



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- 0459** Message and order for your approval, an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$2,945.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the New York Typographical Union CWA Local 14156.
- 0460** Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for various departments for the FY24 in the amount of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$2,945.00) to cover the FY24 cost items contained with the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the New York Typographical Union CWA Local 14156. The terms of the contract are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include base wage increases of 2% to be given in January of each fiscal year of the contract term and a flat amount of \$500, \$250, \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year, after the 2% increase.
Filed in Office of the City Clerk on March 4, 2024.
- 0461** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$2,650,633.20) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 State Elder Lunch Program, awarded by the MA

Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston, at a rate of \$7.39 per meal for up to 358,679 meals.

0462 Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston (the “City”) to modify the expenditure in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), previously accepted by City Council on July 13, 2022 to support municipal infrastructure for food waste disposal. Such Grant Payment was made from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in the Treasury of the United States established by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

0463 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Five Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (1,525,380.77) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY24 Nutrition Services Incentive Program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund the Age Strong Commission’s nutrition program that delivers meals to homes of older adults and at congregate sites in the City of Boston.

0464 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$187,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the East Boston Foundation Fund II, awarded by the Massachusetts Port Authority to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund Age Strong Commission’s operations and management of the East Boston Senior Center.

0465 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Creative Aging Program, awarded by Goddard House Assisted Living to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund bringing arts programming to older adults in Boston.

0466 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$36,615.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement State formula allocation, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the Massachusetts State Police / Crime Laboratory, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund training and continuing education for forensic examiners, criminalists and laboratory personnel.

[0467](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program for The Boston Community Leadership Academy 7-12 School (BCLA) pursuant to M.G.L. c. 70B, § 5. The Statement of Interest describes and explains the deficiencies within the school facility that prevents Boston Public Schools (BPS) from delivering their desired educational program.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

[0468](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Richard Claytor, as a member to the Commission on Black Men and Boys, expiring on December 31, 2024.

[0469](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Corey Thompson, as a member to the Commission on Black Men and Boys, expiring on December 31, 2024.

[0470](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Tevez Schail, as a member to the Commission on Black Men and Boys, expiring on December 31, 2024.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

[0168](#) The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on January 24, 2024, Docket #0168, Ordinance with respect to Honey Bees, submits a report recommending that the Ordinance ought to pass in a new draft.

[0169](#) The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on January 24, 2024, Docket #0169, Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to Honey Bees, submits a report recommending that the docket ought to pass.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

[0471](#) **Councilor Fernandes Anderson and Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing.

[0472](#) **Councilor Louijeune and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a flag raising to celebrate Montserrat.

[0473](#) **Councilor Durkan and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a

hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 Recovery Funds.

- 0474** **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks statue.
- 0475** **Councilor Weber and Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy.
- 0476** **Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Order for a hearing on technological improvements in Boston School Bus transportation.
- 0477** **Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore the creation of Safe School Zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.
- 0478** **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing on provisions of temporary mental health treatment or interventions and preventions for children and youth before formal diagnosis.
- 0479** **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss projected commercial property tax values in Boston.
- 0480** **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing March 5th as Crispus Attucks Day in the City of Boston.
- 0481** **Councilor Louijeune and Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing March as Women's History Month.
- 0482** **Councilor Fernandes Anderson and Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution to ensure that Boston Public Schools effectively address the needs of its Muslim students.
- 0483** **Councilor Fernandes Anderson and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution to establish a digital marketplace pilot program.
- 0484** **Councilor Fernandes Anderson and Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Independence of the West African nation of Ghana and their liberation from British Colonialism on March 6th, 1957.
- 0485** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in support of establishing a blue ribbon commission to study strategies in filling Downtown office vacancies.
- 0486** **Councilor Fernandes Anderson and Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution to extend heartfelt wishes to the Muslim community during Ramadan.

0487 **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution to improve bus monitor pay rates and working conditions in the City of Boston.

0488 **Councilor Breadon and Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution calling for further measures to supplement inclusionary zoning and advance affordable housing in the City of Boston.

0489 **Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under section 17F relative to the "Sundays for All" Hearing Order.

0490 **Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under section 17F relative to the operations of and assets held by the BRA(d/b/a BPDA/EDIC).

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

0491 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Manuela Carvajal Suarez in City Council, effective March 11, 2024.

GREEN SHEETS:

6/2024 Legislative Calendar for March 6, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA:

0492 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Amy Camil Mariano Bello.

0493 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Wandel Tropman Tejada.

0494 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolutions recognizing five people as recipients of the Henry Knox Award.

0495 **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Arthur D'Angelo.

0496 **Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Mayra Correa.

0497 **Councilor Pepén, Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Richie Paris.

0498 **Councilor Pepén and Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating April Ricci.

0499 Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution in memory of Richard Patrick Lawlor.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 4, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by two thousand nine hundred forty-five dollars (\$2,945) to provide funding for a city department for the FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the New York Typographical Union, CWA Local 14156.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,945) TO COVER THE FY24 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE NEW YORK TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION, CWA LOCAL 14156.

ORDERED: That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, the sum of TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,945) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds and taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws: -

211000	Police Department	Personnel Services	\$2,945
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**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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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 4, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation Order for a city department for FY24 in the amount of two thousand nine hundred forty-five dollars (\$2,945) to cover the FY24 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the New York Typographical Union, CWA Local 14156. The terms of the contract are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. The major provision of the contract includes a base wage increase of 2% to be given in January of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$500, \$250, \$900, \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year, after the 2% increase.

As originally presented to you, the FY24 budget request included a Reserve for Collective Bargaining - a separate appropriation to fund projected collective bargaining increases. A separate order has been filed to reduce that appropriation to support this supplemental request.

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER REDUCING THE FY24 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,945).

ORDERED: That the appropriation heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, be reduced by the following amount:

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$2,945

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CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
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Michelle Wu**

03-04-2024

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 MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (**\$2,650,633.20**) in the form of a grant, FY24 State Elder Lunch Program, awarded by MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston, at a rate of \$7.39 per meal for up to 358,679 meals.

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 FY24 State Elder Lunch Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

WHEREAS, the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (**\$2,650,633.20**) would fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston, at a rate of \$7.39 per meal for up to 358,679 meals. 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 MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, FY24 State Elder Lunch Program award not to exceed the amount of TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (**\$2,650,633.20**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
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by *Adam Cederbaum*

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 4, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston (the “City”) to modify the expenditure in the amount of Two Million and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000), previously accepted by City Council on July 13, 2022 to support municipal infrastructure for food waste disposal. Such Grant Payment was made from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in the Treasury of the United States established by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

This Modified Expenditure would fund the City’s ongoing efforts to address the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically allowing the City to support food rescue, aggregation, and the distribution infrastructure needed to provide fresh, healthy food to residents facing food insecurity citywide, or to support other activities to address the needs of Boston’s food-insecure residents.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City may expend the funds for these purposes.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

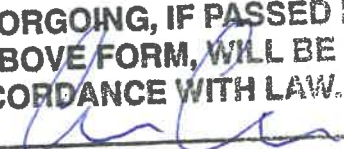
AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MODIFY THE JULY 13, 2022 ACCEPT AND EXPEND OF A GRANT OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) FUNDED THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.

WHEREAS: the United States Department of the Treasury issued funds to the City of Boston under Section 602 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Section 9901, Title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) was amended by adding at the end the following: "SEC. 602. CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND," and funds in the amount of Two Million and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) were directly paid to the City.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through its Mayor, be, and hereby is, authorized in accordance with Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, by modifying the acceptance and authorization to expend the United States Department of the Treasury payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments by reallocating the authorization to expend funds on composting infrastructure of an amount not to exceed the amount of Two Million and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the purpose of reducing food waste and supporting the communities and families most affected by the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; up to Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) to support organizations forming a food hub to distribute fresh food to residents citywide, and up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to support organizations providing food storage and distribution to the residents in the neighborhoods with the highest rates of food insecurity.

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03-04-2024

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 ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS (**\$1,525,380.77**) in the form of a grant, Federal FY24 Nutrition Services Incentive Program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund the Age Strong Commission's nutrition program that delivers meals to homes of older adults and at congregate sites in the City of Boston.

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 FY24 Nutrition Services Incentive Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services AND MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

WHEREAS, the the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS (**\$1,525,380.77**) would fund the Age Strong Commission's nutrition program that delivers meals to homes of older adults and at congregate sites in the City of Boston. 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 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs' Federal FY24 Nutrition Services Incentive Program award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS (**\$1,525,380.77**).

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

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Corporation Counsel



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
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03-04-2024

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 ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$187,000.00**) in the form of a grant, East Boston Foundation Fund II, awarded by Massachusetts Port Authority to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund Age Strong Commission's operations and management of the East Boston Senior Center.

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 East Boston Foundation Fund II FUNDS, AWARDED BY Massachusetts Port Authority.

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Port Authority, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$187,000.00**) would fund Age Strong Commission's operations and management of the East Boston Senior Center. 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 Massachusetts Port Authority, East Boston Foundation Fund II award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$187,000.00**).

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City Clerk

Mayor

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by Adam Cederbaum

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Corporation Counsel



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Michelle Wu**

02-20-2024

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 ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$180,000.00**) in the form of a grant, Creative Aging Program, awarded by Goddard House Assisted Living to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund bringing arts programming to older adults in Boston.

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 Creative Aging Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY Goddard House Assisted Living.

WHEREAS, the Goddard House Assisted Living, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$180,000.00) would fund bringing arts programming to older adults in Boston. 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 Goddard House Assisted Living, Creative Aging Program award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$180,000.00).

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City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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by Adam Cederbaum
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03-04-2024

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 THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS **(\$36,615.00)** in the form of a grant, FY23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement state formula allocation, awarded by United States Department Of Justice, passed through the Massachusetts State Police / Crime Laboratory, to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund training and continuing education for forensic examiners, criminalists and laboratory personnel.

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 FY23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement state formula allocation FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department Of Justice AND Massachusetts State Police / Crime Laboratory.

WHEREAS, the United States Department Of Justice and Massachusetts State Police / Crime Laboratory, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS (**\$36,615.00**) would fund training and continuing education for forensic examiners, criminalists and laboratory personnel. 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 United States Department Of Justice, and Massachusetts State Police / Crime Laboratory' FY23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement state formula allocation award not to exceed the amount of THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS (**\$36,615.00**).

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City Clerk

Mayor

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Adam Cederbaum
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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 4, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program for The Boston Community Leadership Academy 7-12 School (BCLA) pursuant to G.L. c. 70B, § 5. The Statement of Interest describes and explains the deficiencies within the school facility that prevents Boston Public Schools (BPS) from delivering their desired educational program.

The Boston Community Leadership Academy 7-12 School will be submitted for improvements under MSBA Priorities #4, #5 and #7 in the MSBA Core Program. Priority #4 focuses on the prevention of severe overcrowding due to anticipated increased enrollments. Priority #5 is for facilities where the necessary work includes the replacement, renovation, or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility. Priority #7 is for facilities where the necessary work includes the replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements

The MSBA Core Program is an opportunity to potentially construct a new school facility for the Boston Community Leadership Academy 7-12 School. Submitting the Statement of Interest is the first step in the MSBA process and requires a vote of the City Council as part of the submission.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may submit the Statement of Interest expeditiously and continue the process of seeking funds for the improvement of school facilities within the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF INTEREST TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CORE PROGRAM FOR THE BOSTON COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 7-12 SCHOOL.

ORDERED: Having convened in an open meeting prior to April 12, 2024 the School Committee of the City of Boston, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statements of Interest dated on or before April 12, 2024 for the following school:

Schools	Address	City	State	Zip
Boston Community Leadership Academy - McCormack 7-12 School	315 Mount Vernon Street	Dorchester	MA	02125

The Statement of Interest for the facility listed above describes deficiencies submitted under Priority #4: Prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments; Priority #5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; and Priority #7: Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

The School Committee hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting the Statement of Interest Forms, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Boston to file an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 4, 2024

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 15-11 of Chapter XV of the City of Boston Municipal Code, I hereby appoint the following Member to the Black Men and Boys Commission, effective immediately:

Richard Claytor of 95 Florida Street, Apartment 1, Boston, MA 02124.

This member will serve for a term expiring on December 31, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 4, 2024

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 15-11 of Chapter XV of the City of Boston Municipal Code, I hereby appoint the following Member to the Black Men and Boys Commission, effective immediately:

Corey Thompson of 101 Wheatland Avenue, #2, Boston, MA 02124.

This member will serve a term expiring on December 31, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 26, 2024

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 15-11 of Chapter XV of the City of Boston Municipal Code, I hereby appoint the following Member to the Black Men and Boys Commission, effective immediately:

Tevez Schail of 690 Blue Hill Avenue, Apartment 3, Boston, MA 02121.

This member will serve a term expiring on December 31, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, BREADON, COLETTA, DURKAN, FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, MURPHY, PEPÉN, SANTANA, WEBER, AND WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO HONEY BEES

WHEREAS, Honey bees play a critical role in our food system, as they provide the pollination for over 85 different crops and contribute to 35% of global food production. Accordingly, without honey bees the agricultural system would collapse; *and*

WHEREAS, Honey bees enable the production of a wide array of foods, helping to stabilize and diversify ecosystems and further provide support for human habitats and high quality nutrients. Honey bees also contribute to livestock production through the pollination of forage plants such as alfalfa and clover; *and*

WHEREAS, Honey bees contribute to the greater biodiversity within urban cities by supporting and strengthening plant and tree growth through pollination, and are also indicator species, where they provide critical information on the health and habitat of our environment; *and*

WHEREAS, Honey bee populations have been on a steady decline, whereby city environments can provide alternative spaces for honey bees to maintain healthy habitats as they have access to protected areas, providing themselves with security while also generating a consistent diet and stronger biodiversity for its surroundings; *and*

WHEREAS, There are collective and individual environmental and health benefits to urban beekeeping, whereby bee pollination results in a decrease in pollution as their pollination contributes to keepings waterways clean, preventing soil erosion, encouraging oxygen production, and absorbing CO₂; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents and businesses in Boston are already hosting bee hives on their rooftops and backyard as local interest in beekeeping has only increased during the pandemic; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Boston City Council, by and through Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, submits a petition to amend the City of Boston Code.

An Ordinance Regulating the Keeping of Honey Bees

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

SECTION 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 16, Section 1.27, shall be created as follows;

16-1.27 Honey bees

- a. Purpose
 - i. The purpose of this ordinance shall be for the regulation and enforcement of keeping honey bees.
- b. Definitions
 - i. Hive - a manufactured receptacle or container prepared for the use of Honey bees that includes movable frames, combs and substances deposited into the Hives by honey bees.
 - ii. Honey bee - a subset of bees in the genus *Apis*, primarily distinguished by the production and storage of honey and the construction of perennial, colonial nests out of wax.
 - iii. Colony - means a natural group of honey bees having a queen or queens.
- c. Permit Required; Application Fee
 - i. Keeping of honey bees shall require a permit issued by the Inspectional Services Department pursuant to the regulations set forth in Section 16-1.27(d).
 - ii. The application fee shall be fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
- d. Regulations
 - i. The maximum number of Hives on any given lot or roof shall be five (5).
 - ii. No Hive shall exceed six (6) feet in height and twentyfour (24) cubic feet in size on any lot or roof. No Hive will be placed on a roof that is not designed, intended and permitted by ISD for access and occupancy.
 - iii. Where there is a wall, fence or similar barrier between the subject property and adjacent property, no setback from the property line is required. Where there is no wall, fence or similar barrier between subject property and adjacent property, Hives shall be set back five (5) feet from the property line.
 - iv. Hives shall not be located in the front yard or in a side yard that abuts a street in all residential and commercial zoning districts and subdistricts.
 - v. No Hive shall be located closer than ten (10) feet from a public sidewalk.
 - vi. For any ground level Hive that is within twenty (20) feet of the doors and/or windows of the principal building on an abutting Lot, either of the following conditions must exist:
 - 1. The Hive opening must face away from doors and/or windows; or
 - 2. A flyway of at least six (6) feet in height comprising of a lattice fence, dense hedge or similar barrier must be established in front of the opening of the Hive such that the honey bees fly upward and away from

neighboring properties. The flyway shall be located within three (3) feet of the entrance to the Hive and shall extend at least two (2) feet in width on either side of the Hive opening.

- vii. Hives shall be set back six (6) feet from the edge of the roof.
 - viii. For any roof level Hive that is within twenty (20) feet of the doors and/or windows of the principal building on an abutting Lot, either of the following conditions must exist:
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 - 2. A flyway of at least six (6) feet in height comprising of a lattice fence, dense hedge or similar barrier must be established in front of the opening of the Hive such that the honey Bees fly upward, and away from neighboring properties, and safely secured. The flyway shall be located within three (3) feet of the entrance to the Hive and shall extend at least two (2) feet in width on either side of the Hive opening.
 - ix. Beekeepers shall adhere to appropriate beekeeping practices including:
 - 1. Maintaining bee colonies in hives that are kept in good working condition.
 - 2. Ensure a constant and adequate water source.
 - 3. Responding and taking immediate action as to any bee swarms
 - 4. Seeking to remediate any nuisance conditions.
 - x. All beekeeping shall comply with applicable State laws and regulations. Nothing about this ordinance is intended to waive or amend the requirements of CBC 9-9.13 Regulating Access to Roof Areas of Buildings with Residential Units. To the extent the provisions of this ordinance conflict, CBC 9-9.13 shall control.
- e. Exceptions
- i. Any exceptions to this section must be approved by petition to the Inspectional Services Department, in a manner and form determined by the Department. Waiver or exemption to any provision of this Section shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of Inspectional Services or designee.
- f. Enforcement
- i. The Inspectional Services Department may promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this ordinance.
 - ii. Enforcement of this section may be by written warning and/or revocation of the permit, provided that this section shall not preclude the City of Boston from proceeding to restrain a violation of the terms of the permit by injunction.

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall take effect after passage of docket 2024-XXX by the Boston Zoning Commission.

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 - iii. Colony - means a natural group of honey bees having a queen or queens.

- c. Registration; Fee
 - i. Keeping of honey bees shall require registration with the Inspectional Services Department pursuant to the regulations set forth in Section 16-1.27(d).
 - ii. The application fee shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

- d. Regulations
 - i. The maximum number of Hives on any given lot or roof shall be five (5).
 - ii. No Hive shall exceed six (6) feet in height and twentyfour (24) cubic feet in size on any lot or roof. No Hive will be placed on a roof that is not designed, intended and permitted by ISD for access and occupancy.
 - iii. Where there is a wall, fence or similar barrier between the subject property and adjacent property, no setback from the property line is required. Where there is no wall, fence or similar barrier between subject property and adjacent property, Hives shall be set back five (5) feet from the property line.
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- of the entrance to the Hive and shall extend at least two (2) feet in width on either side of the Hive opening.
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- i. Any exceptions to this section must be approved by petition to the Inspectional Services Department, in a manner and form determined by the Department. Waiver or exemption to any provision of this Section shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of Inspectional Services or designee.
- f. Enforcement
- i. The Inspectional Services Department may promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this ordinance.
 - ii. Enforcement of this section may be by written warning and/or cancellation of registration, provided that this section shall not preclude the City of Boston from proceeding to restrain a violation of the terms of the permit by injunction.

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall take effect after passage of docket 2024-0169 by the Boston Zoning Commission.



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Government Operations
Gabriela Coletta, Chair

One City Hall Square ♦ 5th Floor ♦ Boston, MA 02201 ♦ Phone: (617) 635-3040 ♦ Fax: (617) 635-4203

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

March 06, 2024

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Government Operations was referred *Docket #0168, Ordinance with respect to Honey Bees* on January 24, 2024. This matter was sponsored by Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.

Summary of Legislation:

Docket #0168 as filed amends the City of Boston Code, by adding Section 1.27 to Chapter 16 for the regulation and enforcement of keeping honey bees. This Docket was filed in tandem with Docket #0169 which petitions to remove the regulation and enforcement of keeping honey bees from the City of Boston Zoning Code.

The proposed Ordinance consists of the following: Purpose, Definitions, Registration; Fee, Regulations, Exceptions, Enforcement, and Effective date. Under the Definitions section, the Ordinance defines “Hive,” “Honey Bee” and “Colony” similarly to what is defined in the Zoning Code. Because the purpose of the Ordinance is to remove the regulation of keeping honey bees from the Zoning Code, the Ordinance creates Permitting Requirements through which residents may pay a fee to apply for a permit to keep bees.

In contrast to the current regulations under Article 89 of the Zoning Code, this Ordinance increases the minimum number of Hives allowed, and increases the allowed Maximum height and size from 5 feet in height and twenty (20) cubic feet in size to 6 feet in height and twenty-four (24) cubic feet in size.

In line with the current regulations under the Zoning Code, this Ordinance provides regulations related to hive placement at both the ground and rooftop levels. Where there is a wall, fence, or similar barrier between the subject property and the adjacent property, no setback from the property line is required. If there is no wall, fence, or similar barrier between the subject property and the adjacent property, hives must be set back five feet from the property line. Hives cannot be located in a front yard or side yard that abuts a street in residential and commercial zoning districts and subdistricts. Hives must be at least ten feet from a public sidewalk. The proposal also establishes flyway or hive opening requirements for hives within 20 feet of doors or windows of the principal building on an adjacent property. Roof level hives must be set back six feet from the edge of the roof and must also comply with flyway or hive opening requirements.

The proposed Ordinance also adds requirements related to Beekeeping practices for Beekeepers requiring beekeepers maintain colonies in good working conditions, ensuring adequate water access, responding and taking immediate action as to any bee swarms and to remediate any nuisance conditions.

The enforcement of this Ordinance is under the jurisdiction of ISD and any exceptions to provisions of this proposal must be approved by ISD.

This Ordinance will become effective following the Zoning Commissions adoption of the Text Amendment in Docket #0169 removing the regulation of bee keeping from the Zoning Code.

Information Gathered:

The Committee held a hearing on this matter on March 20, 2023 (Docket #0138). The Committee held a working session on February 23, 2024. Invited panelists included Christopher English, Chief of Staff, Inspectional Services Department and Shani Fletcher, Director of GrowBoston, testifying on behalf of the Administration. During this working session, Councilors had the opportunity to speak with the Administration to discuss their concerns and suggestions as well as any further questions still needing clarification. The Chair was joined by Councilor Liz Breadon, Council President Louijeune, Councilor Murphy, Councilor Fernandes Anderson and Councilor Flynn.

The Committee reviewed the language of the Ordinance section by section, line by line. With regard to Section 1. c. Permit Required; Application Fee, it was decided that this section will be amended to Section 1. c. Registration; Fee. It was explained that because beekeeping is allowed as of right in many cities, the Sponsor did not want to create an application process, nor did she want to make the process more onerous by adding a fee. However, the sponsor explained that a registration system would ensure oversight and acknowledged the costs that ISD will incur making sure residents are registering and adhering to the future rules promulgated by their department. For those reasons, the sponsor felt a \$25 fee was reasonable (as opposed to a \$50 fee).

With regard to the regulations section, it was stated that increasing the minimum number of hives as well as their height and size, was meant to increase the breadth of beekeepers covered by the Ordinance. In discussing beekeeping practices, it was explained that the Ordinance requires adherence to best practices modeled after NYC where they recently passed similar regulations.

The Administration explained ISD enforcement mechanisms and stated that once the Ordinance goes into effect, ISD will release a commissioners policy bulletin which will include the administrative regulations and procedures that the Department will need in place to create the operational structure for enforcing the Ordinance. It was explained that the bulletin will outline the process through which someone may apply, what documentation will be required, how applications will be reviewed and processed, as well as how complaints will be responded to, how, when and where violations will be issued, and how to appeal the same.

Summary of Amendments

Based upon discussions between Councilors and the Administration, the docket is amended as follows:

SECTION 1

c. ~~Permit Required; Application Fee~~ **Registration; Fee**

- i. Keeping of honey bees shall require ~~a permit issued by~~ **registration with the** Inspectional Services Department pursuant to the regulations set forth in Section 16-1.27(d).
- ii. The application fee shall be ~~fifty (\$50.00)~~ **twenty-five (\$25.00)** dollars.

f. Enforcement

- i. The Inspectional Services Department may promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this ordinance.
- ii. Enforcement of this section may be by written warning and/or ~~revocation of the permit~~ **cancellation of registration**, provided that this section shall not preclude the City of Boston from proceeding to restrain a violation of the terms of the permit by injunction.

SECTION 2

This ordinance shall take effect after passage of docket 2024-~~XXX~~ **0169** by the Boston Zoning Commission.

Recommended Action:

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

Docket #0168, Ordinance with respect to Honey Bees,

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

For the Chair:



Gabriela Coletta, Chair
Committee on Government Operations

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE, BREADON, COLETTA,
DURKAN, FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, MURPHY, PEPÉN,
SANTANA, WEBER, AND WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE BOSTON ZONING CODE WITH RESPECT TO HONEY BEES

- WHEREAS,** Honey bees play a critical role in our food system, as they provide the pollination for over 85 different crops and contribute to 35% of global food production. Accordingly, without honey bees the agricultural system would collapse; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Honey bees enable the production of a wide array of foods, helping to stabilize and diversify ecosystems and further provide support for human habitats and high quality nutrients. Honey bees also contribute to livestock production through the pollination of forage plants such as alfalfa and clover; *and*
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- WHEREAS,** There are collective and individual environmental and health benefits to urban beekeeping, whereby bee pollination results in a decrease in pollution as their pollination contributes to keeping waterways clean, preventing soil erosion, encouraging oxygen production, and absorbing CO₂; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Residents and businesses in Boston are already hosting bee hives on their rooftops and backyard as local interest in beekeeping has only increased during the pandemic; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the Boston City Council, by and through Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, submits a petition to amend the text of the Boston Zoning Code.

Filed on: XXX,
Text Amendment Application No. _____
Boston City Council

TO THE BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND ZONING
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston City Council through and by Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune petition to amend the text of the Boston Zoning Code as follows:

1. In Article 2, Section 2-1. - Meaning of Certain Words and Phrases

- a. Strike the existing definition of ‘Accessory Keeping of Animals’
“Subject to the provisions of Article 10, the keeping of horses, cows, goats, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, bees, or similar animals other than pigs.”
- b. Replace with following definition of ‘Accessory Keeping of Animals’
“Subject to the provisions of Article 10, the keeping of horses, cows, goats, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, or similar animals other than pigs.”

2. In Article 89 Urban Agriculture

- a. Strike Section 89-10 - Accessory Keeping of Honey Bees.
- b. In Section 89-2. Definitions
 - i. Strike 3.”Beekeeper”
 - ii. Strike 6. “Colony”
 - iii. Strike 9.”Hive”
 - iv. Strike 20. “Honey Bee”
 - v. Strike the phrase “or bees” from definition 30. “Urban Agriculture”

3. In Article 8 - Table A Use No. 76.

- a. Strike the word “bees” and “or more than three colonies of bees are kept on the lot at one time”

Petitioner: Boston City Council

By: Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune

Address: 1 City Hall Square, Suite 550, Boston, MA 02201

Telephone: 617-635-4376

Date: XXX

Filed on: XXX,
Text Amendment Application No. ____
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

March 06, 2024

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Government Operations was referred ***Docket #0169, Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to Honey Bees*** on January 24, 2024. This matter was sponsored by Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.

Summary of Legislation:

Docket #0169 is a petition to the Boston Planning and Development Agency and the Boston Zoning Commission to remove the regulation of keeping honey bees from the City of Boston Zoning Code. The Docket seeks to Amend the following: Article 2, Section 2-1; Article 89 Urban Agriculture, Sections 89-2 and 89-10; and Article 8 - Table A Use No. 76.

The Docket seeks to amend Article 2, Section 2-1. *Meaning of Certain Words and Phrases*, by Striking the existing definition for “Accessory Keeping of Animals” and replacing it with a definition that does not include the word “bees.” The Docket seeks to amend Article 89 Urban Agriculture, by Striking all definitions related to regulating bee keeping under Section 89-2. *Definitions*, and striking Section 89-10. *Accessory Keeping of Honey Bees* in its entirety. Finally, The Docket seeks to amend Article 8 - Table A Use No. 76. by Striking any reference to bees.

This Docket was filed in tandem with Docket #0168, which seeks to amend the City of Boston Municipal Code by adding Section 1.27 to Chapter 16 for the regulation and enforcement of keeping honey bees.

Information Gathered:

The Committee held a hearing on this matter on March 20, 2023 (Docket #0139). The Committee held a working session on February 23, 2024. Invited panelists included Christopher English, Chief of Staff, Inspectional Services Department and Shani Fletcher, Director of GrowBoston, testifying on behalf of the Administration. During this working session, Councilors had the opportunity to speak with the Administration to discuss their concerns and suggestions as well as any further questions still needing clarification. The Chair was joined by Councilor Liz Breadon, Council President Louijeune, Councilor Murphy, Councilor Fernandes Anderson and Councilor Flynn.

The Committee reviewed the language of the text amendment section by section, line by line.

It was explained that the text amendment seeks to strike any and all language related to bees and the keeping of bees. The Committee briefly reviewed the current regulatory scheme for bee keeping under the Zoning Code and it was explained that If a resident is restricted from keeping bees on their property pursuant to Zoning Code, they must submit a long form building permit application to change the “use and occupancy” of their property. Denied applicants are then issued a refusal letter and must seek relief through a variance or “conditional use” permit.

It was stated that Docket #0169 is step one in what was explained as a two step process to remove the regulation of bee keeping from the zoning code so that it can be added to the municipal code.

Recommended Action:

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

Docket #0169, Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to Honey Bees.

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

For the Chair:



Gabriela Coletta, Chair
Committee on Government Operations



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE AND AMENDMENT TO THE BOSTON
MUNICIPAL CODE IN REGARD TO MEASURING
RACIAL EQUITY IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEREAS, People of color in Boston and throughout the nation have faced entrenched and historic barriers to homeownership for generations; *and*

WHEREAS, Nationally, the homeownership rate for Black Americans is 42 percent, for Hispanic/Latino Americans 46 percent, while the homeownership rate for white Americans is 73 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, In Boston, the homeownership rate is lower than the national rate, with Black homeownership rates at 30 percent, Hispanic/Latino residents at 17 percent, and white residents at 44 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, Homeownership is the primary way that most families build wealth and pass it down from one generation to the next; *and*

WHEREAS, On average, white families in Boston have a net worth of \$247,000, while African American families in Boston only have an average of eight dollars of wealth; *and*

WHEREAS, In Boston, Black resident's poverty rate is 23 percent, Roxbury's rate much higher at 34 percent, Hispanic/Latino resident's poverty rate is 35 percent, while white resident's poverty rate is 13 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, In Boston, Black mortgage applicants are three times more likely, and Hispanic/Latino are twice as likely to be denied a mortgage than white applicants, while they are 2.5 times more likely to be denied a mortgage for property in the predominantly Black neighborhoods such as Roxbury and Mattapan compared to white neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's high cost of housing has made the city the second most expensive place in America where the typical home price has increased from \$393,000 in 2015 to \$599,000 in 2021; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's high cost of housing has also affected the typical rent, which has increased from \$2,148 in 2015 to \$2,590 in 2021, which steadily forces Black and

Brown residents out of the city in search of cheaper places to live; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2000, Latinos made up the single largest ethnic group in Jamaica Plain, however, since then their population has decreased by over 2,000, with a corresponding increase in Non-Hispanic white residents, who are better situated to afford the increasing cost of housing; *and*

WHEREAS, In 1990, 79 percent of Roxbury residents were Black, and now only 53 percent of residents are Black, while the white population has quadrupled over that time from 3 percent to 12 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, First-time homebuyers and young professionals of means move into neighborhoods like Roxbury to purchase homes that their multigenerational renting neighbors of color are unable to afford and further increase the cost of housing; *and*

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon Boston to measure how developments in affordable housing have assisted Black and Brown residents, who are less likely to own their homes, more likely to live in poverty, and most affected by rampant gentrification and increasing housing costs, making them the most logical beneficiaries of affordable housing in Boston; ***NOW, THEREFORE***

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

That the City of Boston Municipal Code, Ordinances be amended in Chapter X by adding the following after 10-11.7:

Section 10-12 AFFORDABLE HOUSING EQUITY REPORT.

Section 10-12.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance shall be for the measurement and dissemination of how affordable housing is affecting racial equity, and to make sure affordable housing is decreasing racial inequity.

Section 10-12.2 Definitions.

- a. *Acceptance* means being invited to, or receiving an offer from the Boston Housing Authority or Mayor's Office of Housing to move in, lease, rent, reside in, or otherwise occupy any Affordable Housing;
- b. *Affordable Housing* means any and all housing owned, managed or otherwise overseen by the Boston Housing Authority, or Mayor's Office of Housing, and any and all leased housing or voucher programs that are owned, managed, or otherwise overseen by the Boston Housing Authority or Mayor's Office of Housing;
- c. *Applicant* means any and all persons, families, or anyone applying for any and all programs or housing offered, owned, managed, or otherwise overseen by the Boston Housing Authority or Mayor's Office of Housing.

Section 10-12.3 Reporting.

- a. The Administering Agency shall prepare and submit to the Mayor and the City Council an Equity report on Affordable Housing within the city that includes the following information without name or any other personal identifying information:
 - i. the number of applications received by the city for Affordable Housing, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - ii. the number of applicants that were accepted to move into Affordable Housing, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence previous to residing in said Affordable Housing;
 - iii. the number of Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) requests to the state disaggregated by race;
 - iv. the average amount of time spent waiting for acceptance into an Affordable Housing unit, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - v. the average amount of time spent waiting for denial for an Affordable Housing unit, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - vi. the amount of time residents of Affordable Housing have resided in the said Affordable Housing disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - vii. the number of residents of Affordable Housing, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and Affordable Housing site, who have participated in, and received assistance from the following programs;
 1. ONE+Boston;
 2. Mayor's Office of Housing, First-time Homebuyers Program;
 3. Allston-Brighton Homeownership Program;
 4. Saving Toward Affordable Sustainable Homeownership (STASH) Program;
 5. Enhancing Economic Self-Sufficiency (EESS) Program;
 6. Housing and Stabilizing Chronically Homeless with Supports and Employment (HSCHE) Program;
 7. Linking Treatment to Housing Program;
 8. Leading the Way Home Program;
 - viii. the number of applicants to Affordable Housing assigned preference or priority, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and neighborhood of residence, further categorized by;
 1. Federal Housing Program, Super Priority;
 2. Federal Housing Program, Supported Housing Programs;
 3. Federal Housing Program, Priority One;
 4. BHA Resident in Federal Housing Pro-Rated rent burden;
 5. Designated Housing not requiring Wheelchair Accessible units;
 6. Displaced Boston Tenant;
 7. Residency Preference;

- ix. the number of new homeowners in Boston disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and neighborhood of residence;
 - x. the number of new renters in Boston disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and neighborhood of residence;
- b. Such a report shall be submitted one year following passage of this ordinance, and every year thereafter.

Section 10-12.4 Enforcement.

Enforcement of this section may be by written warning and/or non-criminal disposition fines as provided in MGL, Chapter 40, Section 21D, provided that this section shall not preclude the City of Boston from proceeding to restrain a violation by injunction.

Section 10-12.5 Implementation.

This ordinance shall take effect 90 days after passage.

Section 10-12.6 Severability.

If any provision of this section shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Filed on March 6, 2024



**OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE AND BRIAN
WORRELL**

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

ORDER FOR A FLAG RAISING TO CELEBRATE MONTSERRAT

- WHEREAS:** Montserrat, known as the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean, possesses a rich and diverse cultural heritage that is deeply rooted in African, Irish, and British traditions; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Montserrat is the only country outside of Ireland to celebrate St. Patrick's Day as a national holiday, and includes honoring an attempted rebellion by enslaved Africans against European colonizers in 1768; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Montserrat's St. Patrick's Festival is unique in the Caribbean for its commemoration of Montserrat's Irish heritage alongside the celebration of Emancipation; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Montserrat has contributed significantly to the world of music, hosting recording sessions for renowned international artists, thereby placing it on the global map for music production; *and*
- WHEREAS:** the international community recognizes and appreciates Montserrat for its contributions to culture, science, and environmental conservation; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The flag of Montserrat symbolizes the island's identity, heritage, and the enduring spirit of its people, featuring the Union Jack as a self-governing overseas territory within the British Commonwealth and the coat of arms to represent Montserrat's landscape and aspirations; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That on March 8, 2024, the Boston City Council orders the Property Management Department to raise the flag of Montserrat on the Congress St. flagpole at City Hall, and offer the people of Boston an invaluable opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate a deeper understanding of Montserrat history and traditions, and to strengthen the bonds of friendship between all members of our diverse community.

Filed on: March 1, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN AND BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING A REVIEW OF COVID-19 RECOVERY FUNDS

- WHEREAS,** In 2021, the City Council took an unprecedented leadership role in the City of Boston’s budget process to ensure that the FY22 operating budget not only dedicated \$55 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to offset local revenue declines, but was also accompanied by \$50 million in ARPA funds for various pandemic-related emergency needs and an additional \$31.5 million in ARPA funds appropriated to tackle some of the City’s greatest challenges including housing, climate and the public health crisis at Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In an effort to mitigate the catastrophic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Government passed several impactful relief packages, all of which money must be responsibly appropriated and accounted for; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The CARES Act of March 2020 was a \$2.2 trillion stimulus from which the City of Boston received over \$181 million, including the Coronavirus Relief Fund, Federal Emergency Management Agency Funds, the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund), and other smaller funds, all of which the City acted quickly to utilize in FY20 and FY21 for pandemic response;
- WHEREAS,** The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of December 2020 was a \$900 billion stimulus from which the City of Boston received over \$150 million, including the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund II) and dedicated funds for Emergency Rental Assistance and Housing; *and*
- WHEREAS,** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of March 2021 was a \$1.9 trillion stimulus from which the City of Boston received more than \$800 million over four years, all of which funds must be spent by the end of calendar year 2024; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The ARPA funds included Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund III), and further funding to be utilized for Emergency Rental Assistance Relief and Housing; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston launched a community engagement initiative, the Equitable Recovery Coordinating Committee, to oversee the allocation and disbursement of

ARPA funds informed by public feedback through the Boston Equitable Recovery Taskforce, and has established a dashboard detailing ARPA funding use; *and*

WHEREAS, In accordance with federal compliance and reporting requirements to support transparency, responsibility, and equity in use of these vital fiscal resources, the City submitted an interim report as well as a Annual Recovery Plan dated August 31, 2021, and is expected to submit quarterly project and expenditure reports and annual performance reports; *and*

WHEREAS, Under ARPA, funding from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program is subject to the requirements specified in the Final Rule released by the U.S. Treasury on January 6, 2022 and taking effect on April 1, 2022, which stipulate provisions to assist recipients and stakeholders and expand eligible uses of SLFRF funds; *and*

WHEREAS, On December 13, 2021, Governor Baker signed Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Immediate COVID-19 Recovery Needs, approving over \$4 billion in federal coronavirus relief funding and state surplus funds; *and*

WHEREAS, In November 2021, the voters of Boston overwhelmingly approved a binding ballot question concerning a Charter Amendment, affirming that the Mayor and City Council would hold budgetary powers together and granting the Council the ability to amend appropriation orders; *and*

WHEREAS, It is of utmost importance that members of the Boston City Council, residents, and stakeholders are actively engaged in the City's supplemental appropriation processes of state and federal coronavirus relief funds to ensure an equitable and effective recovery in the City of Boston; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the status of state and federal coronavirus fiscal recovery funds and reporting requirements, and that representatives of the mayoral administration including from the Administration and Finance Cabinet, the Equitable Recovery Coordinating Committee, Boston Equitable Recovery Taskforce, and any other interested members of the public be invited to attend.

Filed on: March 1, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON A PROPOSAL FOR A CRISPUS ATTUCKS STATUE

- WHEREAS,** Crispus Attucks, a Black man of African and Native American descent, was the first casualty of the American Revolution, killed during the Boston Massacre on March 5, 1770; and
- WHEREAS,** Attucks' bravery and sacrifice symbolize the fight for freedom and equity, serving as an inspiration to generations of Bostonians and Americans alike; and
- WHEREAS,** Crispus Attucks played a pivotal role in the events leading up to the American Revolution, demonstrating the courage and resilience of marginalized communities in the face of oppression and injustice; and
- WHEREAS,** Other cities across the United States, including Boston's revolutionary siblings New York City and Philadelphia, have already built statues in honor of Crispus Attucks, recognizing his pivotal role in American history; and
- WHEREAS,** The Downtown area of Boston, as a historical hub of significance in the American Revolution, stands as a fitting location to commemorate the legacy of Crispus Attucks; and
- WHEREAS,** The creation of a statue for Crispus Attucks in the City of Boston would serve as a symbol of our commitment to honoring diverse voices and recognizing the contributions of marginalized communities to our shared history; **AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**
- ORDERED,** That the Boston City Council advocates for establishing a statue in honor of Crispus Attucks within the City of Boston, celebrating his legacy and contributions to the fight for liberty and justice for all.

Filed on: March 1, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BENJAMIN J. WEBER AND RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE BOSTON EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION AND BOSTON RESIDENTS JOBS POLICY

WHEREAS, The Boston Residents Jobs Policy was established by ordinance in 1983 and was last updated and amended in 2017; *and*

WHEREAS, The policy lays out employment standards meant to improve the number of residents, people of color and women working on job sites throughout the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Subsection 9.9 of the Ordinance requires City Council review of the work done by the Boston Employment Commission through a hearing where the Commission presents a report to the Council based on the preceding six months; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Employment Commission was established by ordinance in 1986 to ensure that findings may be determined with respect to compliance of the Boston Residents Jobs Policy in a manner that is comprehensive, consistent, and fair for all parties involved; *and*

WHEREAS, Chapter 8, Section 8.9 of the municipal code requires the Commission to furnish data as requested by the Council, including detail compliance determinations, the number and amount of sanctions leveled for noncompliance, and the number of developers, general contractors, construction managers and subcontractors determined to be out of compliance; *and*

WHEREAS, The number of sanctions received by developers, general contractors, construction managers and subcontractors shall also be part of the report as well as the total number of work hours trade by trade. The Commission shall also provide the percentage of total hours, trade by trade performed by Boston workers, people of color and women during the preceding six months in its report; *and*

WHEREAS, Information obtained at the April and October hearing shall inform the Council on whether to raise the goals for people of color or female worker hours; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Residents Jobs Policy is an important tool to assess the state of hiring a workforce that is reflective of the City, and the Council should work in partnership with the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy office to meet workforce percentages laid out in the policy; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing in April and October to review the work of the Boston Employment Commission in regards to goals laid out in the Boston Residents Jobs Policy.

Filed on: March 6, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN BOSTON SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, In this day-of-age where food and grocery deliveries are tracked in real-time, this technology should be available to our families that struggle on a daily basis finding the location of their school bus pick-up/drop-off locations, and being able to share road/route status for efficient commutes; *and*

WHEREAS, School bus drivers and monitors should be able to effectively report on traffic and maintenance concerns that cause delays in doing their jobs effectively to minimize stress on school parents and guardians dependent on the school bus; *and*

WHEREAS, School buses should be respected by all parties using the road and yet their stop signs continue to be disregarded as little enforcement is currently available. On a state level, Bill S.2275, An Act Relative to School Bus Safety Cameras, was presented in February 2023 that was referred to the committee on Transportation showing a larger legislative support; *and*

WHEREAS, Across the Commonwealth, school districts have launched school bus camera pilots such as nearby Peabody that recorded over 850 vehicles illegally passing school buses within the first 5 weeks of the school year.; *and*

WHEREAS, School bus stop enforcement should be regarded as a community concern not just those utilizing the school bus. Drivers must be held accountable for unsafe behavior that could result in the fatality of school children; *and*

WHEREAS, A school bus is most children's first interaction and dependency on public transportation. All Boston residents should feel a level of trust that their students will safely arrive to their classes and back to their homes via the school bus;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on technological improvements in the Boston School Bus Transportation. Representatives from appropriate departments of the administration, and experts on school transportation programs will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed on: March 6, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF SAFE SCHOOL ZONES TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AROUND ALL SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, In the City of Boston, a School Zone includes solely the streets around the school within two blocks implementing a speed limit of 20mph yet there are no additional requirements nor street standards to enforce speed reduction. This is apparent as some school zones may have multiple signs yet some such as the Chittick School only has one; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is implementing the larger Safety Surge initiative installing speed humps, updating intersections, and changing signals in heavily recorded accident-prone streets. The eligible roads around our schools should be amongst the immediate upgrades as these areas are heavily frequented by pedestrians and commuters not just related to the school; *and*

WHEREAS, According to Safe Kids Worldwide (2016), 30% of school zones across the country lack marked crosswalks. The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, reports updated signage that includes Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons can increase motorist yielding rates up to 98%. These additions can avoid past severe accidents in Boston such as a tragic moment in November 2023 when a Sumner School staff member was struck by a vehicle at the crosswalk on Cummins Highway while assisting students; *and*

WHEREAS, Every four days, Emergency Medical Services respond to a pediatric-related car accident averaging over 100 a year - a grave concern as children spend most of their time at school raising the likelihood of these accidents to happen there; *and*

WHEREAS, All Boston residents should feel a level of added safety regardless of how they are commuting to and around a school; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to explore the establishments of Safe School Zones to create a standard of improvements on street design, road signage, and impose accountability of all community members to adhere to safer commuting behaviors. Representatives from appropriate departments of the administration, and experts on school transportation programs will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed on: March 6, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON PROVISIONS OF TEMPORARY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT OR INTERVENTIONS AND PREVENTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEFORE FORMAL DIAGNOSIS.

- WHEREAS,** The mental health and well-being of children and youth are of utmost importance for their overall development and success; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Access to timely and appropriate mental health services is critical in addressing the needs of young individuals facing challenges and crises; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There is a recognized need to provide support to children and youth experiencing circumstantial crises or situations without immediately assigning a mental health diagnosis, allowing time for assessment and intervention; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A temporary funding provision for mental health services, without requiring a formal diagnosis, could alleviate barriers to accessing timely care and prevent potential misdiagnosis; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A three-month period of initial support could enable children and youth to address their circumstances and potentially improve their mental health without the necessity of a diagnosis; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A three-month period of initial support could enable children and youth to address their circumstances and potentially improve their mental health without the necessity of a diagnosis; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** Organize a hearing to evaluate the viability and advantages of funding mental health services for children and youth in Boston without necessitating a formal diagnosis for the initial three months. The hearing will focus on addressing issues such as timely access to mental health services, examining the pros and cons of temporary funding without a diagnosis, exploring strategies for support during the initial period, and identifying collaboration opportunities among stakeholders. Request the presence of representatives from the Boston Public Health Commission, along with relevant stakeholders such as mental health professionals, educators, and youth advocates, to participate in a panel discussion.

Filed on March 6, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PROJECTED COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAX VALUES IN BOSTON

WHEREAS, The City of Boston's Fiscal Year 2024 \$4.2 billion operating budget included total property tax revenue of \$3.2 billion. From that \$3.2 billion in property tax revenue, \$2.1 billion came from commercial and commercial condominium buildings; *and*

WHEREAS, Net property tax, for commercial and industrial properties has risen from 52% of the city's total revenue in 2002 to 63% of total revenue in Fiscal Year 2010 to 72% of total revenue in Fiscal Year 2024; *and*

WHEREAS, The number of property tax abatement applications filed this year was 1,715; *and*

WHEREAS, There is an office vacancy rate of 16% in the City of Boston, according to CBRE's 2023 fourth-quarter study. The office vacancy rate at the end of 2019 in the City of Boston was 7%, according to the same study; *and*

WHEREAS, Work-from-home and hybrid-work arrangements grew more popular during the COVID-19 pandemic and have led business to cut the size of their offices and have negatively affected downtown businesses; *and*

WHEREAS, Office buildings in Seaport, Back Bay and the Financial District have seen asking rents drop 10% from the end of 2019 to the end of 2023, according to the CBRE study; *and*

WHEREAS, Class A office buildings in Seaport, Back Bay, Financial District, Fenway/Kenmore and North Station/Waterfront had an average available space of 22% across 93 buildings at the end of 2023, according to the CBRE study; *and*

WHEREAS, Class B/C office buildings in Seaport, Back Bay, Financial District, Fenway/Kenmore and North Station/Waterfront had an average available space of 22.8% across 292 buildings at the end of 2023; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston does have large office buildings that have recently been built and opened, which will add to the commercial property tax base; *and*

WHEREAS, Based upon strong property value growth in the 21st century, the City of Boston in Fiscal Year 2023 currently only collected taxes that amount to 1.4% of total

property value, thus giving the city large leeway before the property tax levy ceiling of 2.5%; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should have a clearer understanding of the future of its largest revenue base, and how to best deal with commercial property relief, whether it be through an exemption on older office buildings or an abatement; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the future of commercial property tax revenues and that the city's Chief Financial Officer, representatives of the Assessing Department and Budget Office, and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: March 4, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 5TH AS CRISPUS ATTUCKS DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Crispus Attucks was born into slavery in Framingham, Massachusetts, around the year 1723, with his father being an enslaved African man named Prince Yonger, and his mother being a Native American woman named Nancy Attucks; and

WHEREAS, Crispus Attucks embraced his family's multicultural heritage and rose above the shackles of slavery to become a sailor and talented whaler, spending much of his life at sea and working along the docks of the Atlantic seaboard, earning a reputation as a trusted longshoreman and negotiator, as well as being recognized as a patriot and advocate for equal human rights by his peers; and

WHEREAS, On March 5, 1770, Crispus Attucks made the ultimate sacrifice as the first person killed in the Boston Massacre, an event that ignited the flames of the American Revolution and forever changed the course of history and acknowledged him as the first hero of the American Revolution, and;

WHEREAS, Crispus Attucks' sacrifice symbolizes the fight for freedom, justice, and equality, inspiring generations of Americans to stand up against oppression, and;

WHEREAS, The city of Boston recognizes the importance of honoring the contributions and memory of Crispus Attucks in shaping the course of American history, and;

WHEREAS, Designating March 5th as Crispus Attucks Day serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for civil rights and social justice, and;

WHEREAS, Commemorating Crispus Attucks Day will provide an opportunity for education and reflection on the significance of his actions and the impact of the Boston Massacre on the American Revolution; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT;**

RESOLVED, That the City Council of Boston hereby recognizes March 5th as Crispus Attucks Day in the City of Boston, and urges all residents to honor his memory and legacy through appropriate observances and activities.

Filed on: March 1, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJUNE AND SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is celebrated in March every year to honor and recognize the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society; *and*

WHEREAS, In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9, which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month"; *and*

WHEREAS, Since 1987 the President has proclaimed March as Women's History Month and is now annually dedicated to reflecting on the significant roles women have played in shaping our nation and the world; *and*

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is also an opportunity to educate the public about the generations of women who have influenced our nation and honor the extraordinary achievements of women and their role in shaping the social, economic, cultural, political and global community; *and*

WHEREAS, American women, and women of color, have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; *and*

WHEREAS, From Phillis Wheatley, whose 18th century poetry informed the early antislavery movement, to Joanne Daniels-Finegold who successfully advocated for ramps to be included on every MBTA bus in the early 2000s, and so many others, the City of Boston is indebted to the work of women who have passionately resisted injustice and fiercely advocated for equity and progress; *and*

WHEREAS, As we celebrate Women's History Month, let us honor the profound impact of mothers, whose legacy extends far beyond the confines of the home, leaving an indelible mark on the fabric of humanity, nurturing and shaping generations with boundless love, resilience, and wisdom; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognize March as Women's History Month and honor the contributions and achievements of women throughout American history and contemporary society.

Filed on: March 1, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON AND RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO ENSURE THAT BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF ITS MUSLIM STUDENTS

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Schools is tasked with educating all of the students in their charge and therefore, must create a safe and secure haven for its pupils as well as offer them a rigorous education; *and*

WHEREAS, Followers of the Islamic faith make up the second biggest religious group of students who attend our schools, and they are in need of support and services from culturally competent educators who are aware of how to honor their identities, allowing them to flourish at school; *and*

WHEREAS, In an article by Felicia Gans, published in the May 4th, 2021 edition of the Boston Globe, 61 percent of BPS students and students of surrounding suburbs say that they have been bullied in school, and 14 percent of our Muslim youth don't feel comfortable telling their peers at school that they are Muslim; *and*

WHEREAS, In the same study referenced in this article, 40 percent said they have heard of a Muslim student being physically harassed at school, and 17 percent of the students surveyed said that they themselves have had their hijab pulled and tugged on; *and*

WHEREAS, Students have the right to request reasonable accommodation for religious expression in public schools, such as designated spaces that can be utilized for prayer, as long as said prayers are not disruptive to their peers, but they are often too intimidated to ask, despite public schools being required to provide students an opportunity to practice their religion without favoring one religion over another; *and*

WHEREAS, There is currently a dearth of places and times within our schools where Muslim students can take the breaks they need to pray, as practicing Muslims must pray at times that correspond to school hours, amplifying the spiritual necessity of the

- creation of such spaces that will allow for their spiritual practices; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Religious involvement plays an important role in mental health, especially among marginalized ethnic communities by promoting culture and identity in a largely white-Christian-dominated society; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The generic dietary options that are made available to our BPS students are often not options that a practicing Muslim can partake in which creates conditions in which Muslim students must abstain from said food options, or bring food from home; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Thirty-three percent of Muslim students in the Boston area report that they have altered their appearance, behavior and name to disguise their Muslim identity in the face of persistent harassment and discrimination; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Practicing Muslims often have uniform needs that may conflict with certain requirements for classes as Muslims often cover their bodies as a part of their faith, and this needs to be allowed and honored in various contexts, such as gym classes; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There are several Muslim holidays throughout the school year that are not recognized as city holidays and hence, the students do not get days off, and religious exemptions for absences must be instituted with a reasonable amount of time given for students to make up all assignments given during those days, and specific provisions must be made for the fasting that occurs during Ramadan, when followers of the faith do complete fasts of both food and drink for a month; *and*
- WHEREAS,** More attention must be paid to the specific bathroom needs of our Muslim students, including the proper provision of clean water and soap that will allow them to purify themselves in the proper manner after every utilization of bathroom facilities, sufficient privacy needs, and the ability of our pupils to recite duas, among other matters; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston Public School policy has as a stated goal of building a safe and supportive environment, and recognizes and respects the diverse population of its pupils in their schools and out in the community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Schools play an important role in teaching students about race and ethnicity, formally and informally, and a student's own identity is heavily influenced by a school's climate, proving the profound importance of progressive education in the creation of confident and strong willed youth; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A positive school climate is one in which students feel safe, respected, and

supported, furthermore, a positive school climate increases student engagement, improves student outcomes, and improves student mental health; *and*

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of our City’s school system to educate all of our youth, to keep them safe, to encourage the flowering of their full identities, and to recognize what makes them who they are, including the honoring of their religious practices; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council go on record in full support to ensure that the Boston Public Schools efficiently address the needs of its Muslim Students by recognizing the diverse and significant challenges faced by Muslim students in the Boston Public Schools (BPS), urging BPS to proactively address these issues of instances of bullying, harassment, and the lack of accommodation for religious practices, and to ensure culturally competent educators who can support the flourishing of Muslim students in a safe and inclusive environment; ***BE IT FURTHER***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council support the creation of designated spaces for prayer, accommodation for dietary restrictions, acknowledgment of Muslim holidays, and attention to specific bathroom needs and to create a positive school climate to foster student well-being and academic success. Ultimately, the Boston City Council acknowledges and strongly support efforts to meet the unique needs of Muslim students within the Boston Public Schools.

Filed on March 6, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON AND WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A DIGITAL
MARKETPLACE PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. The pandemic highlighted the fact that investments in small business infrastructure are key to reducing poverty and the racial wealth gap in the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Technology companies are exacerbating the situation as they grab more market share online while local businesses shutter. Large corporations like Amazon, Walmart, Instacart, etc. saw record-breaking profits as stimulus dollars were largely recaptured by these conglomerates; *and*

WHEREAS, Small businesses that are unable to build an online presence will perish during this pandemic, leading to a wider racial wealth gap and health disparities, increased crime, and poor educational attainment; *and*

WHEREAS, Small businesses cannot bear the burden of exclusion on the new “main street” or the “online highway”. Small businesses generate half of this country’s jobs and nearly half of its gross domestic product, and to boot, are the largest employers of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC); *and*

WHEREAS, BIPOC small business owners pay two to four times more in commercial rent and are less likely to have leases and insurance, leaving them vulnerable to evictions and loss; *and*

WHEREAS, BIPOC small business owners are limited in economic opportunities because of lack of allowable uses such as large retail, galleries, arts & entertainment, and large restaurants due to exclusionary zoning — all of which would bring more economic activity to an excluded community; *and*

WHEREAS, Our work with City Economic Development Departments, Community Development Corporations (CDC’s), Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Small Business Administrations (SBA’s), Main Streets and universities exposed the City’s inadequacies in helping the most marginalized — businesses in Boston, located in neighborhoods with 30-50% poverty rates; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston must build for the future, centering small businesses to preserve local culture, reduce poverty, save the environment by producing locally, and mitigate sales leakage; *and*

WHEREAS, A marketplace owned by the people would insulate communities from systemic policies that harm them; *and*

WHEREAS, A coordinated economic development strategy to reduce poverty and revitalize neighborhoods must happen across multiple sectors, including businesses and nonprofits; *and*

WHEREAS, In order for small businesses to thrive, they need to capture more disposable income and align with future demographics and consumption patterns by appealing to the largest demographic in their immediate neighborhood — young Black people; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the City of Boston create a pilot digital marketplace or ecommerce through BLocal with technical assistance for minority-owned small businesses that would address operations, lack of capital, build a “public option” for a local online marketplace owned by the people, partnership with local community service providers, transition brick & mortar business operations online as well as their inventory to be offered as an alternative to online conglomerates by implementing data collection, coalition building, built environment plan for financial sustainability level, policy centering small businesses, tech adoption, and the development of the future small business infrastructure.

Filed on March 6, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON AND
RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE WEST AFRICAN NATION OF GHANA AND THEIR LIBERATION FROM BRITISH COLONIALISM ON MARCH 6TH, 1957

- WHEREAS,** On March 6th, 1957, under the leadership of the esteemed Pan Africanist leader Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana became the first nation within Sub-Saharan Africa to achieve political independence; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Said independence was an inspiration to various other leaders and movements throughout the African diaspora and lovers of freedom everywhere, including to such legendary 20th Century African leaders as Patrice Lumumba of Congo and Amilcar Cabral of Guinea-Bissau and Cabo Verde; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston recognizes the rich and storied history of Ghana, a nation that predates colonization with a heritage rooted in ancient kingdoms such as the Kingdom of Dagbon and The Ashanti Empire, contributing significantly to Africa's cultural and historical tapestry; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The resilient people of Ghana endured Portuguese and Dutch control in the 15th Century, particularly in the region then referred to as the Gold Coast, followed by a protracted struggle against British Colonialism, marked by fierce resistance from Akan-Nation states and the enduring legacy of the Ashanti Empire; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The historical struggles of Ghana exemplify a relentless fight for autonomy, culminating in the tireless efforts and visionary leadership of Kwame Nkrumah, a former student at the HBCU Lincoln University and a devoted follower of Marcus Garvey and W.E.B. DuBois; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Ghana's journey to independence reached its pinnacle on March 6th, 1957, when it proudly declared itself the first Sub-Saharan African nation to achieve political independence, setting an inspiring precedent for the entire continent; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Ghana's fight for independence served as a beacon of inspiration for leaders and movements throughout the African diaspora and beyond, influencing iconic figures such as Patrice Lumumba of Congo, Amilcar Cabral of Guinea-Bissau and

Cabo Verde, Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and the towering African American scholar W.E.B. DuBois, who chose to reside in Ghana and contribute to the Encyclopedia of Africa; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston acknowledges, honors, and celebrates the Independence of Ghana, a nation with a history marked by significant political, social, and economic transformations; *and*

WHEREAS, Ghana's post-colonial era under Nkrumah's administration aimed to spearhead African liberation and establish a socialist African unity, inspiring leaders across the continent; *and*

WHEREAS, The visionary leadership of Kwame Nkrumah, who served as the first president, faced challenges with haphazard administration, corruption, and declining living standards, ultimately leading to a 1966 coup and the establishment of the National Liberation Council; *and*

WHEREAS, Ghana achieved democratic stability with the first peaceful transfer of power between democratically elected governments in 2001, marking a milestone in its political history; *and*

WHEREAS, The subsequent presidencies of John Agyekum Kufuor, John Evans Atta Mills, and John Dramani Mahama, though facing challenges, contributed to Ghana's political and economic development; *and*

WHEREAS, In the wake of Ghana's independence, remarkable individuals emerged to contribute significantly to the advancement of the nation and the broader African continent; *and*

WHEREAS, Kofi Annan, through his distinguished service as the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations, brought unparalleled leadership, diplomacy, and advocacy for peace, human rights, and development to the global stage, earning him the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001; *and*

WHEREAS, Hilla Limann, as the President of the Third Republic of Ghana, demonstrated unwavering commitment to democracy, national unity, and social progress during a pivotal period in the country's history; *and*

WHEREAS, Ama Ata Aidoo, an acclaimed Ghanaian author and playwright, has enriched literature and discourse on gender, identity, and African culture through her profound literary works, paving the way for generations of African writers and thinkers; *and*

WHEREAS, Their outstanding contributions have not only brought honor to Ghana but have also inspired countless individuals across the globe to strive for excellence, justice, and equality; *and*

WHEREAS, In honor of this rich and integral contribution made by the Ghanaian people, their proud and profound centuries long struggle from Western domination, and their ongoing independence and political sovereignty of 67 years, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the City of Boston hereby extends its heartfelt recognition, profound honor, and jubilant celebration towards the remarkable achievement of Ghana's independence. The 67th Anniversary of this historic occasion, realized on March 6th, 1957, stands as a testament to the enduring spirit and resilience that encapsulates the narrative of Ghana's sovereign journey.

Filed on March 6, 2024



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON
COMMISSION TO STUDY STRATEGIES IN FILLING DOWNTOWN
OFFICE VACANCIES**

- WHEREAS:** Downtown Boston is an important economic driver of our city, state, and New England's economy. For several years, many of Boston's neighborhoods, especially those in the Downtown area, were negatively impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic, with office vacancies continuing to be a serious issue; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston's budget is heavily reliant on property taxes, with three quarters of the City's FY24 \$4.28 billion budget coming from property taxes. The city's commercial tax base, which includes offices and retail spaces, is assessed at \$63 billion in the current fiscal year; *and*
- WHEREAS:** A BPDA market analysis last year has found that the Financial District is the largest office submarket in Boston by a substantial margin, with 445 office buildings compared to 178 in Back Bay and 94 in the South Boston Waterfront. 91 percent of building stock in the Financial District are marked as office use; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to recent research from brokerage firm Newmark, the office vacancy rate is now 20.1% in Downtown, which is up from 14.8% from last year. Vacancy rates impact the value of real estate, which in turn also impacts the amount of tax revenue that they generate; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Boston Policy Institute and Tufts University's Center for State Policy Analysis latest research also finds that due to the decreasing value of office spaces, there is a potential shortfall of \$1.2 to \$1.5 billion in city revenue over the next 5 years; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Last week, the Boston Globe reported that tax abatement requests are also up in the Downtown area where most offices are, with 322 abatement requests submitted by February 1st, up from 253 requests last year; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to reports, the City's Assessing Department stated that they have not seen indicators from the real estate market that would translate into loss of revenue for the City, but we should still take proactive steps in order to address any potential revenue issues in the future; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Commercial real estate executives in Boston have also expressed serious concerns about the future of the city's office space, and asked for assistance from local, state, and federal officials to play a key role in helping to bring more workers and foot traffic back Downtown; *and*

WHEREAS: Last year, the City Council held a hearing on bringing back foot traffic by having in-person meetings for all City boards and commissions, as a way to both set an example and encourage all sectors to work with their employees to begin to shift to more in-person workdays, since our small businesses, restaurants, and retailers need to be supported by visitors to Downtown, and for it to have sustained prosperity; *and*

WHEREAS: Having a vibrant Downtown is vitally important to the prosperity of our city and state, and Downtown residents, businesses and city officials all agree that higher foot traffic and healthy economic activity is much needed to restore confidence and improve public safety in the neighborhood; *and*

WHEREAS: Moreover, while concerns about exacerbating our transportation crisis should be looked at closely, Boston's traffic issues preceded these serious concerns on Downtown property values, our commercial tax base, and foot traffic. Pre-pandemic, Boston was rated worst in the nation with traffic and congestion, according to INRIX Global Traffic Scorecard in 2019; *and*

WHEREAS: In November of 2019, the Boston City Council held a hearing on the impact of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), such as Uber & Lyft, on traffic & sustainability; which, at that time, included data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) indicating 42 million trips in Boston in 2018 (115,000 per day) and a 21% increase from the year prior, as well as 59% of all ridesharing trips adding additional vehicles in our region; *and*

WHEREAS: Addressing our office vacancies is also a critical component to a revitalized Downtown, and filling office vacancies will also be important in ensuring the stability of our city's tax base and budget; *and*

WHEREAS: Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission made up of business leaders, city and state officials and leaders, neighborhood advocates, and other relevant experts to study the impact of the office vacancies and suggest strategies to fill these vacancies would be a good step forward in addressing this issue and ensure the long term vitality of our City and the whole region; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council works to address the office vacancies in the City of Boston, and that it sends its support in creating a blue ribbon commission in studying this issue, as well as other efforts in ensuring long term economic vitality of Boston.

Filed in City Council: March 6, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON AND RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION TO EMBRACE AND EXTEND HEARTFELT WISHES TO THE BELOVED MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AND ACROSS THE GLOBE, INVOKING BLESSINGS UPON THEM AS THEY EMBARK UPON THE SACRED JOURNEY OF RAMADAN, A MONTH REVERED FOR ITS HOLY RITUALS OF PRAYER, FASTING, CHARITY, AND DEEP REFLECTION.

WHEREAS, Islam, a radiant thread woven into the rich tapestry of the world's spiritual traditions, is one of the world's major religions and stands as a testament to our shared faith heritage; *and*

WHEREAS, Ramadan, an ethereal interval of fasting and spiritual rejuvenation, graces Muslims worldwide, marking the luminous 9th month of the Islamic calendar; *and*

WHEREAS, The profound purpose of fasting during Ramadan transcends personal restraint, aspiring for a profound understanding of the challenges faced by those ensnared in the grasp of poverty; *and*

WHEREAS, Ramadan emerges as an opportune moment for spiritual contemplation, fostering communal bonds, and extending a helping hand to those in financial strife, a jubilant celebration of gratitude; *and*

WHEREAS, The indelible presence of Muslims in the American narrative spans over four centuries, with their roots entwined in the complex history of the nation, having arrived as resilient souls in the crucible of slavery; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a haven for diversity, warmly embraces its 131,000 Muslim residents, acknowledging their cherished faith as an intrinsic part of the vibrant mosaic that is our shared community; *and*

WHEREAS, The Muslim community stands as a testament to the kaleidoscope of human diversity within the United States, contributing immeasurably to the cultural vibrancy of the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Fostering the utmost diversity within the most varied religion globally; *and*

WHEREAS, The sacred commencement of Ramadan, anticipated to commence in the evening on Sunday, March 10, 2024, and conclude on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, ushers in a celestial journey spanning one lunar month. The initiation and conclusion dates are determined by the lunar Islamic calendar: ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Council, with profound reverence, officially acknowledge and extend its warmest wishes to the esteemed Muslim community in Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the United States, and across the globe, earnestly desiring a joyous and spiritually enriching observance of Ramadan. That the City Clerk is hereby respectfully implored to ensure that esteemed organizations such as Jetpac Resource Center, the Council on American-Islamic Relations – Massachusetts (CAIR-MA), Muslim American Society Boston, the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center (ISBCC Roxbury), Masjid Al Noor, Masjid Al Qur’an, Masjid Alhumdulillah, and Boston Islamic Center, receive a copy of this resolution.

Filed on March 6, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE BUS MONITOR PAY RATES AND WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The average pay for a bus monitor in the City of Boston is \$18 an hour, which is only 3 dollars more an hour than the prevailing minimum wage of \$15 an hour in the city; *and*

WHEREAS, The pay range is 15-23 an hour for the position, but because the initial pay is in minimum wage range, there is a high turnover rate, meaning that a majority of monitors don't reach the higher end of the scale, which, with Boston being the second most expensive rental market in the country, is, in and of itself, not a particularly high rate; *and*

WHEREAS, The average yearly salary for a school bus monitor in Boston is \$26,171, with a salary range of \$21,127 to 31,895 a year; *and*

WHEREAS, However, according to apartments.com, the average studio apartment in Boston is currently \$2,749 a month, while a one bedroom is going for \$3,310 a month, the yearly totals of which are both more money than what bus monitors make at even the high end of their salary scale; *and*

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the conditions of said work are often porous, with each monitor responsible for the safety and security of dozens of students; *and*

WHEREAS, This means that the monitors are tasked with implementing behavioral management strategies that can be problematic utilizing in the bus setting; *and*

WHEREAS, The work is often arduous, calling on the monitor to move around the bus, assist with the loading and unloading onto and off the bus of students in wheelchairs, and forcing them to settle disputes and brouhahas in both a studied and an improvisational manner as called upon; *and*

WHEREAS, Such a significant amount of hard work requires that our monitors be granted additional sit time so that they can obtain needed rest from their yeoman-like

labors to better sustain their ability to remain in the field and to care for their minds and bodies: ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council Supports the Bus Monitors of the Boston Public Schools in their efforts to obtain a solidly living wage and better working conditions.

Filed on March 6, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FURTHER MEASURES TO SUPPLEMENT INCLUSIONARY ZONING AND ADVANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The Zoning Code of the City of Boston was amended in November 2023 to insert Article 79, incorporating transformative inclusionary zoning requirements to increase the availability of affordable housing, encourage the development of larger units, and provide more deeply affordable housing options; *and*

WHEREAS, The adoption of Article 79, authorized by Chapter 365 of the Acts of 2020 amending the Boston Zoning Enabling Act found in Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, followed a petition for a zoning text amendment adopted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Board in July 2023 and accepted by the Boston City Council in September 2023 as Docket 1293; *and*

WHEREAS, Effective October 1, 2024, the amendment codifies inclusionary development into zoning, lowering the threshold for projects required to include affordable housing from ten to seven units and increasing the portion required to be income-restricted from 13% of units to 17% of units or project square footage; *and*

WHEREAS, Small Projects (below 50,000 square feet) developing on-site rental units will be required to provide 17% of units or square footage at an average of 60% of the Area Median Income, while Large Projects (above 50,000 SF) developing on-site rental units will be required to provide 18% of units or square footage (15% at an average of 50% of AMI, plus 3% voucher set aside) or 20% of units or square footage (17% at an average of 60% of AMI, plus 3% voucher set aside); *and*

WHEREAS, Small Projects developing on-site homeownership units will be required to provide 17% of units or square footage at an average of 90% of AMI, while Large Projects developing on-site homeownership units will be required to provide 20% of units or square footage at an average of 90% of AMI; *and*

WHEREAS, To effectively address the affordable housing crisis, further measures beyond the adopted minimum requirements must be pursued, and developer commitments to affirmatively further fair housing must be thoroughly tracked and enforced; *and*

- WHEREAS*, Displacement disproportionately impacts Boston’s communities of color, including in Chinatown, Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Mattapan, and Roxbury, where residents are in need of affordability beyond 20% of units; *and*
- WHEREAS*, New life science, commercial, and institutional development in neighborhoods such as Allston-Brighton, Dorchester, Fenway, and Roxbury increase demand for affordable housing to mitigate the displacement of working-class and elderly residents, including renters of color, to reverse historic exclusion in housing; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Fifty percent of the AMI in Boston for 2023, determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is \$51,950 for a single-person household and \$74,200 for a four-person household, and about half of Boston’s rental households of color make less than \$31,000 to \$37,000, about 30% of AMI; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The City of Boston Voucher Program makes income-restricted housing affordable to low-income and extremely low-income renters by providing project-based vouchers tied to a particular development, ensuring tenants pay no more than 30% of their income and at no cost to developers or impacts to project feasibility; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Analysis of Boston’s Inclusionary Development Policy by RKG Associates observed that “Creating a strategy that increases requirements over a set period can add a level of predictability for both developers and property owners and allow the market to absorb and plan for future changes along the way”; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Strengthening affordability requirements over time helps capture future increases in land value so that the community, residents, property owners, and developers can all benefit, and stronger requirements will help deter the resale of properties for large profits after initial project approval; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- RESOLVED*: That the Boston City Council expresses its intention to build upon the inaugurally adopted inclusionary zoning requirements by calling on the Mayor, Council members, and Boston residents to collectively advocate for and encourage developers to pursue the City of Boston Voucher Program to make housing units truly affordable for residents at lower AMI levels; *AND BE IT FURTHER*
- RESOLVED*: That the Boston City Council expresses its intention to seek periodic review of inclusionary zoning requirements beginning no later than the year 2026, using data on housing affordability, demand, and construction costs to inform feasible and effective timelines to phase in future increases beyond 20% of affordability.

Filed on: March 4, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR

ORDER OF COUNCILOR MURPHY AND FLYNN

ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, Her Honor, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information:

Information on the BPS Sundays program so we are prepared for our Council Hearing that is scheduled for March 18th.

1. City officials have estimated that this initiative will cost 1 million dollars.
 - a. Total amount of federal tax ARPA dollars being spent on the program.
 - b. Amazon, and all other for-profit businesses that have donated and how much they have donated.
 - c. Highland Street Foundation, and all other non-profit foundations that have donated and how much they have donated.
2. All data that has been collected from the first two months of the program that is being collected and shared with the administration.
 - a. The number of students, and family members, who participated so far in the program.
 - b. What schools the students attend who participated so far in the program.
 - c. The grade level of each student who participated so far in the program.
 - d. A breakdown of each institution that has participated, with the number of students who visited so far.

Requesting that the Mayor's Office and the Boston Public School's, through the Mayor, provide any and all information that is available regarding this matter.

Filed in Council: March 6, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information relative to the operations of and assets held by the BRA(d/b/a BPDA/EDIC).

1. Breakdown of all current BRA/EDIC employees, which departments they will go to and those that will stay in the planning department.
2. Breakdown of FY24 revenue in millions, expenses, amount of surplus, projected costs
 - a. BRA/EDIC yearly total revenue with a complete breakdown of sources, (for example: ground leases, surplus, developer mitigation funds, etc)
 - b. List and dollar amounts of all existing BRA/EDIC yearly expenses that would be transferred to the Planning Department. (i.e. payroll, contractual services, and property management, etc.)
 - c. List and dollar amounts of all existing BRA/EDIC yearly expenses for non-municipal uses (i.e building repairs, maintenance.)
3. Number of unfilled jobs at BRA d/b/a BPDA as of 2/28/24.
4. Copies of all the leases and all the revenue and expenses associated with all assets managed by the BRA/EDIC.
5. Any leases that the BRA/EDIC holds for any lease for non-municipal uses.

Filed on: March, 6, 2024

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

March 1, 2024

Councilor Louijuene
(Mejia)

ORDERED: That effective Monday, March 11, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, June 14, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Manuela Carvajal Suarez	Secretary	\$408.00	part time
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Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the Mar. 6, 2024 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

¹**Section 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.

In effect after April 1, 2024

Message and order for your approval an Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-3.5, Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement.(Docket #0256)

Message and order for your approval an Ordinance creating the Planning Department in the City of Boston. (Docket #0257)

Assigned for Further Action

On the Table

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

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 Mayor*³

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.

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0175	Worrell	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring the NBA All-Star Weekend to Boston.	1/24/2024		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0289	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Nigel Jacobs to the Boston Art Commission for a term expiring on December 20, 2028.	2/7/2024		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0290	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of James Mason to the Boston Art Commission for a term expiring on December 20, 2028.	2/7/2024		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0291	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Abigail Norman to the Boston Art Commission for a term expiring on December 20, 2028.	2/7/2024		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0343	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Red Sox Arts and Parks Program, awarded by the Boston Red Sox to be administered by the Mayor's Office. The grant will support arts programming, community events and parks operations across Boston.	2/14/2024		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0181	Durkan		Order for a hearing to discuss the mental health and wellness resources available to City of Boston employees and new resources implemented after the COVID-19 pandemic.	1/24/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0179	Durkan	Coletta, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss trash collection in Boston.	1/24/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0180	Durkan	Pepin, Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss city services in regard to composting and the need for increased composting services.	1/24/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0189	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.	1/24/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0266	Fernandes-Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss creating a fund for translation and interpretive services to be utilized at community meetings held by City Councilors.	1/31/2024		

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services & Innovation Technology	0332	Murphy	Flynn	Order for hearing to discuss the safety of city workers.	2/7/2024	2/22/2024	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0356	Fernandes-Anderson		Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss prioritizing equitable development by exploring financial solutions to clean parcels prior to acquisition in Boston.	2/14/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0193	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss an increase in racist incidents in Boston and the Human Rights Commission's role in tracking, reporting, and addressing discrimination and civil rights violations.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0195	Louijeune	Fernandes, Breadon	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0198	Coletta	Flynn, Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding technological infrastructure improvements across city departments.	1/2/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0200	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0204	Louijeune	Coletta	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.	1/24/2024		
Education	0177	Murphy	Weber, Fernandes	Order for a hearing reclaiming the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center for our Boston Public School athletes.	1/24/2024		
Education	0188	Worrell	Mejia, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/24/2024		
Education	0194	Coletta	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish a Climate Change and Environmental Justice Curriculum Pilot Program in Boston Public Schools.	1/24/2024		
Education	0197	Louijeune	Colletta, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to address the mental health needs of our students with a focus on guidance counselors.	1/24/2024		
Education	0353	Fernandes-Anderson		Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the feasibility of BPS providing ESOL classes for parents.	2/14/2024		

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Education	0381	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Open Data Curriculum, awarded by the MA Department of Education to be administered by the Department of Innovation and Technology. The grant will fund the development of a curriculum that can be used by teachers in the Boston Public Schools, as well as other educational providers that leverage existing open data from the City, State, and Federal government.	2/28/2024		
Education	0401	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a resolution calling for "Sundays for All."	2/28/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0135	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Aquatics Facilities Grant, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, to be administered by Property Management. The grant will fund the repairs and maintenance of aquatic facilities.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0137	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$659,990.00) in the form of a grant, for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Energy to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund State and Local Governments and Tribes, in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions and to improve energy efficiency.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0172	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0190	Coletta	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding implementing coastal resilience strategies for Boston's waterfront.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0355	Fernandes-Anderson		Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss ways to equitably fight climate displacement in District Seven.	2/14/2024		

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0385	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Recycling Dividends Program 23, awarded by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Department of Public Works. The grant will fund investment in local programs including recycling equipment, organics diversion, outreach and education, pilot programs, school recycling, toxic reduction, and more.	2/28/2024		
Government Operations	0166	Coletta		Ordinance Formally Creating the Office of Food Justice and Establishing a Food Recovery Program in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Government Operations	0168	Louijeune		Ordinance with respect to Honey Bees.	1/24/2024		2/23/24 (WS)
Government Operations	0169	Louijeune		Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to Honey Bees.	1/24/2024		2/23/24 (WS)
Government Operations	0170	Coletta	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance Establishing Street Food Enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by Inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of Non-Motorized Street Food Carts.	1/24/2024		3/12/24 (WS)
Government Operations	0171	Worrell		Home Rule Petition to Ensure Future Inauguration Dates Do Not Fall on a Federal Holiday.	1/24/2024	3/15/2024	
Government Operations	0256	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-3.5, Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement.	1/31/2024		
Government Operations	0257	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance creating the Planning Department in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024	2/29/2024	3/8/24 (WS)
Government Operations	0262	Flynn		Ordinance Establishing the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024		
Government Operations	0263	Flynn		Petition for a special law re: an act regarding the disability pension for Brian McPherson.	1/31/2024		
Government Operations	0399	Pepén	Murphy	A petition for a special law re: An age waiver for the maximum age requirement for Alex Guzman to join the Boston Police Department.	2/28/2024		

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Housing & Community Development	0176	Worrell	Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher Program.	1/24/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0202	Louijeune	Breadon	Order for a hearing on addressing and improving fair housing practices in the city of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0203	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1/24/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0265	Weber	Louijeune, Breadon	Order for a hearing to explore a right to counsel pilot program for tenants facing eviction in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0398	Santana	Louijeune, Breadon	Order for a hearing to explore strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.	2/28/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0414	Santana	Weber, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing housing choice vouchers.	2/28/2024		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0418	Worrell	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	2/28/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0100	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant award in the amount not to exceed Two Million Five-Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297) from the Boston Planning & Development Agency, for the construction and management of transportation improvements projects.	8/10/2022		2023 - 0930
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0101	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Federal Highway Administration, through the Massachusetts Departments of Transportation, Highway Division of Seven Million Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$7,501,200) to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Works Department. This grant is a portion of the design costs for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue Project.	9/28/2022		2023 - 1166
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0104	Mayor		Message and order confirming the appointment of Nakeeda Burns to the Zoning Commission as a residential organization member for a term expiring October 26, 2026.	10/25/2023		2023 - 1626

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0107	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Peter Sanborn, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1706
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0108	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of John Freeman, a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1707
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0109	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1708
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0110	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Russell, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1709
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0111	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jim Kutchin, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1710
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0112	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Douglas Miller, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1711
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0113	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Ready, as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		2023 - 1750
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0114	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Fadi Samaha, as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		2023 - 1751
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0144	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Felicia Jacques, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0145	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Thomas Rodde, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0146	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Catherine Hunt, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0147	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of John Freeman, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0148	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of John Amodeo, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0149	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Terri North, as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0150	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0151	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Pamela Beale, as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0152	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Ruel Longfellow, as a member of the Bay State Road/Back Bay West Area Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0153	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Lynn Smiledge, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0154	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Heyne, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0184	Durkan	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to review the creation of a municipal bus service to provide last-mile service and late night shuttle service for third-shift workers.	1/24/2024		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0192	Coletta	FitzGerald, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to discuss the ongoing modernization of Article 80 in Boston's Zoning Code.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0259	Mayor		Petition of Uptown Transport Inc., for a license to operate motor vehicles for the carriage of passengers for hire over certain streets in Boston.	1/31/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0288	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Senam Kumahia, as a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on December 30, 2027.	2/7/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0292	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Craig Douglas as a Member of the Bay Village Historic District Commission, for a term expiring April 1, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0293	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Lora Shea as a Member of the Bay Village Historic District Commission, for a term expiring April 1, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0294	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Katherine Sikora Nelson as a Member of the Bay Village Historic District Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0295	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Steven Dunwell Nelson as a Member of the Bay Village Historic District Commission, for a term expiring April 1, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0350	Flynn		Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the community process for transportation planning in the City of Boston.	2/14/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0357	Fernandes-Anderson		Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the possibility of congestion pricing in Boston.	2/14/2024		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0103	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jaclyn Youngblood as a member of the Audit Committee for a term expiring September 11, 2028.	9/20/2023		2023 - 1488
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0187	Worrell		Order for a hearing to access expanded Hospital & Community-Centric Violence Prevention & Intervention.	1/24/2024		

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0191	Breadon	FitzGerald, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the continuity of health care services in relation to the financial challenges faced by the Steward Health Care System.	1/24/2024	2/22/2024	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0196	Coletta	Louijeune, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding menstrual product accessibility in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0264	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of for profit urgent care centers on nonprofit community health centers in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024	3/7/2024	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0281	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant for the EEC Mental Health Earmark, awarded by the MA Early Education and Child Care Department to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund and support mental health training for early childhood educators.	2/7/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0286	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Sandro Galea, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0287	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Elsie Tavares, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0348	Breadon	Coletta, Murphy	Councilor Breadon offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss a comprehensive review and update of the Boston EMS Service Zone Plan.	2/14/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0415	Fitzgerald		Order for a hearing to discuss the current trauma response resources in the City of Boston and the potential for expansion.	2/28/2024		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0134	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirteen Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$13,317,200.00) in the form of a grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management. The grant will fund planning, exercise, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to, and recover from threats of acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.	1/24/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0174	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to address gun violence.	1/24/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0185	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore the Summer Community Plan.	1/24/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0342	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$1,705,475.12) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 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 multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution and reintegration programs.	2/14/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0354	Fernandes-Anderson		Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding current bail policies in local jails.	2/14/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0377	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Four Thousand Fourteen Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,604,014.20) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Hazmat Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the needs of the hazardous materials response teams, as specified in line item 8324-0000 and 8324-0050 of the FY24 General Appropriation Act.	2/28/2024		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0378	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 State Training Grant, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the purchase of equipment and supplies, and to fund training initiatives for the Boston Fire Training Academy to ensure the department remains current in the firefighting services.	2/28/2024		
Rules & Administration	0351	Flynn		Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a meeting to review the Boston City Council rules.	2/14/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0136	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Commercial Acquisition Assistance Program (CAAP), awarded by the Barr Foundation, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. The grant will fund core support to its Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion to grow its impact.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0173	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0183	Fernandes-Anderson	Worrell, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to facilitate a community process to support consumers in District 7 impacted by the impending closure of Walgreens at 416 Warren Street.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0186	Worrell	Mejia, Fernandes	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0352	Durkan		Councilor Durkan offered the following: Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a citywide merchandise licensing program.	2/14/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0115	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) in the form of a grant for the BHCCI Connect, Learn & Explore Grant, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund the Boston Healthy Child Care Initiative and the Office of Early Childhood's Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative.	12/13/2023		2023 - 1820

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Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0267	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide for our children, families, and seniors.	1/31/2024	2/15/24, 2/29/24	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0376	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$2,232,152.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY24 Title III-C Nutrition Service Program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston.	2/28/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0379	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$1,038,243.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY24 Title III-B Supportive Services, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund home-based support services for older adults in the City of Boston.	2/28/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0380	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$530,999.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY24 Title III-E Family Caregiver Support Program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund Caregiver Services for older adults in the City of Boston.	2/28/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0382	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$461,143.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY24 Title III-A Administration, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund the cost for administration of Title III programs.	2/28/2024		

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Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0383	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$177,271.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY24 Title III- Ombudsman Program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund consumer protection programs to improve long-term services for older adults in the City of Boston.	2/28/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0384	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Age Strong Universal Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund senior center programs and services for older adults in Boston.	2/28/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0386	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighty-Four Thousand Fifty-Eighty Dollars (\$84,058.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY24 Title III-D Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund services that assist older adults in Boston to prevent illness and manage chronic conditions.	2/28/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0413	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the results of last year's youth summer jobs programs and prepare for this summer.	2/28/2024		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0349	Flynn		Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veterans Services.	2/14/2024		
Ways & Means	0199	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing, school buildings, and community investments.	1/24/2024		
Ways & Means	0268	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public School's Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.	1/31/2024	3/14/2024	3/14/24 (WS)

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Ways & Means	0280	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of One Million Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$1,260,000.00) for the Cemetery Division of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Trust Office of the Treasury Department to be funded from the Cemetery Trust Fund established under Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1961.	2/7/2024		
Ways & Means	0338	Mayor		Message and order for your approval, an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Two Hundred and Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$1,203,751.00) to provide funding for various City Departments for the FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, Council 93.	2/14/2024		
Ways & Means	0339	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for various departments for the FY24 in the amount of One Million Two Hundred and Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$1,203,751.00) to cover the FY24 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, Council 93. The terms of the contract are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. The major provisions for the contract include base wage increases of 2% to be given in July of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amount of \$500, \$250, \$900, \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year. The agreement also includes changes to personal days, an increase in the clothing allowance and training funds, and increases to certain differentials. Filed in Office of the City Clerk on February 12, 2024.	2/14/2024		
Ways & Means	0340	Mayor		Message and order for your approval, an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$647,254.00) to provide funding for various City Departments for the FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Service Employees International Union, Local 888.	2/14/2024		

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Ways & Means	0341	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for various departments for the FY24 in the amount of Six Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$647,254.00) to cover the FY24 cost items contained with the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Service Employees International Union. The terms of the contract are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. The major provisions for the contract include base wage increases of 2% to be given in January of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amount of \$500, \$250, \$900, \$750 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year after the percentage increase. The agreement also includes an expansion of the clothing allowance, an increase to the weekend differential, and compensation reviews of certain position groups. Filed in Office of the City Clerk on February 12, 2024.	2/14/2024		
Whole	0118	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Rafaela Polanco Garca as a Member to the Boston School Committee.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0119	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Chantal Lima Barbosa as a Member to the Boston School Committee.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0120	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Priscilla MacKenzie "Kenzie" Bok as a Member of the Commemoration Commission.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0121	Mayor		Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of December 6, 2023.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.

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Whole	0122	Mayor		Communication was received from the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts requesting the Boston City Council reconsider their position and approve the grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0124	Mayor		Communication was received from the Boston Air Pollution Control Commission regarding the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Regulations Statements of Fiscal Effect and Small Business Impact report.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

presented by

Councilor At-Large Henry Santana

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

Amy Camil Mariano Bello

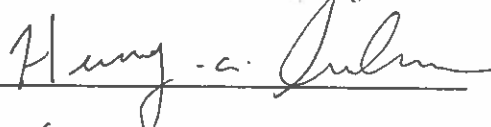
In recognition of:

Being a remarkable senior at New Mission High School and captain of the Titans Girl Basketball team. You led the team to extraordinary achievements, earning three-time player of the week honors and a top 30 state ranking. your outstanding leadership culminated in a third-place finish in the State Championships, garnering widespread attention from esteemed publications. Recognized as "one of the players to watch," your aspirations extend beyond basketball to pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice post-graduation.

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: 02/26/2024

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

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

Wandel Tropman Tejada


In recognition of:

Being a senior at English High School, you exemplify leadership through unwavering community service, volunteering at various events and supporting your mother weekly, showcasing selflessness. A trendsetter among peers, you provide attire for inclusivity and have created "LatinDom" and a youth security team, displaying innovation. With aspirations in train conducting or law enforcement, your respect and passion make you invaluable to Sociedad Latina's youth programs where you plan to continue your dedication beyond high school.

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President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: 02/26/2024

City of Boston
IN

CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

presented by

Councilor Ed Flynn

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

Billy Connor

In recognition of:

Your steadfast commitment and devotion to the City of Boston. We thank you for your 18 years of leadership and service to South Boston and the Greater Boston community. We recognize your lifelong commitment to Southie sports and to law enforcement, currently and in years past, including playing, coaching, and recruiting for sports like hockey, baseball, T-ball, Senior Babe Ruth, and Boston Men's Baseball League. We applaud your service in District 14, as a union representative for your fellow officers while embodying the values of service and commitment to the City of Boston as a member of the Boston Police Patrolman. Your tireless efforts reflect the positive impact that sports can have on young lives in our city. Congratulations on receiving the well-deserved Henry Knox Award!

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: Edward M. Flynn

Date: March 1, 2024

Billy Connor

Jay Arthur

Billy Allen

Ann Marie Aducci

Shannon Maloney

City of Boston

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IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Arthur D'Angelo

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

March 4, 2024

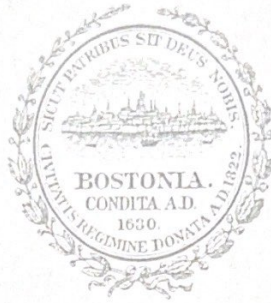
SINCERELY,

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Mayra Correa

In Recognition of:

Her dedication and commitment
to Boston Public Schools students, and their families _____; 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: *Robby Fennell*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Gabriel Colletta*

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
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**Official Resolution
of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén**

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




Richie Paris

In Recognition of:

**Your 38 years of dedicated service to the Boston Fire Department.
Council Enrique J. Pepén would like to thank you for your service and
wish you a happy retirement!**

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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CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution
of City Councilors Enrique J. Pepén & Ruthzee Louijeune

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

April Ricci

In Recognition of:

**Your outstanding commitment to the community, and being a positive role
model of leadership through your abounding kindness and dedication.
Congratulations on your well deserved Fred Burke Community Service Award!**

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: Ruthzee Louijeune
President of the City Council
Attest: Alexey Gerasimov
Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: [Signature]
Date: March 2nd, 2024

City of Boston
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IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

RICHARD PATRICK LAWLOR

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

Wednesday, March 6th
SINCERELY,



By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: 
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: _____