



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

1385 Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston (the "City") to accept and expend the amount of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) in the form of a grant (the "Grant Payment"), awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, to be administered by the City's Chief Financial Officer/Collector-Treasurer. This Grant Payment is made from the Corona Virus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in the Treasury of the United States established by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.

1386 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the MBI Digital Equity Partnership Program, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The grant will fund services and support for residents of the Commonwealth who cannot afford broadband service and/or internet connected devices or lack the digital literacy skills needed to utilized the internet.

[1387](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$106,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Fire Prevention & Safety grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund critically needed resources to strengthen community fire prevention programs and enable scientific research on innovations that improve firefighter safety, health, and well-being.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

[1388](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Nicholas Gove as ex-officio member of the Air Pollution Control Commission, effective immediately.

[1389](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Bridget Connelly as member of the Local 888 AFL-CIO Housing Trust Fund, for a term expiring September 12, 2026.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

[0100](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Planning and Development Agency in the amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297.00) for the costs related to transportation improvement projects.

[0101](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Million Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7,501,200.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal Highway Administration Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Works Department. The grant will fund a portion of the design cost for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue project.

[1105](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) and any interest accrued thereon-received in the form of annual Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) payments and held in an interest-bearing escrow fund until designated for use by the City-for the Sullivan Square Infrastructure Project.

[1108](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Eight Thousand (\$38,000.00) in the form of a grant for the MHC FY24 Survey and Planning Grant Phase II, awarded by the United States Department of the Interior, passed through the Massachusetts Historical Commission, to be administered by the Office of Historic Preservation. The grant will fund Phase II of the East Boston Survey Update. The aim of Phase II is to produce new and updated inventory forms for properties in East Boston's Orient Heights area.

[1169](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$539,256.00) in the form of a grant, for the MassEVIP Charging Stations, awarded by MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund sixty (60) electric vehicle charging stations under the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) Public Access Charging (PAC) Program.

[1275](#) Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) in the amount not to exceed Four Million Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$4,382,932.66) cost related to the following projects: Two Financial Center, The Victor (Simpson Parcel), 1501 Commonwealth Avenue, 1397-1305 Blue Hill Avenue, BIDMC New Inpatient Building, 1350 Boylston Street, 76 Stoney Road, Seaport Square Northern Avenue Bridge, 745 Atlantic Avenue, 370-380 Harrison Avenue, Boston University Center- Dental School, Boston Landing, 780 Morrissey Boulevard, 289 Walk Hill Street, Allston Yard Building A, 61-83 Braintree Street, and Belvidere Street Student Housing Project.

[1277](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Reconnecting Communities-Pilot Program, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation. The grant will fund the assessment of the feasibility of reconnecting the Chinatown neighborhood that was bisected by the construction of I-90.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

[1390](#) **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Ordinance reforming the Boston Cultural Council.

- 1391 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss a holistic vision for District Seven in order to redress historic racial harm and to uphold District Seven Constituents' Civil Rights.
- 1392 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to provide additional support and informational sessions on the distribution of Boston's new 225 liquor licenses.
- 1393 Councilor Worrell and Mejia offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.
- 1394 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the Nubian Square Task Force, its goals, vision, and composition in alignment with the principles of equity and recovery.
- 1395 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss residency requirements for COB employees.
- 1396 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the process of establishing hero squares in the City of Boston.
- 1397 Councilor Weber and Mejia offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss long-term vacant commercial spaces in the City of Boston.
- 1398 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the Educational and Workforce Development past successes and future opportunities of youth jobs offered by the City of Boston.
- 1399 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the procedures and protocols for the termination of City appointees.
- 1400 Councilor Santana and Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing September 23, 2024 as Bisexuality Visibility Day.
- 1401 Councilor Mejia and Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Latino Heritage Month in the City of Boston from September 15 to October 15.
- 1402 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution celebrating Amilcar Cabral and his contribution to the independence of Guinea and Cabo Verde.

1403 Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing September as Baby Safety Month to promote infant safety and injury prevention in Boston.

1404 Councilor Worrell and Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing September 17-23 as National Constitutional Week in the City of Boston.

GREEN SHEETS:

18/24 Legislative Calendar for September 18, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1405 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Hannibal Auto Repair.

1406 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Charlie Connors.

1407 Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing American Food Basket.

1408 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Parziale's Bakery.

1409 Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jake Silveria.

1410 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Sammy Carlo.

1411 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ducali Pizzeria & Bar.

1412 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Johnny "Mangia" Pagliuca.

1413 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Steven Scire.

1414 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution in memory of Helen Gallo Bryan.

1415 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Susan Huang.

- 1416** **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Jane Hurley O'Connor.
- 1417** **Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Annie Grant.
- 1418** **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Bishop Dr. Everett Dallas Jr.
- 1419** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution honoring the lives lost and those held hostage following the October 7th terrorist attack on Israel.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

MICHELLE WU

September 16, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston (the "City") to accept and expend the amount of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) in the form of a grant (the "Grant Payment"), awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, to be administered by the City's Chief Financial Officer/Collector-Treasurer.

This Grant Payment is 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 (ARPA) of 2021. The Grant Payment would fund the City's continued recovery efforts, such as financial assistance to low and moderate income first-time homebuyers, especially Boston Housing Authority residents, funding for the acquisition of market-rate properties to prevent displacement and grow the affordable housing stock, and grants to business owners seeking to occupy currently vacant storefronts. Accepting the Grant Payment will permit the Fund to provide assistance to an estimated 120 new homebuyers, 10 local and diverse small business owners through commercial space grants, and 25 households through the creation of permanently income-restricted housing.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT FUNDED THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (SLFRF) ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 9901 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA), AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.

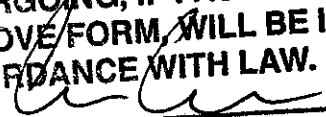
WHEREAS: the United States Department of the Treasury is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the City of Boston under Section 602 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

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 SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000) are available as a direct payment to the City; *therefore be it*

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, to accept and expend the United States Department of the Treasury payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments not to exceed the amount of SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000) for the purpose following purposes:

1. *THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) to further address the City's need to prevent displacement and increase affordable housing opportunities through the 'Acquisition Opportunity Program,' which supports the acquisition of market-rate buildings by responsible, mission-oriented developers to stabilize tenancies and create long-term income restricted housing for low- and moderate-income renters; and*
2. *THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) to further expand the pathway to affordable homeownership for low- and moderate-income homebuyers, including Boston Housing Authority residents; and*
3. *ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) to further accelerate our economic recovery through grants and other supports to impacted businesses through the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion's SPACE Program.*

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL** *Kmw*



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

09-16-2024

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 DOLLARS (**\$1,000,000.00**) in the form of a grant, the MBI Digital Equity Partnership Program, awarded by United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, to be administered by the Dpt of Innovation & Technology.

The grant would fund services and support for residents of the Commonwealth who cannot afford broadband service and/or internet connected devices or lack the digital literacy skills needed to utilize the internet.

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 the MBI Digital Equity Partnership Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of the Treasury AND Massachusetts Technology Collaborative.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury and Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Dpt of Innovation & Technology; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (**\$1,000,000.00**) would fund services and support for residents of the Commonwealth who cannot afford broadband service and/or internet connected devices or lack the digital literacy skills needed to utilize the internet. 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 the Treasury, and Massachusetts Technology Collaborative' the MBI Digital Equity Partnership Program award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (**\$1,000,000.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
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accordance with law.

by *Adam Cederbaum*

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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Michelle Wu

09-16-2024

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 SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$106,000.00**) in the form of a grant, FY23 Fire Prevention & Safety grant, awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department.

The grant would fund critically needed resources to strengthen community fire prevention programs and enable scientific research on innovations that improve firefighter safety, health, and well-being.

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 Fire Prevention & Safety grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Federal Emergency Management Agency.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$106,000.00**) would fund critically needed resources to strengthen community fire prevention programs and enable scientific research on innovations that improve firefighter safety, health, and well-being. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY23 Fire Prevention & Safety grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$106,000.00**).

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**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

Sept 11, 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 7-2.1 of the City of Boston Municipal Code, I hereby appoint Nicholas Gove of 106 13th Street #229, Charlestown, MA 02129, as Chair of the Air Pollution Control Commission effective immediately.

As Commissioner of Traffic and Parking, Nicholas Gove will serve as an *ex-officio* member of the Commission and chair until his replacement or resignation.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu,
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

September 11, 2024

SEIU Local 888
Housing Trust Fund
25 Braintree Hill Park, Suite 306
Braintree, MA 02184

Re: Trustee Appointment

Per the Agreement and Declaration of Trust for the City of Boston-Service Employees International Union, Local 888 AFL-CIO Housing Trust Fund, Article IV, Section 1a, and to fill a vacancy, I hereby appoint the following Employer/Management Trustee:

Bridget Connelly of 126 Border Street, 339 East Boston, Massachusetts 02128

This Member will serve a term expiring on September 12, 2026, provided that members may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

August 8, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors,

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Boston Planning and Development Agency in an amount not to exceed Two Million, Five-Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Ninety-Seven dollars (\$2,562,297) for costs related to transportation improvement projects.

I urge your honorable body to adopt this Order expeditiously so that the City of Boston may accept these funds and expend them for the purposes for which they were granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN 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 REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, D/B/A THE BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

ORDERED: That the Boston Transportation Department, 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 a grant award in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five-Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297) from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, d/b/a the Boston Planning and Development Agency, for transportation improvement projects.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY  **ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

September 26, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$7,501,200.00**) in the form of a Federal Highway Administration grant, through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department and Boston Public Works Department.

The grant will fund a portion of the design costs for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue project.

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 OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, THROUGH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAY DIVISION OF SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,501,200) FOR THE SULLIVAN SQUARE/RUTHERFORD AVENUE PROJECT.

ORDERED: That the Interim Commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Federal Highway Administration grant award in an amount not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7,501,200.00). The funds will support design costs for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue project in the Charlestown neighborhood.

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BY



**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts

Office of the Mayor

MICHELLE WU

July 8, 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 Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) and any interest accrued thereon—received in the form of annual Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$2,500,000) payments and held in an interest-bearing escrow fund until designated for use by the City—for the Sullivan Square Infrastructure Project. The Sullivan Square Infrastructure Project consists of the design, construction, and maintenance of all of the improvements to Sullivan Square and adjacent roads leading into and/or connected to Sullivan Square, including but not limited to improvements to the Sullivan Square rotary, all other roadways within 500 feet of the rotary, any Rutherford Avenue underpass beneath the rotary, and Rutherford Avenue between Sullivan Square and City Square. The funds are paid by Wynn, MA LLC (“Wynn”) as a condition of the Surrounding Community Agreement entered between the City and Wynn related to the operation of the Encore Boston Harbor casino. The funds shall be administered by the Mayor’s Office.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them for the purpose for which they were awarded.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AGREEMENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000) TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through the Mayor's Office, be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with Section 53A1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend payments from Wynn, MA LLC made pursuant to the Surrounding Community Agreement entered between the City of Boston and Wynn, MA LLC in the amount of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) and any interest accrued thereon, held in an interest-bearing escrow account held by an escrow agent until designated by the City of Boston for use, for the purpose of funding the Sullivan Square Infrastructure Project, consisting of the design, construction, and maintenance of all of the improvements to Sullivan Square and adjacent roads leading into and/or connected to Sullivan Square, including but not limited to improvements to the Sullivan Square rotary, all other roadways within 500 feet of the rotary, any Rutherford Avenue underpass beneath the rotary, and Rutherford Avenue between Sullivan Square and City Square.

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07-08-2024

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-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$38,000.00**) in the form of a grant, The MHC FY24 Survey and Planning grant Phase II, awarded by United States Department of the Interior, passed through the Massachusetts Historical Commission, to be administered by the Historic Preservation.

The grant would fund Phase II of the East Boston Survey Update. The aim of Phase II is to produce new or updated inventory forms for properties in East Boston's Orient Heights area.

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 The MHC FY24 Survey and Planning grant Phase II FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of the Interior AND Massachusetts Historical Commission.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior and Massachusetts Historical Commission, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$38,000.00**) would fund Phase II of the East Boston Survey Update. The aim of Phase II is to produce new or updated inventory forms for properties in East Boston's Orient Heights area. 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 the Interior, and Massachusetts Historical Commission' The MHC FY24 Survey and Planning grant Phase II award not to exceed the amount of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$38,000.00**).

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_____ **City Clerk**

_____ **Mayor**

Approved _____

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by *Adam Cederbaum*

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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Michelle Wu**

07-17-2024

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 FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (**\$539,256.00**) in the form of a grant, MassEVIP Charging Stations, awarded by MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Transportation Department.

The grant would fund sixty (60) electric vehicle charging station(s) under the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) Public Access Charging (PAC) Program.

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 MassEVIP Charging Stations FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

WHEREAS, the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Transportation Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (**\$539,256.00**) would fund sixty (60) electric vehicle charging station(s) under the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) Public Access Charging (PAC) Program. 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 Energy and Environmental Affairs, MassEVIP Charging Stations award not to exceed the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (**\$539,256.00**).

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Mayor

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Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

August 26, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors,

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Boston Planning & Development Agency in an amount not to exceed **\$4,382,932.66** cost related to the following list of projects:

Source of Funds (Project Name)	Allocation	Use of Funds
Two Financial Center	\$214,200	North Station to Seaport Project
The Victor (Simpson Parcel)	\$161,494	North Station to Seaport Project
1501 Commonwealth Ave.	\$50,000	On-call Contract for the Green Line Transformation Project
1297-1305 Blue Hill Ave.	\$50,000	Transportation Improvements to the Corner of Blue Hill Ave. and Wellington Hill St. Intersection and the Intersection of Blue Hill Ave. and Fessenden St.
BIDMC New Inpatient Building	\$150,000	Pedestrian and Cyclist Improvements in the Vicinity of the Riverway and Brookline Ave.
1350 Boylston St.	\$545,237.66	Improvements to Boylston Street in the Fenway



76 Stonely Rd.	\$21,000	City of Boston Slow Streets Program
Seaport Square Northern Ave. Bridge	\$2,000,000	Planning, Design, and/or Reconstruction of the Northern Ave. Bridge
745 Atlantic Ave.	\$25,000	Leather District Infrastructure and Streetscape Improvements including additional sidewalk repairs, new lighting, or street trees
370-380 Harrison Ave.	\$200,000	Transportation Infrastructure Improvements in the South End
Boston University Medical Center – Dental School	\$60,000	Future Improvements of the Albany St. Corridor and the Inclusion of a Protected Bike Lane
Boston Landing	\$500,000	Improvements to Western Ave.
780 Morrissey Blvd.	\$40,000	Safety Improvements at the Intersection of Freeport St. and Morrissey Blvd.
289 Walk Hill St.	\$50,000	Local Neighborhood Slow Streets Program or Other Street Safety and Calming Measures
Allston Yards Bldg. A	\$15,000	Improvements to Pedestrian-Related Deficiencies along Braintree St. between the Project Site and Cambridge St.
61-83 Braintree St.	\$45,000	Design and Reconstruction of Cambridge St. between Harvard Ave. and North Beacon St.

Belvidere Street Student Housing Project	\$256,000	Off-Site Safety and Accessibility Improvements to Belvidere Street and Dalton Street in the vicinity of the Project site, including, but not limited to, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, crosswalks, separated bike lanes, a floating bus stop on Belvidere Street, and a raised concrete island for the year-round operation of a 47-dock bikeshare station.
TOTAL	\$4,382,932.66	

I urge your honorable body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston, specifically the Boston Transportation Department, may accept and expend these funds expeditiously for transportation improvement projects.

Sincerely,



Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR MILLION, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SIX CENTS (\$4,382,932.66) FROM THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, D/B/A THE BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through the Boston Transportation Department,, be, and hereby is, authorized pursuant to Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a grant award in an amount not to exceed FOUR MILLION, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO DOLLARS AND SIXTY SIX CENTS (\$4,382,932.66) from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, d/b/a the Boston Planning and Development Agency, for transportation improvement projects to be completed by the Boston Transportation Department.

**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**

08-16-2024

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 EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$1,800,000.00)** in the form of a grant, Reconnecting Communities - Pilot Program, awarded by United States Department of Transportation to be administered by the Transportation Department.

The grant would fund the assessment of the feasibility of reconnecting the Chinatown neighborhood that was bisected by the construction of I-90.

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 Reconnecting Communities - Pilot Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Transportation.

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

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$1,800,000.00**) would fund the assessment of the feasibility of reconnecting the Chinatown neighborhood that was bisected by the construction of I-90. 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 Transportation, Reconnecting Communities - Pilot Program award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$1,800,000.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE REFORMING THE BOSTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The Boston Cultural Council, established via ordinance in 2012, currently exists as a council composed of anywhere between 15-21 Boston residents, facilitated by the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture (MOAC); *and*

WHEREAS, Responsible for distributing general operating grants annually through the BCC Organizational Grant, Council members work in partnership with MOAC on the strategic direction of the grant program, and they also provide final approval of selected grantees; *and*

WHEREAS, A 2016 study published by The Boston Foundation highlights that while small to mid-sized organizations comprise 86% of Boston's arts sector, they receive disproportionately less funding compared to larger institutions; *and*

WHEREAS, Creating an arts ecosystem where artists of all backgrounds are supported, properly funded, and free to create necessitates local Cultural Councils operating efficiently, transparently, and with a focus towards equity; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council has an obligation to provide oversight towards all Boards, Commissions, Task Forces, Councils, and any other appointed bodies working on behalf of the people of Boston; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances *Chapter 5, Section 5-9, BOSTON CULTURAL COUNCIL* is hereby amended by replacing the existing text with the following:

SECTION 1

5-9.1 Creation; Members; Terms.

Subject to the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 58 of the M.G.L, there shall be created the Boston Cultural Council composed of a minimum of seven (7) and no more than eleven (11) members appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture shall provide

administrative support to the Council, but those support staff shall report to the Chief of Arts & Culture.

The Members shall be City of Boston residents and serve for terms of three (3) years, provided that no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Upon a vacancy, for any reason, the member's successor, if any, shall be appointed for a term of three years, and shall serve until the qualification of such member's successor.

The Council members shall have demonstrated scholarship, creativity, or experience in visual arts, performing arts, literary arts, digital and new media arts, applied arts, conceptual art, public art, humanities, or interpretive sciences and shall be broadly representative of all fields of art. Council membership shall equitably reflect the diversity demographics of the City of Boston.

5-9.3 Purpose.

The Boston Cultural Council shall oversee the distribution of funds allocated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, to support innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming within the City of Boston as established under the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 58 of the M.G.L.

5-9.4 Election of Officers.

The Members shall elect their own Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer on an annual basis.

5-9.5 Powers and Duties.

The Boston Cultural Council may enter into contracts with individuals, organizations, and institutions for services furthering the objectives of the Council's purpose.

5-9.7 Council Rules and Guidelines.

The Boston Cultural Council shall promulgate necessary guidelines, rules, or regulations for the use of state arts funds, other funds, and for its own operations and procedures.

5-9.8 Application for Funds; Use of Funds.

The Boston Cultural Council shall receive applications on a rolling basis annually and shall determine if said applications for funds comply with its guidelines, rules and regulations.

The Boston Cultural Council shall certify to the City Auditor and Collector-Treasurer the payment of funds for those applicants who are eligible upon receipt of vouchers itemizing the use of the funds.

5-9.9 Audit of Expenditures.

The Boston Cultural Council shall conduct an annual audit of the expenditures of those funds and file a report, and copies of the report, to the City Clerk no later than three (3) weeks after the close of the fiscal year.

SECTION 2

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

SECTION 3

The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Filed in Council: September 18, 2024

Offered by City Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS A HOLISTIC VISION FOR
DISTRICT SEVEN IN ORDER TO REDRESS HISTORIC RACIAL
HARMS AND TO UPHOLD DISTRICT SEVEN CONSTITUENTS'
CIVIL RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, District 7 (D7) comprises the neighborhood of Roxbury, parts of Fenway, the South End, Grove Hall, Dorchester, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, and Back Bay with a diverse but segregated population, including a majority of Black residents, followed by LatinX, White, and immigrant groups from Cabo Verde, Haiti, other islands in the Caribbeans and smaller numbers of Indians and other ethnic groups; *and*

WHEREAS, It is imperative for the city to be intentional in equity efforts for disenfranchised communities to rectify historic racial harms, systemic discrimination, and exclusion. The city should work to dismantle inequitable structures, promote justice, and ensure that all residents have equal access to opportunities and resources which are essential for healing past injustices, building trust, and creating a more equitable and inclusive society; *and*

WHEREAS, To address disparities and redress historic harms, the D7 City Councilor needs strong community partnerships, access to research and data, and legislative support to drive meaningful change. Securing funding and collaborating with various city departments and allies willing to make sincere and intentional commitments on behalf of the administration are essential for implementing initiatives that address systemic inequities; *and*

WHEREAS, Public support, along with effective communication and outreach, ensures the community remains engaged and that all future development plans stay on track. Ultimately, strong leadership and a clear, long-term vision are critical for navigating challenges and achieving equitable development and revitalization in the District; *and*

WHEREAS, To address the systemic inequities in D7, the District 7 Councilor created the D7 Action Plan, a strategic and measurable initiative focused on Education, Public Health, Public Safety, Civic Engagement, Environmental Justice, Economic Growth, and Housing; *and*

WHEREAS, In partnership with local academics, the D7 Advisory Council, and community stakeholders, an Action Research team that works to identify necessary financial, legislative, and programmatic changes to fight displacement, revitalize commercial corridors, promote equitable development, and enhance economic and physical mobility in the District; *and*

WHEREAS, Inclusive, transparent, intentional, and sincere community engagement from the City of Boston’s administration is crucial to redressing District 7’s historic racial harms. Ensuring that the voices of those most affected by systemic inequities are heard, and respected; fostering trust, empowering residents to participate in decision-making, and creating solutions that truly reflect the community’s needs; *and*

WHEREAS, Equitable community engagement also promotes accountability, helping to ensure that the city’s actions align with its commitments. Thus, through sincere collaboration building stronger relationships between the city and its residents, making plans more effective and sustainable in addressing the root causes of inequity; *and*

WHEREAS, According to a 2023 Boston Public Health Commission, the Health of Boston report, there is about a 23-year difference in life expectancy between part of Back Bay, where life expectancy is 91.6 years, and part of Roxbury, where life expectancy is 68.8 years; *and*

WHEREAS, This same report found that Roxbury had the second lowest life expectancy at birth by neighborhood; *and*

WHEREAS, A higher percentage of Black male (28.4%), Asian male (30.8%) and Latinx male students (30.9%) had asthma compared with White male students (20.2%) and in 2021, 13.1% of Boston adult residents reported having asthma according to Boston’s 2023 Asthma Report; *and*

WHEREAS, Presently, more than 1,500 affordable housing units in Massachusetts are at risk of flood waters reaching their buildings once a year on average, a recent analysis showed, substantially impacting neighborhoods like Lower Roxbury, Roxbury, and Grove Hall, which are not only in flood zones, but also carry a disproportionate amount of the city’s affordable housing stock, with the city’s *Climate Ready* report finding that 180 acres of Roxbury will be exposed to major flooding events later this century; *and*

WHEREAS, District 7 residents currently experience disparities in mobility and transit access, with Black commuters spending an extra 66 hours a year waiting, riding, and transferring than white bus riders, according to a new analysis from Northeastern University’s Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy; *and*

WHEREAS, Because of these transit mobility problems, many residents in District 7, especially in Lower Roxbury, suffer from a lack of access to vital amenities, including supermarkets, from which many residents live at least 20 minutes away

by walking or by public transit, according to the Henry Spatial Analysis consulting firm; *and*

WHEREAS, District 7 experiences disproportionate economic disenfranchisement, as an April 2024 study found that Black and Brown small business owners, particularly those in Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan, struggle to access to capital—which continues to be the primary barrier for business owners—and that while procurement is an important avenue for diverse businesses to grow, many business owners do not have knowledge of the certification process or the capacity to meet the needs of large anchor institutions; *and*

WHEREAS, This results in the further displacement of businesses supporting Black and Brown communities who depend on these businesses for jobs, services, and cultural identity, speaking to the substantial impact of gentrification and rising costs exacerbating systemic inequalities, disrupting social and economic stability, and limiting commercial viability; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents across District 7 experience difficulties in accessing common amenities that not only improve quality of life but also address the social determinants of health, and as a result live in a neighborhood classified as a pharmacy desert, a food desert, a neighborhood lacking in adequate arts and entertainment space with few liquor licenses—receiving just eight additional new licenses in the 2014 bill—and a neighborhood without holistic academic supports, and more; *and*

WHEREAS, From an education perspective, Roxbury today experiences the consequences of decades of disinvestment, with the BPS Long Term Facilities Plan finding that, of the 18 BPS facilities in Roxbury, 9 of them are listed as having “no feasible model summary”, meaning that the site could neither be updated nor redeveloped to meet the contemporary needs of its students; *and*

WHEREAS, Longstanding racial disparities continue to impact student performance in Boston Public Schools, as the Massachusetts Racial Imbalance Advisory Council found that there is a 93% graduation rate among schools where most kids are white versus 72% where most kids are kids of color; *and*

WHEREAS, Furthermore, while Black and Latino males combined represent 35% of all BPS students, they comprise 53% of students with disabilities, according to the report; *and*

WHEREAS, While English learners represent 30% of the BPS student body, they constitute 47% of students identified as having a hearing impairment, 46% of those with a communication impairment and 55% of those with multiple impairments, speaking to the need for stronger intersectional supports for English Learners; *and*

WHEREAS, This District witnessed disproportionate, historic, debilitating, destructive, and racially oppressive Urban Renewal Powers under 121A, B, and C and continues to be robbed of their ability to control their economic and housing future, also

arising from deliberate disinvestment of city, state, and federal resources further propelling racial segregation and marginalization; *and*

WHEREAS, Roxbury, D7's largest neighborhood, in 2024 continues to experience the greatest impacts of decades of systemic inequities and injustice, with the racial homeownership gap wider than it was in 1980 driven by loan denials and deed restrictions disproportionately impacting Black and Brown buyers, wealth and equity being routinely extracted from Black communities; *and*

WHEREAS, The Home Owners Loan Corporation, a federally chartered lending agency created in 1933 under the Federal Home Loan Bank Board *legalized* institutional segregation of neighborhoods, especially Roxbury, through a practice known as redlining. Thus, mortgages and home improvement loans were not issued or were issued on less favorable terms to Black and LatinX buyers than were provided to White buyers because of institutionalized racism; *and*

WHEREAS, The intentional and destructive legacy of urban renewal remains and still impacts land use, mobility, environmental justice, housing, and wealth creation, as its use by city officials left Roxbury bereft of housing, commercial space, and parkland, contributing to the neighborhood's being deemed "blighted", by the very same people responsible for the neighborhood's deteriorated condition, and who then used eminent domain to take the land; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents in District 7 today still experience housing insecurity, substandard housing conditions and displacement, due in part to gentrification, lack of affordable housing investment, and restricted community-driven development partnership or collaboration. One study found that between 2000 and 2015, the proportion of Black residents in Roxbury decreased from 62% to 53%, while the proportion of white residents increased, bolstered by the fact that housing costs in Roxbury shot up by 70% from 2010 to 2015, twice the rate of the overall citywide appreciation of 36% during that period. This mirrors a similar phenomenon that occurred in the South End, a once-historically Black neighborhood where Black residents now make up just 12% of the population; *and*

WHEREAS, Only 26% of Roxbury residents own their homes, with the average median household income for an individual in Roxbury at just \$34,000 a year, 53% less than the average median income of a Boston resident at \$71,000; *and*

WHEREAS, In addition to Action Research, the District 7 office partnered with local academic institutions to conduct a spatial mapping analysis with the goal of creating a comprehensive vision for District 7, one where we take a holistic approach to the needs of constituents by understanding what amenities—be it city services or commercial amenities—currently exist and what are needed as redevelopments continue to take place in neighborhood; *and*

WHEREAS, As a means to address the ongoing housing displacement of residents, primarily people of color and low-income residents, the District 7 office is actively

pursuing means to implement Special Protection Zoning, a regulatory tool used in urban planning to protect certain areas with specific characteristics or values, such as natural resources, historical sites, or areas with particular environmental sensitivity with the goal that development and land use in these areas are controlled to preserve their unique attributes and combat displacement; *and*

WHEREAS, The District 7 office partners with city agencies, community advocates, academic institutions, and others in order to redress the systemic harms impacting District 7’s displacement epidemic, including establishing through the Mayor’s Office of Housing an RFP to allow rent-to-own opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS, With the understanding that holistic planning, that which incorporates the values of the community, fights displacement and gentrification, and provides for the entire needs of its residents, the District 7 office filed legislation calling for a moratorium to plan more holistically, synergistically, thoughtfully, and intentionally with the guiding values of restorative justice through land disposition; *and*

WHEREAS, In addition, the District 7 Councilor established The ARTery, a commercial revitalization effort stretching from Jazz Square in the South End through to Grove Hall with strategic investments in public facilities, placemaking, storefront revitalization, and beautification through creative arts installations; *and*

WHEREAS, The District 7 office has engaged in efforts to address the ongoing issue of revitalizing commercial corridors through strategic budgetary realignments, including funding for the Roxbury Resilient Corridors project, which will design and implement improvements for Melnea Cass Blvd., Malcolm X Blvd., and Warren Street, *and*

WHEREAS, In an effort to provide opportunities to redevelop areas in ways which can lead to increased property values, increased tax revenue, improved infrastructure, and more, the District 7 office passed a resolution advocating for District Improvement Financing (DIF), in addition to filing hearing orders exploring district improvement financing in District 7 and further provided assistance and support in developing the organization to execute upon this; *and*

WHEREAS, To help provide community benefits obtained through redevelopment to mitigate the unintended displacement of individuals as a result of new developments, the District 7 Office supported community stakeholders with technical resources in the founding of the District 7 Community Fund, Inc., a nonprofit which provides mini-grants to support small businesses and entrepreneurs, inspired by similar funds established in cities throughout the United States such as the Philadelphia Community Fund, providing matriculating High School students with scholarship opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS, To further improve and sustain the local commercial economy, the District 7 Councilor secured funding for a Digital Marketplace. Through BLocal this initiative will include technical assistance for small businesses, creating a public

online marketplace, transitioning brick-and-mortar businesses online, and partnering with local service providers. It aims to support tech adoption, improve tech assistance to merchants, data collection, coalition building, and the development of future small business infrastructure for financial sustainability; *and*

WHEREAS, In respect to Roxbury’s historic disinvestment of city services, the D7 Councilor has delivered on funding to repair public facilities in the District and to create new intervening services in the community, in addition to filing legislation which seeks to identify new and innovative ways to spur economic development and social cohesion, including a hearing order on cleaning parcels prior to their development; *and*

WHEREAS, With the understanding that the economic mobility of Roxbury is closely tied with the physical mobility of its residents, the District 7 Councilor is actively pursuing ways to address the neighborhood’s historic congestion issues impacting traffic and pollution by filing a hearing order on exploring congestion pricing as a means to ameliorate District 7’s concurring transportation and environmental justice concerns, and a hearing order addressing outstanding residential parking concerns; *and*

WHEREAS, Through community surveys, artist interviews, action research, and collaboration alongside Northeastern University architects designs, the District 7 office is actively engaged in designing a district which is welcoming, attractive, and amenity-rich through strategic budgetary and programmatic changes, including new funding for placemaking and place keeping, food farms, green open space, equity building, art space, and incubators; *and*

WHEREAS, District 7’s status as a heat island demands immediate action to expand access to greenspace, being mindful of existing developments and future redevelopments to ensure proper tree canopy coverage and that new developments add to the neighborhood’s greenspace; *and*

WHEREAS, Because of District 7’s location in the center of Boston, major thoroughfares run through the community, including Blue Hill Avenue, whose ongoing Master Plan redesign demands increased collaboration with small business owners and community members, and as such the District 7 office has continued to partner with local community advocates to ensure new projects prioritize the needs of local residents and business owners by mitigating unintended harm to fight commercial displacement; *and*

WHEREAS, Similarly, as the district which contains Boston’s largest park, Franklin Park, it is incumbent that current redesign plans, including the ongoing White Stadium redesign, incorporate a comprehensive and practical transportation plan to ensure that we move the needle in the right direction for mobility and environmental impact in District 7; *and*

WHEREAS, In an effort to address long standing educational inequities impacting students in District Seven, the D7 office has introduced and passed legislation designed at addressing the root causes contributing to these inequities, including passing a resolution opposing the proposal to move the John D. O’Bryant School, fighting to ensure that Madison Park has the resources to be a gold-standard for vocational education; *and*

WHEREAS, By working alongside mental health advocates and care providers, the District 7 office sponsored hearing orders designed to address the mental health needs of students in the district, including an order for a hearing on provisions of temporary mental health treatment or interventions and preventions for children and youth before formal diagnosis and an order for a hearing to address the mental health needs of our students with a focus on guidance counselors; *and*

WHEREAS, In addition, the D7 Councilor works to ensure budgetary realignments which work to create means through which student can achieve academic equity, including but not limited to the D7 Homework Heroes project, which works to address the difficult choices low-income students must make between earning money for their family and completing their academic studies by employing students in a tutoring and mentorship after-school job program to complete their homework while getting connected with other resources needed to ensure academic success; *and*

WHEREAS, The District 7 office works to enhance digital integration and connect constituents to resources, information, events, and more by creating the D7 App, a mobile app launched by the D7 Office which residents can download in order to access a full district inventory, get more civically engaged, and access vital information, in addition to launching the Boston District 7 website, where residents can access the same information on their web browser—going door-to-door encouraging residents to connect to their community through these digital resources; *and*

WHEREAS, In order to engage, inform, and collaborate alongside residents and community stakeholders, the District 7 Office engages in quarterly Town Halls, with events focusing on particular neighborhoods to ensure that residents are aware of the unique resources and opportunities available to them, including the State of Roxbury and the State of South End town halls; *and*

WHEREAS, In addition, the District 7 office holds monthly information sessions and workshops where residents can learn about the budget and to gain feedback on any ongoing city business, inform the office on pressing constituent issues, and to establish pathways for deeper collaboration with community stakeholders; *and*

WHEREAS, In order to uphold the civil rights of residents in District 7 living with the intersectional impacts of centuries of systemic racism, the District 7 Office co-sponsored the ordinance establishing the Reparations Task Force, lead the effort for the Council to pass a resolution apologizing for Boston’s role in the Transatlantic Slave trade, advocates for the removal of racist names, symbols,

and statues in public places, passed a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza, and fights for fair wages for municipal officers; *and*

WHEREAS, This City should take into account the decades of investments, advocacy, and planning which have been taken and are already underway to ensure that we are building on the existing community work as opposed to reinventing the process from scratch; *and*

WHEREAS, The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan culminated three years of partnership with community members, resident groups and the District 7 Councilor who together designed a plan to create economic, social and educational opportunities for the people of Roxbury in a holistic and comprehensive manner, with the final plan introduced in January of 2004 by Mayor Tom Menino, ; *and*

WHEREAS, Designed to serve as a strategic framework to guide change and economic growth—originally for the forthcoming ten to twenty years in Roxbury—it is imperative that the City of Boston work in collaboration with members of the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee, in addition to all community stakeholders, to evolve this vision to serve the community over the next twenty years; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a number of hearings so that the Council may unpack each of District 7’s priorities substantively. This shall include the following hearings:

1. Hearing I: Representatives from the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Boston Planning and Development Agency, the Boston Planning Department, and the Office of Fair Housing and Equity will be invited to discuss holistic planning and development for D7 specifically to combat housing displacement, City-owned land disposition, homeownership, and housing restorative justice;
2. Hearing II: Representatives from the Economic Opportunity & Inclusion Cabinet, specifically the Small Business Department Office and Supplier Diversity, in addition to the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, the Worker Empowerment Cabinet, specifically the Office of Workforce Development, will be invited to a hearing to address economic mobility plans for D7, commercial displacement, small business support, the Boston Residents Jobs Policy, workforce development, entrepreneurial supports, tourism, and space activation;
3. Hearing III: Representatives from the Streets Cabinet, specifically the Boston Transportation Department, will be invited to discuss outstanding transportation issues impacting the mobility of District 7 residents, maintenance, repairs, and ongoing transportation projects, transportation displacement, transportation plans, and constituent issues such as sidewalk repair and parking issues;
4. Hearing IV: Representatives from the Environment Department, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Office of Climate Resilience, and representatives from the Grow Boston program will be invited to discuss environmental injustice, open space, parks capital plans and updates, and communications regarding implementations;
5. Hearing V: Representatives from the Boston Public Schools will be invited to discuss school displacement, school closures, schools facility improvements, D7 capital plans for schools,

afterschool programs, early education and intervention, home-school connection and other resources to close the achievement gap;

6. Hearing VI: Representatives from the Community Engagement Cabinet, specifically the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, the Office of Civic Organizing, in addition to the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement, the Office of New Urban Mechanics, the Office of Language and Communications, and other appropriate departments to discuss community engagement, communications, transparency, inclusion, and civic engagement;
7. Hearing VII: Representatives from the Boston Police Department, the Office of Black Male Advancement, the Office of Community Safety, the Office of Returning Citizens, and other relevant departments shall be invited to a hearing regarding the public safety concerns of District 7, including community engagement, trauma-informed services, and violence prevention efforts; and
8. Hearing VIII: Representatives from the Human Services cabinet, specifically the Age Strong Commission, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and the Office of Veterans Services, in addition to Boston Public Health Commission and other relevant departments shall be invited to a hearing to discuss the health and wellness of residents in District 7, with a specific focus on mental health, substance abuse recovery, trauma-informed services, and more; ***AND BE IT FURTHER***

ORDERED: In addition to the above administrative invitations, members of different advocacy organizations, including, ACE, Reclaim Roxbury, the Garrison Trotter Neighborhood Association, the Highland Park Land Trust, Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, BECMA, the Livable Streets Alliance, the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, in addition to members of the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee, members of the Boston City Council with a particular emphasis on At-Large Councilors, other community advocates, and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Two weeks prior to each hearing, a Request for Information (RFI) outlining specific questions will be distributed to each department, accompanied by a notification of their required attendance.

Additionally, the District Seven Councilor will first produce a 2024 end-of-year report. Next, she will collaborate with academic partners to assess her work, the gaps and identify necessary capital investments, projects, programs, and policies to add. Finally, delivering and discussing a 2025 plan with the administration, with the goal of working together to address historic racial inequities, uphold civil rights, in order to enhance quality of life for all District Seven residents.

Filed in Council: September 18, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF BOSTON'S NEW 225 LIQUOR LICENSES

WHEREAS, Gov. Maura Healey signed into law a bill that would create 225 new liquor licenses in Boston, finishing the process that began with the Boston City Council passing a home-rule petition in 2023; *and*

WHEREAS, Those 225 liquor licenses have a theoretical cumulative private market value of more than \$100 million, a nearly unprecedented economic development opportunity in the 13 ZIP Codes where they are earmarked; *and*

WHEREAS, The 13 ZIP Codes include streets such as Blue Hill Avenue and neighborhoods such as Mattapan that have historically lacked for sitdown restaurants and the economic generation that they can spark; *and*

WHEREAS, Liquor licenses are crucial to the success of a sitdown restaurant as alcohol sales are twice as profitable as food sales to a restaurant; *and*

WHEREAS, The current and would-be restaurateurs will need guidance and support on running a restaurant business that serves alcohol as well as applying for a liquor license through the city's Licensing Board; *and*

WHEREAS, Many of these restaurateurs might face issues accessing information in English and/or during normal city operating hours; *and*

WHEREAS, In order to reach the most diverse group of would-be restaurateurs, the city should expand its basic information sessions, licensing application tutorials and small business courses to be offered in several languages, held in the community and online, during normal working hours and in the evenings; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston should market these license opportunities through in-person canvassing on main streets as well as through digital outreach; *and*

WHEREAS A full three-year plan for marketing and distribution of the liquor licenses should be finalized with the support of the City Council and with the greatest transparency possible; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the creation of information sessions and small business support mechanisms for the new 225 liquor licenses, and that the appropriate representatives from Small Business, Licensing Board and the Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion attend.

Filed on: September 13, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL, JULIA MEJIA, AND BENJAMIN J. WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FY26 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools' Fiscal Year 2025 budget totals more than \$1.5 billion; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools' Fiscal Year 2026 budget will be the first budget in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic to not include any ESSER funding; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper will present the FY26 budget to the School Committee on the first Wednesday of February; *and*

WHEREAS, For Fiscal Year 2025, the City Council worked collaboratively with Boston Public Schools starting in January to allow more advocacy from the Council before the School Committee approved the budget in March; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston School Committee remains an unelected body, despite a 2021 non-binding resolution that was supported by 79 percent of Boston voters, thus leaving the City Council as the only direct district-level line from constituents to the Boston Public Schools budget; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools is committed to creating a physical budget book for Fiscal Year 2026, which will be similar to BPS budget books from last decade and will allow for more public transparency earlier in the budget process; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools will be actively working on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget starting in the fall of 2024, thus meaning the City Council should engage with Boston Public Schools earlier in the process to better advocate for priorities of the students; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold a series of working sessions and hearings, and that representatives of Boston Public Schools and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: September 13, 2024

Offered by City Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE NUBIAN SQUARE TASK FORCE, ITS GOALS, VISION, PLAN, AND COMPOSITION IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY AND RECOVERY

WHEREAS, Substance use disorder is on the rise in Massachusetts leading to an increase in opioid-related overdoses, as the Boston Public Health Commission found that the opioid-related overdose death rate was 33.5 per 100,000 people in 2022 and that there were 2,357 confirmed and estimated deaths, representing a 9.1% increase from the pre-pandemic peak in 2016, with neighborhoods like Roxbury, the South End and Dorchester experiencing disproportionately higher rates than other neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, At the same time, Boston also saw an increase in the number of unhoused people sleeping out on the streets, with a roughly 25% increase from January 2020 to January 2021, and while no one night paints the full scope of the problem, The City’s Engagement Center, which focuses on serving individuals experiencing homelessness and people who use drugs, served 14,368 unique individuals from May 2021 through March 2022; *and*

WHEREAS, While substance use disorder and homelessness exist in all corners of the City of Boston, neighborhoods like Nubian Square experience disproportionate rates of both, a problem which not only demands urgency in the provision of services for unhoused individuals experiencing substance use disorder, but also demands the creation of a holistic plan for the community which takes into consideration the needs of both long-term residents and those living without shelter experiencing substance use disorder; *and*

WHEREAS, In order to mitigate the harmful impacts to both unsheltered individuals and long-term residents, and to address the root causes of substance use disorder and homelessness, holistic plans for Nubian Square must be made in collaboration with community stakeholders, the District 7 office, and public health and safety officials in order to ensure that people have access to the services they need; *and*

WHEREAS, Any future plans for recovery services in Nubian Square must involve the full continuum of care, including implementing harm reduction models, holistic wraparound referrals, follow up services, and intensive care coordination, which itself can include case

management, peer advocacy, and access to therapeutic practitioners, street workers, life coaches, and more; *and*

WHEREAS, Plans should also keep in mind both operational and capital-based collaterals such as safe consumption sites, needle-exchange programs, health vans, work programs, and deeper, more meaningful public safety collaboration; *and*

WHEREAS, Furthermore, it is imperative that plans are properly administered and managed, establishing metrics and guidelines through which we can measure the mitigation of both homelessness and substance use disorder, in addition to guaranteeing adequate facilities, administrative support, and management; *and*

WHEREAS, Plans for Nubian Square should take lessons from other neighborhoods and cities, including the Newmarket Business Improvement District’s plan titled “Recover Boston,” which would build a temporary recovery campus with a pathway towards permanent housing and long-term sobriety for participants; *and*

WHEREAS, Similarly, the City of Boston can look abroad to find successful models of substance abuse and homelessness recovery services, including in Lisbon, Portugal where lawmakers successfully addressed the opioid crisis by decriminalizing drugs, increasing access to harm reduction services, and provides legal, psychiatric, and medical services to those who need it; *and*

WHEREAS, To help address the concurring issues of substance use disorder and homelessness in neighborhoods like Nubian Square, the City of Boston assembled the Nubian Square Task Force, described as a coalition of community, public health organizations, and businesses that share and coordinate resources in the Nubian Square area, supporting people who use drugs and experience homelessness; *and*

WHEREAS, The District 7 office has partnered with residents, community advocates, the Nubian Square Task Force members, academic partners, and nonprofits to advocate for increased services and accountability in Nubian Square, including advocating for the establishment of a health clinic in Nubian Square offering holistic and culturally competent care, in addition to partnering with the Nubian Square Task Force to structure metrics, organize collateral, restructure check-ins, recruit interns, and create a dashboard for new hires; *and*

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the Boston City Council, the administration, representatives of the Boston Public Health Commission, representatives for the B2 Police district, representatives for the Streets cabinet responsible for the cleaning of said areas, members of the Nubian Square Task Force, community public health officials, members of the wraparound collateral services, and community stakeholders collaborate on developing recovery plans for Nubian Square rooted in equity, science, compassion, and accountability; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the Nubian Square Task Force, its goals, plan, and composition. Representatives from the City of Boston, including but not limited to the Boston Public Health Commission, the

Office of Recovery Services, and representatives from the Nubian Square Task Force, in addition to community advocates and members of the public are encouraged to testify.

Filed in Council: September 18, 2024



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS RESIDENCY
REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY OF BOSTON EMPLOYEES**

- WHEREAS:** In 1976, the City of Boston passed an ordinance that required individuals employed by the city to maintain residency in Boston as a condition of their employment. This was intended so that city employees are directly invested in the communities they serve, and to ensure working families remained in Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The cost of living in Boston has significantly increased since the requirement was introduced almost fifty years ago. Rising house prices, rent and general expenses have placed a huge financial burden on residents, including city employees; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to a study conducted by SmartAsset, a single adult has to make over \$124,966 a year to live comfortably in the city, whereas a family of four has to make \$319,738. The Greater Boston Association of Realtors reported this June that the median sales price for a house is \$961,250. It is worth noting that the average salary of a City of Boston employee is \$79,000; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Younger recruits and lower wage employees face particular challenges living in the city due to the high cost of living. A Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce survey this year found that 25% of adults aged between 20 to 30 years old are planning to leave Boston in the next five years; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Recent challenges of employee recruitment, retention, and operational effectiveness have raised questions about the efficacy and impact of the residency requirement, especially for positions with lower wages. There remains many vacancies for emergency response support roles, traffic and parking-related supervisors, public works, equipment and repair-related workers; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2022, 35,000 9-1-1 calls went unanswered by the Boston Police due to understaffing. In the same year, the City established a temporary moratorium on the residency requirement for 357 city positions, largely due to pandemic-related and other public safety-related job shortages. To date, this moratorium continues for positions such as lifeguards, 9-1-1 call takers and police dispatchers; *and*
- WHEREAS:** While there continues to be residency waivers for specialized roles, it is important that we discuss whether the residency requirement has become a barrier to recruiting and retaining talent in other areas as Boston continues to rank as one of the most expensive cities to live in the United States; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the residency requirements for City of Boston employees. Representatives from the Boston Police Department, Boston Transportation Department, and Boston Public Works are invited to attend.

Filed on: September 18, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING HERO SQUARES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: A Hero Square is a designated square or intersection honoring the memory of service members on behalf of our city and country. Hero Squares celebrate their sacrifices and educate local communities about the history of service in their own neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: In 1898, the City of Boston established its first Hero Square in honor of Admiral George Dewey after his leadership in the victory of the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War. His death in 1917 signified a great loss for the nation, and Dewey Square served as a place for the people of Boston to reflect on his service; *and*

WHEREAS: Since the establishment of Dewey Square, the City has established over 1,200 Hero Squares across Boston. In 2013, the City added a biography and a QR code to each Hero Square plaque that leads to more information about the veteran. With a large veteran and military family population in Boston, it is critical that the City continues to raise awareness about its resources. The process for families to establish their own Hero Square for their loved one is a relatively straightforward process, and raising public awareness may help to make them more prevalent in our neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: To apply for a Hero Square in the City, one must gather required documentation including copies of DD-214 and proof of KIA if applicable. Then, complete the City of Boston Veterans' Services Department application form online with details such as the requester's name, relationship to the veteran, contact information, and type of request. Next, one may propose a suitable and historically significant location, submit the completed application and supporting documents to the Veterans' Services Department, and follow up to ensure receipt and review of the application. Upon approval, the applicant would look to coordinate with city officials for design, installation, and the dedication ceremony to honor a designated veteran's contributions; *and*

WHEREAS: Establishing Hero Squares honors our service members and strengthens Boston's dedication to preserving its military history. To ensure these contributions are recognized, it is crucial for the City Council to work closely with the Office of Veterans Services to enhance public awareness, make it easier for families to commemorate their loved ones, and maintain the city's rich legacy of honoring those who sacrificed for our country; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the process of establishing Hero Squares in the City of Boston.

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BENJAMIN J. WEBER AND JULIA MEJIA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS LONG-TERM VACANT COMMERCIAL SPACES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Vacant storefronts and commercial spaces are not only found in downtown Boston, but throughout many Boston neighborhoods, and extended vacancies can have negative impacts on our small businesses and neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Finding a new business to rent a vacant commercial space takes time and requires due diligence from the landlord, but some commercial landlords purposefully keep commercial properties vacant for extended periods of time instead of renting to another business for a variety of reasons including waiting for a national chain to rent the space for more money or inattention from an absentee landlord; *and*

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion has provided assistance to small businesses including technical assistance to those hoping to open storefronts in Boston. To date \$9 million in SPACE grants have been awarded to 61 businesses, providing each with approximately \$200,000 in an effort to fill vacant storefronts; *and*

WHEREAS, The City should examine the reasons why commercial spaces are left vacant over long periods of time and work with both small business and landlords to have those spaces occupied where possible; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should also examine the feasibility of creating a disincentive for commercial landlords from keeping their properties vacant for a profit, especially those who are absentee landlords; *and*

WHEREAS, Cities such as Washington, D.C., San Francisco, and Oakland California have instituted vacancy taxes for properties purposefully kept empty by commercial landlords. A recent study by Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies found that such taxes reduce vacancies and rents for small business, but could have negative impacts on businesses and tenants in the long run; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the state of long-term commercial vacancies in the City of Boston and that representatives from the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, the Boston Main Streets Foundation and others impacted by commercial vacancies in the City of Boston be invited to attend the hearing.

Filed on: September 18, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE EDUCATIONAL AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PAST SUCCESSES AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES OF YOUTH JOBS OFFERED BY THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The City of Boston provides youth and young adult job opportunities throughout the year for thousands of Boston youth and young adults ages 14 through 24 through multiple City-run programs, including SuccessLink, futureBOS, Youth Options Unlimited (YOU Boston), and other programs managed by the Office of Youth Employment and Advancement and the Office of Workforce Development in coordination with Boston Public Schools and other City departments; *and,*

WHEREAS, All youth in Boston are eligible to apply for the youth jobs available through City-run programs, with a special new “Mayor’s Youth Job Guarantee” (MYJG) provided beginning in 2024 that promises that all BPS students who wanted a paid summer job would have access to one; *and,*

WHEREAS, Youth jobs provide an important educational opportunity for youth outside of classrooms, offering real-world exposure to a variety of people, jobs, and industries; *and,*

WHEREAS, As the future of our workforce, youth jobs also provide the next generation of workers with hands-on experience, applicable skills, and exposure to different career opportunities, bolstering Boston’s economic development, particularly for more marginalized youth with fewer economic opportunities; *and,*

WHEREAS, In 2023, the City of Boston invested \$18.7 million in youth summer jobs, leading to nearly 10,000 young people having the opportunity of a paid job, and further over 2000 youth were hired for during the 2023-2024 school year in partnership with over 120 employers; *and,*

WHEREAS, The Mayor’s initial FY25 budget proposal included increased investments in youth jobs, including \$21.6 million for the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity; the final FY25 budget includes budget reallocations passed by the Boston City Council to provide an additional \$1,020,000 toward youth jobs; *and,*

WHEREAS, With such substantial educational and workforce development benefits of youth and young adult job programs, it is highly worthwhile for the Boston City Council to review the successes and opportunities of the existing programs, as well as the results of the first year of the Mayor’s Youth Job Guarantee, and to discuss how youth and young adult jobs in Boston can be further bolstered.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development successes and opportunities of youth jobs offered by the City of Boston. Youth, community advocates, and representatives from the Office of Youth Employment and Advancement, Office of Workforce Development, and other appropriate administration departments will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: September 18, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE PROCEDURES
AND PROTOCOLS FOR THE TERMINATION OF CITY
APPOINTEES**

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that a longstanding member of the Boston Zoning Commission, who was recently terminated from their position, was not formally notified of their dismissal, raising concerns about the adequacy of the current procedure for terminating city appointees; ***and***

WHEREAS, The City Council has the authority to approve appointments to various city Boards and Commissions, but does not have a defined role in the procedure for the removal or termination of such appointees prior to the end of their terms; ***and***

WHEREAS, There is a need to review and potentially revise the procedures for notifying and handling the termination of city appointees to ensure that such actions are carried out in a manner that respects the rights and responsibilities of both the appointees and the city administration. It is essential that we establish a clear and transparent process; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED, That the City Council hold a hearing to review and discuss the procedures currently in place for the terminations of city appointees, including but not limited to the roles and responsibilities of the Mayor, notification requirements, and any potential areas for improvement in the process.

Filed in Council: September 18, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 AS BISEXUALITY VISIBILITY DAY

WHEREAS, Bisexuality Visibility Day is observed annually on September 23 to celebrate the lives and experiences of bisexual+ people, and raise awareness of the prejudices and challenges faced by the bisexual+ community; *and,*

WHEREAS, Bisexuality Visibility Day has been recognized and celebrated since 1999, and was originated by bisexual rights activists Wendy Curry of Maine, Michael Page of Florida (also known for creating the Bisexual Pride flag), and Gigi Raven Wilbur of Texas, with it beginning in part as a celebration on Gigi’s birthday on September 23, 1999 at the International Lesbian and Gay Association Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, making this the 25th anniversary of the tradition, which has since spread globally; *and,*

WHEREAS, Some also recognize this tradition builds on San Francisco’s official proclamation recognizing June 23, 1990 as Bisexual Pride Day during the first National Bisexual Conference in America, hosted by BiNet USA (formerly known as North American Multicultural Bisexual Network) after the organization’s founding that year; *and,*

WHEREAS, Studies show that more than half of LGBTQ+ Americans identify as bisexual, but are up to five times less likely to come out to family and up to thirty times less likely to come out to friends, largely due to stigma and societal misunderstandings of the identity; *and,*

WHEREAS, Identifying as bisexual means different things to different people, and can be inclusive of people who additionally or alternatively identify as biromantic, pansexual, queer, fluid, polysexual, omnisexual, or other identities; the term bisexual+ or bi+ is often used to refer more inclusively to these broader identities; the individual experiences of each person and the language they choose to understand and express their identities are all valid and worthy of celebration, and not intended to be undervalued or oversimplified in recognizing Bisexuality Visibility Day; *and,*

WHEREAS, Bisexual advocate Robyn Ochs defined the identity as, “the potential to be attracted — romantically and/or sexually — to people of more than one sex and/or gender, not necessarily at the same time, not necessarily in the same way, and not necessarily to the same degree”; *and,*

WHEREAS, People who identify as bisexual+ or experience attraction to more than one gender often face stereotypes that their experience is a phase, experiment, or uncertainty, and may face biphobia and discrimination in personal, professional, academic, dating, and other environments; bisexual+ people deserve to be respected and accepted without judgment, fear, or hatred; *and,*

WHEREAS, Bisexual+ people who are in or have been in straight- or gay-presenting relationships often experience “bi erasure,” where others presume their sexuality based on their partner or partners, and inadvertently or intentionally overlook or refuse to accept their bisexuality; people should be free to own and express their bisexuality as they choose, and we must work to educate ourselves and others not to make assumptions based on the partners or relationships someone may or may not have or share publicly; *and,*

WHEREAS, Bisexual+ people can also experience stigma, discrimination, and self-doubt amongst the broader LGBTQ+ community, and may feel they are not “queer enough” or “bi enough”; bisexual+ people should be welcomed and accepted, validated in their personal experiences, and included in spaces and conversations about LGBTQ+ issues; *and,*

WHEREAS, Per a Human Rights Campaign report, “bisexuals face striking rates of poor health outcomes ranging from cancer and obesity, to sexually transmitted infections, to mental health problems”; these disparities are notably due to lower rates of preventive care due to encountering biphobia or other negative experiences in healthcare settings, increased mental health stresses from discrimination and stigma, and reduced access to supportive community members including due to more discomfort and statistically lower rates of coming out than other sexual identities; these effects are observable in data not only in adults, but even for bisexual+ youth beginning at a young age, and significantly credited to a lack of visible adult role models and positive adult mentors; *and,*

WHEREAS, The challenges faced by bisexual+ people are more pronounced for individuals with intersectional identities who additionally face racism or transphobia, with some studies showing that more than 40% of LGBTQ+ people of color identify as bisexual, and about half of transgender people describe their sexual orientation as bisexual or queer; *and,*

WHEREAS, Recognizing and creating visibility for the experiences of individuals who identify as bisexual+ contributes to our whole community’s welfare, and we can celebrate Bisexual Visibility Day without disregarding the experiences of individuals who may need or choose to remain invisible in some or all aspects of their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes and celebrates September 23, 2024 as Bisexuality Visibility Day, and commits itself — and encourages all government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools — to take meaningful actions to support and affirm the equitable rights, freedoms, dignity, treatment, health, and safety of Boston’s bisexual+ individuals.

Filed in Council: September 18, 2024

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia and Henry Santana



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LATINO HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON FROM SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15

- WHEREAS,** Latino Heritage Month began in the United States as a week of observation in 1968, called Hispanic Heritage Week. In 1988, it was expanded to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The push to recognize the contributions of the Latino community gained momentum throughout the 1960s during the civil rights movement; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The timing of Latino Heritage Month coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of several Latin American nations. September 15 was chosen as the kickoff because it coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of five Central American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Those five nations declared their independence from Spain on September 15, 1821; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Other Latin American countries also declared their independence in September: Mexico declared their independence from Spain on September 16, 1810; Chile declared its independence from Spain on September 18, 1810; and Belize declared its independence from Great Britain on September 21, 1981; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Since the beginning, our country has drawn strength and insights from Latino writers, scientists, soldiers, doctors, entrepreneurs, academics, and leaders in labor and government. Our culture has been enriched by the rhythms, art, literature, and creativity of Latino peoples; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In Boston, Latinos have led the population growth since 1980, with a 256% increase in population, and now make up 20% of the city. While Boston’s Latino share is smaller than other Massachusetts cities and towns, Boston has the largest total number of Latino residents, at just over 130,000; *and*

WHEREAS, Latinos are a growing share of Boston’s workforce. They are increasingly contributing to Boston’s economy as business owners and entrepreneurs, and they boost our local economy as workers and entrepreneurs; *and*

WHEREAS, Latino Heritage Month reminds us that the American identity is a fabric of diverse traditions and stories woven together. During Latino Heritage Month, we reaffirm that diversity is one of our city’s greatest strengths. We also acknowledge the Latino leaders who have stayed in the struggle for equal justice to ensure that everyone in this city can contribute their talents and have the opportunity to thrive; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the City of Boston recognizes Latino Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15.

Filed in Council: September 18, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AMILCAR CABRAL AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA AND CABO VERDE

WHEREAS, Amílcar Cabral, born on September 12, 1924, in Guinea-Bissau to Cabo Verdean parents António Lopes da Costa Cabral and Iva Pinhel Évora, emerged as a towering figure in the struggle against colonialism and imperialism, dedicating his life to the liberation of Guinea-Bissau and Cabo Verde from Portuguese colonial rule, a mission that would define his legacy and inspire generations to come; *and*

WHEREAS, Educated in agronomy in Portugal, Cabral became acutely aware of the injustices and inequalities imposed upon African peoples under colonial rule, igniting within him a fervent desire for change and liberation; *and*

WHEREAS, While in Portugal, Cabral founded student-led civil rights movements in opposition to the ruling Portuguese dictatorship and in pursuit of independence for the colonies of Portugal, demonstrating an early brilliance for activism and social justice before his return to Africa; *and*

WHEREAS, Upon returning to Guinea-Bissau in the early 1950s, Amílcar Cabral became actively involved in organizing resistance against Portuguese colonialism, founding the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cabo Verde (PAIGC) in 1956, which would later become the vanguard of the liberation struggle in both countries; *and*

WHEREAS, Amílcar Cabral's leadership of the PAIGC was characterized by his visionary approach to liberation, which emphasized the unity of African peoples across ethnic and linguistic lines, the importance of grassroots mobilization and education, and the strategic use of armed struggle as a means of achieving independence and self-determination; *and*

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the PAIGC waged a protracted and determined struggle against Portuguese colonial forces, utilizing a combination of guerrilla warfare, diplomatic engagement, and mass mobilization to undermine colonial authority and build popular support for independence; *and*

WHEREAS, Cabral led with the values of self-liberation, nationalism, and pan-Africanism, convictions which he referred to as a “return to the source,” describing this belief system as “not a voluntary step, but the only possible reply to the demand of concrete need, historically determined, and enforced by the inescapable

contradiction between the colonized society and the colonial power, the mass of the people exploited and the foreign exploitive class, a contradiction in the light of which each social stratum or Indigenous class must define its position;” *and*

WHEREAS, Cabral's unwavering commitment to the principles of Pan-Africanism, socialism, self-liberation, and anti-imperialism not only galvanized support for the liberation movement within Guinea-Bissau and Cabo Verde but also resonated with freedom fighters and revolutionaries across the African continent and the world; *and*

WHEREAS, Through his contributions to the liberation struggle extended beyond the battlefield, Cabral led the way in establishing educational and agricultural programs, healthcare initiatives, and women's empowerment projects aimed at building a more just and equitable society in the liberated territories; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite facing relentless persecution and violence from Portuguese colonial forces, Amílcar Cabral remained resolute in his commitment to the cause of liberation, inspiring courage and determination among his comrades and the people of Guinea-Bissau and Cabo Verde; *and*

WHEREAS, Tragically, Amílcar Cabral's life was cut short on January 20, 1973, when he was assassinated by agents of the Portuguese colonial regime, a cowardly act intended to silence his voice and crush the aspirations of the African people for freedom and self-determination; *and*

WHEREAS, Amílcar Cabral's legacy as a champion of African liberation and a visionary leader continues to resonate today, serving as a beacon of hope and inspiration for all those who strive for justice, dignity, and equality in Africa and beyond; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: The Boston City Council humbly and reverently recognizes and honors the extraordinary life, enduring legacy, and monumental contributions of Amílcar Cabral to the noble cause of African liberation. With profound respect, the Council pledges to perpetually commemorate his memory and ideals within the City of Boston, ensuring that his legacy remains a beacon of inspiration and a guiding light for future generations to embrace and emulate.

Filed on: September 18, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS BABY SAFETY MONTH TO PROMOTE INFANT SAFETY AND INJURY PREVENTION IN BOSTON

WHEREAS, September is nationally recognized as Baby Safety Month, an annual campaign promoting the safety and well-being of infants by providing parents and caregivers with resources to prevent injury; *and*

WHEREAS, Each year, approximately 3,500 infants tragically die from sleep-related incidents, and millions of children are treated for preventable injuries in emergency departments across the United States, highlighting the need for increased public awareness of baby-proofing, safe sleeping environments, and car seat safety; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is dedicated to ensuring the safety and welfare of all children, including those in public and private daycare centers, by enforcing proper safety standards and practices to prevent injury and promote a secure environment; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston EMS reports that 9 out of 10 car seats in resident vehicles are improperly installed, posing a significant safety risk for children, and emphasizes the importance of correctly fitted car seats to reduce child fatalities in car crashes by over 70%; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) and its partners, including Boston Medical Center and Boston Children's Hospital, offer free car seat installations and inspections to ensure that families have access to essential resources that promote child safety during every car ride; *and*

WHEREAS, Ensuring the safety of infants extends beyond individual households to include public infrastructure, such as safe streets for walking and biking, and healthcare accessibility, which are vital components in supporting healthy childhood development; *and*

WHEREAS, Massachusetts' Safe Haven Act allows parents to safely surrender newborns up to seven days old at hospitals, police stations, or fire stations without fear of prosecution, yet the state's law is among the most restrictive in New England, and greater public awareness and flexibility in surrender options could better serve families in crisis, preventing tragic outcomes for vulnerable infants; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby declares September as Baby Safety Month in the City of Boston and encourages all residents, organizations, and businesses to work together to protect the safety and welfare of our city's youngest citizens.

Filed on: September 13, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL AND RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 17-23 AS NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL WEEK IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, National Constitution Week is observed annually from September 17th through September 23rd to commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787, and to promote the understanding and appreciation of the Constitution; *and*

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States is a foundational document that establishes the framework of our government, guarantees fundamental rights & liberties, and embodies the principles of democracy & justice; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts holds a significant place in American history with its own Constitution, adopted on October 25, 1780, which is the oldest functioning written constitution in the world and has served as a model for other states, the United States, and other nations; *and*

WHEREAS, Both the U.S. and Massachusetts Constitutions represent enduring symbols of the values of freedom, equality, and the rule of law, and their principles continue to guide and inspire generations of Americans; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston recognizes the importance of educating our residents about the history, contents, and significance of these crucial documents and their impact upon our society; *and*

WHEREAS, Promoting civic engagement and understanding our central documents helps to ensure that the principles of freedom, justice, and democracy are ingrained and cherished in our community; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes and observes National Constitution Week as a time to honor the United States Constitution and the Massachusetts Constitution; ***AND BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council encourages all residents to read these documents, reflect upon the values and principles enshrined therein, to participate in educational activities related to constitutional history & citizenship, and to help embrace the responsibilities that they entail.

Filed on: September 13, 2024



Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the September 18, 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 October 7, 2024

Message and order for your approval an Order amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XV, Section 15-11.1, regarding Black Male Advancement for Equity and Welfare. Since its establishment in 2021, the Black Men and Boys Commission has sought to study the social conditions of the city's Black men and boys, develop strategies to remedy or assist in remedying serious adversities, and recommend courses of action to create equal opportunity for generations of Black men and boys in the City of Boston. **(Docket #1162)**

Assigned for Further Action

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to chronic absenteeism. **(Docket #0938)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F to chronic absenteeism in Boson Public Schools. **(Docket #1061)**

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: regarding on Boston Housing Authority (BHA) elevators. **(Docket #1357)**

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: White Stadium documents. **(Docket #1358)**

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

Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Directing the City of Boston Police Department to Waive the Maximum Age Requirement for Police Officers for Chris Glaropoulos. (Docket #1348)

³Section 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.

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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	0474	Worrell	Louijeune, Flynn	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks statue.	3/6/2024		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0872	Worrell	Pepén, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	5/22/2024		
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		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0473	Durkan	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 Recovery Funds.	3/6/2024	9/4/2024	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0179	Durkan	Coletta, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss trash collection in Boston.	1/24/2024	4/2/2024	4/3/24- remains in committee
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	4/18/2024	

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0198	Coletta Zapata	Flynn, Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding technological infrastructure improvements across city departments.	1/2/2024	4/2/2024	4/3/24-remains in committee
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		7/2/24 hearing (canceled)
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		Order for a hearing to discuss prioritizing equitable development by exploring financial solutions to clean parcels prior to acquisition in Boston.	2/14/2024		7/2/24 hearing (canceled)
City Services & Innovation Technology	0476	Pepén		Order for a hearing on technological improvements in Boston School Bus transportation.	3/6/2024	8/12/2024	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0513	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the services the Boston Public Library offers our communities.	3/13/2024	4/24/2024	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0587	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to examine and address issues surrounding residential parking in District 7.	3/27/2024		7/1/24-hearing (canceled)
City Services & Innovation Technology	1000	Flynn	Anderson, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the notification process for abutters meetings in the City of Boston.	6/12/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1051	Santana	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding gender-neutral bathrooms in City-owned buildings.	6/26/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1127	Pepén	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss alternative sidewalk options than concrete.	7/10/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1129	Pepén	Santana, Weber	Order for a hearing to improve recruitment of civilian crossing guards to serve Boston families.	7/10/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1130	Pepén	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to implement community-safe rodent birth control to protect Boston families, companion animals, and wildlife.	7/10/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1206	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss food access, sustainability, and the need for a food hub in East Boston.			

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City Services & Innovation Technology	1210	Pepén		Order for a hearing to support the creation of lending libraries to benefit residents and reduce wasteful purchases.	8/7/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1285	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$20,020.00) in the form of a grant for the El Centro Fellowship grant, awarded by Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston to be administered by the Department of Innovation and Technology. The grant will fund the fellowship program for El Centro IT training program graduates.	8/28/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1302	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss towing practices in the City of Boston, with a particular focus on public authority-ordered towing.	8/28/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1384	Coletta Zapata	Pepén	Order for a hearing to address utility street work coordination, notification, and compliance post-completion.	9/11/2024		
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	Anderson, Breadon	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1/24/2024		
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		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0591	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the alignment of the Reparations Task Force process, its request for proposals, and community inclusion efforts with civil rights.	3/27/2024	6/27/2024	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	1212	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia	Order for a hearing to audit all City of Boston Boards and Commissions to evaluate their composition, selection process, criteria for selection, appointment timeline, and adherence to the principles of equity and inclusion.	8/7/2024		

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Education	0177	Murphy	Weber, Anderson	Order for a hearing reclaiming the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center for our Boston Public School athletes.	1/24/2024	3/11/2024	3/13/24 -remains in committee
Education	0188	Worrell	Mejia, Anderson	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 Zapata	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	Coletta, Anderson	Order for a hearing to address the mental health needs of our students with a focus on guidance counselors.	1/24/2024	10/3/2024	
Education	0353	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the feasibility of BPS providing ESOL classes for parents.	2/14/2024		
Education	0551	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to review resources and organization of youth sports across Boston.	3/20/2024		
Education	0552	Mejia	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to audit the mplementation and outcomes of restorative justice practices in Boston Public Schools.	3/20/2024		
Education	0554	Mejia	Anderson, Murphy	Order for a hearing to audit Boston Public Schools' special education services and return on investments.	3/20/2024		
Education	0555	Mejia	Louijeune, Anderson	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards service provision spending for English language learners.	3/20/2024		
Education	0583	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to audit mental health curriculum and services in Boston Public Schools.	3/27/2024		
Education	0651	Murphy	Breadon, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss the need that all our youngest children in the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program are receiving their special education services.	4/3/2024		
Education	0705	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes.	4/10/2024		

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Education	0762	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the community engagement efforts of Boston Public School's "Green New Deal" and "Long-Term Facilities Plan."	5/1/2024		
Education	1126	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss resources for early childhood education and ways to ensure access to early childhood education for Boston families.	7/10/2024		
Education	1209	Santana	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools can expand the use of evidence-based best practices for Inclusive Learning Environments for Multilingual and Special Education Learners.	8/7/2024		
Education	1299	Worrell	Weber, Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss BPS's plans to protect students during heat emergencies.	8/28/2024		
Education	1349	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for students on the first week of school.	9/11/2024		
Education	1351	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the extension of free museum passes exclusively for Boston Public Schools families.	9/11/2024		
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 Zapata	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding implementing coastal resilience strategies for Boston's waterfront.	1/24/2024	10/3/2024	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0355	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss ways to equitably fight climate displacement in District Seven.	2/14/2024	6/28/2024	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0819	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss expanding the urban tree canopy in District 2.	5/8/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0873	Durkan	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a Parks Administrator for downtown parks including the Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square and Christopher Columbus Park.	5/22/2024		

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	1167	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Stove Replacement Program (EJG2G), awarded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund to educate residents on electric cooking and its environmental/health benefits.	8/7/2024	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	1282	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$456,500.00) in the form of a grant, for FY25 MVP Action Grant, awarded by the Executive Office of Energy & Environment Affairs to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund the permit submittals for the project in FY26, with a goal of completing the MEPA permitting process and submitting permits to other applicable Local, State and Federal permitting agencies.	8/28/2024	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	1300	Santana	Coletta Zapata, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's Walking City Trail, an urban hiking route connecting 27 miles of Boston parks, gardens, urban forests, and streets through 17 Boston neighborhoods.	8/28/2024	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	1334	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eleven Million Four Hundred Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$11,406,762.00) in the form of a grant, awarded by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry to be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department. The grant will fund the creation of an accessible, inclusive and resilient urban forest in Boston and reduce technical and financial barriers to accessing and preserving trees.	9/11/2024	
Government Operations	0166	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance Formally Creating the Office of Food Justice and Establishing a Food Recovery Program in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024	
Government Operations	0170	Coletta Zapata	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)-canceled, 3/13/24-remains in committee

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Government Operations	0262	Flynn		Ordinance Establishing the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024	4/9/2024	4/10/24- remains in committee
Government Operations	0471	Fernandes Anderson	Worrell, Louijeune	Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing.	3/6/2024	6/14/2024	8/13/24 (WS)
Government Operations	0645	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	An ordinance establishing the office of Inspector General within the City of Boston.	4/3/2024	5/29/2024	
Government Operations	0759	Santana	Coletta, Durkan	Ordinance for Safe and Healthy Hotels in the City of Boston.	5/1/2024		
Government Operations	0925	Coletta Zapata	Pepén	An Ordinance to Adopt the Small Commercial Tax Exemption as a Local Option in the City of Boston.	6/5/2024	7/9/2024	7/10/24-remains in committee
Government Operations	0996	Louijeune	Santana	Home Rule Petition for a Special Act Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston.	6/12/2024		
Government Operations	0997	Fernandes Anderson	Worrell	Order for a hearing on city offices without enabling legislation in the municipal code.	6/12/2024		
Government Operations	1050	Fernandes Anderson		Ordinance to establish an internal discretionary incidentals fund for each Council office.	6/26/2024		
Government Operations	1162	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XV, Section 15-11.1, regarding Black Male Advancement for Equity and Welfare. Since its establishment in 2021, the Black Men and Boys Commission has sought to study the social conditions of the city's Black men and boys, develop strategies to remedy or assist in remedying serious adversities, and recommend courses of action to create equal opportunity for generations of Black men and boys in the City of Boston.	8/7/2024		9/10/24- working session, 9/11/24- remains in committee
Government Operations	1197	Durkan		Ordinance Amending the City of Boston Code Ordinances Chapter VII Section 7 Regulating Restrictions on Park Frontages.	8/7/2024		
Government Operations	1198	Worrell	Mejia	Ordinance to Enhance Driveway Accessibility.	8/7/2024		
Government Operations	1199	Worrell	Anderson, Mejia	Ordinance Codifying the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT).	8/7/2024		

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Government Operations	1200	Worrell	Mejia, Anderson	Ordinance to Establish RISE: Reshaping Inequities through Systematic Empowerment.	8/7/2024		
Government Operations	1201	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	8/7/2024		
Government Operations	1202	Flynn	Murphy	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Providing Certain Death Benefits for Rachel Marie Troy, the Widow of a former Firefighter of the City of Boston.	8/7/2024		8/26/24
Government Operations	1347	Weber	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance establishing the Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections.	9/11/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0176	Worrell	Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher Program.	1/24/2024	4/16/2024	
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	4/8/2024	4/10/24- remains in committee
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	3/21/2024	5/24/24- WS
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	3/28/2024	
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	4/8/2024	4/10/24-remains in committee
Housing & Community Development	0488	Breadon	Louijeune, Mejia	Resolution calling for further measures to supplement inclusionary zoning and advance affordable housing in the City of Boston.	3/6/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0510	Mejia	Weber	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	3/13/2024		

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Housing & Community Development	0572	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (25,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Harvard Allston Brighton Fund grant, awarded by the Harvard Business School to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the creation of affordable homeownership, affordable rental housing in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods.	3/27/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0703	Worrell	Louijeune, Durkan	Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	4/10/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0704	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of restricted deeds on property ownership and transfer, including both negative and positive effects, and strategies to promote generational wealth creation.	4/10/2024	9/19/2024	9/5/24- hearing postponed
Housing & Community Development	0706	Weber	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to review the City of Boston Voucher Program.	4/10/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0764	Louijeune	Santana, Weber	Order for a hearing to utilize former school and municipal buildings as affordable housing.	5/1/2024	9/30/2024	
Housing & Community Development	0841	Durkan	Breadon, Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss enforcement of short-term rental violations in Boston.	5/15/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0924	Mayor		Communication was received from the Mayor transmitting information received from Boston Inspectional Services Department pertaining to the 2023 Annual Rental Registration & Inspection Report pursuant to CBC 9-12.3(m).	6/5/2024		
Housing & Community Development	1165	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Commonwealth Builder Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the creation of workforce homeownership housing units and the long-term availability of those units to eligible moderate-income households.	8/7/2024		

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Housing & Community Development	1288			Communication was received from the Mayor's Office of Housing regarding the Short-Term Rentals 2024 Report to the Boston City Council.	8/28/2024		
Housing & Community Development	1298	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the current status of the elevator system in Boston Housing Authority (BHA) developments.	8/28/2024		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0418	Worrell	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	2/28/2024	4/9/2024	4/10/24- remains in committee
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0475	Weber	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	3/6/2024	4/24/2024	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0487	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Pepen	Resolution to improve bus monitor pay rates and working conditions in the City of Boston.	3/6/2024		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0843	Flynn	Murphy, FitzGerald	Resolution calling on the Massachusetts Legislature to pass the Act Establishing Protections and Accountability for TNC and DNC Workers.	5/15/2024		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0928	Flynn	Pepén, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.	6/5/2024		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1004	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Resolution calling on the Massachusetts Legislature to pass an act establishing collective bargaining rights for TNC drivers.	6/12/2024		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	1053	Weber	Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss protections for workers during extreme heat.	6/26/2024	7/24/2024	
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental Relations	0589	Flynn		Order for a hearing to review the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program in the City of Boston.	3/27/2024		
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	9/17/2024	2023 - 0930

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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	9/17/2024	2023 - 1166
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, 8/28/24-remains in committee
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0184	Durkan	Santana, Weber	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		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0192	Coletta Zapata	FitzGerald, Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss the ongoing modernization of Article 80 in Boston's Zoning Code.	1/24/2024	7/15/2024	4/5/24- hearing canceled
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	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	3/25/2024	3/27/24- remains in committee
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0303	Durkan		Order for a hearing To Review The Rules and Regulation of Vehicles in Relation to Expansion of Micromobility Access.	2/7/2024	7/9/2024	4/5/24- hearing canceled, 7/10/24- remains in committee
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0350	Flynn		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		Order for a hearing to discuss the possibility of congestion pricing in Boston.	2/14/2024	7/8/2024	7/10/24-remains in committee

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0477	Pepén		Order for a hearing to explore the creation of Safe School Zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.	3/6/2024	4/11/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0648	Flynn	FitzGerald, Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and expanding the Safety Surge program in the City of Boston.	4/3/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0763	Pepén	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.	5/1/2024	8/8/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0866	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Hansy Better Barraza, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2027.	5/22/2024		8/28/24- remains in committee
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0871	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the proposed zoning amendment to remove the half mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments.	5/22/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1054	Pepén	FitzGerald, Breadon	Order for a hearing to create more affordable homes and invest in our local communities with district improvement financing (DIF) in Districts 3, 5, and 9.	6/26/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1105	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) and any interest accrued thereon-received in the form of annual Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) payments and held in an interest-bearing escrow fund until designated for use by the City-for the Sullivan Square Infrastructure Project.	7/10/2024	9/17/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1108	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Eight Thousand (\$38,000.00) in the form of a grant for the MHC FY24 Survey and Planning Grant Phase II, awarded by the United States Department of the Interior, passed through the Massachusetts Historical Commission, to be administered by the Office of Historic Preservation. The grant will fund Phase II of the East Boston Survey Update. The aim of Phase II is to produce new and updated inventory forms for properties in East Boston's Orient Heights area.	7/10/2024	9/17/2024	

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	1169	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$539,256.00) in the form of a grant, for the MassEVIP Charging Stations, awarded by MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund sixty (60) electric vehicle charging stations under the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) Public Access Charging (PAC) Program.	8/7/2024	9/17/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1275	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) in the amount not to exceed Four Million Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$4,382,932.66) cost related to the following projects: Two Financial Center, The Victor (Simpson Parcel), 1501 Commonwealth Avenue, 1397-1305 Blue Hill Avenue, BIDMC New Inpatient Building, 1350 Boylston Street, 76 Stoney Road, Seaport Square Northern Avenue Bridge, 745 Atlantic Avenue, 370-380 Harrison Avenue, Boston University Center- Dental School, Boston Landing, 780 Morrissey Boulevard, 289 Walk Hill Street, Allston Yard Building A, 61-83 Braintree Street, and Belvidere Street Student Housing Project.	8/28/2024	9/17/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1277	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Reconnecting Communities-Pilot Program, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation. The grant will fund the assessment of the feasibility of reconnecting the Chinatown neighborhood that was bisected by the construction of I-90.	8/28/2024	9/17/2024	

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	1287	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to declare surplus City-owned easement currently under the management of the Boston Transportation Department and transfer the care, custody, management and control of said property to the Public Facilities Commission. The land easement is located at 847, 849, and 851 Albany Street in Roxbury (Ward 08 Parcels 0802014000, 0802016000, 802017000, and 080218000). This will transfer interest back to the Boston Water and Sewer Commission in accordance with a settlement agreement resolving an ongoing lawsuit against the City of Boston.	8/28/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1336	Mayor		Communication was received by the City Clerk from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #243.11, The William Lloyd Garrison House, 17 Highland Park Street, Roxbury, MA 02119 (in effect after October 9, 2024 if not acted upon).	9/11/2024		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0553	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures, and progress.	3/20/2024		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0556	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	3/20/2024		5/29/24 hearing canceled
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0584	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	3/27/2024		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0585	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	3/27/2024	5/29/2024	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	1213	Mejia	Anderson, Weber	Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's accountability, transparency and accessibility regarding the enforcement of City of Boston Code 8-10.	8/7/2024		8/29/24 hearing canceled
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	1214	Mejia	Anderson, Worrell	Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	8/7/2024	8/29/2024	

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0187	Worrell		Order for a hearing to access expanded Hospital & Community-Centric Violence Prevention & Intervention.	1/24/2024		
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 Zapata	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	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	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	5/10/2024	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0478	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing on provisions of temporary mental health treatment or interventions and preventions for children and youth before formal diagnosis.	3/6/2024	7/11/2024	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0512	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the Shattuck housing proposal to prioritize racial equity.	3/13/2024	4/4/2024	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0718	Flynn	Pepen, Murphy	Resolution declaring speeding cars and reckless driving as a public health emergency.	4/10/2024		

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0927	Santana	FitzGerald, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs.	6/5/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0998	Santana	Anderson, Weber	Order for a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQ+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits	6/12/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	1001	Santana	Breadon, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQ+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston.	6/12/2024		
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	0354	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing regarding current bail policies in local jails.	2/14/2024	8/14/2024	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0507	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	3/13/2024	4/26/2024	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0511	Louijeune	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	3/13/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0590	Santana	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss the City of Boston's current investments in and policies for using Gunshot Detection Technology.	3/27/2024	7/31/2024	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0650	Pepén	Coletta, Santana	Order for a hearing to raise the age requirement for entrance to the Boston Police Academy.	4/3/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0760	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss plans to address drag racing, dirt bikes, ATVs, and other off-road vehicles on neighborhood streets.	5/1/2024		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0911	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Earmark for Fairmount Housing Development, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the support of Police overtime for visible patrols in the Fairmount Development.	6/5/2024		9/16/24 -hearing rescheduled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1052	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to ensure the operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of a 911 system outage.	6/26/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1114	Mayor		I hereby transmit for your review the City of Boston's 2023 Annual Surveillance Report, pursuant to the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63 (the "Ordinance").	7/10/2024	7/31/2024	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1166	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$4,125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Public Safety Answering Point Support and Incentive Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund costs associated with providing Enhanced 911 services.	8/7/2024		9/16/24 -hearing rescheduled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1168	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY24 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund upgrading, expanding, and integrating technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response.	8/7/2024		9/16/24 -hearing rescheduled

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1170	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$445,865.77) in the form of the grant for the FY25 State 911 Training Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the training and certification of Enhanced 911 telecommunications staff.	8/7/2024	9/16/24 -hearing rescheduled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1171	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Thirty-One Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$260,031.75) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Grant Program (COPPGP), awarded by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund and support the installation of CO alarms and training and public education programs to promote health and public safety.	8/7/2024	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1175	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$87,427.00) in the form of a grant, for the United States Attorney's Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Initiative grant, awarded by the United States Attorney's Office passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Boston Police Department. The grant will fund the purchase of needed equipment, software, and other technology items considered vital for preventing or reducing violent crime.	8/7/2024	9/16/24 -hearing rescheduled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1177	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY23 National Violent Death Reporting System, awarded by the MA Department of Public Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund data collection by the Bureau of Investigative Services and the Drug Control Unit.	8/7/2024	9/16/24 -hearing rescheduled

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1178	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept a donation of a 2013 Ford F-150 Truck. The purpose of this donation is to support the Boston Police Department in their investigation of individuals and entities suspected of insurance fraud, and any other departmental needs.	8/7/2024		9/16/24 -hearing rescheduled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1205	Flynn	Anderson, Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to provide critical public safety support and address quality of life issues relating to the crisis at Mass and Cass.	8/7/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1207	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Police Department staffing levels.	8/7/2024	9/12/2024	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1208	Santana	Weber	Order for a hearing to review the usage of security cameras in Boston Public Schools.	8/7/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1286	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$11,200.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services to be administered by the Boston Police Department. The grant will fund to support enrollment in the Certificate of Intensive Training in Motivational Interviewing for the SSYI Boston Case Management Team.	8/28/2024		9/16/24 -hearing rescheduled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1307	Flynn		Resolution calling for the reinstatement of Eddy Chrispin to BPD Command Staff.	8/28/2024		
Rules & Administration	0351	Flynn		Order for a meeting to review the Boston City Council rules.	2/14/2024		
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		6/21/24 (hearing canceled)
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0186	Worrell	Mejia, Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	1/24/2024		

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Small Business & Professional Licensure	0352	Durkan		Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a citywide merchandise licensing program.	2/14/2024		7/22/24 -(hearing canceled)
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0586	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss a statewide right to repair to protect consumers and foster a culture of repair in Boston and beyond.	3/27/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0647	Mejia		Order for a hearing on diversifying cannabis business models.	4/3/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0702	Worrell		Order for a hearing to establish a “Business Owner 101” program for grant recipients.	4/10/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0761	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's accountability, transparency and accessibility regarding construction sites impacting small businesses.	5/1/2024	7/11/2024	
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0840	Pepén	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a small business vandalism relief fund.	5/15/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	1128	Pepén	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss a fundamental overhaul of the Massachusetts Cannabis System.	7/10/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1301	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss BCYF services in the Allston-Brighton neighborhood of the City of Boston	8/28/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0116	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
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	

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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	3/12/2024	3/7/24 (hearing rescheduled) 3/13/24 -remains in committee
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0508	Fitzgerald	Pepen, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the option to expand access of handicap parking placards to those who are pregnant.	3/13/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0509	Weber	Pepen, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to review programming available for seniors in the City of Boston.	3/13/2024	4/1/2024	4/3/24- remains in committee
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0514	Fernandes Anderson		Resolution to explore a need for a senior recreational center in Roxbury.	3/13/2024		6/27/24-hearing canceled
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0907	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant, Childhood Obesity Prevention and Environmental Health Sustainability, awarded by the United States Conference of Mayors to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood Development. The grant will fund and support programs that engage community members and promote or stimulate behavior change in Childhood Obesity Prevention and environmental health and sustainability.	6/5/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1106	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Mayor's Office of Human Services' Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Human Services. The grant will fund youth sports and swim activities in partnership with Boston Public Schools.	7/10/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1109	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) in the form of a grant, for the Child Care Licensing Support grant, awarded by the United Way to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund stipends for individuals who have completed the Family Childcare Licensing Support Training and have opened their businesses.	7/10/2024		

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Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1172	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 Senior's Save Program grant, awarded by the Boston Charitable Trust Fund to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the heating system replacement program for eligible senior citizen homeowners in Boston.	8/7/2024	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1176	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$11,600.00) in the form of a grant for the Escrow-Mitigation Activities, awarded to the City of Boston to be administered by the Boston Center for Youth and Families. The grant will fund to pay contractors for mitigation activities.	8/7/2024	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1276	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 FY25 Title III-C Nutrition Services 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.	8/28/2024	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1278	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,736,520.00) in the form of a grant for the State FY25 Council on Aging formula allocation, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund social and health care services for 115,768 older adults in the City of Boston at \$15 dollars per person, according to the 2020 Census data for UMass Boston Donahue Institute.	8/28/2024	

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Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1279	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 FY25 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.	8/28/2024	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1280	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 FY25 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 Caregivers Services for older Adults in the City of Boston.	8/28/2024	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1281	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 FY25 Title III-A Administration grant 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 costs for the administration of Title III programs.	8/28/2024	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1283	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 FY25 Title III-Ombudsman Program, award 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.	8/28/2024	

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Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	1284	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighty-Four Thousand Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$84,058.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Title III-D Disease Prevention and 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.	8/28/2024		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0349	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veterans Services.	2/14/2024	7/25/2024	6/7/24-hearing postponed
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0588	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	3/27/2024	7/25/2024	6/7/24-hearing postponed
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		3/14/24 (WS)
Ways & Means	0479	Worrell		Order for a hearing to discuss projected commercial property tax values in Boston.	3/6/2024		
Ways & Means	0999	FitzGerald	Anderson, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to diversify the City of Boston's revenue.	6/12/2024		
Ways & Means	1002	Worrell	Mejia, Anderson	Order for a hearing to create a Boston Development Fund in the Planning Department.	6/12/2024		
Ways & Means	1035	Weber	Worrell, Louijeune	A hearing to discuss causes of increases in Boston Police overtime spending.	6/12/2024	9/12/2024	
Ways & Means	1131	Breadon	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review capital planning, budgeting, and project management practices in the capital program of the City of Boston.	7/10/2024		

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Ways & Means	1190	Mayor		Communication was received from the Auditing Department providing the Fiscal Year 2025 Payroll Allotment Schedules for all City Departments.	8/7/2024	
Ways & Means	1211	Murphy	Mejia	Order for a hearing for the Boston City Council to address next steps after the Failed Property Tax Reclassification Home Rule Petition Though Audit.	8/7/2024	
Ways & Means	1303	Worrell	Flynn, Louijeune	Order to increase Veterans property tax exemption.	8/28/2024	
Ways & Means	1335	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,322,200.00) in the form of a grant, for the Community Mitigation Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to be administered by the Budget Management. The grant will fund to offset cost related to the construction and operation of a gaming establishment.	9/11/2024	

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

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

Hannibal Auto Repair

In Recognition of:

**Receiving the 2024 Pope's Hill Neighborhood
Association Good Business 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.

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

Charlie Connors

In Recognition of:

**Receiving the 2024 Pope's Hill Neighborhood
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extends its best wishes for continued success; that this
Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City
Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the
Clerk of the City of Boston.

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

presented by

Councilor At-Large Henry Santana

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

American Food Basket

In recognition of:

Your commitment to providing low income communities with access to fresh food options for over 15 years through over 70 different locations across the country. Thank you for providing people with jobs and more choices for fresh produce. Congratulations on obtaining this new location, I wish you a successful journey.

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: *Ruthye Louienne*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Henry A. Santana*

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Parziale's Bakery

In Recognition of:

Being a recipient of the 2024 Legacy Business 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: Debra Colletti

Date: _____

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

Jake Silveria

In recognition of:

Thank you for your dedication to Boston’s residents. We appreciate your commitment to providing organizations and community members with the necessary tools and support to keep our neighborhoods clean. Your willingness to join our fy24 summer interns at the Mattapan Square clean up is greatly appreciated. We wish you a successful school year and a great baseball season with the UMass Beacons.

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: *Ruthyea Foujeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Henry A. Santana*

Date: *08/28/24*

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

SAMMY CARLO

In Recognition of:

Their commitment to creating a
safer community and contributions to East Boston _____ ; and

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its
best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and
a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

DUCALI PIZZERIA & BAR

In Recognition of:

Their 15 year anniversary ; 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: Ruthyee Loujeune
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Gabriel Coletti

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

JOHNNY "MANGIA" PAGLIUCA

In Recognition of:

Their commitment to creating a
safer community and contributions to the North End _____ ; 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: Debra Coletta

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

STEVEN SCIRE

In Recognition of:

Their commitment to creating a
safer community and contributions to East Boston ; 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: Ruthyee Fournelle
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Debra Collett

Date: _____

City of Boston

IN CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

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

Helen Gallo Bryan

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

Wednesday, August 28th

SINCERELY,

Ruthée Loujeune
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

Gabriel Colletta

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

SUSAN HUANG

In Recognition of:

Her service and commitment to the Jeffries Point
Neighborhood Association and to East Boston ; 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: Ruthyee Loujeune
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Gabriela Colette Zapata

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

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

Jane Hurley O'Connor

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

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

SINCERELY,

Ruthye Loujeune
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Attest
Alex Grantus
City Clerk

Presented By
Elizabeth Bresden

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor John FitzGerald

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its deepest sympathy to you and your family in the passing of your loved one:

Annie Grant

Overseer of New Sinai House of Prayer and Worship

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and reverence as the Council adjourned its meeting on

September 18, 2024

By: _____

President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Bishop Dr. Everett J. Dallas Jr.

For his 10 years of service to the Living Word of Church in Mattapan. He's provided a decade of service to Boston, uplifting the community and his congregation through actions and faith.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your 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 City of Boston.

By: *Ruthyee Loujeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Brian Worrell*

Date: SEPTEMBER 13, 2024



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIVES LOST AND THOSE
HELD HOSTAGE FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER 7TH TERRORIST
ATTACK ON ISRAEL**

WHEREAS: October 7th, 2024 marks the first anniversary of the terrorist attack by Hamas on Israel. Over 1,100 civilians were killed that day, including 79 foreign nationals, 43 of whom were Americans. 251 civilians and foreign nationals were also taken as hostages, and to date, 97 hostages remain abducted, including seven American nationals; *and*

WHEREAS: We condemn the acts of terrorism inflicted by Hamas on October 7th, and mourn for the families who have lost loved ones in the attack. We honor the lives of those who were lost that day, remember all of the families who have been impacted, and continue to call for the release of the remaining hostages; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That on October 7th, 2024, in recognition of the 1st anniversary of the October 7th terrorist attacks against Israel, the Boston City Council orders the Property Management Department to raise the flag of Israel on the third flagpole on City Hall Plaza in place of the City of Boston flag.

Filed in City Council: September 18th, 2024