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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRIORITIZING A RECOVERY CAMPUS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON AND GREATER BOSTON AREA

- WHEREAS:** In 2014, the Long Island Bridge was shut down due to longstanding concerns about structural integrity. Before the closure, the Boston Public Health Commission provided treatment facilities for those suffering from substance use disorders and shelters for those experiencing homelessness; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Recent reports indicate that rebuilding the Long Island Bridge and an addiction recovery center is still a long-term plan that will potentially take years or decades, and conservatively cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Continued and protracted legal battles have left residents wondering when, if ever, that a recovery campus will open on Long Island once again, and what the status of Mass & Cass will be in the meantime; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In the FY 2026-2030 Capital Plan, \$108,758,144 is reserved to construct a new bridge to Long Island, \$8,220,000 is set aside to repair and upkeep buildings that may be utilized for a recovery campus, and an additional \$2,000,000 to renovate existing buildings. However, previous estimates pegged repairs at more than \$550 million, while recent reports are now over \$1 billion due to inflation, tariffs, and increased construction costs since that time; *and*
- WHEREAS:** On September 4th, the City Council held a hearing on-site at the Hampton Inn, where approximately 200 constituents shared their lived experiences on public safety, public health, and quality of life issues due to the Mass & Cass crisis. These included public drug dealing, public drug use, human trafficking, violence, public urination and defecation, and shoplifting. A number of residents shared that beyond these unacceptable and existing conditions, concerns on public safety have increased significantly due to a series of recent break-ins and people sleeping in resident's homes and cars, or trespassing in backyards; *and*
- WHEREAS:** At that time, the overwhelming majority of the public testimony from neighbors, small businesses, and nonprofit partners emphasized the need for the city and state to make a recovery campus a top priority for the City of Boston and Greater Boston area, and treatment first to break the cycle of addiction; *and*

WHEREAS:

With deteriorating conditions due to the Mass & Cass crisis, and continued uncertainty regarding the status, timeline, and feasibility of Long Island - it is critical that the city and state now work collaboratively to take concrete steps that would allow for a recovery campus to be built for the City of Boston and Greater Boston area - not only to provide necessary treatment programs for our most vulnerable, but to address the public safety, public health, and quality of life of neighbors, small businesses, and nonprofit partners; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council supports the prioritization of a recovery campus for the City of Boston and Greater Boston area.

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