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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, Doumy Pamera is a 39-year-old Jamaica Plain resident with a wife and three kids and has been living in Boston since 2012; *and*

WHEREAS, Pamera has dreamed of being a police officer since he was a kid in Haiti; *and*

WHEREAS, Pamera has been working as a court officer at the Edward Brooke Courthouse for over 5 year and took the police exam in 2014 but was not chosen for the academy given a high percentage of veterans that were accepted that year; *and*

WHEREAS, Pamera wanted to apply for the academy two years ago but had to tend to his wife and issues she was facing at that time while pregnant with their daughter; *and*

WHEREAS, Pamera has the temperament and integrity to be a police officer and has thought long and hard about a career in law enforcement. Pamera completed courses in criminal justice and is attending Roxbury Community College to obtain his Associates Degree in Social Science and speaks French and Haitian Creole; *and*

WHEREAS, Pamera has a comfortable job as a court officer at Edward Brooke Courthouse but desires a career where he would be able to make a difference in the community and admires the Boston Police Department's community policing model; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston has an age limit of 40 years old for new officers, but the force is currently below minimum staffing requirements and in need of officers; *and*

WHEREAS, Pamera is looking to take the police exam in April but would need an age waiver to become a police officer since he will be turning 40 on November 12, 2024;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED, That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**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 DOUMY
PAMERA**

Section 1.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007, the City of Boston Police Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers for Doumy Pamera. If Doumy Pamera meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Police Department, he shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer.

Section 2.

The provisions of this act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Filed in Council: October 9, 2024