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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING THE DOWNTOWN MUNICIPAL HARBOR PLAN

WHEREAS, Boston's waterfront is a precious and scarce resource that provides irreplaceable benefits for recreation, tourism, transportation, shipping, and education, as an invaluable benefit to all residents; *and*

WHEREAS, The Downtown Waterfront Municipal Harbor Plan was approved just over three years ago, and the planning process began over a decade ago yet does not accurately represent the full scale and scope of climate resiliency data and planning that has been developed in the last few years ; *and*

WHEREAS, In addition to not reflecting the new realities of climate change, the current MHP does not take into account the moment of renewed civil rights and racial equity. The Municipal Harbor Plan should reflect the city's effort to make all aspects of the waterfront accessible to those disenfranchised and separated from the waterfront ; *and*

WHEREAS, The future of Boston's downtown waterfront has been in doubt since a decision by the Suffolk Superior Court invalidating Municipal Harbor Plans across the commonwealth because the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection had improperly delegated its unique legal authority on matters related to tidelands to the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. ; *and*

WHEREAS, Most importantly, waterfront spaces must create environments that are inclusive and welcoming to all people and support climate justice goals for all communities.; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council go on record in support of amending the Downtown Municipal Harbor Plan.

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