



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- 0312** Message and order for your approval an Ordinance regarding targeted residential picketing, to protect the quality of residential life in our city.
- 0313** Message and order for an appropriation order in the amount of Twenty Seven Million Two Hundred and Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Four Dollars (\$27,205,854.00) from Fiscal Year 2022 community preservation fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee.
- 0314** Message and order for you approval an Order for a short term extension of nine (9) of the fourteen (14) remaining urban renewal plans in Boston.
- 0315** Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Eugenia Smith as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee, for a term expiring February 28, 2024.
- 0316** Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Meena Carr as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee, for a term expiring February 28, 2024.
- 0317** Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Margarita Lebron as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee, for a term expiring February 28, 2024.

0318 Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Julietta Lopez as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee, for a term expiring February 28, 2024.

0319 Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Matilda Drayton as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee, for a term expiring February 28, 2024.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

0320 Communication was received from the City Clerk regarding the 2021 - 2022 University Accountability-Statistical Report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

0159 The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice to which was referred on January 26, 2022. Docket #0159, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Four Million One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Eighty Five Cents (\$24,154,518.85) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund training for a class of 85 recruits at the BFD Training Academy and reimbursement for their salaries for 36 months, submits a report recommending a order ought to pass.

0161 The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice to which was referred on January 26, 2022 Docket #0161, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY 2021 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund three positions (Coordinator, Criminologist, and Victim Advocate) overtime, travel and sub-awards and training, submits a report that the order ought pass.

0162 The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice to which was referred on January 26, 2022 Docket #0162, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$527,586.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY21 Connected and Protect, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Boston Police Department. The grant will fund clinician-directed project coordinator, community partnerships for translation and outreach and staff cost for Section 12 activities carried out by the Boston Emergency Services Team in partnership with the BPD Street Outreach Unit, submits a report recommending the order ought to pass.

0163 The Committee on Public safety and Criminal Justice to which was referred on January 26, 2022 Docket #0163, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$491,316.00) in the form of a grant, for First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Cooperative Agreement, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund a collaborative effort between the Boston Fire Department First Responders, The Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, the Boston Public Health Commission and community-based organizations to improve the City's response to opioid overdoses. Year 4 of a 4 year grant, submits a report recommending the order ought to pass.

0164 The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice to which was referred on January 26, 2022 Docket #0164, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Thirteen Dollars (\$272,013.00) in the form of a grant for FY2021 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two Criminalist positions, overtime, lab supplies and continuing education expenses, submits a report recommending the order ought to pass.

0166 The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice to which was referred on January 26, 2022 Docket #0166, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY21 Violence Against Women Act Stop grant, awarded by the United State Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Civilian Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain, East Boston, Charlestown and overtime for all Domestic Violence Advocates, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

0222 The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on February 2, 2022, Docket #0222, message and order for your approval a Home Rule petition to the General Court entitled “Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Real Estate Transfer Fees and Senior Property Tax Relief”, submits a report recommending that the home rule petition ought to pass in a new draft.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

0321 **Councilor Edwards offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: Securing Environmental Justice in the City of Boston.

0322 **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Home Rule Petition to address Public Health Reform.

0323 **Councilor Lara offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss restoring municipal voting rights to immigrants with legal status.

0324 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.

0325 **Councilor Breadon and Flynn offered the following:** Order for a Committee Meeting to discuss the organization of quasi-public and semi-independent entities related to the City of Boston.

0326 **Councilor Breadon and Bok offered the following:** A Resolution condemning the unprovoked invasion and egregious act of aggression against Ukraine by the Russian Federation.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

0327 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Bok offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Lauren Brody in City Council effective February 26, 2021.

0328 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Mary Karski in City Council effective February 26, 2022.

0329 Councilor Flynn, offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Ana Calderon, Charles Levin, Melissa Lo, Sophia Wang and Vanessa Woo in City Council effective March 5, 2022.

GREEN SHEETS:

3/2/22 Legislative calendar March 3, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA:

0330 Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Joanna Edwards.

0331 Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ashley Rose.

0332 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau.

0333 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Al McClain.

0334 Councilor Lara offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ivan Richiez.

0335 Councilor Baker offered the following: Resolution recognizing The People's Academy.

0237 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in recognition of Kris Nevaeh.

0336 Resolution recognizing Vartsy Noel.

0338 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in recognition of Vartsy Noel.

0339 Councilor Arroyo offered the following: Resolution congratulating Reverend Dr. Barbara J. Simmons.

0340 Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ashleigh Gordon.

0341 Councilor Arroyo offered the following: Resolution recognizing Wyatt Jackson.

0342 Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing five Boston veterans for their service.

0343 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Eric Krauss.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 28, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order, An Ordinance Regarding Targeted Residential Picketing, to protect the quality of residential life in our city. The City of Boston (the “City”) has a legacy of supporting activism and free speech. The City also strives to ensure quality of life in every neighborhood. The practice of targeted residential picketing—which means picketing, protesting, or demonstrating, with or without signs, that is specifically directed towards a particular residence or one or more occupants of the residence and which takes place before or about the targeted residence—harasses residents and neighbors in their private homes and communities. Targeted residential picketing that occurs late at night or early in the morning increases the intrusion on the privacy and sanctity of the home, and is particularly harassing and detrimental to the sleep and well-being of families, including seniors and families with children.

The City is committed to the First Amendment right to protest, while upholding our responsibility to safeguard residents’ privacy and the quality of residential life. This proposed regulation regarding targeted residential picketing does not prohibit picketing in residential areas or marches that pass through residential areas. Rather, it applies parameters to protect residents’ well-being through reasonable restrictions on picketing directed at a specific residence only at night and in the early morning. Many other opportunities also exist for individuals to exercise their important free speech rights in the City, such as picketing, protesting, attending marches or rallies, or demonstrating in front of City Hall and other government buildings, on sidewalks, and in public parks and plazas, among others.

This Order will augment existing prohibitions against excessive noise, disturbing the peace, and blocking of streets and sidewalks by providing clear guidelines around targeted residential picketing.

I recommend the adoption of this Order by your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING TARGETED RESIDENTIAL PICKETING

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, is hereby amended in Chapter XVI by inserting the following new section after the existing Section 16-62:

16-63 An Ordinance Regarding Targeted Residential Picketing

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in targeted residential picketing between the hours of 9:00 p.m and 9:00 a.m.

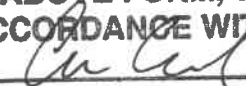
For the purpose of this section, *targeted residential picketing* means picketing, protesting, or demonstrating, with or without signs, that is specifically directed towards a particular residence or one or more occupants of the residence, and which takes place before or about the targeted residence.

Those engaged in targeted residential picketing between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. remain subject to all other ordinances and statutes, including but not limited to laws concerning excessive noise, disturbing the peace, and blocking of streets and sidewalks.

Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the first offense, two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for the second offense, and three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for any third and subsequent offense.

This section shall be enforced by the Boston Police Department.

SECTION 2. This Section 16-63 shall take effect upon passage.

**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

February 28, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the total amount of TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE THOUSAND, AND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$27,205,854) from Fiscal Year 2022 community preservation fund revenues (the "Fund") for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee ("CPC").

The Fund was created upon the adoption of the Community Preservation Act, Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44B, (the "Act") in November 2016 and is funded by the 1% property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that took effect in July 2017 and an annual state distribution from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund. Section 5 of the Act provides that in each fiscal year, upon receiving recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee, the City Council shall take action and approve such appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund in order to implement the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee.

The CPC is recommending \$14,660,159 in affordable housing projects; \$6,141,357 in historic preservation projects; and \$6,404,338 in recreational use and open space projects. Since adopting the Community Preservation Act, over \$92 million has been awarded to 198 projects spanning across every neighborhood in the City of Boston. With your approval of this appropriation request, we will have awarded over \$119 million to 250 projects since the first funding round in 2018. These projects are renovating playgrounds in our neighborhoods, creating and improving open spaces, including parks, community gardens and urban farms, planting trees to increase Boston's tree canopy, saving and preserving historic buildings, supporting affordable housing programming and building affordable housing for our city. Each of these projects is supporting and having an impact on all of Boston's neighborhoods and communities in countless ways.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order expeditiously so that the CPC may fund these important projects in the City of Boston prior to the close of the Fiscal Year 2022.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED: That, upon the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee and in order to undertake community preservation projects with Community Preservation Fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2022, 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 Community Preservation Committee for the several specific projects hereinafter designated being made out of the Community Preservation Fund's budgeted reserve for Fiscal Year 2022.

Appropriations

Affordable Housing

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Chinatown	288 Harrison Residence	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,000,000
Dorchester	DMH Housing Harvard Commons	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$601,527
Dorchester	Hamilton at Mt. Everett	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,500,000
Dorchester	Talbot Commons II	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,000,000
Jamaica Plain	Stonley-Brookley	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,975,000
Jamaica Plain	127 Amory Street	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,000,000
Roxbury	Nuba Homes	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,500,000
Roxbury	Nubian Ascends Artist Housing	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,083,632
Roxbury	Bartlett Station Drive - F5	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,000,000
Roxbury	2085 Washington Street (Parcel 10)	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,000,000
	TOTAL		\$14,660,159

Historic Preservation

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Allston-Brighton	St. Luke's and St. Margaret's Church	Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts	\$500,000
Back Bay	Boston Architectural College	Boston Architectural College	\$495,000
Back Bay	Community Church Boston	Community Church Boston	\$100,000
Beacon Hill	Nichols House Museum	Nichols House Museum, Inc	\$72,400
Beacon Hill	Beacon House	Rogerson Communities Inc.	\$350,000

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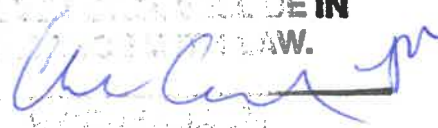
Beacon Hill	The Vilna Shul	The Vilna Shul, Boston's Center for Jewish Culture, Inc.	\$275,000
Boston Harbor Islands	The Boston Harbor Islands Archaeological and Climate Change Impact on Native History	City of Boston Archaeology Program (Environment Department)	\$250,000
Charlestown	USS Constitution Museum	USS Constitution Museum, Inc.	\$20,000
Charlestown	Charlestown Working Theatre	Charlestown Working Theatre Inc.	\$75,000
Chinatown	95 Hudson Street	Chinatown Community Land Trust, Inc.	\$150,000
Citywide	Boston City Archives	Boston City Archives	\$78,000
Dorchester	Global Ministries Christian Church	Global Ministries Christian Church	\$200,000
Dorchester	Greater Love Tabernacle Church	Greater Love Tabernacle Church	\$449,107
Dorchester	William Clapp House	Dorchester Historical Society	\$61,000
Downtown Boston	World Ocean School	World Ocean School, Inc.	\$360,000
East Boston	Bennington St. Cemetery	City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$67,000
East Boston	Nantucket Lightship LV-112	United States Lightship Museum	\$250,000
Jamaica Plain	Hope Central Church	Hope Central Church	\$100,000
Kenmore-Fenway	Huntington Theatre	Huntington Theatre Company	\$100,000
Roxbury	Dr. Marie E. Zakrzewska Building at the Dimock Center	Dimock Community Health Center, Inc.	\$1,000,000
Roxbury	First Church Roxbury	Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches	\$343,000
Roxbury	Twelfth Baptist Church	Twelfth Baptist Church, Inc.	\$161,850
South Boston	Congress Street Fire Station-Boston Fire Museum	Boston Sparks Association Inc.	\$327,000
South End	South End Historical Society-Francis Dane House	South End Historical Society, Inc.	\$300,000
West Roxbury	Restoration of Westerly Burying Ground	City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$57,000
	TOTAL		\$6,141,357

Open Space & Recreation

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Beacon Hill	Charles River Esplanade	Esplanade Association, Inc.	\$18,810
Charlestown	Warren Prescott School	City of Boston Warren Prescott K-8 Public School	\$1,000,000

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Citywide	Boston Open Space Acquisition Fund	City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$1,300,000
Dorchester	Oasis at Ballou Farm	Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation	\$500,000
Dorchester	Martin Richard Dorchester Field House- Outdoor Space	Boys and Girls Club Dorchester, Inc.	\$500,000
Dorchester	Codman Burial Ground Park	Second Church in Dorchester: A Church of Nazarene	\$350,000
Dorchester	Garden at Magnolia	Dudley Neighbors Incorporated	\$94,961
East Boston	6 Chelsea Terrace Secret Garden	Eastie Farm	\$225,000
Hyde Park	Sherrin Woods Trailhead and Wetlands	City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department Urban Wilds Program	\$250,000
Mattapan	Edgewater Food Forest	Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.	\$104,369
Mattapan	Cote Village Playground	Planning Office for Urban Affairs, Inc.	\$226,808
Mission Hill	Evans Way Footbridge Restoration	City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$650,000
South Boston	Barnard Place Park	Barnard Place Park Corporation	\$34,390
South Boston	Christopher Lee Park	City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$650,000
South Boston	Boston's Children's Museum	Boston's Children's Museum	\$100,000
South End	Crite Park	City of Boston Public Works Department	\$250,000
West Roxbury	Sophia Snow Place	Roxbury Home for Aged Women	\$150,000
	TOTAL		\$6,404,338

I HEREBY CERTIFY
 THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT IN
 THE CITY OF BOSTON AS MADE IN
 ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CHARTER AND CITY LAW.
 BY 
 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
 CORPORATION COUNSEL



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

February 28, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors,

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order for a short term extension of nine (9) of the fourteen (14) remaining urban renewal plans in Boston. Since its inception, urban renewal has played a significant role in shaping growth and affecting the community in Boston. The destructive use of urban renewal powers in past decades caused significant harm and displacement of thousands of families in certain communities in Boston. With this action, The City will begin the process of winding down the Boston Redevelopment Authority's ("BRA" d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency "BPDA") powers of urban renewal as part of a broader effort to move past the tool's legacy of displacement and neighborhood destruction, and build transparency and accountability to community members. My administration is committed to putting equity at the forefront of planning and development decisions and the sunseting of urban renewal in Boston should be viewed through this lens. We are asking for an extension of the remaining plans through the end of this calendar year, in order to have time for accelerated planning on how the Agency can formulate sunseting of this program. We intend to return to the Council later this year with that plan, which may include a further extension of some plans at that point to wrap up ongoing community-centered efforts.

In April 2016, the City Council granted approval of a six (6) year extension of Boston's fourteen (14) urban renewal plan areas, which was subsequently approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development in August 2016. It is time now to review the ongoing use of the urban renewal tools within the existing plan areas and determine the future necessity of the urban renewal plans. We are acting decisively to immediately sunset five (5) of the fourteen (14) urban renewal plans on April 22, 2022, and proposing an eight (8) month extension for the remaining nine (9) plans to solidify the big picture transition.

As it currently stands, the BPDA has identified over 1,300 parcels with existing Land Disposition Agreements tied to urban renewal powers, some of which provide protections for

affordable housing, open space, and other land use provisions. This additional time will give the City and the BPDA the time to set a plan for potential state legislation to transfer or protect the appropriate provisions.

Additionally, we are hiring for a Chief of Planning whose leadership will be critical to setting the direction for urban renewal sunsetting and larger structural reforms.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order expeditiously to provide time for discussions with the City Council and community stakeholders as it relates to the timeline for the sunsetting of the remaining plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Wu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF SUNSETTING URBAN
RENEWAL IN THE CITY OF BOSTON UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2022.**

WHEREAS: Urban renewal was created as a set of tools for municipalities to address so-called blighted areas by acquiring private property, relocating residents, and clearing away the old buildings to make room for new development and uses; and

WHEREAS: In practice, low-income communities were targeted for demolition, then replaced with development of new residential and commercial uses benefiting wealthier residents; and

WHEREAS: Prior uses of urban renewal powers by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (“BRA”) have caused harmful and unnecessary destruction of homes and neighborhoods resulting in unjust social equity outcomes within the City of Boston, most notably in the West End where thousands of immigrant and low-income and working-class residents were unjustly evicted; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston is working tirelessly to promote the sound growth and development of its neighborhoods and to provide places for Boston's residents to live, work, and recreate; and

WHEREAS: The results of this activity have been the creation and preservation of homes and businesses, as well as parks, schools, libraries and other public facilities, leading to Boston's reputation as one of the world's most vibrant and livable cities; and

WHEREAS: The City’s application of the urban renewal tools in recent decades has created and preserved nearly ten thousand (10,000) units of affordable housing, creating and protecting open space, providing new opportunities for many of Boston's residents, enabling public-private partnerships, and bolstering planning efforts; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston maintains fourteen (14) active urban renewal plans originally approved by the BRA, the Boston City Council, the

Mayor of Boston and the Department of Housing and Community Development, which plans were most recently extended for six (6) years in August 2016; and

WHEREAS: Since the 2016 extension, the BRA has facilitated a community engagement process that has garnered input on the future of urban renewal, and has made relevant urban renewal documents accessible to the public through the zoning viewer; and

WHEREAS: The BRA has identified nine (9) plan areas that could benefit from a temporary extension of the use of the urban renewal tools and protections, and opportunities exist to advance positive community-oriented outcomes, in partnership with the City and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS: By their provisions and previous extensions granted, the plans, the protections established from responsible use of the urban renewal tools, and the powers conferred therein will terminate on April 22, 2022 unless so extended; and

WHEREAS: An expiration of nine (9) of the fourteen (14) active urban renewal plans on April 22, 2022 without further discussion could have unintended negative consequences for some community members in the larger plan areas with a high prevalence of Land Disposition Agreements; and

WHEREAS: The expiration of five (5) urban renewal plans on April 22, 2022 is appropriate, as the original intent and purpose of these plans has been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS: The BRA seeks an eight (8) month extension for nine (9) of the active urban renewal plans that are set to expire on April 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS: Each plan includes within its provisions the ability to modify said termination date and extend said plan.

ORDERED: That the City Council does hereby approve the extension of the term of the urban renewal plans listed below, to December 31, 2022:

1. Central Business District South Station Urban Renewal Plan,
2. Fenway Urban Renewal Plan,
3. Campus High School Urban Renewal Plan,
4. South Cove Urban Renewal Plan,

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5. Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan,
6. Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan,
7. Government Center Urban Renewal Plan,
8. South End Urban Renewal Plan; and
9. Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
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BY



**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**





City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 28, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 88, Section 2 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, I hereby reappoint Eugenia Smith of 24 Bellflower Street #418, Dorchester, MA, 02125, as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee for a term expiring on February 28, 2024, provided that members may continue to serve until a replacement member is appointed. Eugenia Smith is a current BHA public housing resident.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of Eugenia Smith as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EUGENIA SMITH TO THE
BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY MONITORING COMMITTEE.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of St. 1989, c. 88 § 2, as amended by St. 2018, c. 373, the reappointment of Eugenia Smith of 24 Bellflower Street #418, Dorchester, MA, 02125, as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee, for a term ending February 28, 2024, be, and hereby is, confirmed.

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CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 28, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 88, Section 2 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, I hereby reappoint Meena Carr of 4560 Washington Street Apt. 402, Roslindale, Massachusetts, 02131 as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee for a term expiring on February 28, 2024, provided that members may continue to serve until a replacement member is appointed. Meena Carr is a current resident of a redeveloped BHA community .

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of Meena Carr as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee.

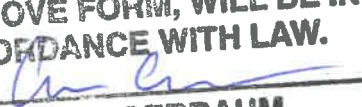
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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEENA CARR TO THE
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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 88, Section 2 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, I hereby reappoint Margarita Lebron of 51 Faneuil Street #156, Brighton, MA, 02135, as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee for a term expiring on February 28, 2024, provided that members may continue to serve until a replacement member is appointed. Margarita Lebron is a current BHA public housing resident.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of Margarita Lebron as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

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IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARGARITA LEBRON TO
THE BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY MONITORING COMMITTEE.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of St. 1989, c. 88 § 2, as amended by St. 2018, c. 373, the reappointment of Margarita Lebron of 51 Faneuil Street #156, Brighton, Massachusetts, 02135, as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee, for a term ending February 28, 2024, be, and hereby is, confirmed.

**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

February 28, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 88, Section 2 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, I hereby reappoint Julietta Lopez of 585 Shawmut Avenue #370, Boston, Massachusetts, 02118, as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee for a term expiring on February 28, 2024, provided that members may continue to serve until a replacement member is appointed. Julietta Lopez is a current resident of a redeveloped BHA community.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of Julietta Lopez as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JULIETTA LOPEZ TO THE
BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY MONITORING COMMITTEE.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of St. 1989, c. 88 § 2, as amended by St. 2018, c. 373, the reappointment of Julietta Lopez of 585 Shawmut Avenue #370, Boston, Massachusetts, 02118, as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee, for a term ending February 28, 2024, be, and hereby is, confirmed.

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 28, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 88, Section 2 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, I hereby reappoint Matilda Drayton of 260 Ruggles Street, Roxbury, MA, 02120, as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee for a term expiring on February 28, 2024, provided that members may continue to serve until a replacement member is appointed. Matilda Drayton is a current BHA public housing resident.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of Matilda Drayton as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MATILDA DRAYTON TO
THE BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY MONITORING COMMITTEE.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of St. 1989, c. 88 § 2, as amended by St. 2018, c. 373, the reappointment of Matilda Drayton of 260 Ruggles Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts, 02120, as a member of the Boston Housing Authority Monitoring Committee, for a term ending February 28, 2024, be, and hereby is, confirmed.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Alex Geourntas, Assistant City Clerk

CITY OF BOSTON - OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK UNIVERSITY ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT, 2021 - 2022 STATISTICS

<i>Institutions of Higher Education</i>	# of Students Enrolled	Students ON Campus in Boston	Students OFF Campus in Boston	Properties in Boston
Bay State College	314	30	35	2
Berklee College of Music/Boston Conservatory	5708	1530	3514	11
Boston Architectural College	450	0	115	0
Boston Baptist College	42	21	1	2
Boston College/Woods College	15409	3350	3288	10
Boston University	30776	11810	11665	194
Emerson College	4792	2440	619	5
Emmanuel College	1847	1259	238	5
Fisher College	748	271	149	9
Franklin Institute of Technology	409	0	211	0
Harvard University (Boston-Based Schools)	4250	1371	932	14
Massachusetts College of Art	1856	700	361	3
MA College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	4018	715	1401	4
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	11939	0	1267	23
MGH Institute of Health Professions	1566	0	265	0
New England College of Optometry	523	0	381	0
New England Conservatory	807	229	457	1
New England Law / Boston	1062	0	346	0
Northeastern University	35909	8102	12840	63
Sattler College	44	41	3	3
SHOWA Boston Institute	273	0	0	1
Simmons University	3236	989	301	9
St. John's Seminary	96	40	11	1
Suffolk University	6372	1433	2148	5
Tufts University/School of the MFA	3423	0	1523	1
University of Massachusetts/Boston	13213	447	3385	1
Urban College of Boston	461	0	168	0
Wentworth Institute of Technology	4020	1746	800	11
TOTALS	153,563	36,524	46,424	378



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

01-22-2022

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 TWENTY-FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (**\$24,154,518.85**) in the form of a grant, Federal FY 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department.

The grant would fund training for a class of 85 recruits at the BFD Training Academy and reimbursement for their salaries for 36 months.

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 Federal FY 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) 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 TWENTY-FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (**\$24,154,518.85**) would fund training for a class of 85 recruits at the BFD Training Academy and reimbursement for their salaries for 36 months. 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, Federal FY 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant award not to exceed the amount of TWENTY-FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (**\$24,154,518.85**).

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



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Michael Flaherty, *Chair*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

February 17, 2022

Dear Councilors:

The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice was referred the following dockets for consideration:

Docket #0159, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Four Million One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Eighty Five Cents (\$24,154,518.85) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund training for a class of 85 recruits at the BFD Training Academy and reimbursement for their salaries for 36 months.

Docket #0161, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY2021 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department.

Docket #0162, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (527,586.00) in the form of grant, for the FY21 Connected and Protect, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Boston Police Department. The grant will fund clinicians-directed project coordinator, community partnerships for translation and outreach and staff cost for Section 12 activities carried out by the Boston Emergency Services Team in partnership with the BPD Street Outreach Unit.

Docket #0163, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollar (491,316.00) in the form of a grant, for First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Cooperative Agreement, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund a collaborative effort between the Boston Fire Department First Responders, the Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, the Boston Public Health Commission and community-based organizations to improve the City's response to opioid overdoses. Year 4 of 4 year grant.

Docket #0164, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Thirteen Dollars (\$272,013.00) in the form of a grant for FY2021 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two Criminalist positions, overtime, lab supplies and continuing education expenses.

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These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu, and were referred to the Committee on January 26, 2022. A public hearing was held on Thursday, February 17, 2022. Testimony was taken from Commissioner John Dempsey, Boston Fire Department (BFD) on Dockets #0159 and 0163. Representatives from the Boston Police Department (BPD) included Kevin Kosiorek, Director, Crime Lab who provided testimony on Docket #0164. Captain Therese Komiski, Commander Family Justice Division, Lt. Richard Driscoll, Commander Sexual Assault Unit, provided testimony on Docket #0161. Jenna Savage, Deputy Director, Research and Development provided testimony on Dockets #0162 and 0166.

Summary of Legislation

Commissioner Dempsey testified on Docket #0159, a SAFER grant in the amount of \$24,154,518.85. This grant will be used to fund training for a class of 85 recruits at the Boston Fire Department. The Commissioner reported that this grant is the largest in the country and will save the City over \$24M over the next three years in salaries for the new recruits. The Commissioner reported that the Fire Department is currently down 130 firefighters due to retirement and attrition and plans for another class of 40 recruits to be put on. These funds will allow the Boston Fire Department to maintain staffing levels.

The Commissioner provided testimony on Docket #0163, which is in year 4 of a 4 year grant in the amount of \$491,316.00. This fund will be used in a collaborative effort between the Boston Fire Department First Responders, the Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, the Boston Public Health Commission, and the Boston Police Department. The Commissioner stated that they are trying to have the MBTA police involved as well. The Commissioner reported that this program is very effective and that the multi-coordinated efforts between these agencies help to improve the City's response time to the overwhelming opioid overdoses calls particularly in the Mass and Cass area.

BPD Captain Therese Kozmiski testified on Docket #0161, a grant in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 for FY 2021 to be administered by the BPD for the National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative. This grant will be used to cover the costs for overtime, travel and sub-awards and training for the Coordinator, Criminologist, and Victim Advocate positions. She described the types of services provided by the Department that include services for individuals and families affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence or exploitation. She indicated that the BPD works in partnership with several agencies including the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, several civilian organizations, and other partners including the Boston Area Rape Crisis (BARC). Lt. Richard Driscoll previewed the use of the grant, explaining that this is a 3 year grant to be used in coordinated efforts between the criminal justice system partners that will help to improve BPD's capacity to respond to violent crimes, through

the investigation and prosecution of cases resulting from sexual assault evidence and collection of lawfully owned DNA. These efforts will assist in the review, inventory and follow-up investigations of up to 100 unsolved sexual assault cases that pose the most significant threat to public safety.

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Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, I recommend moving the listed dockets from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At that time, my recommendation to the full Council will be as follows: **Dockets #0159, 0161, 0162, 0163, 0164, 0166 OUGHT TO PASS** for the reason stated above.



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Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice and



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

01-22-2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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The grant would fund three positions (Coordinator, Criminologist, and Victim Advocate), overtime, travel, sub-awards and training.

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 FY 2021 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative FUNDS, AWARDED BY the United States Department Of Justice.

WHEREAS, the the United States Department Of Justice, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

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Docket # _____

In City Council Passed _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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Michael Flaherty, Chair
Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice and



**City Of Boston · Massachusetts
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Michelle Wu**

01-22-2022

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 **FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS (\$491,316.00)** in the form of a grant, First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Cooperative Agreement, awarded by U.S. Health and Human Services to be administered by the Fire Department.

The grant would fund a collaborative effort between Boston Fire Department first responders, the Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, the Boston Public Health Commission, and community-based organizations, to improve the City's response to opioid overdoses. Year 4 of a 4 year grant.

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 First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Cooperative Agreement FUNDS, AWARDED BY U.S. Health and Human Services.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Health and Human Services, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS (**\$491,316.00**) would fund a collaborative effort between Boston Fire Department first responders, the Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, the Boston Public Health Commission, and community-based organizations, to improve the City's response to opioid overdoses. Year 4 of a 4 year grant. Therefore be it

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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**

01-22-2022

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 TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN DOLLARS **(\$272,013.00)** in the form of a grant, FY2021 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program, awarded by the United States Department Of Justice to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund two Criminalist positions, overtime, lab supplies, and continuing education expenses.

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

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In City Council Passed _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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by *Adam Cederbaum*

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston
Mayor Michelle Wu

January 31, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Real Estate Transfer Fees and Senior Property Tax Relief."

This Home Rule Petition will enable the City of Boston to impose a transfer fee of up to two percent on certain real estate transactions. This fee will greatly increase the resources available for affordable housing in Boston, including supporting the creation of new income-restricted housing, and the preservation of existing income-restricted housing.

This Home Rule Petition will also increase the housing stability for Boston's senior homeowners by expanding the eligibility of, and increasing the tax relief provided by, the 41C senior homeowner personal property tax exemption.

This legislation is similar to the 2019 Home Rule Petition passed by your Honorable Body. As with the 2019 version, it enables the City of Boston, by ordinance, to make exemptions from the transfer fee for affordable housing developments and other vulnerable populations, such as low-income seniors. However, this version exempts the first \$2 million of any transaction as opposed to applying the fee to the full value of sales over \$2 million. This change limits the fees borne by middle-class homeowners, especially long-term homeowners.

In addition, this new version provides further property tax relief for low-income seniors, which will help these seniors remain in their homes and preserve their asset so as to pass along this wealth to their children.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Home Rule Petition expeditiously so we can begin to advocate for passage at the State House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Wu".

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES AND SENIOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows

SECTION 1. Findings and Purpose. The general court finds and declares that a serious state of emergency exists in the city of Boston with respect to housing, whereby there is an inadequate supply of affordable housing, which is impacting quality of life and public health, contributing to housing insecurity, rent burden, homelessness, and increasing evictions, that rising housing costs and speculative real estate practices disproportionately impact protected classes, including households of color, and further finds that imposition of a fee on certain real estate transfers shall be applied, at the discretion of the city and with exemptions as detailed in this act, in order to mitigate the impacts of speculative market practices through the production of affordable and deeply affordable housing and by discouraging rapid repeat sales of property.

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five (5) years based on the percentage increase in the median citywide sales price for all properties, but shall not be reduced.

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SECTION 6. Exempt Transfers. The following transfers of real property interests shall be exempt from the fee established by this act: (1) transfers between family members, as may be defined by ordinance; (2) transfers of convenience, as may be defined by ordinance; or (3) transfers to the government of the United States or any other instrumentality, agency or subdivision thereof, or the commonwealth or any instrumentality or subdivision thereof.

SECTION 7. Acceptance of Fee by Ordinance; Further Exemptions and Regulation. The city may, by ordinance, accept and determine the amount of the fee and adjust the exempted value, pursuant to the structure detailed in sections 2 and 3, and may adopt additional exemptions for economically vulnerable populations, affordable housing developments, units of housing subject to deed restrictions, homeowners or beneficiaries of a city-approved homebuyer program, or other parties. The city may also specify requirements or conditions under which exemptions are granted and adopt regulations to implement or enforce said fee, consistent with this act.

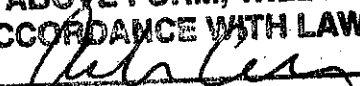
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SECTION 8. Annual Report. The city shall prepare and issue an annual report that (i) identifies fee receipts by payer category including buyers and sellers, location and unit type; and (ii) quantifies senior tax relief and affordable housing programs funded, including type and purpose.

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SECTION 10. Severance Clause. The determination or declaration that any provision of this act is beyond the authority of the general court or is preempted by law or regulation shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions.

SECTION 11. Effective Date. This act shall take effect immediately upon signing by the Governor.

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

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BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

February 28, 2022

Dear Councilors:

Docket #0222, message and order for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled “Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Real Estate Transfer Fees and Senior Property Tax Relief”, was sponsored by the Administration and referred to the Committee on Government Operations on February 2, 2022. The Committee on Government Operations held a hearing on February 10, 2022 where public comment was taken. The Committee also held a working session on February 25, 2022.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0222 is a home rule petition that would authorize the City of Boston to (1) impose a transfer fee to be paid on certain real estate transactions; and (2) expand the current senior property tax relief program. The transfer fee provisions would allow the City to impose a transfer fee of up to 2% on real estate sales over \$2 Million dollars, exempting the value of \$2 Million of the sale. The fee would be paid by the seller, and proof of fee payment and/or exemption, through receipt of a City certificate would be required to register the deed, for each transfer subject to the fee. The City would be allowed to reevaluate the \$2M exemption every 5 years, and increase it if necessary. The revenue from the fee would be deposited in the Neighborhood Housing Trust (NHT). Transfers between family members, transfers of convenience, and transfers to the government would be exempt. The City would outline specifics of the program through an ordinance, which could include: the exact fee, from 0-2%; additional allocations for fees beyond the NHT default; exemptions, including transfers to family members and transfers of convenience; and details of implementation, regulation or enforcement. The City would be required to generate an annual report related to fees collected and funds allocated.

The senior property tax relief provisions would adjust the income and asset limits for senior property tax relief eligibility under Mass General Laws 41C, which is the current authority for the City’s senior property tax relief program. Docket #0222 would increase the exemption amount from a base of \$1,000 to a base of \$1,500 (and increase the total potential exemption from \$2,000 to \$3,000); adjust income eligibility criteria from a fixed dollar amount just under \$25,000 to 50% AMI (currently \$47,000) for a single, and just under \$38,000 to 50% AMI (currently \$53,700) for a married couple; and adjust asset limits from \$40,000 to \$80,000 for a single, and \$55,000 to \$110,000 for a married couple.

Information Gathered at the Hearing and Working Session

At the February 10 hearing, Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon, Mayor's Office of Housing Deputy Director of Policy Tim Davis, Commissioner of Assessing Nick Ariniello, and Age Strong Commissioner Emily Shea testified on behalf of the Administration. Chief Dillon began by providing a general overview of the proposed home rule petition, stressing that this home rule addresses a fact that all councilors are aware of, which is that too many Boston residents are struggling with housing. She stated that 15,000 seniors in the

City are paying more than 30% of their income (often fixed) for rent, 60,000 non-senior households are also rent-burdened, over 40,000 people are on the waitlist for Boston Housing Authority (BHA) housing, on any given night in the City, there are 900 individuals who are homeless, and as of the last census, there were 900 families living in Boston family shelters. We know for families to build wealth and stay in the City, they need to have access to affordable housing. In order to expand affordable housing, we need increased revenue streams to do so. Chief Dillon explained that over the past few years, the City has made great strides in this work, including increasing the annual budgeted amount for housing development and housing programs, the passage of the Community Preservation Act (CPA), aggressive pursuits of state and federal grant opportunities, and the increase of linkage payments, but the transfer fee proposed in the home rule could provide so much more in resources. She reviewed current City spending on the creation and preservation of affordable housing, excluding BHA, which last year totaled \$71 Million.

Mr. Davis explained that the proposed transfer fee on real estate transactions will provide much needed revenue for affordable housing and housing stability programs. As written, the home rule would exempt the first \$2 Million of any real estate transaction (one difference from the 2019 version passed by the Council which did not exempt any portion of the value of an eligible transaction); allows for a fee of up to two percent (exact fee to be determined by ordinance); and enables the City to make additional exemptions by ordinance. He stated that, based on 2021 sales, a one percent transfer fee would have raised a one-year total of almost \$45 Million, and a two percent fee would have raised \$99.7 Million. Based on 2021 sales, the fee would have affected 704 transactions across the City, the majority of which would have been in downtown neighborhoods and on high-priced condominiums, as well as larger commercial transactions.

Commissioner Ariniello explained that another difference between the current proposal and the 2019 version, is the addition of provisions that expand the City's senior property tax exemption under Chapter 41C. He explained that currently, seniors can get up to \$2,000 off their property taxes, and the program is targeted towards very low income seniors with very few assets. The proposal in the home rule would update the program to increase the exemption amount from a base of \$1,000 to a base of \$1,500 (and increase the total potential exemption from \$2,000 to \$3,000). It would also revise the income limits to take into account both an increase and added flexibility, moving from a fixed dollar amount just under \$25,000 to 50% AMI (currently \$47,000) for a single, and just under \$38,000 to 50% AMI (currently \$53,700) for a married couple; and increase the asset limits from \$40,000 to \$80,000 for a single, and \$55,000 to \$110,000 for a married couple. He noted that asset limits do not include the value of the property in which the homeowner lives.

Commissioner Shea concluded by highlighting how both components of the home rule proposal would help seniors in need of affordable housing or having trouble meeting their expenses, noting that 74% of individuals and 44% of elder couples living independently in Boston have incomes below the elder index, meaning they have less income than it costs them to live in the City.

The Committee discussed in further detail the changes between the 2019 legislation as passed by the Council and the current proposal. Mr. Davis stated that the main difference is that instead of \$2M being a trigger for a fee on the entire purchase price, the first \$2M of any purchase is now exempt from the fee. The other main change is pairing it with the senior tax exemption expansion. Mr. Davis explained that based on 2021 sales, with a 1% fee, the City would have gotten just under \$64M based on the 2019 proposal, and would get just under \$50M based on the current proposal. He noted that property values have increased 7.5% since 2019. It was noted that a similar proposal was also filed by Acting Mayor Janey last year, in which the exemption was \$3M. The Chair noted that an additional change made in the current proposal is that it allows the legislature to make changes to the form and substance of the law so long as it's in line with the general objectives, even if those changes are major. Chief Dillon explained that the Administration's thinking in allowing the legislature the flexibility to make changes is that it will

make it more likely that the legislation will pass. The Chair also asked for clarification on what would happen if the current proposal is passed, given that the 2019 version is currently in committee at the State House. Mr. Davis stated that they assume the State would shift focus to the new version if it receives support from the Council and Mayor.

The Committee heard public testimony in favor of the proposal and also testimony advising caution. Points included that much of the property that would be subject to the transfer fee is owned by absentee owners, speculators and flippers; that the fee could be a gamechanger given that the market cannot build the kind of housing that Boston needs; that the 2019 version recently received a favorable report in committee, so the City would need to move on this new proposal quickly; that the fee is insignificant to an individual given what a purchaser would pay even for a real estate agent, but that the resulting funds would be significant for supporting affordable housing efforts; and caveats about not impacting those homeowners not gaming to profit from their sale.

At the February 25 working session, Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon, Mayor's Office of Housing Deputy Director of Policy Tim Davis, Commissioner of Assessing Nick Ariniello, and Intergovernmental Relations Chief of Staff Neil Doherty testified on behalf of the Administration. The Committee discussed various concerns, including overlap with other pending state legislation, requiring reevaluations of the exempted value amount that account for inflation, and the extent of the amendability provision. The Administration explained that, regarding similar pending state legislation, there are several tax breaks that will impact residents included in the Governor's budget, but they would not be in conflict with the senior property tax relief expansion proposed in the home rule. Additionally, it was explained that despite potential overlap, the current proposal would provide Boston with the best remedies for its residents. Regarding the exempted value amount, councilors suggested the addition of language for a sliding scale for the exempted value, as well the flexibility to increase the exempted value with inflation and market values. The Administration explained that the intent was for the exemption value to be a baseline, and that the ordinance could specify actual exemption amounts, as well as adjust the amount up to account for inflation. Suggestions were made to edit the language to reevaluate the exemption every three years (rather than five) and call specifically for reevaluations at these intervals. Regarding the amendability provision, the Administration stated that given interest from multiple municipalities and the multi-year conversations on the topic of the transfer fee, giving the State maximum flexibility would increase the bill's chance of passage. The Council expressed concerns about the broadness of the current language, which allows the Legislature to "reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition." The Chair suggested limiting this language slightly, even just to specify the objectives laid out in the bill itself; Mr. Doherty responded that he would have to check with the Law Department.

At the hearing and at the working session, the Administration stressed that the actual fee structure and other details relating to the transfer fee would not be set by the passage of Docket #0222; passage of Docket #0222 would merely provide the City with the authority to take action should it choose, the details of which would be determined by ordinance. Docket #0222 allows the City access to another tool in its toolbox to address the affordable housing crisis.

Recommended Changes and Action

Based upon information gathered at the hearing and working session and follow-up with the Administration, the following change has been made:

Section 3, Exempted Value is amended to change the evaluation period from five years to three years, and also direct the evaluations to happen. The provision now reads:

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The Chair suggested an additional edit to limit the breadth of the current amendability provision from general public objectives to the home rule's listed purposes, however the Administration was not amenable to this change.

Passage of **Docket #0222** in its amended version will provide property tax relief to vulnerable senior residents, and provide the City with the authority and maximum flexibility to impose a transfer fee on certain real estate, the revenue from which will contribute to much needed resources for affordable housing in the City of Boston.

The Committee on Government Operations, to which the following was referred:

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submits a report recommending that this docket **ought to pass in a new draft.**



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SECTION 11. Effective Date. This act shall take effect immediately upon signing by the Governor.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

Home Rule Petition

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, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the required scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: SECURING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

SECTION 1.

The General Court finds and declares that a serious state of emergency exists in the City of Boston regarding environmental injustice and climate change, whereby residents of the City suffer from air and water pollution and a lack of open space and tree canopy, and whereby environmental justice communities bear a disproportionate burden of industrial pollution, risk of extreme heat and flood, and displacement from natural and unnatural forces, and further finds that additional safeguards are needed to secure the environmental rights afforded to all residents pursuant to Article XCVII of the Massachusetts Constitution with regards to the siting and operation of energy and industrial projects.

SECTION 2.

Section 6 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

The Boston Zoning Commission shall, within one calendar year of enactment of this section, promulgate zoning rules and regulations to govern the review of filings, petitions or proposals by public service corporations.

SECTION 3.

Section 7 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, is hereby amended by inserting at the conclusion of Section 7 the following paragraph:-

Upon a determination that a use or a proposed use of a building, structure or land in the City of Boston would impede the attainment of environmental rights afforded to residents of the Commonwealth pursuant to Article XCVII of the Massachusetts Constitution or frustrate the Environmental Justice principles as defined in Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021, the Building Commissioner of the City of Boston may issue a stop work order. The Building Commissioner shall indicate the purpose, rationale, conditions and duration or permanency of such order, and provide instruction to public officers concerning the suspension or rescission of any permit, license or authorization associated with such use or proposed use.

SECTION 4.

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

Filed on: March 1, 2022

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN J. MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY TWO

HOME RULE PETITION

Public Health Reform in the City of Boston

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Health Act of 1995 (Chapter 147) established a new, comprehensive health care system to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing healthcare environment.; *and*

WHEREAS, Chapter 147 abolished the Department of Health & Hospitals and established the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) in its place. With City Council approval, the legislation allowed the City to merge or consolidate the operations and assets of the hospitals with the Boston University Medical Center Hospital; *and*

WHEREAS, There is hereby established a body politic and corporate and political subdivision of the commonwealth to be known as the Boston public health commission. The commission is hereby constituted a public instrumentality and the exercise by the commission of the powers conferred by this act shall be deemed and held to be the performance of an essential public function. The commission shall not be subject to the supervision of any other department, commission, board, bureau, agency or officer of the city except to the extent and in the manner provided in this act; *and*

WHEREAS, Subject to sections five and six of this act, the powers of the commission shall be exercised by or under the supervision of a board of seven members, hereinafter called The Board. Six members of the commission shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the approval of the city council, two of whom shall be trustees, officers or medical directors of neighborhood health centers which are affiliated with Boston City Hospital or the hospital; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Health Commission declared a public health emergency on March 15, 2020 and extended this declaration on April 24, 2020; *and*

WHEREAS, The board normally meets once every two months, and has only met fourteen times in the last two years during the global Covid-19 pandemic; *and*

WHEREAS, The board did not have any public hearings or votes of the BPHC Board when mandates were instituted, like other neighboring cities or towns did during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, When the board last met on January 12th, there was only 15 minutes set aside on the agenda to discuss Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, This reform legislation proposes to increase the accountability and transparency of the Boston Public Health Commission Board by mandating that they meet at least monthly in public in ordinary times and at least weekly in public during a declared state of emergency. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

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PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO Public Health Reform in the City of Boston

SECTION 1.

Ch.147 of the Acts of 1995 in hereby amended as follows:

- a) In Section 3 by: Substituting in subsection (b) the word “nine” for the word “seven”.
- b) Substituting in section (b) the word “seven” for the word “six”.
- c) Substituting in section (b) after the word “nominees” - “one of whom shall be employed as an emergency medical technician or paramedic appointed by the mayor from a list of not less than three nominees recommended by the president of the bargaining unit representing emergency medical technicians and paramedics in the city of Boston.
- d) Adding to subsection (c) after the word “Laws.”- Any public emergency declaration issued by the Executive Director acting as an agent on behalf of the Board, must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the board no later than 14 days of said declaration following a public meeting of the Board with input from the public to discuss the objective public health data informing the Board that a state of emergency declaration in necessary to the advance the public health of the people Boston.
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- f) Provided further that a state of emergency may only continue passed 90 days upon 2/3 vote of the Boston City Council following a public hearing to be held by its Committee

on Public Health to discuss the objective public health data informing the Commission to continue the state of emergency.

- g)** Provided further that any orders issued during the said state of emergency declaration require approval of a 2/3 vote of the Board to be in effect.
- h)** Provided further that the Board shall be required to hold monthly public meetings where a quorum is required; provided further that the board shall hold weekly public meetings during a declared state of emergency.
- i)** Provided further that all matters concerning the state of emergency and accompanying orders be approved by a public vote of the Board not to take place in executive session.
- j)** Provided further that the Board shall hold public meetings at least once monthly to discuss the state of the public's health in Boston and recommendations to further improve conditions with respect to public health in the City of Boston.
- k)** Provided further that the Board submit a report monthly as to the state of public health and recommended actions in the City of Boston to the Boston City Council's Committee of Public Health.
- l)** provided further that during a declared state of emergency, the Board shall hold a public meeting weekly and submit a report weekly as to the state of public health in the City of Boston and recommended actions to the Boston City Council Committee on Public Health weekly.

SECTION 2.

The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Filed in the City Council on: March 2, 2022



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS RESTORING
MUNICIPAL VOTING RIGHTS TO IMMIGRANTS
WITH LEGAL STATUS**

WHEREAS, The term ‘*immigrants with legal status*’ refers to Lawful Permanent Residents, visa holders, Temporary Protected Status recipients, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients; *and*

WHEREAS, According to the 2018 ‘*Public Charge Test for Inadmissibility*’ report from the Boston Planning and Development Agency, there are approximately 40,000 immigrants with legal status in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Immigrants make significant contributions to Boston’s economy. According to the 2018 American Community Survey, immigrants in Suffolk County paid \$2.1B in taxes and have approximately \$5.4B in spending power; *and*

WHEREAS, Disenfranchising any tax-payer from the electoral process is inconsistent with the fundamental American principle of “*No taxation without representation*” and undermines our City’s ideological foundation; *and*

WHEREAS, Immigrants represent 29% of our City’s population and serve as an integral part of the social, political, economic, and cultural fabric of the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Excluding such a significant portion of our City’s population from full political participation threatens the health of our democracy and prevents us from building a government from the bottom, a government of the people, by the people, for the people; *and*

WHEREAS, As of January 2022, fifteen municipalities across the country have restored municipal voting rights to non-citizens, including eleven in Maryland, two in Vermont, San Francisco, California, and New York City; *and*

WHEREAS, All our residents, regardless of citizenship status, deserve to have control over issues that affect their lives by participating in the democratic process and electing their municipal leaders; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

The appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss restoring municipal voting rights to immigrants with legal status. Representatives from the City of Boston, including the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Advancement, the Election Department, in addition to community advocates and members of the public, are encouraged to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND
LIBERTIES OF RETURNING CITIZENS AND RE-ENTRY INTO
THEIR BOSTON COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, Every year more than 3,000 people return to the City of Boston from prisons and jails, and most return from incarceration without a permanent place to live, stable income, or even a change of clothes ; *and*

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts Parole Commission found that Black and Latinx individuals are significantly overrepresented in and disproportionately affected by the criminal legal system in Massachusetts - Black people are 30% of inmates in Massachusetts state prisons and make up 18% of parole releases - moreover, studies show people of color are more likely to serve longer sentences, even after accounting for criminal history, demographics, initial charge severity, court jurisdiction, and neighborhood characteristics. ; *and*

WHEREAS, Probation fees in Massachusetts cost returning citizens more than \$20 million a year - \$65 and \$50 per month with an average probation sentence of 17-20 months and an average \$850-\$1,300 in monthly probation service fees - on top of many other court fines and fees ; *and*

WHEREAS, Increasing affordable and transitional housing in Boston is critical to the success of re-entry: a recent Boston reentry study indicates that twelve months after prison, 43 percent of individuals were staying in transitional or marginal housing ; *and*

WHEREAS, Even when a Parole Board grants a positive parole vote to an individual, it is not a guarantee of the individual's release as they must have an approved home plan, but a home plan is often denied because the client may not be listed as a tenant on a Section 8 lease due to federal regulations making it difficult for parolees to live with family in Section 8 housing ; *and*

WHEREAS, The prison system has long housed and held a significant portion of people with mental health disorders, and due to the lack of specialized services, often accelerates long-term mental health consequences, and when people leave prison many suffer from those long-term mental health consequences including a set of syndromes similar to PTSD but specific to the conditions of prison known as Post Incarceration Syndrome ; *and*

WHEREAS, The US Sentencing Commission found overall recidivism rates among older people were substantially less likely than younger offenders to recidivate following release:

over an eight-year period, 13.4 percent of offenders age 65 or older at the time of release ended up back in prison ; *and*

WHEREAS, People from communities of color between the ages of 18 and 19 are nearly 11 times more likely to be imprisoned than white males the same age, and nearly half of all are rearrested within eight years of their release ; *and*

WHEREAS, The majority, about 98 percent of returning citizens, don't have a valid driver's license, on average owing hundreds of dollars to get their licenses reinstated, and need assistance getting other important documents ; *and*

WHEREAS, 27 percent of returning citizens are looking for a job, but are still unemployed, and according to one study, a criminal record reduces the likelihood of a callback or job offer by nearly 50 percent, thus more than a quarter of formerly incarcerated people are unemployed ; *and*

WHEREAS, Studies show that correctional education and post correctional education programs are highly cost-effective pathways for reducing recidivism and improving postrelease employment outcomes. ; *and*

WHEREAS, Older returning citizens face particular challenges, as they are less likely to recidivate when compared to their younger counterparts, they experience higher rates of unemployment, homelessness, loneliness, and chronic medical conditions;

WHEREAS, Massachusetts is one of 14 states that prohibit people from voting while incarcerated for a felony in prison but return the right to vote immediately upon release, however evidence suggests that many reentering assume they remain disenfranchised upon release, and too often are not informed of their voting rights;

WHEREAS, Those served by the Office of Returning Citizens has grown by more than 700% since their first year of service in 2017, and over the last four years has served more than 1,100 clients and has provided more than 2,700 referrals to Boston providers and is currently acting as the primary referral and direct services provider for Boston's returning citizens on a limited budget; *and*

WHEREAS, Our prison and punishment system upholds a structurally racist society by disproportionately imprisoning those in Black and Latinx communities and perpetuates those inequities by providing limited resources for social and economic growth opportunity upon release from incarceration; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and their re-entry into their Boston communities, and that the Office of Returning Citizens, related departments, government entities, non-profits, and interested individuals be invited to testify.

Filed in Council: March 2, 2022



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ORGANIZATION OF QUASI-PUBLIC AND SEMI-INDEPENDENT ENTITIES RELATED TO THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** There are several entities related to the City of Boston that are authorities, commissions, corporations, or other agencies which are organized as quasi-public, semi-independent, or instrumentalities of the Commonwealth serving as legally separate bodies for which the City has varying degrees of oversight, appointing authority, and financial accountability; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Official publications detail the function and fiscal status of quasi-public and semi-independent entities as governmental component units of the City, including in the Office of Budget Management’s annual fiscal year budget document and in the Auditing Department’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), *and*
- WHEREAS,** As public bodies subject to the Open Meeting Law, notices and agendas of hearings and meetings of such entities are accessible on the Public Notices section of the City of Boston website, including those archived since 2016, *and*
- WHEREAS,** Several notable such entities include the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and the Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC) d/b/a Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC), the Boston Finance Commission (“FinComm”), and the Trustees of the Boston Public Library (TPL); *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) is a public body politic and corporate that is an instrumentality of the Commonwealth legally separate from the City, managed and controlled by an Administrator appointed by the Mayor, overseen by a Monitoring Committee appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) was established in 1995 a quasi-independent body politic and corporate that is an instrumentality of the Commonwealth legally separate from the City, and is governed by a seven-member board, six of whom are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, and one of whom is the chief executive officer of the Boston Medical Center; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) d/b/a Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) was established in 1957 as a public body politic and corporate legally separate from the City, combining the City’s redevelopment and planning board authority with certain powers of the state Department of Community Affairs, and is governed by a five-member board, with four appointed

by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, and one appointed by the Governor; *and*

WHEREAS, The Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC) d/b/a Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) established in 1971 as a quasi-public body politic and corporate, legally separate from the City as an entity of the Commonwealth, functions separately from the BRA but is governed by the same board members following a 1993 merger, and is affiliated with the Boston Local Development Corporation (BLDC), Boston Industrial Development Financing Authority (BIDFA), and the Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development (OWD); *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) was established in 1977 as a public body politic and corporate that is an instrumentality of the Commonwealth legally separate from the City, and is overseen by a three-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Finance Commission was initially established by Order of the City Council in 1907 and in the City Charter in 1909, comprises five commissioners appointed by the Governor, and operates as a non-mayoral department; *and*

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Boston Public Library is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization founded in 1848 to facilitate the City’s public library system, is legally separate from the City, governed by trustees appointed by the Mayor; *and*

WHEREAS, It is of the public interest and the responsibility of the legislative branch of city government to both be familiar with the general organization of the several quasi-public and independent entities of the City of Boston, as well as to review their respective enabling acts from time to time; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a committee meeting to discuss the organization of quasi-public and semi-independent entities related to the City of Boston, and that the appropriate representatives of the Law Department, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, and Mayoral Administration, and members of the public be invited to attend.

Filed in City Council: February 28, 2022



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE UNPROVOKED INVASION AND EGREGIOUS ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

- WHEREAS,** Massachusetts is home to thousands of Ukrainian Americans and to millions who care deeply for and stand strongly in support of the Ukrainian people; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On January 21, 1990, more than 300,000 Ukrainians called for unity and independence from the Soviet Union by forming a human chain between the cities of Kyiv and Ivano-Frankivsk; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On August 24, 1991, the elected Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine declared the independence of Ukraine from the Soviet Union with an overwhelming majority vote; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On December 1, 1991, more than 90 percent of Ukrainian citizens voted in a national referendum in support of independence, with majorities in every region; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On February 8, 1994, Ukraine was the first member state of the Commonwealth of Independent States to join the Partnership for Peace program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and has since been recognized as an Enhanced Opportunities Partner; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On December 5, 1994, in an effort to solidify security commitments to Ukraine in return for its nuclear disarmament, the United States, the Russian Federation, and the United Kingdom signed the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances, whereby each country pledged to respect the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine's borders while refraining from the threat or use of force against Ukraine; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On November 22, 2004, Ukrainians peacefully took to the streets in protest of a fraudulent presidential election, beginning the Orange Revolution and resulting in new elections under free and fair conditions; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On November 21, 2013, the Euromaidan protests began in favor of signing the European Union-Ukraine Association Agreement, resulting in the Revolution of Dignity and the removal of President Viktor Yanukovich by the Verkhovna Rada; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On February 20, 2014, the military of the Russian Federation, without merit or cause, invaded the eastern part of the free and independent country of Ukraine, including the Crimean Peninsula, and backed a separatist insurgency in the Donbas region in eastern Ukraine, where fighting has killed over 14,000 people and millions more displaced; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Throughout 2021 and early 2022, Russia deployed a massive troop and weapons buildup on the border with Ukraine, and in the early morning of February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin launched a large-scale invasion of sovereign Ukraine;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council –

- (1) Condemns the Russian Federation’s illegal military invasion of Ukraine, its annexation of Crimea in 2014, its direct and indirect involvement in armed conflicts in eastern Ukraine, its human rights violations carried out in these territories, and the passportization of citizens in occupied Donbas and Crimea;
- (2) Affirms its unwavering support for Ukraine’s independence, sovereignty, self-governance, and territorial integrity by calling for the immediate cessation of the violent and illegal Russian military invasion of Ukraine which has lacked regard for civilian lives;
- (3) Commends the courage, resolve, and resilience shown by the Ukrainian people in their pursuit of sovereignty and democracy, and pays tribute to the many who gave their lives in pursuit of a free and democratic Ukraine;
- (4) Stands unequivocally with the people of Ukraine, including overseas Ukrainians and Ukrainian Americans in the City of Boston and their loved ones; and
- (5) Calls on the Federal government to increase continuing humanitarian support and aid efforts in the resettlement of the estimated three to five million Ukrainian refugees who will be displaced by the war.

Filed in City Council: February 28, 2022

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 2022

Councilor Flynn
(Councilor Bok)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, February 26, 2022 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 18, 2022.

BiWeekly Payroll

Lauren Brody	Secretary	\$570.00	part time
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BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 2022

Councilor Flynn
(Councilor Flaherty)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, February 26, 2022 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 18, 2022.

BiWeekly Payroll

Mary Karski	Administrative Asst	\$1,807.70	full time
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BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 2022

Councilor Flynn

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, March 5, 2022 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 18, 2022.

BiWeekly Payroll

Ana E. Calderon	Secretary	\$1,961.54	full time
Charles Levin	Secretary	\$2,923.08	full time
Melissa Lo	Secretary	\$1,346.16	full time
Sophia Wang	Secretary	\$2,038.48	full time
Vanessa Woo	Administrative Asst.	\$1,961.54	full time



Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the March 2, 2022 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

¹Section 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.

Assigned for Further Action

On the Table

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: relative to the COVID-19 vaccination mandate for City of Boston employees. (Docket #0156)

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: relative to to the Best Western Roundhouse Hotel. (Docket #0157)

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.

Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor³

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.

2022 MATTERS IN COMMITTEE

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0194	Bok	Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 recovery funds.	1 /26/2022	3/4/22	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0265	Baker		An order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant funded through the coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery fund (CLFRF) in the Treasury of the United States established by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury.	2 /9 /2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0196	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding municipal broadband for the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0202	Breadon		Order for a hearing regarding the BCYF Jackson Mann Community Center and services in Allston-Brighton.	1 /26/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0223	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 FY22 Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Office on Disability to be administered by the Commission for Person with Disabilities. The grant will fund the installation of a vertical lift to the third floor mezzanine.	2 /2 /2022	2/10/22	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0241	Bok	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding a supplemental sidewalk clearance program during snowstorms in Boston.	2 /2 /2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0242	Bok	Breadon, Flaherty	Order for a hearing regarding recycling, compost, and waste services in the City of Boston.	2 /2 /2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0246	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address the changes to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that the Vaccine Mandate Created.	2 /2 /2022	2/11/22	

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services & Innovation Technology	0272	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY22 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective bargaining by Two Million Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Nine Dollars (\$2,016,409.00) to provide funding for various departments for FY22 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and SENA.	2 /23/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0273	Mayor		Message and orders for a supplemental appropriation order for various departments for FY22 in the amount of Two Million Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Nine Dollars (\$2,016,409.00) to cover the FY22 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and SENA. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. The major provisions of the contacts include base wage increases of 2%, 1.5%, and 2% to be given in October of each fiscal year of the contract term.	2 /23/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0290	Flynn	Mejia, Bok	Order for a hearing to discuss ways for the city to increase communications access for people with disabilities to public-facing televisions.	2 /23/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0292	Breadon		Order for a hearing regarding access to low-cost veterinary care.	2 /23/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0293	Breadon	Louiguene	Order for a hearing regarding transparency and publication of the Organization of City Government, the City Charter, and City Ordinances.	2 /23/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0311	Flaherty	Breadon, Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the safety of construction sites in the City of Boston.	2 /23/2022		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0197	Mejia		Order for a hearing addressing civil rights in the creation of sanctuary safe spaces in Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0264	Majja	Flynn	Order that the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a working session to review applications for the Commission on Black Men and Boys.	2 /9 /2022	3/10/22	

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Education	0198	Mejia		Order for a hearing addressing sexual assault and harassment in Boston Public Schools.	1 /26/2022		
Education	0199	Mejia		Order for a hearing on state receivership for Boston Public Schools.	1 /26/2022		
Education	0201	Breadon		Order for a hearing regarding the Jackson/Mann and Horace Mann BPS school communities.	1 /26/2022		
Education	0261	Flaherty	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss declining enrollment at Boston Public Schools.	2 /9 /2022		
Education	0294	Worrell	Murphy, Flaherty	Order for a hearing regarding a cradle to career tracking system.	2 /23/2022		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	0195	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding a city-level Conservation Corps for Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	0243	Bok	Breadon, Flaherty	Order for a hearing regarding gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment.	2 /2 /2022		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	0275	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant (the "Grant") in the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) awarded by the Barr Foundation, to be administered by the Mayor's Office. The grant will support the national search process to fill the position of Senior Advisor for the Green New Deal for the City of Boston.	2 /23/2022		
Government Accountability, Transparency, & Access	0200	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment	1 /26/2022		

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Government Operations	0185	Mejia	Bok	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Granting the City of Boston the Authority to Provide Legal Voting Rights in Municipal Elections for City of Boston Residents Aged 16 and 17 Years Old.	1 /26/2022	3/15/22	
Government Operations	0187	Arroyo	Mejia	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1 /26/2022	3/7/22	
Government Operations	0188	Arroyo	Mejia	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022	3/31/22	
Government Operations	0189	Arroyo	Breadon	Ordinance establishing protections for the City of Boston Tree Canopy.	1 /26/2022		
Government Operations	0222	Mayor		Message and order for your approval a Home Rule petition to the General Court entitled " Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Real Estate Transfer Fees and Senior Property Tax Relief".	2 /2 /2022	2/10/22	2/25/22 Working Session
Government Operations	0239	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson, Worrell	An Ordinance Creating a Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans.	2 /2 /2022		
Government Operations	0247	Mejia		Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to establish formula retail uses.	2 /2 /2022		
Government Operations	0259	Mejia	Arroyo	An ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XV, Section X and establishing the Boston Fair Chance Act.	2 /9 /2022	3/8/22	
Housing & Community Development	0190	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding increasing public housing in the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0193	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding reducing barriers to securing rental housing in Boston.	1 /26/2022		

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Housing & Community Development	0204	Bok	Breadon, Louijuene	Order for a hearing regarding homeownership assistance including for first-generation homebuyers.	1 /26/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0244	Breadon	Bok, Louijuene	Order for a hearing to review affirmative marketing practices for re-leasing existing affordable rental units generated by the Inclusionary Development Policy.	2 /2 /2022		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0291	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	2 /23/2022		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0296	Louijuene		Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	2 /23/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0191	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding zoning relief for affordable projects.	1 /26/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0192	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding using planning and land-use tools for public good.	1 /26/2022	3/3/22	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0245	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address the youth mental health crisis in our city.	2 /2 /2022		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0263	Baker	Murphy	Order for a hearing to address the public health declaration of 2020.	2 /9 /2022	2/24/22	2/17/22 Hearing rescheduled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0159	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Four Million One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Eighty Five Cents (\$24,154,518.85) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund training for a class of 85 recruits at the BFD Training Academy and reimbursement for their salaries for 36 months.	1 /26/2022	2/17/22	

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0161	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY 2021 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund three positions (Coordinator, Criminologist, and Victim Advocate) overtime, travel and sub-awards and training.	1 /26/2022	2/17/22	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0162	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$527,586.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY21 Connected and Protect, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Boston Police Department. The grant will fund clinician-directed project coordinator, community partnerships for translation and outreach and staff cost for Section 12 activities carried out by the Boston Emergency Services Team in partnership with the BPD Street Outreach Unit.	1 /26/2022	2/17/22	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0163	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$491,316.00) in the form of a grant, for First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Cooperative Agreement, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund a collaborative effort between the Boston Fire Department First Responders, The Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, the Boston Public Health Commission and community-based organizations to improve the City's response to opioid overdoses. Year 4 of a 4 year grant.	1 /26/2022	2/17/22	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0164	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Thirteen Dollars (\$272,013.00) in the form of a grant for FY2021 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two Criminalist positions, overtime, lab supplies and continuing education expenses.	1 /26/2022	2/17/22	

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0166	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY21 Violence Against Women Act Stop grant, awarded by the United State Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Civilian Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain, East Boston, Charlestown and overtime for all Domestic Violence Advocates.	1 /26/2022	2/17/22	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0274	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Ten Cents (\$1,642,723.10) in the form of a grant for, the FY22 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution and reintegration programs.	2 /23/2022		
Ways & Means	0262	Flaherty		Order for a hearing to discuss offering property tax abatements to property owners in the Newmarket area.	2 /9 /2022		
Ways & Means	0295	Louijuene	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing and community investments.	2 /23/2022		

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Joanna Edwards

In Recognition of:

Your amazing work on the Thumbprint Realty Leadership Team

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 copy thereof transmitted by
the Clerk of the City of Boston.



By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Scintas
INTERIM Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Julia [Signature]

Date: February 17, 2022

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Ashley Rose

In Recognition of:

For her commitment to utilizing the arts to uplift the strengths in our struggles.

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 copy thereof transmitted by
the Clerk of the City of Boston.



By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Ally Sventos
INTERIM Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Julia [Signature]

Date: February 17, 2022

City of Boston

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CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

presented by

Council President Ed Flynn

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

The Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau

In recognition of:

Your exceptional work and leadership in welcoming visitors and tourists to our city. Your visitor center and website serve as a great resource for visitors as well as locals to find exciting events to do throughout the year. Your invaluable efforts and partnerships with the arts, business, cultural, retail and local sectors have driven and continue to drive the economy of Boston and the Greater Boston area. We are grateful for all you do to make Boston such a welcoming and exciting city for all.

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: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Goulet
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: February 17, 2022,

City of Boston

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Official Resolution

presented by

Council President Ed Flynn

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

Al McClain

In recognition of:

Your many talents as an artist and athlete. Your portraits are a colorful and vibrant celebration of our sports and everyday heroes who work hard, strive for excellence, and give back to our communities. Like them, we commend your continued support and dedication to mentoring and coaching youth sports in our communities and bringing people together. On Black History Month, we celebrate and congratulate you on your many accomplishments, and we thank you for sharing your incredible talents with us!

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: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guintas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Ivan Richiez

In Recognition of:

Artistic Contribution to the Boston City Council's Black History Month Celebration ; 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: Edward M. T. Lynn
President of the City Council
Attest: Alex Goulet
INTERIM Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: Kencha Jara
Date: 2/23/2022



**Official Resolution
of Councilor Frank Baker**

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

The People's Academy

In Recognition of:

**Celebrating Black History Month:
Honoring Black Artists**

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.

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Kris Nevaeh

In Recognition of:

Boston City Council Black History Month Celebration

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: _____

City of Boston

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Official Resolution

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune

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

Vartsy Noel

In Recognition of:

Boston City Council Black History Month Celebration

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: _____

City of Boston
IN
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Official Resolution
of Councilor Ricardo Arroyo

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

Reverend Dr. Barbara J. Simmons

In Recognition of:

Her Contributions to the Hyde Park Community

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council celebrates Reverend Dr. Barbara J. Simmons' retirement after 27 years of service in the Ministry and 17 years as the pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church; be it further Resolved that the 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: Edward M. Tully
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Scrimas
INTERIM Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ra
City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo

Date: 2/23/2022

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution
of Councilor Brian Worrell

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

Ashleigh Gordon

For your incredible contributions as a Black musician,
educator, and leader in celebrating Black artistry through
Castle of our Skins

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: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council
Attest: Alex Avantia
INTERIM Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: Brian Worrell
Date: 2-23-22

City of Boston
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Official Resolution
of Councilor Ricardo Arroyo

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

Wyatt Jackson

In Recognition of:

His Exemplary Dedication to the Arts

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council celebrates Wyatt Jackson's dedication to creating a thriving community through his art; be it further Resolved that the 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: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guintas
INTERIM Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ra
City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo

Date: 2/23/2022

City of Boston
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Official Resolution
of Councilor Brian Worrell

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

Maureen Gilbert

For your service to your country and to your fellow veterans
through volunteerism

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: Edward M. Tully
President of the City Council
Attest: Alex Quintas
Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: Brian Worrell
Date: 2/18/22

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution of Councilor Brian Worrell

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

Robert Santiago

For your service to your country and to your fellow veterans
through the Massachusetts Veterans Services Officer
Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American
Legion

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: Edward M. Tully
President of the City Council
Attest: Alex Avontas
INTERIM Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: Brian Worrell
Date: 2/18/22

City of Boston
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Official Resolution
of Councilor Brian Worrell

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

Haywood Fennell

For your service to your country in Vietnam and to your fellow
veterans through TriAd Veterans

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: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council
Attest: Alex Avontas
INTERIM Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: Brian Worrell
Date: 2/18/22

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution of Councilor Brian Worrell

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

Donald Callander

For your service to your country in Korea and becoming the first
POC to achieve Sergeant in the Massachusetts State Police

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: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Goulet
INTERIM Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Brian Worrell

Date: 2/18/22

City of Boston
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Official Resolution
of Councilor Brian Worrell

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

Ernest Washington, Jr.

For your service to your country in Vietnam, receiving the
Purple Heart and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry

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: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council
Attest: Alex Soutos
INTERIM Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: Brian Worrell
Date: 2/18/22

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution of Councilor Brian Worrell

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

Ron E. Armstead

For your service to your country and to your fellow veterans
through the Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Braintrust

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: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Acostas
INTERIM Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Brian Worrell

Date: 2/18/22

City of Boston
IN
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION
OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
EXTENDS ITS APPRECIATION TO:

ERIC KRAUSS

IN RECOGNITION OF:

YOUR SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS AS THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF
OPERATING & FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, YOUR LEADERSHIP
HAS HELPED MADE THE AQUARIUM INTO AN INDISPENSABLE CULTURAL INSTITUTION IN OUR
CITY, AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL HEREBY EXPRESSES ITS BEST
WISHES FOR YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS AND 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 CITY OF BOSTON.

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: February 24, 2022