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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

**WHEREAS,** The Mayor, Council, and City all rely heavily upon the organizing strength of our network of civic associations; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Civic associations provide critical venues for engagement, providing a platform for voices otherwise unheard; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Our civic associations often operate strictly off volunteer support and shoestring budgets; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Websites, marketing materials, and logistics are necessary for operational success yet often exceed budget; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston recognizes the importance of community engagement and the value provided by our civic associations; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City has the resources required to provide grants and technical assistance; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Providing civic associations with technical support and instruction on best practices will allow them to increase engagement and representation; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to explore providing funding for and directly providing technical assistance to civic associations, and that representatives from Civic Organizing, Community Engagement, Neighborhood Services, and other relevant and interested parties be invited to attend.

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