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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SHERATON HOTEL WORKERS

- WHEREAS:** After years of marches, strikes and negotiations, Boston union hotel workers earn good wages, have a excellent healthcare plan, a housing plan, a legal plan, a training center and retirement with dignity; *and*
- WHEREAS:** A job in the hotel and hospitality industry presents many workers a clear path to the middle class, particularly for women, people of color, and immigrants; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Sheraton Boston is managed by Marriott and is the largest hotel in Boston, employing hundreds of employees; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to recent reports, the new owner of the Sheraton (Värde Partners and Hawkins Way Capital) is considering converting 427 rooms in the Sheraton into dorm rooms; *and*
- WHEREAS:** If allowed to make this change, over one hundred (100) primarily women, people of color, and immigrants would lose their good union hotel jobs; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Boston stands for an equitable recovery from the pandemic for those who were hardest hit; *and*
- WHEREAS:** To protect Boston's status as a world class destination for domestic and international travelers, the City has an interest in protecting the quality of hospitality services; *and*
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council stands with the Sheraton Boston workers and calls on the hotel owners to reconsider ~~any change of use in order~~ to protect good hotel jobs for Boston residents.

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Attest:

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