office linkage parameters in their projects; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the creation of a special fund and that the city's Chief Financial Officer, representatives of the Budget Office, Mayor's Office of Housing, Planning Department, and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: June 10, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON AND BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH AS A HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND COMMEMORATING THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19th, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, marking the arrival of Union soldiers in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to announce the emancipation of enslaved African Americans; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite the Emancipation Proclamation in January of 1863, enslaved African Americans in Texas and other rebellious states were not freed from bondage until several years later; *and*

WHEREAS, Juneteenth serves as a reminder of the long journey towards freedom and equality endured by African Americans, highlighting their resilience, courage, and perseverance amidst systemic oppression; *and*

WHEREAS, Juneteenth represents a pivotal milestone in the ongoing struggle for civil rights and racial equality, underscoring the progress made and the challenges that persist in addressing systemic racism and inequity; *and*

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrates the rich cultural heritage, traditions, and contributions of African Americans, recognizing their enduring legacy of creativity, innovation, and resilience; *and*

WHEREAS, Observing Juneteenth provides an opportunity for reflection, education, and dialogue on the legacy of slavery, the significance of emancipation, and the continuing fight for justice, equality, and human rights for all individuals; *and*

WHEREAS, Recognizing Juneteenth as a citywide holiday symbolizes Boston's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and social justice, and its support for advancing racial equity and dismantling systemic racism, ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council officially recognizes the importance of Juneteenth and its significance in American history, and hereby declares June 19th as a citywide holiday in Boston.

Filed on: June 12, 2024

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE TO PASS AN ACT ESTABLISHING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS FOR TNC DRIVERS

- WHEREAS,** Uber and Lyft, two Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), made over \$13 billion in revenue in 2023; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There are tens of thousands of Uber and Lyft drivers in Massachusetts, a large proportion of whom are immigrants and people of color and work in the greater Boston metropolitan area; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A recent study based on data of more than one million rides performed by Uber and Lyft drivers in Massachusetts found that on average, drivers earn just \$12.82 per hour when taking into account all work time and expenses, which is less than the Commonwealth's minimum wage; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Drivers report widespread threats, harassment, and even physical assault from their passengers; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Drivers report accepting rides they felt were unsafe because they were concerned about being deactivated (terminated) from the platforms; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Drivers lack basic protections afforded to other workers in the Commonwealth, such as workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, and protections against discrimination; *and*
- WHEREAS,** With a union, drivers would be able to negotiate with TNCs over pay, benefits, and working conditions, improving their overall standard of living and strengthening the economy of the communities they live in; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Drivers do not currently have the right under federal labor law to organize a union; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is a priority of the City of Boston to support the right of workers to organize into unions and to improve conditions for all workers; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED,

That the Boston City Council expresses its support of S.666/H.1099, “An Act Establishing Collective Bargaining Rights for TNC Drivers,” which would give drivers the right to form an industry-wide union in Massachusetts, set a minimum compensation standard, and provide drivers with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance, and anti-discrimination protections.

Filed in Council: June 12, 2024



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING FLAG DAY

WHEREAS: Flag Day is celebrated every year on June 14th in remembrance of the adoption of the flag of the United States in 1777, as it is a national symbol of patriotism and freedom. On this day it is important to express an appreciation for the values and the history that the flag embodies; *and*

WHEREAS: In 1775, the “Grand Union” flag, also known as the Continental Colors, was flown in the colonies. It resembled the U.S. Flag as it had thirteen red and white stripes, yet the upper lefthand corner displayed the English flag instead of thirteen stars. This was the first flag flown in the United States, celebrating the creation of the Continental Army and Navy, under George Washington’s command; *and*

WHEREAS: Adopted by Congress in 1923, the United States Flag Code sought to provide guidelines and instruction on the proper use and handling of the American flag. The code addresses how to maintain proper conduct while displaying the flag, during the pledge of allegiance, and during the national anthem, as well as providing other rules and regulations regarding its use; *and*

WHEREAS: The Flag resolution of 1777 was officially adopted and designated as National Flag Day on August 3rd, 1949 by an Act of Congress, which designated June 14th each year as National Flag Day; *and*

WHEREAS: In 1960, Hawaii joined the Union, adding a 50th star to the flag, which has been in use ever since; *and*

WHEREAS: Today, the American flag is a symbol of justice, freedom, and democracy here in our country and around the world. On Flag Day, we also honor all those who serve in our military, and recommit our support to our veterans, military families and Gold Star families. We also recognize the services of our women veterans and all of whom made sacrifices to protect and defend our nation; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council celebrates Flag Day and honors our military servicemen, veterans and their families who proudly serve our city and country.

Filed on: June 12, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 20, 2024 AS WORLD REFUGEE DAY

- WHEREAS*, World Refugee Day is an international day designated on June 20 by the United Nations to honor refugees—including asylum seekers, internally displaced persons, stateless persons, and returnees—by celebrating the strength of people who have been forced to flee their homes to escape conflict or persecution; *and*
- WHEREAS*, World Refugee Day was held globally for the first time on June 20, 2001, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, and is observed to shine a light on the rights, needs, and dreams of refugees and to mobilize resources for refugees to not only survive but thrive; *and*
- WHEREAS*, According to the United Nations Refugee Agency, more than 114 million people were forcibly displaced globally by the end of 2023; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Solidarity with people forced to flee also means finding solutions to their plight—ending conflicts so they can return home in safety, ensuring opportunities to thrive in the communities that have welcomed them, and providing local communities with the resources they need to include and support refugees; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The United States refugee resettlement program, which involves thorough vetting by government agencies, can be better strengthened with expanded pathways to permanent protections and increased investments to sustain the capacity to welcome refugees so they can integrate and thrive in our communities; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Over the decades, and most recently, Boston and Massachusetts have welcomed refugees, migrants, asylees, and persons displaced from Afghanistan, Cambodia, Congo, Cuba, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Iraq, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Rwanda, El Salvador, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, Vietnam, and many other places of origin; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and community organizations have long committed to providing direct services to help refugees transition to stability through the provision of English classes, citizenship classes, job training, legal services, and more; *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT*
- RESOLVED*: That the Boston City Council recognizes June 20, 2024, as World Refugee Day in the City of Boston and encourages all government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to take measures to welcome, support, and affirm the rights of refugees in our City, our Commonwealth, and our country.

Filed on: June 10, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO RENAME GROVE HALL BRANCH LIBRARY'S COMMUNITY ROOM AFTER MIMI JONES

WHEREAS, The Friends of Grove Hall Branch Library have proposed renaming their second floor community space after Mimi Jones, voting in favor of the move on May 4, 2024; *and*

WHEREAS, The community space in question is currently named after an organization that never took occupancy of the space; *and*

WHEREAS, Mimi Jones (née Mamie Ford) was an outstanding student who was already deeply engaged in civil rights activism by the age of 15 when she helped register new voters and tutored them to pass poll literacy tests; *and*

WHEREAS, This work led to Mimi, her sister, and others staging a “swim-in” to desegregate public pools and beaches in St. Augustine, Florida; *and*

WHEREAS, This act of civil disobedience resulted in Mimi and the other demonstrators being attacked with muriatic acid, targeted by police dogs, arrested, and charged with “deliberate disturbance of the peace”, “malicious trespassing”, and “conspiracy”; *and*

WHEREAS, Photographs of the event were published nationwide the following day, helping to force President Johnson and the U.S. Senate to act on the Civil Rights Act of 1964; *and*

WHEREAS, Mimi left the South as part of the Great Migration, eventually finding herself in Grove Hall where she utilized her experience as a civil rights leader and activist to build community throughout Grove Hall and Roxbury; *and*

WHEREAS, Mimi hosted dialogues, communal readings, and worked tirelessly to support library programming; *and*

WHEREAS, Since Mimi’s passing in 2020, patrons and staff of the Grove Hall Branch Library continue to remember her and wish to honor her by renaming the mezzanine conference room in her honor; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council supports the Friends of Grove Hall Branch Library's initiative to change the name of the mezzanine conference room from the Teri Room to the Mimi Jones Conference Room.

Filed on: June 10, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL AND TANIA
FERNANDES-ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EDWARD JOSEPH SOARES'S AND RALPH BROWN'S CHESS GAMES

WHEREAS, Edward Joseph Soares was a businessman in Roxbury and Ralph Brown was a businessman in Dorchester, whereby Edward Soares sold scented musk oil and other novelties at Dudley Station on Washington Street and Ralph Brown sold hubcaps by Franklin Field on Blue Hill Ave; *and*

WHEREAS, Edward Soares and Ralph Brown were community leaders, with Edward Soares holding his Missionary and Evangelist Credentials and Ralph Brown holding the honor of being a Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ; *and*

WHEREAS, Both Edward Soares and Ralph Brown always had a chess game set up for neighborhood entertainment and community space; *and*

WHEREAS, These chess sets drew many players out and helped develop new players throughout Roxbury and Dorchester; *and*

WHEREAS, Many of these players became "A" players, "Expert" players, "Master" players, and "International Master" players, including: Eleanor Humphrey; Oscar Taylor, Jr.; Kenny Brown; Norman Hodge; Karl G. Winslow; Barry R. Barry; William Dottin; Andrew Roberts; Francis C. Hector; Najee Hasan; Charles E. Sullivan; Jonathan L. Jackson; Frederick Hicks; Michael Gallonap, Jr.; Raymond A. Gray; Danny L. Disolo, Sr.; John F. Brisbun; Rosco Wedgeworth; William M. Howard, Sr.; Stephan Lewis; Ollin G. Bryant; Michael Gray; Mitchell B. Davis; Robert B. Smith; Sidney A. Jones; Philip M. Mitchell, Jr.; Rupert A. Leonard, Sr.; Douglas Pendarvis; Robert Vaughn; Warren R. Johnson; Robert O. Sullivan; James F. Campbella; Darryl Alleyne; Bobby Lee Singleton; Claude Curry; Gaylord Knight; Mike Bentley; and Harold Dean Lawton; *and*

WHEREAS, Edward Soares and Ralph Brown not only provided community gathering spaces and entertainment for residents, but also improved the quality of life throughout Dorchester, Roxbury, and beyond; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council proudly recognizes the contributions of Edward Joseph Soares and Ralph Brown to building a more engaged, energized, connected community.

Filed on: June 10, 2024

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

June 5, 2024

Councilor Louijuene
(Councilor Mejia)

ORDERED: That effective Monday, July 1, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, September 13, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Elsa Flores	Secretary	\$1,500.00	part time
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Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the June 12, 2024 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

¹**Section 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 after June 12, 2024, in accordance with Section 15 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982 (as amended)

Orders for the FY25 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, annual appropriation for the School Department, and appropriation for other post-employment benefits (OPEB). (Docket #0671)

Assigned for Further Action

Orders for the Capital Budget, including loan orders and lease-purchase agreements. (Dockets #0676 - 0678)

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under section 17F relative to the operations of and assets held by the BRA (d/b/a BPDA/EDIC). **(Docket #0490)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to BPD promotional exam. **(Docket #0936)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to legal spending. **(Docket #0937)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to chronic absenteeism. **(Docket #0938)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to school athletics and transportation data. **(Docket #0939)**

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.

³*Section 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.

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0175	Worrell	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring the NBA All-Star Weekend to Boston.	1/24/2024	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0289	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Nigel Jacobs to the Boston Art Commission for a term expiring on December 20, 2028.	2/7/2024	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0290	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of James Mason to the Boston Art Commission for a term expiring on December 20, 2028.	2/7/2024	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0291	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Abigail Norman to the Boston Art Commission for a term expiring on December 20, 2028.	2/7/2024	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0474	Worrell	Louijeune, Flynn	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks statue.	3/6/2024	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0872	Worrell	Pepén, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	5/22/2024	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0903	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Culture Access Fund, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Arts & Culture. The grant will fund the support of the Cultural Access Pilot Program, BPS Sundays, from the Boston Foundation.	6/5/2024	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0904	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$297,200.00) in the form of a grant for the FY24 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture. The grant will fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhances the quality of life in the City of Boston.	6/5/2024	

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0905	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Cultural Access Fund, awarded by the Barr Foundation to be administered by the Office of Arts & Culture. The grant will fund support for the Cultural Access Fund Pilot Program, helping to support the BPS Sundays initiative across several arts and cultural institutions.	6/5/2024		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0906	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, BPS Sundays pilot program support, awarded by Pilot House Philanthropy to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund the learning and evaluation component of the BPS Sunday Pilot Program.	6/5/2024		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0181	Durkan		Order for a hearing to discuss the mental health and wellness resources available to City of Boston employees and new resources implemented after the COVID-19 pandemic.	1/24/2024		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0473	Durkan	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 Recovery Funds.	3/6/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0179	Durkan	Coletta, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss trash collection in Boston.	1/24/2024	4/2/2024	4/3/24- remains in committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0180	Durkan	Pepin, Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss city services in regard to composting and the need for increased composting services.	1/24/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0189	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.	1/24/2024	4/18/2024	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0198	Coletta	Flynn, Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding technological infrastructure improvements across city departments.	1/2/2024	4/2/2024	4/3/24-remains in committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0266	Fernandes-Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss creating a fund for translation and interpretive services to be utilized at community meetings held by City Councilors.	1/31/2024	7/2/2024	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0332	Murphy	Flynn	Order for hearing to discuss the safety of city workers.	2/7/2024	2/22/2024	

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services & Innovation Technology	0356	Fernandes-Anderson		Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss prioritizing equitable development by exploring financial solutions to clean parcels prior to acquisition in Boston.	2/14/2024	7/2/2024	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0476	Pepén		Order for a hearing on technological improvements in Boston School Bus transportation.	3/6/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0513	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the services the Boston Public Library offers our communities.	3/13/2024	4/24/2024	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0587	Fernandes-Anderson		Order for a hearing to examine and address issues surrounding residential parking in District 7.	3/27/2024	7/1/2024	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0746	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, the Multilingual Digital Experience Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Administration & Finance to be administered by the Department of Innovation and Technology. The grant will fund the development of programs and services that improve the experience of digital government services for multilingual communities.	5/1/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0193	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss an increase in racist incidents in Boston and the Human Rights Commission's role in tracking, reporting, and addressing discrimination and civil rights violations.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0195	Louijeune	Anderson, Breadon	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0200	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0204	Louijeune	Coletta	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0591	Fernandes-Anderson	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the alignment of the Reparations Task Force process, its request for proposals, and community inclusion efforts with civil rights.	3/27/2024	6/27/2024	

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Education	0177	Murphy	Weber, Anderson	Order for a hearing reclaiming the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center for our Boston Public School athletes.	1/24/2024	3/11/2024	3/13/24 -remains in committee
Education	0188	Worrell	Mejia, Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/24/2024		
Education	0194	Coletta	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish a Climate Change and Environmental Justice Curriculum Pilot Program in Boston Public Schools.	1/24/2024		
Education	0197	Louijeune	Coletta, Anderson	Order for a hearing to address the mental health needs of our students with a focus on guidance counselors.	1/24/2024		
Education	0353	Fernandes-Anderson		Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the feasibility of BPS providing ESOL classes for parents.	2/14/2024		
Education	0401	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a resolution calling for "Sundays for All."	2/28/2024		3/18/24 (hearing canceled)
Education	0551	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to review resources and organization of youth sports across Boston.	3/20/2024		
Education	0552	Mejia	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to audit the mplementation and outcomes of restorative justice practices in Boston Public Schools.	3/20/2024		
Education	0554	Mejia	Anderson, Murphy	Order for a hearing to audit Boston Public Schools' special education services and return on investments.	3/20/2024		
Education	0555	Mejia	Louijeune, Anderson	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards service provision spending for English language learners.	3/20/2024		
Education	0583	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to audit mental health curriculum and services in Boston Public Schools.	3/27/2024		
Education	0651	Murphy	Breadon, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss the need that all our youngest children in the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program are receiving their special education services.	4/3/2024		
Education	0705	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes.	4/10/2024		

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Education	0762	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the community engagement efforts of Boston Public School's "Green New Deal" and "Long-Term Facilities Plan."	5/1/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0172	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0190	Coletta	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding implementing coastal resilience strategies for Boston's waterfront.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0355	Fernandes-Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss ways to equitably fight climate displacement in District Seven.	2/14/2024	6/28/2024	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0682	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from Eversource valued in the amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) (grant includes the value of rebates and equipment) for the purpose of promoting energy efficiency and energy savings to various public buildings and infrastructure projects.	4/10/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0819	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss expanding the urban tree canopy in District 2.	5/8/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0868	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the Parks and Recreation Commission, on behalf of the City of Boston, to acquire by an eminent domain taking a parcel at 0 Dale Street in Hyde Park adjacent to the Sherrin Woods urban wild, as permanently protected parkland to be managed in coordination with Sherrin Woods, and to use Community Preservation Fund monies appropriated to the Parks and Recreation Department to award damages as determined by the Commission.	5/22/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0873	Durkan	.ouijeune, Coletta Zapat	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.	5/22/2024		
Government Operations	0166	Coletta		Ordinance Formally Creating the Office of Food Justice and Establishing a Food Recovery Program in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		

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Government Operations	0170	Coletta	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.	1/24/2024		3/12/24 (WS)-canceled, 3/13/24-remains in committee
Government Operations	0257	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance creating the Planning Department in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024	2/29/2024	3/8/24 (WS), 3/18/24 (WS), 3/22/24 (WS), 3/20/24-remains in committee
Government Operations	0262	Flynn		Ordinance Establishing the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024	4/9/2024	4/10/24- remains in committee
Government Operations	0471	Fernandes-Anderson	Worrell, Louijeune	Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing.	3/6/2024	6/14/2024	
Government Operations	0645	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	An ordinance establishing the office of Inspector General within the City of Boston.	4/3/2024	5/29/2024	
Government Operations	0759	Santana	Coletta, Durkan	Ordinance for Safe and Healthy Hotels in the City of Boston.	5/1/2024		
Government Operations	0925	Coletta Zapata	Pepén	An Ordinance to Adopt the Small Commercial Tax Exemption as a Local Option in the City of Boston.	6/5/2024		
Government Operations	0926	Coletta Zapata	Pepén, Santana	Home Rule Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Raising the Maximum Age Requirement for Entrance to the Boston Police Academy.	6/5/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0176	Worrell	Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher Program.	1/24/2024	4/16/2024	
Housing & Community Development	0202	Louijeune	Breadon	Order for a hearing on addressing and improving fair housing practices in the city of Boston.	1/24/2024	4/8/2024	4/10/24- remains in committee
Housing & Community Development	0203	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1/24/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0265	Weber	Louijeune, Breadon	Order for a hearing to explore a right to counsel pilot program for tenants facing eviction in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024	3/21/2024	5/24/24- WS

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Housing & Community Development	0398	Santana	Louijeune, Breadon	Order for a hearing to explore strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.	2/28/2024	3/28/2024	
Housing & Community Development	0414	Santana	Weber, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing housing choice vouchers.	2/28/2024	4/8/2024	4/10/24-remains in committee
Housing & Community Development	0488	Breadon	Louijeune, Mejia	Resolution calling for further measures to supplement inclusionary zoning and advance affordable housing in the City of Boston.	3/6/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0510	Mejia	Weber	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	3/13/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0572	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		
Housing & Community Development	0633	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston, acting through its Mayor's Office of Housing, to accept and expend payments in the amount of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) given to the City of Boston's Inclusionary Development Policy Fund. The City of Boston's Inclusionary Development Fund (IDP) was established by Executive Order in February 2000 to support the production and preservation of affordable housing in new market rate housing developments.	4/3/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0695	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 to provide rapid rehousing services together with wraparound support and recovery services to individuals, with a history of homelessness, awarded by the MA Department of Public Health to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund State ARPA Earmark Mayor's Office of Housing.	4/10/2024		

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Housing & Community Development	0703	Worrell	Louijeune, Durkan	Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	4/10/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0704	Fernandes-Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of restricted deeds on property ownership and transfer, including both negative and positive effects, and strategies to promote generational wealth creation.	4/10/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0706	Weber	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to review the City of Boston Voucher Program.	4/10/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0764	Louijeune	Santana, Weber	Order for a hearing to utilize former school and municipal buildings as affordable housing.	5/1/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0841	Durkan	Breadon, Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss enforcement of short-term rental violations in Boston.	5/15/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0924	Mayor		Communication was received from the Mayor transmitting information received from Boston Inspectional Services Department pertaining to the 2023 Annual Rental Registration & Inspection Report pursuant to CBC 9-12.3(m).	6/5/2024		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0418	Worrell	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	2/28/2024	4/9/2024	4/10/24- remains in committee
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0475	Weber	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	3/6/2024	4/24/2024	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0487	Fernandes-Anderson	Mejia, Pepen	Resolution to improve bus monitor pay rates and working conditions in the City of Boston.	3/6/2024		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0843	Flynn	Murphy, FitzGerald	Resolution calling on the Massachusetts Legislature to pass the Act Establishing Protections and Accountability for TNC and DNC Workers.	5/15/2024		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0928	Flynn	Pepén, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.	6/5/2024		
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental Relations	0589	Flynn		Order for a hearing to review the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program in the City of Boston.	3/27/2024		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0100	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant award in the amount not to exceed Two Million Five-Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297) from the Boston Planning & Development Agency, for the construction and management of transportation improvements projects.	8/10/2022	2023 - 0930
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0101	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Federal Highway Administration, through the Massachusetts Departments of Transportation, Highway Division of Seven Million Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$7,501,200) to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Works Department. This grant is a portion of the design costs for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue Project.	9/28/2022	2023 - 1166
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0107	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Peter Sanborn, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1706
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0108	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of John Freeman, a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1707
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0109	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023	(2023 - 1708)
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0110	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Russell, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1709
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0111	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jim Kutchin, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1710
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0112	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Douglas Miller, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023	2023 - 1711

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0113	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Ready, as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		2023 - 1750
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0114	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Fadi Samaha, as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		(2023 - 1751)
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0154	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Heyne, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024	3/25/2024	3/27/24- remains in committee
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0184	Durkan	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to review the creation of a municipal bus service to provide last-mile service and late night shuttle service for third-shift workers.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0192	Coletta	FitzGerald, Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss the ongoing modernization of Article 80 in Boston's Zoning Code.	1/24/2024		4/5/24- hearing canceled
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0259	Mayor		Petition of Uptown Transport Inc., for a license to operate motor vehicles for the carriage of passengers for hire over certain streets in Boston.	1/31/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0288	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Senam Kumahia, as a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on December 30, 2027.	2/7/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0292	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Craig Douglas as a Member of the Bay Village Historic District Commission, for a term expiring April 1, 2026.	2/7/2024	3/25/2024	3/27/24- remains in committee
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0303	Durkan	Breadon, Coletta	Order for a hearing To Review The Rules and Regulation of Vehicles in Relation to Expansion of Micromobility Access.	2/7/2024	7/9/2024	4/5/24- hearing canceled
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0350	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the community process for transportation planning in the City of Boston.	2/14/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0357	Fernandes-Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the possibility of congestion pricing in Boston.	2/14/2024	7/8/2024	

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0477	Pepén		Order for a hearing to explore the creation of Safe School Zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.	3/6/2024	4/11/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0567	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Susan Goganian as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2024.	3/20/2024	3/25/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0568	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Susan Goganian as a Member of the Fort Point Channel District, for a term expiring June 30, 2024.	3/20/2024	3/25/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0636	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Paul Raber Umphenour II as an Alternate Member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission, for a term expiring March 19, 2027.	4/3/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0637	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Hessann Farooqi, as a Member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure (BERDO) Review Board for a term expiring March 19, 2027.	4/3/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0640	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Angela Ward Hyatt as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2025.	4/3/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0641	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Shamiah Turner as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring May 1, 2026.	4/3/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0648	Flynn	FitzGerald, Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and expanding the Safety Surge program in the City of Boston.	4/3/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0698	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Ready as a member of the South End Landmark Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2025.	4/10/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0763	Pepén	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.	5/1/2024		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0864	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Alaa Mukahhal, as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2027.	5/22/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0865	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Kerry Walsh Logue, as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on November 1, 2025.	5/22/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0866	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Hansy Better Barraza, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2027.	5/22/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0867	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Sherry Dong, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2026.	5/22/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0871	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the proposed zoning amendment to remove the half mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments.	5/22/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0915			Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #277.21, The Apollos Field House, 30 Union Street, Charlestown, MA 02129. (In effect after July 6, 2024, if not acted upon).	6/5/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0916			Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #178.94, The South Market Building, Clinton Street, Boston, MA, 02109. (In effect after July 6, 2024 if not acted upon). 02129. (In effect after July 6, 2024, if not acted upon).	6/5/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0917			Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #179.94, The North Market Building, 300 - 399 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, MA, 02109. (In effect after July 6, 2024 if not acted upon).	6/5/2024	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0103	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jaclyn Youngblood as a member of the Audit Committee for a term expiring September 11, 2028.	9/20/2023	2023 - 1488

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Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0553	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures, and progress.	3/20/2024		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0556	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	3/20/2024		5/29/24 hearing canceled
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0584	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	3/27/2024		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0585	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	3/27/2024	5/29/2024	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0187	Worrell		Order for a hearing to access expanded Hospital & Community-Centric Violence Prevention & Intervention.	1/24/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0191	Breadon	FitzGerald, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the continuity of health care services in relation to the financial challenges faced by the Steward Health Care System.	1/24/2024	2/22/2024	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0196	Coletta	Louijeune, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding menstrual product accessibility in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0264	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of for profit urgent care centers on nonprofit community health centers in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024	3/7/2024	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0286	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		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0287	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		

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0348	Breadon	Coletta, Murphy	Councilor Breadon offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss a comprehensive review and update of the Boston EMS Service Zone Plan.	2/14/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0415	Fitzgerald		Order for a hearing to discuss the current trauma response resources in the City of Boston and the potential for expansion.	2/28/2024	5/10/2024	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0478	Fernandes-Anderson		Order for a hearing on provisions of temporary mental health treatment or interventions and preventions for children and youth before formal diagnosis.	3/6/2024	7/11/2024	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0512	Fernandes-Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the Shattuck housing proposal to prioritize racial equity.	3/13/2024	4/4/2024	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0718	Flynn	Pepen, Murphy	Resolution declaring speeding cars and reckless driving as a public health emergency.	4/10/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0927	Santana	itzGerald, Coletta Zapat	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs.	6/5/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0134	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirteen Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$13,317,200.00) in the form of a grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management. The grant will fund planning, exercise, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to, and recover from threats of acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.	1/24/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0174	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to address gun violence.	1/24/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0185	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore the Summer Community Plan.	1/24/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0354	Fernandes-Anderson		Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding current bail policies in local jails.	2/14/2024		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0377	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Four Thousand Fourteen Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,604,014.20) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Hazmat 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 in line item 8324-0000 and 8324-0050 of the FY24 General Appropriation Act.	2/28/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0378	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 State Training Grant, awarded by 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.	2/28/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0507	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	3/13/2024	4/26/2024	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0511	Louijeune	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	3/13/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0590	Santana	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss the City of Boston's current investments in and policies for using Gunshot Detection Technology.	3/27/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0650	Pepén	Coletta, Santana	Order for a hearing to raise the age requirement for entrance to the Boston Police Academy.	4/3/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0760	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss plans to address drag racing, dirt bikes, ATVs, and other off-road vehicles on neighborhood streets.	5/1/2024		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0910	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$16,825.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY2020-2021 Port Security Grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund and support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.	6/5/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0911	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Earmark for Fairmount Housing Development, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the support of Police overtime for visible patrols in the Fairmount Development.	6/5/2024		
Rules & Administration	0351	Flynn		Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a meeting to review the Boston City Council rules.	2/14/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0173	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0183	Fernandes-Anderson	Worrell, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to facilitate a community process to support consumers in District 7 impacted by the impending closure of Walgreens at 416 Warren Street.	1/24/2024	6/21/2024	
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0186	Worrell	Mejia, Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0352	Durkan		Councilor Durkan offered the following: Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a citywide merchandise licensing program.	2/14/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0586	Fernandes-Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss a statewide right to repair to protect consumers and foster a culture of repair in Boston and beyond.	3/27/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0647	Mejia		Order for a hearing on diversifying cannabis business models.	4/3/2024		

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0702	Worrell		Order for a hearing to establish a “Business Owner 101” program for grant recipients.	4/10/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0761	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's accountability, transparency and accessibility regarding construction sites impacting small businesses.	5/1/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0840	Pepén	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a small business vandalism relief fund.	5/15/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0115	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) in the form of a grant for the BHCCI Connect, Learn & Explore Grant, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund the Boston Healthy Child Care Initiative and the Office of Early Childhood's Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative.	12/13/2023		2023 - 1820
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0267	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 for our children, families, and seniors.	1/31/2024	2/15/24, 2/29/24	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0413	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the results of last year's youth summer jobs programs and prepare for this summer.	2/28/2024	3/12/2024	3/7/24 (hearing rescheduled) 3/13/24 -remains in committee
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0508	Fitzgerald	Pepen, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the option to expand access of handicap parking placards to those who are pregnant.	3/13/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0509	Weber	Pepen, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to review programming available for seniors in the City of Boston.	3/13/2024	4/1/2024	4/3/24- remains in committee
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0514	Fernandes-Anderson		Resolution to explore a need for a senior recreational center in Roxbury.	3/13/2024	6/27/2024	

2024 Matters in Committee

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Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0907	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant, Childhood Obesity Prevention and Environmental Health Sustainability, awarded by the United States Conference of Mayors to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood Development. The grant will fund and support programs that engage community members and promote or stimulate behavior change in Childhood Obesity Prevention and environmental health and sustainability.	6/5/2024		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0349	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veterans Services.	2/14/2024		6/7/24-hearing postponed
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0588	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	3/27/2024		6/7/24-hearing postponed
Ways & Means	0199	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing, school buildings, and community investments.	1/24/2024		
Ways & Means	0268	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public School's Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.	1/31/2024		3/14/24 (WS)
Ways & Means	0479	Worrell		Order for a hearing to discuss projected commercial property tax values in Boston.	3/6/2024		
Ways & Means	0671	Mayor		Message and order for Annual Appropriation for the School Department for FY2025. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 8, 2024.	4/10/2024	See Budget Schedule	5/1/24, 5/8/24, 5/15/24, 6/5/24-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0676	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of One Hundred Eighty Four Million Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$184,780,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for city departments including the Boston Center for Youth and Families, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, Boston Public Library, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Works, and the Transportation Departments.	4/10/2024	See Budget Schedule	5/1/24, 5/8/24, 5/15/24-remains in committee, 6/5/24-First Reading-Assigned to further action

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Ways & Means	0677	Mayor		Message and order authorizing an appropriation order in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Million Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$240,375,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for the Boston Public Schools.	4/10/2024	See Budget Schedule	5/1/24, 5/8/24, 5/15/24-remains in committee, 6/5/24-First Reading-Assigned to further action
Ways & Means	0678	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2025 in an amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00). These funds are to be used by various City departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions. The list of equipment includes: computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of the foregoing.	4/10/2024	See Budget Schedule	5/1/24, 5/8/24, 5/15/24-remains in committee, 6/5/24-First Reading-Assigned to further action
Ways & Means	0908	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$34,188.00) to provide funding for the Boston Health Commission for the FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93, Local 787.	6/5/2024		

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Ways & Means	0909	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Public Health Commission for FY24 in the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$34,188.00) to cover the FY24 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93, Local 787. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 20, 2024 and October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2% to be given in January of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$500.00, \$250.00, \$900.00, \$800.00 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year after the percent increase.	6/5/2024	
Whole	0118	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Rafaela Polanco Garca as a Member to the Boston School Committee.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024-Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0119	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Chantal Lima Barbosa as a Member to the Boston School Committee.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024-Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0120	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Priscilla MacKenzie "Kenzie" Bok as a Member of the Commemoration Commission.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024-Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0121	Mayor		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 December 6, 2023.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0122	Mayor		Communication was received from the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts requesting the Boston City Council reconsider their position and approve the grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024-Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0124	Mayor		Communication was received from the Boston Air Pollution Control Commission regarding the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Regulations Statements of Fiscal Effect and Small Business Impact report.	1/1/2024	1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.

City of Boston
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**Official Resolution
of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén**

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

Cathy Slade

In Recognition of:

**Your lifelong dedication and civic service to Roslindale and the City of
Boston! The love and care you have shown to your communities will
forever be embraced!**

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: *Kathleen Foijeanne*
President of the City Council

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

Offered by: *[Signature]*

Date: June 12th, 2024



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

**OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN**

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

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
BOSTON CHINATOWN POST No. 328**

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your distinguished service to the Chinatown and veteran community.
Thank you for your dedicated efforts in supporting and advocating for our
veterans. Congratulations on your 75th Installation of Officer's ceremony and a
warm welcome to all the incoming officers.**

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.

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

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

Mike Joyce

In Recognition of:

**His Continued Dedication for his Neighborhood
through Forty Five Years of Working for the Boys and
Girls Clubs of Dorchester**

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extends its best wishes for continued success; that this
Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City
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Clerk of the City of Boston.



Official Resolution
Offered by Boston City Councilor
Tania Fernandes Anderson

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

Claudia Smith-Reid

In Recognition of:

Their service on the District 7 Advisory Council, representing the interests and values of their community with determination, urgency, and enthusiasm, and for ensuring that the District 7 Office is able to adeptly represent the interests of the community towards the goal of creating a welcoming, inclusive, affordable, resilient, and proud community across the district _____; and

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Official Resolution
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Tania Fernandes Anderson

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

Linda Freeman

In Recognition of:

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J-Lucky Henry

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Official Resolution
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Tania Fernandes Anderson

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Hafeeza Bell

In Recognition of:

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Official Resolution
Offered by Boston City Councilor
Tania Fernandes Anderson

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

Reggie Jackson

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Official Resolution

presented by

Councilor At-Large Henry Santana

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

Connie Redden

In recognition of:

Your 31 years and 8 months of dedicated services to our students, families, and community in Boston Public Schools. We appreciate all your hard work as a teacher at the Curley K-8 School. Thank you for positively impacting the lives of so many within the BPS community throughout the years.

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: _____

Date: _____

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By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Hampshire House

In Recognition of:

55 years of hospitality under the leadership of Thomas Kershaw; 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: Ruthye Fojeane
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Giamtas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Sharon Derfen

Date: June 10, 2024

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

Michelle (Dunn) McCourt

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

June 12, 2024

SINCERELY,

Ruthy LeFevre

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Attest *Alexandra*

City Clerk

Presented By *Elizabeth Breardon*

City of Boston
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Official Resolution

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

Ronan Fitzpatrick

In Recognition of:

Your commitment and dedication to the Charlestown 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: _____

Offered by: Debra Collette
Clerk of the City of Boston

Date: _____

City of Boston
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Official Resolution

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

Crystal Galvin

In Recognition of:

Your commitment and dedication to the Charlestown community; and
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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: _____

Offered by: Laurel Collette
Clerk of the City of Boston

Date: _____

City of Boston
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Official Resolution

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

Debbie Hughes

In Recognition of:

Your commitment and dedication to the Charlestown community; and
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By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Giuliana Coletta

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Debra Burke

In Recognition of:

Your selflessness and compassion in providing essential services to all ; and
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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: _____

Offered by: Gabriela Coletta
Clerk of the City of Boston

Date: _____