

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF BOSTON AND DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE FUNDING CUTS

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston receives hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal government, which fund infrastructure projects, public services, and grant programs that allow Boston to bridge gaps of opportunity, provide equitable services, and lead as an example of positive social change; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston metro area produces a GDP of \$500 billion, making our region an important center of commerce and talent that deserves its fair share of federal funds to insure the area can continue to be a good place to do business and to live; *and*
- WHEREAS,** During his second presidential term, President Trump and his administration have made several threats to withhold federal funding from states and cities that do not participate in the administration's agenda of mass deportation and detention of immigrants without due process, transphobia, rejection of science and education, and further enrichment of the upper class; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Border Czar Tom Homan has personally called for "Hell" to be brought to Boston and threatened to prosecute and/or arrest critics and challengers of the administration's actions which have contested legality; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston has historically stood on the edge of social progress, worked to overcome the negative parts of our history, and invest in remedying social ills, cultivating a culture and population that spawned many demonstrations of disapproval toward the administration; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The administration's current focus on Boston and the continued resolve of our residents to push back against the injustices of the presidential administration make it clear that the back-and-forth between the City of Boston and the federal government over federal dollars has only just begun; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is imperative that the City Council is fully aware of the dollars at stake so we can take steps to ensure that the City of Boston can sustain itself during these trying times; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on federal funds received by Boston. Experts on city finances, administration officials, and community members will be invited to testify.

Filed on: August 6th, 2025