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## **CITY OF BOSTON**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX**

### **ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE MEASURES TO PREVENT HUMAN, SEX, AND DRUG TRAFFICKING DURING THE 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP IN BOSTON**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston will serve as a host city for matches during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, bringing a significant influx of visitors, workers, and international attention; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The anticipated arrival of large numbers of visitors from across the United States and around the world may create conditions that could be exploited for illicit activities, including human trafficking, sex trafficking and exploitation, and increased illegal drug distribution, underscoring the need for coordinated prevention and response efforts by the City; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Sex trafficking is a distinct and particularly harmful form of exploitation that disproportionately impacts women, girls, and other vulnerable populations, and is often interconnected with domestic violence, coercive control, and intimate partner abuse, highlighting the importance of integrating domestic violence prevention strategies, survivor support services, and trauma-informed responses into the City's broader efforts to prevent and respond to trafficking during the 2026 FIFA World Cup;

**WHEREAS,** Large-scale global events can place increased strain on public safety systems and may heighten vulnerabilities among at-risk populations; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Such events can amplify existing risks and require proactive coordination among public safety, public health, and community-based organizations; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston, in partnership with state and federal agencies, has a responsibility to ensure that appropriate prevention, enforcement, and victim support measures are in place in advance of and during the World Cup; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Community awareness, interagency collaboration, and resource allocation are critical to safeguarding residents, visitors, and vulnerable populations during this international event; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the City's preparedness and coordinated efforts to prevent human and drug trafficking during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, including prevention strategies, enforcement plans, public awareness initiatives, and victim support services; and that representatives from the Boston Police Department, the Boston Public Health Commission, the Mayor's Office of Public Safety, the Office of Human Services, the Suffolk District Attorney's Office, the Human Trafficking Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, the Massachusetts State Police, and other interested parties be invited to attend.

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