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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE GOOD FOOD PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**WHEREAS,** In 2019, the Boston City Council passed, and Mayor Martin J. Walsh signed, An Ordinance Regarding Good Food Purchasing Standard in the City of Boston; **and**

**WHEREAS,** The Good Food Purchasing Program provides a metric-based, flexible framework that encourages large institutions to direct their buying power toward five core values: local economies, environmental sustainability, valued workforce, animal welfare and nutrition; **and**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is committed to implementing the Good Food Purchasing Program to ensure that public dollars for food are spent in ways that promote health, environmental sustainability, racial equity, fair labor practices, and animal welfare and support the local economy and local BIPOC and women-owned businesses; **and**

**WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools served 8,087,760 meals and spent \$13,491,484 on food for school meals in the 2019-2020 school year, and the Center for Good Food Purchasing completed a baseline assessment in January 2023 of the 2019-2020 food purchases; **and**

**WHEREAS,** The Good Food Purchasing Standards ordinance requires the Boston City Council to conduct a public hearing no more than 90 days after the completion of each baseline assessment; **and**

**WHEREAS,** The Office of Food Justice is implementing the Good Food Purchasing Standards the ordinance as part of its mission to create a just, equitable, resilient, and sustainable food system; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review the Good Food Purchasing Program Baseline Assessment of Boston Public Schools' 2019-2020 food purchases and actions that the Office of Food Justice and Boston Public Schools are taking to shift food purchasing to be more environmentally sustainable, local, racially equitable, nutritious, supportive of workers and humane conditions for animals through its high-value food contracts.