



**Boston City Council**  
**ED FLYNN**  
Councilor - District 2

October 6, 2025

Michael Cox  
Commissioner, Boston Police Department  
1 Schroeder Plaza  
Boston, MA 02120

**RE: Late Night Riot in South End**

Dear Commissioner Cox,

I am writing today concerning this weekend's violent attack on Boston Police officers in the South End. Around 2:00 AM on Sunday morning, approximately 100 people took over the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Tremont Street, and immediately began throwing fireworks, cones, and poles at Boston Police cruisers. Two were ultimately arrested.

It is never acceptable to assault a police officer or first responder. This weekend's assault on Boston Police officers must be prosecuted and, if convicted, a state sentence is warranted. We cannot accept lawlessness in Boston, and it is critical that we support our police officers and their families as well.

Every day, residents in the South End express their deteriorating public safety and quality of life due to the Mass & Cass crisis. But there have also been similar late night incidents and disturbances like this across the city over the last several years as well. In April of 2024, there was a group of about 15 vehicles and 40 people in Back Bay who were using their cars to do donuts, driving the wrong way, and clogging traffic at 2:00 AM. These events not only negatively impact the quality of life of the residents in the area, but are also dangerous for pedestrians and other cars, and can cause damage to roads and injuries to bystanders.

As a result, I am respectfully requesting to prioritize additional public safety resources to main streets throughout the city on the weekend and late night hours. As you know, I have consistently advocated for hiring hundreds of police officers every year for the next decade to address longstanding issues of staffing levels, overstretched resources, mandatory overtime, and looming retirements. If you have any questions, please contact me at [Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov](mailto:Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov), or at 617-635-3203.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn  
Boston City Councilor, District 2