

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE
HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS: Jose Ortiz, 40, is a lifelong Bostonian — born and raised in Roxbury and now living in Dorchester — with deep ties to his community; *and*

WHEREAS: Jose took time away from Boston between 2011 and 2014 to support his family but has remained connected to the city and its neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: Jose has always aspired to serve as a Boston Police Officer but prioritized raising his two young children, putting his family first before pursuing this career path; *and*

WHEREAS: Encouraged by friends in law enforcement, Jose recently took and passed the Boston Police entrance exam, viewing this opportunity as a chance to be a positive role model and advocate for his community; *and*

WHEREAS: Jose currently works as an Athletic Assistant at the BCYF Holland Community Center, where he mentors and builds trust with local youth and young adults, demonstrating the listening skills, patience, and emotional intelligence essential for community policing; *and*

WHEREAS: Jose believes his lived experiences, adaptability, and deep community roots uniquely position him to protect and serve Boston's neighborhoods with integrity and empathy; **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 One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments 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 JOSE ORTIZ**

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 Jose Ortiz. If Jose Ortiz 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.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed in Council: May 19, 2025