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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF THE FIFA WORLD CUP FAN MARCHES ON BASIC CITY SERVICES

WHEREAS, With the FIFA World Cup fast-approaching in June, outstanding issues remain as it relates to security, public safety, and transportation concerns. Specifically, neighbors have raised concerns on how the events will impact basic city services; *and*

WHEREAS, Reports indicate that local police departments at other sites across the country are planning for the potential for unplanned assemblies and “fan marches“, which are a part of international soccer culture. There have been reports over the last several months at the city and/or state level on actively coordinating these fan marches, where thousands of people will gather at City Hall, the Boston Common, and even Medal of Honor Park in South Boston before marching to the Thomas M. Menino Convention and Exhibition Center (MCEC); *and*

WHEREAS, Neighbors have noted that rideshare (Uber/Lyft) pick up and drop off for thousands of visitors and marchers at this scale would only exacerbate longtime pedestrian safety issues and South Boston's existing parking crisis; *and*

WHEREAS, Moreover, a plan to potentially shut down Summer Street, which would not only result in traffic congestion in the city for every game this summer, it would negatively impact operations for many nearby businesses in the South Boston Waterfront, and essentially close Conley Terminal - a key driver of our state, local, and regional economy; *and*

WHEREAS, In addition, the last day of Boston Public Schools (BPS) is slated to be Monday, June 22nd, and this additional traffic re-routed throughout the city would potentially impact transportation for BPS families; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents and small businesses have also raised concerns regarding the ability to deliver basic city services, such as trash removal and street sweeping, during this time, as there are reports that Summer Street and others may be shut down; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the impact of the FIFA World Cup fan march on the ability to deliver

basic city services, and that the Boston Transportation Department, Department of Public Works, the Boston Police Department, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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