



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

0393 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$2,563,236.28) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 State Elder Lunch Program Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston, at a rate of \$7.39 per meal for up to 358,679 meals.

0394 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (1,735,107.39) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative Grant awarded by MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs.

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- 0396** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$775,855.00) in the form of a grant, for the 2025 Community Connections Program Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, passed through the Boston Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund the replacement and electrification of Blue Bikes Stations and repurpose single space parking meter poles for 1600 with bicycle racks.
- 0397** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$702,244.22) in the form of a grant, for the REDEA Program for Field CY24 Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs.
- 0398** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$626,466.57) in the form of a grant, for the Carry-in WIOA Dislocated Workers Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a program to help dislocated workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment.

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- 0401** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$254,921.00) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Youth Activities Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a program that focuses primarily on out-of-school youth, between ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.
- 0402** Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,00.00) in the form of a grant, for the Creative Aging Program, awarded by Goddard House Assisted Living to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund bringing arts programming to older adults in Boston.
- 0403** Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$109,271.70) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Dislocated Worker Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund individualized career services and training services, for dislocated workers to rejoin the workforce as early as possible and overcome barriers to employment.

- 0404** Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Four Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$94,089.00) in the form of a grant, for the Wagner Peyser Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development. The grant will fund individual reemployment needs of unemployment insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments and application assistance for training and education resources and programs.
- 0405** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston Grant, awarded by The Baupost Group to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund opportunities for young people ages 12-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support.
- 0406** Message and order for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Certain Affordable Housing and Cultural Space in the Brighton Section of the City of Boston."
- 0407** Message and order for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.
- 0408** Message and order for your approval an order confirming that Ringer Playground is permanently dedicated for park and playground purposes, as required by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), for parks receiving aforesaid grant assistance. This confirmation is required to receive a grant awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for renovations to Ringer Playground located in the neighborhood of Allston-Brighton.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

- 0409** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of John Lydon as a Trustee of the South Boston Foundation, for a term expiring December 31, 2025.
- 0410** Communication was received from Councilor Erin Murphy and Councilor Ed Flynn on Council Exclusion.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- 0109** The Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities, to which was referred on December 4, 2024, Docket #0109, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Nazzaro Community Center Renovation grant, awarded by the United States Department of Treasury, passed through the MA Executive Office of Economic Development, to be administered by Property Management. The grant will fund repairs and capital improvements to maintain current functionality and programming at the Nazzaro Community Center, submits a report recommending that the grant ought to pass.
- 0111** The Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities, to which was referred on December 4, 2024, Docket #0111, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Age Strong Universal Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund senior center programs and services for older adults in Boston, submits a report recommending that the grant ought to pass.
- 0190** The Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred on January 8, 2025, Docket #0190, Order to implement a nondisclosure agreement prohibition policy for Boston City Council, submits a report recommending that the docket ought to pass in a new draft.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

- 0148** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 0411** **Councilor Pepén and FitzGerald offered the following:** Ordinance to establish a school bus violation detection monitoring system.
- 0412** **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding the public safety requirements and possible locations for a new Emergency Operations Center in the City of Boston.

- 0413** **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Office of Emergency Management, including the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and Emergency Management Performance Grant.
- 0414** **Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act.
- 0415** **Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order for a hearing to audit the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
- 0416** **Councilor Mejia and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.
- 0417** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Holocaust and Genocide Education in Boston Public Schools.
- 0418** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study.
- 0419** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss tax exemptions for long-term residents age 55 & above and essential municipal employees.
- 0420** **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore ways to increase community engagement and better facilitate public participation for Boston City Council Hearings.
- 0421** **Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and police staffing in Boston.
- 0422** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the immediate reinstatement of and sustainable funding for the Community Syringe Redemption Program.
- 0423** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston.
- 0424** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed White Stadium redevelopment on Franklin Park.
- 0425** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing on the environmental preservation of Boston's historical parks and green spaces.

0426 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

0427 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Reginald Stewart in City Council, effective February 10, 2025.

GREEN SHEETS:

5/25 Legislative Calendar for February 5, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

0428 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution in memory of Jeff Flagg.

0429 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Jeremiah Program.

0430 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Sugeily Santos

0431 Councilor Santana and Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing El Grupo de Baile Juvenil Calife and 6 other community members.

0432 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Yankee Dental Congress.

0433 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing St. James the Greater Church.

0434 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Newton Chinese Language School.

0435 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England.

0436 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Senior Pastor Reverend Daniel Chan.

0437 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Walter Preble.

- 0438** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day.
- 0439** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Drawdown Brewery.
- 0440** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jessica Azurdia.
- 0441** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Propa City Community Outreach.
- 0442** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jane E. Kennedy.
- 0443** Councilor Breadon offered the following: Resolution in memory of Mary Theresa (Doyle) Honan.



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02-03-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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WHEREAS, the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

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City Clerk

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WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture and The Corps Network, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$800,000.00**) would fund the historic investment of boosting the City's tree cover in various neighborhoods. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of Agriculture, and The Corps Network' UCFC-Program award not to exceed the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$800,000.00**).

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01-30-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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The grant would fund individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs.

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01-27-2025

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WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor and MassHire Department of Career Services, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS (**\$254,921.00**) would fund a program that focuses primarily on out-of-school youth, between ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of Labor, and MassHire Department of Career Services' the WIOA Youth Activities Admin grant award not to exceed the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS (**\$254,921.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
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by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

02-03-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$115,000.00**) in the form of a grant, Creative Aging Program, awarded by Goddard House Assisted Living to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund bringing arts programming to older adults in Boston.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Creative Aging Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY Goddard House Assisted Living.

WHEREAS, the Goddard House Assisted Living, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$115,000.00) would fund bringing arts programming to older adults in Boston. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Goddard House Assisted Living, Creative Aging Program award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$115,000.00).

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Michelle Wu

02-03-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (**\$109,271.70**) in the form of a grant, the WIOA Dislocated Workers Admin grant, awarded by United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund individualized career services and training services, for dislocated workers to rejoin the workforce as early as possible and overcome barriers to employment.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the WIOA Dislocated Workers Admin grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Labor AND MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor and MassHire Department of Career Services, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (**\$109,271.70**) would fund individualized career services and training services, for dislocated workers to rejoin the workforce as early as possible and overcome barriers to employment. Therefore be it

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by *Adam Cederbaum*
Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

02-03-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS **(\$94,089.00)** in the form of a grant, Wagner Peyser Admin, awarded by United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Wagner Peyser Admin FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Labor AND MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor and MassHire Department of Career Services, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS (**\$94,089.00**) would fund individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of Labor, and MassHire Department of Career Services' Wagner Peyser Admin award not to exceed the amount of NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS (**\$94,089.00**).

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**In City Council
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City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

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by *Adam Cederbaum*

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

02-03-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$50,000.00**) in the form of a grant, the Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston grant, awarded by The Baupost Group to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund opportunities for young people ages 14-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY The Baupost Group.

WHEREAS, the The Baupost Group, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$50,000.00**) would fund opportunities for young people ages 14-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the The Baupost Group, the Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston grant award not to exceed the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$50,000.00**).

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In City Council Passed _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

February 3, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Certain Affordable Housing and Cultural Space in the Brighton Section of the City of Boston."

Through this special act, the Boston Housing Authority ("BHA") and Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture seek to redevelop a site at 290 North Beacon Street from existing non-residential property into rehearsal space for displaced musicians, new cultural space and new affordable housing, which will include new publicly-assisted housing, and may additionally include new mixed-income development to address a range of housing needs. The BHA further seeks to redevelop state-assisted public housing at the adjacent Faneuil Gardens, replacing public housing and construction of additional housing units. This redevelopment necessitates certain exemptions from the Commonwealth's contract procurement and award laws. Although there have been reforms to the state statutes regarding filed sub-bids under Chapter 149, the changes are insufficient to allow for the BHA to move forward in a redevelopment effort of this kind. Without passage, the project must adhere to an extremely structured filed sub-bid process, with separate General Contractor and subcontractor selection. The exemptions granted will not compromise a fair and transparent process as the BHA must still adhere to the stringent regulations of its public funding sources.

The BHA has filed similar legislation for numerous projects, including the Mildred C. Hailey, Bunker Hill, Whittier Street, Orient Heights, Mission Main, Orchard Gardens, Maverick Gardens, West Broadway Homes, Old Colony, Washington Beech, Franklin Hill, and Mary Ellen McCormack redevelopments.

I urge your Honorable Body to support this special act so that we can make this redevelopment effort a reality for the Brighton section of the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The Boston Housing Authority seeks to participate in a mixed-use redevelopment to create affordable housing that includes cultural and musician rehearsal space in the Brighton section of Boston. This redevelopment necessitates certain exemptions from the Commonwealth's contract procurement and award laws; and

WHEREAS, Participating in the redevelopment will increase the supply of affordable housing in the neighborhood, as well as provide cultural and musician rehearsal space, furthering the aims of the Commonwealth's housing and community service initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The exemption will not contravene the legislative intent behind the affected procurement and public contract laws because the additional regulation and public oversight that accompanies the Boston Housing Authority's funding sources minimize the risk of unfair competition and misuse of taxpayer funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the Boston Housing Authority to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article 2, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment 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 RELATIVE TO CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CULTURAL SPACE IN THE BRIGHTON SECTION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Construction and development activity related to redevelopment by the Boston Housing Authority of the Faneuil Gardens site owned by the Boston Housing Authority between Faneuil Street and North Beacon Street, Boston Parcel ID 2202616000, in the city of Boston and the adjacent parcel at the southeast corner of North Beacon Street and Goodenough Street, Boston Parcel ID 2202627000, in the Brighton section of the City of Boston, an adjacent parcel, or any part thereof, to create new publicly-assisted, affordable and mixed-income housing, cultural space, replacement musician rehearsal space and complementary uses, shall not be subject to any general or special law related to the procurement and award of contracts for the planning, design, construction management, construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance or

repair of buildings or public works by a public agency, including Chapter 149, Chapter 7C, or Chapter 30, Section 39M of the General Laws, nor shall the acquisition of any interest or disposition of any interest necessary to support the completion of the project be subject to Chapter 30B, Section 16, but it shall be subject to Sections 26 to 27H, inclusive, of Chapter 149 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL** *Rmw*



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

February 3rd, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit this ordinance for your consideration and approval: **Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers Ordinance**

This ordinance will enable the City of Boston to better ensure safety on our streets by requiring that national third-party delivery platform companies maintain a valid permit from the City and take proactive steps to ensure the safe operation of their delivery workforce and crack down on dangerous operations by delivery workers using motorcycles, mopeds, and motorized scooters.

To obtain a permit, delivery companies must submit to the City proof of adequate insurance coverage for operators and share data pertaining deliveries, including data on unsafe and illegal vehicle operations on city streets. This carefully tailored ordinance is focused on the largest third-party delivery providers, which concentrate large volumes of traffic in certain areas of the City, particularly at certain times of day. The ordinance does not apply to small businesses with a small number of delivery drivers or other types of deliveries, such as those made by FedEx, UPS, or Amazon. By establishing this new permit process, this ordinance will establish rules and regulations governing the oversight of third-party delivery services within the City of Boston in furtherance of the public interest, safety, and convenience.

This ordinance follows a concerning uptick in complaints regarding the impact of third-party food delivery on City streets. Residents have made 105 reports through 311 about increased traffic and congestion, illegal double parking, as well as reckless and unsafe delivery drivers on scooters, mopeds, motorbikes, and e-bikes in 2024. The City of Boston, and in particular the Boston Police Department, remain focused on enforcing the traffic violations across Boston. This new ordinance will complement existing enforcement efforts by providing new data.

Insurance Requirement: This ordinance will require all third-party delivery providers to obtain umbrella liability insurance coverage for all workers utilizing their platform in order to receive a permit to operate in Boston. This policy must cover all workers regardless of what

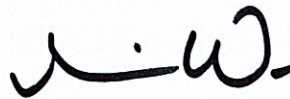


vehicle type they use to make deliveries. This common sense policy will protect residents, and ensure they have protection in case of an accident.

Data Sharing: Currently the City of Boston does not have access to reliable data on where and when food deliveries are happening. This ordinance will require the delivery platforms to provide the City with data on food delivery trips in Boston, including about the types of vehicles used to complete deliveries in Boston, which areas experience the highest number of orders, and where and how quickly trips are completed. The City will also look to secure data from companies that documents unsafe and illegal operations by delivery drivers, including speeding and wrong-way driving. Access to this information will allow the City to better tailor enforcement and manage the safe operations of our streets, and help the City hold these companies accountable for the actions of their workforce.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on this Order, to improve the safety of residents and to better regulate third party delivery platforms in the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers Ordinance

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is experiencing an alarming increase in unlawful and dangerous operation of motorcycles, mopeds, and motorized scooters by drivers offering delivery services, frequently via Third-Party Deliver Providers; and

WHEREAS, Residents have witnessed widespread and ongoing incidents of running red lights, driving on city sidewalks, driving the wrong way down one-way streets, driving at speeds in excess of posted limits, and collisions. This type of operation puts residents, any pedestrian or driver of a motor vehicle who encounters them, and drivers themselves in imminent danger; and

WHEREAS, In the past year, Boston 311 received 105 reports from residents reporting delivery drivers on mopeds operating recklessly, such as driving on city sidewalks, going the wrong way on one-way streets, driving at speeds in excess of posted limits, and endangering pedestrians in the crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2024, city officials sent a joint letter to the leadership of major Third-Party Delivery Providers, DoorDash, GrubHub, and UberEats, detailing a major increase in dangerous and unlawful behavior by delivery drivers in Boston and warning of an increase in enforcement actions by the Boston Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Starting in June 2024, the Boston Police increased targeted enforcement of traffic violations by delivery workers in the interest of pedestrian safety, including in Copley Square, on Washington Street in Downtown, and in the Fenway. Since then the City of Boston has impounded more than 75 improperly registered mopeds used by delivery workers; and

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department will continue their efforts to enforce traffic laws and discourage third-party delivery platforms from having their operators drive recklessly in the interest of fast delivery; and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston expects all companies operating in the City to prioritize the safety of our residents, workers, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The continuous failure by many delivery drivers to operate safely or to abide by rules and regulations suggests a lack of accountability and oversight necessary to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, Some Third-Party Delivery Providers appear to provide little to no safety training for their operators or ongoing oversight of how their operators behave on Boston streets. Although Delivery Providers collect detailed trip information on their deliveries, including speeding, illegal turns and wrong-way driving, the companies do not share this information and do not use it to hold their drivers accountable for safe operation; and

WHEREAS, Third-Party Delivery Platforms share little to no information with the City of Boston about their operations, and thus limit the City’s ability to plan for and manage the impacts of their services; and

WHEREAS, Inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers will allow the City of Boston to require that Third-Party Delivery Providers take responsibility for their impacts on residents and city streets, by requiring the Providers to apply for, receive, and maintain a valid permit from the City in order to provide delivery services in Boston. This ordinance will establish rules and regulations governing the oversight of these services within the City of Boston in furtherance of the public interest, safety, and convenience; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, is hereby amended in Chapter XVII by inserting the following new section after existing Section 17-21:

17-22 Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers

17-22.1 Purpose & Scope

- a. *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to establish rules and regulations governing the oversight of Third-Party Delivery Services within the City of Boston in furtherance of the public interest, safety, and convenience.
- b. *Scope.* This ordinance applies to every Third-Party Delivery Provider operating within the City of Boston.

17-22.2 Definitions

BTD: Boston Transportation Department.

Third-Party Delivery Operator (“Operator”): Any person or entity that provides Third-Party Delivery Services through a Third-Party Delivery Provider.

Third-Party Delivery Order (“Order”): A single request by a customer for Third-Party Delivery Services either originating from or ending at a location in the City of Boston.

Third-Party Delivery Provider (“Provider”): Any person or entity that operates a website, mobile application, or other internet service that offers or arranges for the on-demand delivery by a third party of food or beverages prepared by more than one food service establishment other than a grocery or convenience store, which facilitates more than 1,000,000 Orders per year originating or ending in the City of Boston, and which is owned and operated by a person other than the person who owns the offered food service establishment.

Third-Party Delivery Provider Permit (“Permit”): A written approval issued by BTM authorizing a Third-Party Delivery Provider to provide Third-Party Delivery Services in the City of Boston.

Third-Party Delivery Services (“Services”): The delivery of food to a customer from a food service establishment, as facilitated by a Third-Party Delivery Provider.

Third-Party Delivery Vehicle (“Vehicle”): A vehicle, whether motorized or otherwise, that is used by an Operator to provide Services, including but not limited to motor vehicles, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, non-motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, low-speed motor vehicles, and limited use motor vehicles as defined by M.G.L. c. 90, § 1, and regulated by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles pursuant to 540 C.M.R. 2.00.

17-22.3 Third-Party Delivery in the City of Boston

No Third-Party Delivery Provider shall provide Third-Party Delivery Services except in compliance with the provisions of this section.

17-22.4 Third-Party Delivery Provider Permit Process

- a. A Provider shall maintain a valid Permit in order to provide Services within the City of Boston.
- b. A Provider shall, in a manner that BTM prescribes, apply to BTM for a Permit and apply annually to renew its Permit. BTM shall not grant or renew a Permit unless it is consistent with the public interest for the Provider to render Services within the City of Boston. BTM may revoke a Permit if the Provider is not in compliance with this section or if it is

inconsistent with the public interest for the Provider to render Services within the City of Boston.

- c. To obtain a Permit, a Provider shall submit the following to BTB:
 - i. Proof of adequate insurance as certified by BTB in accordance with the provisions of this section;
 - ii. A certification that the Provider will comply with the data requirements of this section; and
 - iii. Proof of provision of the disclosures required below.

17-22.5 Insurance

- a. A Permit shall only be valid for the explicit time period covered by the effective dates of the Provider's relevant insurance policy submitted pursuant to Subsection 17-22.4(c)(i).
- b. Insurance coverage requirements shall be determined by BTB, but shall include, at a minimum:
 - i. Coverage for liability, personal injury, collision, and medical payment in the event that any uninsured or underinsured Operator is involved in a crash;
 - ii. Coverage including Operator using all modes of transportation; and
 - iii. Coverage for all times when an Operator is active on the Provider's platform, including when waiting for, picking up, or delivering an Order.
- c. Upon application to operate, and before an Operator can provide Services, a Provider shall clearly and conspicuously provide an Operator with the following disclosures:
 - i. A statement that the Operator's own insurance policy might not provide coverage during the provision of Services; and
 - ii. A statement of the insurance coverage that the Provider supplies, including the types of coverage and the limits for each coverage, in each circumstance:
 - 1. an Operator available to receive requests for Services but not engaged in Services;
 - 2. an Operator engaged in Services; and
 - 3. an Operator neither available to receive requests for Services nor engaged in Services.

17-22.6 Data Reporting Requirements

- a. No less than once a month, each Provider shall submit to BTB, in a format approved by BTB, data related to each Order in the month prior to the previous month and shall include:
 - i. a unique ID number for each Order;

- ii. the type of Vehicle used for each Order;
 - iii. the power source of the Vehicle used, including but not limited to whether the Vehicle is propelled by internal combustion, battery-sourced electricity, or is a hybrid;
 - iv. the name, address, longitude, and latitude of the vendor from which the delivery Order originated;
 - v. the 15-digit FIPS Code for the census block to which the Order was delivered;
 - vi. the distances traveled, in increments of 1/10 of a mile, (A) between Order acceptance and arrival at the vendor, and (B) between the vendor and the delivery location;
 - vii. the date and time of the origination and termination, calculated to the nearest minute;
 - viii. the total time, in minutes, that (A) the Operator spent between Order acceptance and arrival at the vendor, (B) the Operator spent stopped at the vendor waiting for the Order, (C) the Operator spent driving to deliver the Order, and (D) the Operator spent delivering the Order; and
 - ix. if multiple Orders were picked up or delivered by the Operator during the course of this delivery (e.g., by multi-restaurant ordering or batching), a list of ID numbers (as defined in subsection (a)(i) above) for other Orders that were combined with this Order.
- b. Each Provider shall submit to BTM, upon BTM request, additional data for the purposes of congestion management, which may include, but shall not be limited to:
- i. the total number of Operators that utilized the Provider's digital network within specified geographic areas and time periods and broken out by mode of transportation as determined by BTM;
 - ii. the total time spent and total miles traveled by Operators in such geographic areas or time periods as determined by BTM:
 - 1. while engaged in traveling on the way to pick up an Order;
 - 2. while picking up an Order from a food service establishment;
 - 3. while engaged in traveling to deliver an Order; or
 - 4. while delivering an Order to the buyer.

17-22.7 Enforcement

The provisions of this section may be enforced by all enforcement mechanisms authorized, including but not limited to the noncriminal disposition process of M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D, and, if applicable, by seeking to restrain a violation by injunction.

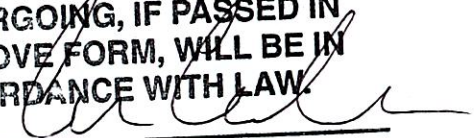
Any Provider that accepts a fee for facilitating Services when such Provider does not have a valid Permit shall be fined three hundred dollars (\$300) per day per restaurant from which Services are available and/or three hundred dollars (\$300) per Order. The BTDC Commissioner or a designee may also seek an injunction from a court of competent jurisdiction prohibiting the provision of Services by any unpermitted Provider.

17-22.8 Severability

The provisions of this section are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

17-22.9 Effective Date

This section shall take effect six months after passage.

I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.
BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL *Kmw*



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

February 3, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an order confirming that Ringer Playground is permanently dedicated for park and playground purposes, as required by the EOEEA, for parks receiving aforesaid grant assistance.

This confirmation is required to receive a grant awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for renovations to Ringer Playground located in the neighborhood of Allston-Brighton.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may be in compliance with the requirements of the grant.

Sincerely,

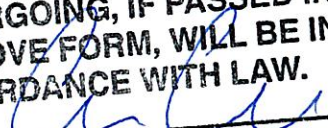
Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER TO CONFIRM THAT RINGER PLAYGROUND IS PERMANENTLY DEDICATED FOR PARK AND PLAYGROUND PURPOSES.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3 and the City's authority under Chapter 185, Section 3 of the Acts of 1875, hereby confirms that Ringer Playground is permanently dedicated for park and playground purposes, as required by the EOEEA, for parks receiving aforesaid grant assistance.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL *KMW*



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 3, 2025

Jennifer Jackson, Chair
South Boston Foundation
PO Box 51490
Boston, MA 02205

Re: Trustee Appointment

Per the Declaration of Trust for the South Boston Foundation, and to fill a vacancy, I hereby appoint the following Trustee:

John Lydon of 13 City Point Court, Boston, MA 02127.

This Member will serve a term expiring on January 20, 2029, provided that members may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

cc:

Anna Tenaglia, Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)
Alex Geourtas, City of Boston Clerk



Boston City Council
Erin J. Murphy
Councilor At-Large



Boston City Council
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Councilor - District 2

February 3, 2025

The Honorable Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston
Boston City Hall
1 City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mayor Wu,

We are writing to formally express our deep disappointment and concern regarding the deliberate exclusion of certain elected officials, including ourselves, from the speaking portion of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year Tết in Boston celebration held at Flynn Cruiseport on January 25. As longstanding attendees of this important cultural event, we have always been welcomed, along with our colleagues, to briefly address the community. However, this year, a clear departure from that tradition occurred.

The event was organized by the Co-Executive Directors Jaely Mỹ Hiên Pereira and Anthony Nguyễn, both of whom are City of Boston employees under your administration. When the time came for elected officials to deliver remarks, only Representative Tram Nguyen and Councilor Louijeune were invited to the stage, while we remained seated in the front row, waiting to be acknowledged—an acknowledgment that never came. We were only asked after everyone else was done speaking to join a group photo on stage. This exclusion was particularly conspicuous as other speakers, including Tiffany Chu, Boston Police Superintendent James Chin, Superintendent Noara Baston, Captain Steven Sweeney, Captain Tim Connolly, and Alexandra Valdez from the Office of Neighborhood Services, were invited to the stage to speak. Notably, Ms. Valdez, a declared candidate for Boston City Council At-Large, was permitted to not only speak but also distribute community awards—something unprecedented for someone in her current role.

We were informed multiple times by the event's emcees that we had been deliberately left off the speaking list and that there was “no time” for us to speak. Given the longstanding tradition of all attending elected officials being invited up together for brief remarks, this reasoning does not hold up. Following the event, multiple attendees—both city employees and community members—expressed their own discomfort, describing the situation as awkward and disrespectful.

It is deeply concerning that city employees, in positions of public trust, would engage in such exclusionary conduct at a cultural celebration, seemingly for political purposes. Public servants should not be using their roles to play political games, particularly at community events meant to unite and uplift our diverse residents. Moreover, the decision to allow a city employee who is currently a candidate for public office to have a prominent speaking role, when elected officials were denied the same opportunity, raises ethical concerns.

Equally disappointing was the lack of leadership displayed by Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, who, despite standing on stage giving several Boston City Council Resolutions out, did not extend the professional courtesy of acknowledging her colleagues in attendance, nor did Tiffany Chu, your Chief of Staff, who spoke on behalf of the administration. Leadership requires ensuring all voices are respected, and that standard was not met at this event.

Following the event, we spoke with sponsors who apologized for what transpired, acknowledging that the actions of certain individuals did not reflect the values of the Vietnamese community or the spirit of the Têt celebration, and they apologized that we were intentionally excluded from the speaking portion. We want to be clear: our concern is not personal, nor is it about demanding stage time. It is about ensuring that city employees—especially those in positions of influence—do not engage in selective favoritism that undermines the integrity of our institutions. We also want to make it clear to the Vietnamese community that our commitment to advocating for and supporting them has never wavered.

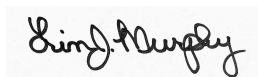
After the event, we brought our concerns to Clare Kelly, Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Jaely's direct supervisor, who is responsible for addressing any issues between the Council and the Mayor's Office. Her response—"What do you want me to do about it?"—made it clear that no steps would be taken to correct this behavior. This dismissive attitude leaves us with no other choice but to address you directly.

We acknowledge that this was not a City of Boston-sponsored event, and we understand that some may try to dismiss our concerns on those grounds. However, we cannot ignore the fact that, for the first time, the event was directed by City of Boston employees, and that is precisely when this departure from the longstanding tradition of inclusion occurred. The fact that this change happened under the leadership of city employees raises legitimate concerns about impartiality, fairness, and professionalism that cannot simply be dismissed by saying, "It wasn't our event." The actions of City of Boston employees, particularly those in leadership roles, have an impact, and when they engage in exclusionary conduct, it reflects on the administration as a whole.

As we enter another election cycle, it is imperative that city employees understand that they are expected to conduct themselves with impartiality and professionalism. We are placing this matter on the record to ensure that this kind of exclusionary behavior does not continue and that those responsible are held accountable.

We request a formal response addressing these concerns and outlining the steps that will be taken to ensure fairness and respect for all elected officials at future community events.

Sincerely,



Erin J. Murphy
Boston City Councilor
At Large



Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor
District 2



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

11-29-2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of FIVE MILLION DOLLARS **(\$5,000,000.00)** in the form of a grant, the Nazzaro Community Center Renovation grant, awarded by United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the MA Executive Office of Economic Development, to be administered by the Property Management.

The grant would fund repairs and capital improvements to maintain current functionality and programming at the Nazzaro Center.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Nazzaro Community Center Renovation grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of the Treasury AND MA Executive Office of Economic Development.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury and MA Executive Office of Economic Development, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Property Management; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (**\$5,000,000.00**) would fund repairs and capital improvements to maintain current functionality and programming at the Nazzaro Center. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of the Treasury, and MA Executive Office of Economic Development' the Nazzaro Community Center Renovation grant award not to exceed the amount of FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (**\$5,000,000.00**).

Docket # _____

**In City Council
Passed** _____

_____ **City Clerk**

_____ **Mayor**

Approved _____

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by *Adam Cederbaum*

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

February 5, 2024

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities was referred the following dockets for consideration:

Docket #0109, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Nazzaro Community Center Renovation grant, awarded by the United States Department of Treasury, passed through the MA Executive Office of Economic Development, to be administered by Property Management. The grant will fund repairs and capital improvements to maintain current functionality and programming at the Nazzaro Community Center.

Docket #0111, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Age Strong Universal Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund senior center programs and services for older adults in Boston.

These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and referred to the Committee on December 4, 2024.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0109, is an order requesting authorization to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$5M for the purpose of renovating the Nazzaro Community Center. The grant will be administered by Property Management and will fund essential repairs and capital improvements to maintain the center's current functionality and programming throughout the renovations.

Docket #0111, is an order requesting authorization to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$150K from the Age Strong Universal Fund for the purpose of supporting senior center programs and services for older adults in Boston. The grant will be administered by the Age Strong Commission and will fund specific programs and events for older adults in Boston through small, local donations.

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held a hearing on Thursday, January 30, 2025. The Committee heard testimony on behalf of the Administration from Eamon Shelton, Commissioner of Property Management; Mary Stycos, Special Assistant to the Commissioner Property Management; Junior Tatis-Zapata, Capital Projects Manager, Property Management; Emily Shea, Commissioner of Age Strong; and Myles Gerraty, Senior Director of Administration and Finance for Age Strong.

With respect to *Docket #0109*, the Administration explained the history of the Nazzaro Center and the project's construction goals and sustainability efforts. The Administration detailed the Nazzaro Community Center's history, describing it as a landmarked historic building in the North End that has



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With respect to *Docket #0111*, the Administration explained how the Age Strong Universal Fund functions and how donations are collected and utilized. It was explained that the fund was established in collaboration with the auditing department to manage small donations for senior centers and event sponsorships without requiring separate approval for each contribution. It was further explained that annually, the funds are distributed across senior centers and programs as needed. In response to questions about public accessibility and tracking the allocation of the donations that comprise the fund, the Administration confirmed that the funds are accounted for internally, however, the information is not publicly accessible on any kind of platform at this time.

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11-29-2024

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City Council Order

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BENJAMIN J. WEBER, COLETTA ZAPATA, DURKAN,
FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, MEJIA, MURPHY, PEPÉN,
SANTANA, WORRELL AND LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER TO IMPLEMENT A NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS PROHIBITION POLICY FOR BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

- WHEREAS,** Transparency and accountability promote public confidence in government; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The use of nondisclosure agreements as a condition for employment in the Boston City Council raises several important public policy concerns; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to the Massachusetts Whistleblower Act, M.G.L. c. 149, § 185, a City Councilor cannot take any retaliatory action if a staffer discloses or provides information to a public body of “an activity, policy or practice of” a City Councilor “that the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law, or a rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to law, or which the employee reasonably believes poses a risk to public health, safety or the environment”; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Accordingly, to the extent that a nondisclosure agreement between a Councilor and a staffer obstructs a City employee’s ability to engage in the activities protected in the Massachusetts Whistleblower Act, such agreements would violate both State law and the public policy of the Boston City Council; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In addition, nondisclosure agreements may be used to prevent individuals from disclosing harassment, discrimination, and other worker rights violations; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In light of the negative impact nondisclosure agreements can have on the workplace and its impact on the public’s ability to be informed of unlawful activity, states such as California, New York, and Washington have passed legislation banning predispute nondisclosure agreements as a condition of employment; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Similarly, the federal Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2012, requires that any nondisclosure or nondisparagement agreement contain language expressly allowing the employee to cooperate with an investigation or to disclose information to any oversight body; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In 2019, in response to concerns about the negative impact of nondisclosure agreements between legislators and staffers, the Massachusetts Senate enacted Rule 11G which states: “The Senate shall not include or permit a nondisclosure,

nondisparagement or other similar clause in an agreement or contract between the Senate and a member, officer or employee. The Senate shall not seek to enforce a nondisclosure, nondisparagement or other similar clause in an existing agreement or contract between the Senate and a member, officer or employee. This rule shall not be suspended.”; *and*

WHEREAS, In the interests of the use of nondisclosure, nondisparagement or confidentiality provisions could create a power imbalance and hinder staff from coming forward with any potential concerns; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Boston City Council adopt a Prohibition of Nondisclosure Agreements Policy as follows.

Filed on: January 8, 2025

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Policy Statement

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Implementation

It is the responsibility of the Staff Director and each City Councilor or staff designee to ensure that all employees, staff, volunteers, and interns who report to them are aware of this policy. Each Council office will ensure that a copy of this policy is provided to all of its employees, staff, volunteers, and interns on or before an employee's start date of hire, and will retain a signed record of acknowledgment that all staff members have read and understand the policy. The Staff Director will ensure the same for all Central Staff employees and volunteers.



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

February 5, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Rules and Administration was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0190, Order to implement a nondisclosure agreement prohibition policy for Boston City Council.

This matter was sponsored by Councilor Benjamin J. Weber and referred to the Committee on January 8, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0190, is an order to implement a policy that would prohibit Councilors from requiring staff in their office, as a condition of employment to sign or agree to any nondisclosure, nondisparagement or confidentiality provisions, or any other provision that attempts to restrict disclosure regarding unlawful acts in the workplace, including but not limited to harassment, discrimination, retaliation, or other forms of misconduct. The proposed policy would also prohibit Councilors from seeking to enforce any nondisclosure, nondisparagement, or other similar clause in existing agreements between the City and a City Council staff member that was entered into as a condition of employment.

Under the proposed policy, it would be the responsibility of the Staff Director and each City Councilor or staff designee to ensure that all employees, staff, volunteers, and interns who report to them know about this policy. However, it would be the responsibility of each Council office to ensure that a copy of this policy is provided to all of its employees, staff, volunteers, and interns on or before an employee's start date of hire, and further, to retain a signed record of acknowledgment that all staff members have read and understand the policy. With respect to all Central Staff employees and volunteers, it would be the responsibility of the Staff Director to ensure the same.

The purpose of ***Docket #0190*** is to promote transparency, accountability, and public confidence in the body.

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held a hearing on Friday, January 31, 2025. The Committee discussed employment agreements like Nondisclosure Agreements (*legally enforceable contracts that establish "confidential relationships" and prohibit the unauthorized sharing of sensitive information*) and Confidentiality Agreements (*legal documents that require the parties not to share or profit from classified information*). During the hearing, it was proposed that the Council implement a policy preventing such agreements from being a condition of employment, and there was a broad consensus in support.

The Committee discussed the use of such agreements emphasizing that the City Council should uphold the highest standards, fostering an environment where staff feel comfortable raising concerns without fear



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of retaliation. The Committee agreed that such agreements should not be used to conceal unlawful behavior and supported preventing the misuse of these agreements. The Committee also discussed concerns raised and questions asked about ways to preserve the integrity of the policy-making process and protect sensitive information (*such as campaign strategies and other privileged information*) while still ensuring transparency in governance. Discussion highlighted that any proposed policy should strike a balance between safeguarding proprietary information and maintaining transparency, emphasizing that the proposed policy is meant to ensure that no staff member will be required to sign an unlawful agreement that conflicts with the public interest.

The Committee reviewed the proposed policy's language and clarified that the policy would specifically apply to agreements that are a condition of employment for City Council staffers. The Committee agreed that if any (what would be prohibited) agreements currently exist within the City Council, this policy would render them unenforceable by any Councilor moving forward.

Through discussion, suggestions were made to add clarifying language to the policy, including explicit prohibitions against bullying. Additionally, it was suggested that every City Council employee sign the policy on or before their start date. Finally, with respect to implementing and managing the policy it was suggested that the responsibility for retaining acknowledgments of the policy fall to the Staff Director or their designee, in coordination with each Councilor or their designee.

Summary of Amendments

The proposed policy was amended to include the following into a new draft:

Policy Statement: language was added to clarify that the policy applies to Councilors and their staff who are employed with the City Council; language was also added to prohibit the requirement of agreements that restrict disclosure of bullying.

“Councilors shall be prohibited from requiring staff in their office, as a condition of employment with the City Council, to sign or agree to any nondisclosure, nondisparagement or confidentiality provisions, or any other provision that attempts to restrict disclosure regarding unlawful acts in the workplace, including but not limited to harassment, discrimination, retaliation, bullying, or other forms of misconduct. Councilors shall not seek to enforce a nondisclosure, nondisparagement or other similar clause in an existing agreement between the City and a City Council staff member that was entered into as a condition of employment with the City Council.”

Implementation: language was added to strengthen the administrative procedures around ensuring that all current and future staff members of the City Council are aware of the policy, agree to the policy and that their agreement is adequately retained.

“It is the responsibility of the Staff Director or their designee and each City Councilor or staff designee to ensure that all employees, staff, volunteers, and interns who report to them are aware of this policy. The Staff Director or their designee and each Councilor or their staff designee will ensure that a copy of this policy is provided to all of its employees, staff, volunteers, and interns on or before an employee's start date of hire, and will retain a signed record of acknowledgment that all staff members have read and understand the policy upon the start of their employment with the City Council. The Staff Director or



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Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS IN A NEW DRAFT.**

Ruthzee Louijeune, Chair
Committee on Rules and Administration

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OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL, JULIA MEJIA, BENJAMIN WEBER, COLETTA ZAPATA, FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, PEPÉN, SANTANA, AND LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FY26 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools' Fiscal Year 2025 budget totals more than \$1.5 billion; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools' Fiscal Year 2026 budget will be the first budget in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic to not include any ESSER funding; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper will present the FY26 budget to the School Committee on the first Wednesday of February; *and*

WHEREAS, For Fiscal Year 2025, the City Council worked collaboratively with Boston Public Schools starting in January to allow more advocacy from the Council before the School Committee approved the budget in March; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston School Committee remains an unelected body, despite a 2021 non-binding resolution that was supported by 79 percent of Boston voters, thus leaving the City Council as the only direct district-level line from constituents to the Boston Public Schools budget; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools is committed to creating a physical budget book for Fiscal Year 2026, which will be similar to BPS budget books from last decade and will allow for more public transparency earlier in the budget process; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools began actively working on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget starting in the fall of 2024, and the City Council engaged with Boston Public Schools starting in November 2024 to better advocate for priorities of the students in FY26; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold a committee meeting in February, a working session in early March, multiple hearings in April, and that representatives of Boston Public Schools and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 3, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN AND JOHN FITZGERALD



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION DETECTION MONITORING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, School buses should be respected by all parties using the road and yet their stop signs continue to be disregarded as little enforcement is currently available; *and*

WHEREAS, Across the Commonwealth, school districts have launched school bus camera pilots such as nearby Peabody that recorded over 850 vehicles illegally passing school buses within the first 5 weeks of the school year.

WHEREAS, School bus stop enforcement should be regarded as a community concern not just to those utilizing the school bus. Drivers must be held accountable for unsafe behavior that could result in the fatality of school children

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should do all it can to ensure the safety of its children, parents, and commuters by locally adopting state law M.G.L c. 40 Section 70 and M.G.L. c. 90 Section 14 to capture and impose consequences on to those that violate the school buses; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

Ordained by the City of Boston, as follows:

Section 1.

That the City of Boston Code Municipal, Chapter VII, Section 7 is hereby amended by the addition of subsection 5:

7-7.5 Use of School Bus Violation Detection Monitoring System Devices.

7-7.5.1 Purpose

For the purpose of this Section is to create better safety enforcement for school buses when their stops signs are violated. The following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

CITATION. A notice upon which a Police Officer shall record an occurrence involving all automobile law violations by the person cited. Each **CITATION** shall be numbered consecutively and shall be in such form and such parts as determined jointly by the Administrative Justice of the District Court Department and the registrar.

MOTOR VEHICLE. Shall have the meaning provided in M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 1, “motor vehicles”.

OPERATOR. Shall have the meaning provided in M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 1.

OWNER. Shall have the meaning provided in M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 1.

REGISTRAR. The registrar of motor vehicles.

SCHEDULED ASSESSMENT. The amount of the civil assessment for a particular civil motor vehicle infraction, as established jointly by the Chief Justice of the District Court Department and the registrar. A *Scheduled Assessment* shall not exceed the maximum assessment or fine established by law for each such violation. A schedule of such assessments shall be visibly posted in each Office of the Registry of Motor Vehicles and in the Clerk-Magistrate’s Office of each District Court.

SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION DETECTION MONITORING SYSTEM. Shall have the same meaning provided in M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 14C.

STOP ARM TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGN. Shall have the same meaning provided in M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 14C.

7-7.5.2 Installation and Operation of School Bus Violation Detection Monitoring System Devices

- (a) Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 90 section 14C, the city shall install a school bus violation detection monitoring system to every school bus regularly employed in the transportation of children to schools in the city, solely to enforce the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 section 14 and 14C, and shall impose penalties pursuant to this section. Such systems shall be installed on the stop arm traffic control sign, as defined in M.G.L Chapter 90, Section 14C. This Section shall not apply to those vehicles owned or leased by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.
- (b) No school bus violation detection monitoring system shall be utilized in such a manner as to take a frontal view photograph of the motor vehicle that is in violation of the traffic control signal or to take a rear view photograph of the vehicle above the bottom of the rear window.
- (c) A school bus with a school bus violation detection monitoring system shall post signage indicating the use of said system. The signage shall remain on each school bus while a school bus violation detection monitoring system is in operation.

7-7.5.3 Implementation and Administration

- (a) The Executive Director of Transportation for Boston Public Schools shall supervise and coordinate the implementation and administration of school bus violation detection monitoring systems. Upon detection, the Executive Director of Transportation for Boston

Public Schools and the delivery of the photographic materials to the Boston Police Department.

- (b) The City may enter into an agreement with a private vendor or manufacturer to provide a school bus violation detection monitoring system on each bus within its fleet whether the school bus is owned or leased, including the installation, operation and maintenance of such systems. Said agreement shall only become effective after a vote of a majority of the School Committee.

7-7.5.4 Record Keeping of Photographic Evidence Obtained

- (a) Photographic and other recorded evidence obtained through the use of automated enforcement devices deployed as a means of promoting traffic safety authorized herein within the city shall be destroyed within one year of final disposition of any recorded event.
- (b) No photographs, microphotographs or other recorded images taken in conformance with this act shall be discoverable in any judicial or administrative proceeding other than a proceeding held pursuant to this Section; and no photographs, microphotographs or other recorded images taken in conformance with this Section shall be admissible in any judicial or administrative proceeding other than in a proceeding to adjudicate liability for such violation of this Section.
- (c) Other than for purposes of enforcement of a violation of this Section or for purposes of an owner defending a violation of this Section, no private entity or individual may obtain photographs, microphotographs or other recorded images or records taken pursuant to this Section.

7-7.5.5 Inspection of Evidence: Citations and Penalties

- (a) An evidence file of an alleged violation pursuant to section 14C shall be forwarded to the Boston Police Department. After inspection of photographs, microphotographs or other recorded images produced by system The officer shall issue a citation in the manner provided in M.G.L. Chapter 90 section 14 and 14C and M.G.L. Chapter 90C on the owner of a motor vehicle for failure by the operator thereof to comply with the laws, codes, regulations, ordinances, rules and/or other forms of legislation governing the behavior of the operator of a motor vehicle.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the Boston Police Department to deliver the citation to the registered owner or owners of any motor vehicle identified in any photographs, microphotographs, streaming video or other recorded images produced by such device as evidence of a violation pursuant to this Section. Such citation shall contain, but not be limited to, the following information: a copy of the aforementioned recorded images showing the vehicle in violation of the stop arm traffic control sign; the registration number and state of issuance of said registration number of the vehicle; the date, time and intersection location of the violation; the specific violation charged; a schedule of fines for such violation as established by the city or town; instructions for the return of the

notice; and text as follows: “This notice may be returned personally, by mail, or by an Agent authorized in writing. A hearing before a magistrate of the district court may be obtained upon the written request of the registered owner in writing. Failure to obey this notice within 20 days of issuance will result in the non-renewal or suspension of the license to drive and/or the certificate of registration of the registered owner”.

- (i) In the case of a citation involving a motor vehicle registered under the laws of the commonwealth, such citation shall be mailed within 14 days of the violation, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, to the address of the registered owner or owners as listed in the records of the registrar of motor vehicles. In the case of any motor vehicle registered under the laws of another state or country, such notice of citation shall be mailed within 21 days of the violation, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, to the address of the registered owner or owners as listed in the records of the official in such state or country having charge of the registration of such motor vehicle. If said address is unavailable, it shall be sufficient for the Boston Police Department to mail the notice of citation to the official in such state or country having charge of the registration of such motor vehicle.
- (ii) Any motor vehicle owner to whom a citation has been issued pursuant to this act may admit responsibility for such violation and pay the fine provided therein. Payment shall be made by mailing both payment and citation to the registrar at the address indicated on the citation or by appearing before the registrar during normal business hours, either personally or through a duly authorized Agent. Payment by mail shall be made only by money order, credit card or check made out to the registrar. Payment of the established fine and any applicable penalties shall operate as a final disposition of the case. Payment of the fine by one motor vehicle owner shall be satisfaction of the fine as to all other motor vehicle owners of the same motor vehicle for the same violation.
- (iii) Any owner to whom a citation has been issued may within 20 days of the mailing of said citation request a hearing to contest liability, by making a signed request on the back of the citation and mailing such citation to the registrar at the address indicated on the citation, or by appearing before the registrar during regular business hours, personally or through a duly authorized Agent. Upon receipt of hearing request, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 90C, Section 3, the registrar shall notify the Clerk-Magistrate in the District Court in judicial district in which the violation occurred of such request for a hearing. The Clerk-Magistrate shall send written notice of the date, time and place of said hearing by first class mail to each registered owner and the Police Officer who issued the citation. The hearing shall be conducted by a Clerk-Magistrate or justice in accordance with M.G.L.

Chapter 90C, Section 3. If, at the conclusion of the hearing, the violator is found responsible, the Clerk-Magistrate or justice shall order the violator to pay an assessment to the registrar, which shall not exceed the scheduled assessment for the infraction.

- (c) Any owner to whom a citation has been issued shall not be liable for a violation under the provisions of this Section:
- (i) If the violation was necessary to allow the passage of an emergency vehicle;
 - (ii) If the violation was necessary in order to protect the property or person of another;
 - (iii) If the violation was incurred while participating in a funeral procession;
 - (iv) If the violation was incurred during a period of time in which the motor vehicle was reported to the Police Department of any state, city or town as having been stolen and had not been recovered prior to the time the violation occurred;
 - (v) If the operator of the motor vehicle was operating the motor vehicle under a rental or lease agreement and the owner of the motor vehicle is a rental or leasing company and has complied with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 20E; and
 - (vi) If the violation was necessary to comply with any other law or regulation governing the operation of a motor vehicle at the intersection.
- (d) An owner disputing a citation under this Section shall, within 20 days, provide the registrar with the citation with a signed request for a hearing on the back and a signed affidavit stating:
- 1. The reason for disputing the violation;
 - 2. The full legal name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle;
 - 3. The full legal name and address of the operator of the motor vehicle at the time the violation occurred;
 - 4. The names and addresses of all witnesses supporting the owner's defense and the specifics of their knowledge; and
 - 5. Where applicable, signed statements from witnesses.
- (f) The consequences for an owner to whom a citation has been issued who fails to pay the fine provided for in said notice in accordance with this section, or fails to appear for a requested hearing in accordance with this section, or fails to receive a favorable adjudication of said citation at a hearing, or fails to pay the assessment or fine imposed by the Clerk- Magistrate or justice in division (D)(6) above, are as follows: Upon notification of such failure to the registrar, the registrar shall notify the violator that after the expiration of 30 days from the date of the mailing of notification until the fine or assessment and any applicable late fees are paid, the registrar shall not issue or renew or

may suspend such owner's license to operate a motor vehicle and/or motor vehicle registration.

- (1) For each violation the owner or owners of a vehicle shall be fined the maximum scheduled assessment for the infraction of a red light violation.
 - (2) All penalties may be increased by up to 33% if said fine remains unpaid in excess of 30 days after a citation has been issued.
 - (3) A penalty imposed for a violation shall not be deemed a criminal conviction.
- (g) The compensation paid to the manufacturer or vendor of the school bus violation detection monitoring system deployed as a means of promoting traffic safety as authorized herein shall not be based upon the number of traffic citations issued or any portion or percentage of the fine generated by such citations. The compensation paid to such manufacturer or vendor of the equipment shall be based upon the value of such equipment and the services provided or rendered in support of the school bus violation detection monitoring system.

7-7.5.6 Annual Report

The administrator of the school bus violation detection monitoring system within any city, town or district accepting this section shall submit an annual report to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation regarding the use and operation of each system. The report shall contain:

- (a) Data on the number of citations issued under this section at each particular intersection, and of those citations, shall detail:
 - (i) The number paid without a request for a hearing;
 - (ii) The number found responsible after a hearing; and
 - (iii) The number dismissed after a hearing; and
 - (iv) The cost to maintain each system and the amount of revenue obtained from each 95 system.

7-7.5.7 Severability

If any of the provisions of this Section, or the application of such provision to any persons or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder thereof, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those wherein it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

Section 2.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Filed on: February 5, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE PUBLIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR A NEW EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Coordination between many City of Boston departments is required to ensure public safety and effective emergency response for winter storms, hurricanes, tropical storms, and other large storms; special events; natural disasters and natural hazards, including flooding, extreme heat or cold, sea level rise, and urban heat islands; outages of power, water, sewer, or other critical services; terrorist or cybersecurity attacks; public health emergencies; and other large-scale threats to public safety; *and*

WHEREAS, During such circumstances, in-person coordination between representatives of many departments is required for effective communication and efficient action, particularly in cases where travel, communications, power, or other critical needs are impeded by the emergency at hand; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston utilizes its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to coordinate a centralized response to public safety situations requiring extensive emergency preparedness or emergency response; the EOC also houses the staff of the City of Boston's Office of Emergency Management (OEM); *and*

WHEREAS, The current EOC is inadequately sized to allow co-location of representatives of all necessary departments and services during public safety emergencies and circumstances with large-scale public safety risks, which typically require close collaboration of OEM and Boston 311, along with some mix of the Boston Police Department, Boston Transportation Department, Public Works, Backup 911, Boston Water and Sewer, Boston Fire Department, Boston Emergency Medical Services, Boston Public Health Commission, Parks and Recreation Department, Boston Public Schools, power and energy providers, hospitals and medical facilities, and public and private partners; *and*

WHEREAS, Further, the EOC presently has insufficient restroom, shower, sleeping, and kitchen facilities for multi-day habitation, which is critical during emergencies that limit travel or communication, or require on-call response without delay;

key emergency response personnel may also be victims themselves of the same crisis they are managing on behalf of our community, and be unable to access their homes and need emergency accommodations while serving our city during the emergency, particularly in situations with large-scale impact like hurricanes; *and*

WHEREAS, The current EOC has extremely limited warehouse and storage space, making it impossible to centralize critical supplies for either proactive or emergency response to a variety of public safety threats and crises both exceptional and everyday; examples of services coordinated by OEM that require warehouse space include storage and distribution of food, water, or medications; distribution of coats to communities in need during extreme cold; storage of cooling stations for use during extreme heat; and storage of signage for deployment during special events, natural disasters, and other emergencies; *and*

WHEREAS, As the residential and commercial populations of Boston continue to expand, there is increased need for additional public safety and emergency management facilities, including stations for police, fire, and emergency medical services, which could provide opportunity to also co-locate a new Emergency Operations Center that fully meets the needs of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, New residential, commercial, and institutional developments also raise opportunities for public-private partnerships that could provide space to house a new, fully-equipped Emergency Operations Center with reduced cost to Boston taxpayers; *and*

WHEREAS, As representatives of every neighborhood of the city, the Boston City Council can be an effective partner in identifying opportunities for the development of a new Emergency Operations Center, and can best do so if fully apprised of the requirements for such a facility. ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding the public safety requirements and possible locations for a new Emergency Operations Center in the City of Boston. The Office of Emergency Management, Boston 311, Boston Police Department Telecommunications Unit, and Boston Streets Cabinet will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: February 5, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING ALL CITY OF BOSTON GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT

WHEREAS, In accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §53A, and as incorporated in the City of Boston Charter §51 “Grants and Gifts; Acceptance and Expenditure,” as prepared and distributed by the Boston City Council, July 2007:

“An officer or department of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from the federal government and from a charitable foundation, a private corporation, or an individual, or from the commonwealth, a county or municipality or an agency thereof, and ... may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift with the approval of the Mayor and City Council.”;
and

WHEREAS, The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in the City of Boston administers the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant, which is awarded annually by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and passed through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security; *and*

WHEREAS, The UASI grant’s priorities are set by DHS, and most recently have included safety and security, critical infrastructure protection, intelligence and information sharing, interoperable communications, CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosion) response, and cyber security; *and*

WHEREAS, While administered through the City of Boston OEM, the UASI grant is regional in nature, addressing the needs and requests of the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR), which includes Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, and Winthrop, in addition to Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The chief executive of each municipality within the MBHSR appoints a representative to serve as a Jurisdictional Point of Contact (JPOC) on a joint committee which discusses and advocates for which specific programs, personnel, training, and equipment the MBHSR will request be funded by the UASI grant, which DHS then considers when determining the dollar amount and purposes of the UASI grant issued to the MBHSR each year; *and*

- WHEREAS,** During the spring each year, the Boston Emergency Management Advisory Council (BEMAC) puts forward recommendations to the Boston JPOC for requested priorities for funding by the UASI grant; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The JPOCs hold a series of public meetings to discuss the priorities of each municipality within the MBHSR, and the region as a whole; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Around March each year, the JPOCs have typically finished discussing and deciding upon funding priorities, and the MBHSR completes application for the UASI grant to DHS; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Around May or June each year, the MBHSR is typically informed of which projects DHS has approved for funding through the UASI grant; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Around December of each year, the City of Boston typically receives the UASI grant, and in compliance with the aforementioned Massachusetts General Law and City of Boston Charter, the Mayor of Boston files a legislative order with the Boston City Council to accept and expend the grant; *and*
- WHEREAS,** While the UASI grant application is ultimately the purview of the MBHSR and the joint decisions of the JPOCs, this process provides for the opportunity for the Boston City Council to facilitate greater public transparency and community engagement specifically related to proposed projects within the City of Boston by proactively hosting public discussion and soliciting public testimony during the application process for the UASI grant by the MBHSR, rather than waiting until the order to accept and expend the grant is issued by the Mayor of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In addition to the UASI grant, OEM also administers the Emergency Management Performance Agency grant, an annual non-competitive grant awarded through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to municipalities in the Commonwealth, with the awarded amounts based on population and intended to provide support for emergency management activities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** At times, OEM also applies for or administers other grants from the federal or state governments, or other non-governmental entities, including the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness grant in some recent years; *and*
- HEREAS,** As noted above, in compliance with the aforementioned M.G.L. and City of Boston Charter, upon receipt of a grant or gift to the City of Boston to be administered by OEM, the Mayor of Boston files a legislative order with the Boston City Council to accept and expend or make use of such grant or gift; *and*

WHEREAS, Once filed with the City Council, the City Council President refers such orders to a City Council Committee, which reviews the grant or gift and associated mayoral order, and thereafter provides a recommendation for formal action by the whole City Council body to approve or disapprove of the City of Boston accepting such grant or gift, at which time all Councilors are free to vote on the order at their discretion; *and*

WHEREAS, Due to such orders to accept grants or gifts being filed at the time of receipt by the City of Boston, reviewing these orders solely at the time of filing would provide a haphazard and incomplete picture of funding sources for the programs supported by the grants administered by OEM, as there are a multitude of funding sources even for individual programs, services, teams, equipment purchases, maintenance, and operations, from both various grants and gifts, as well as City funds and other sources; *and*

WHEREAS, By instead conducting its oversight role proactively and with a holistic approach, rather than solely reacting to legislative orders filed by the Mayor upon receipt of grants or gifts, the City Council can better ensure public safety and the effective funding and function of the programs supported by the grants administered by OEM, while providing greater public transparency. ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding all grants administered by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), including the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant, and Emergency Management Performance grant. Invitations will include representatives of OEM, representatives of the Boston Emergency Management Advisory Council (BEMAC), the Boston Jurisdictional Point of Contact (JPOC) for the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR), as well as community advocates and experts on public safety, civil liberties, and homeland security. Other interested parties and members of the public are also encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: January 29, 2025

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-FIVE**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO AUDIT THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 2014 BOSTON TRUST ACT**

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is committed to ensuring that all legislation, policies, and programs operate in a manner that upholds government accountability, transparency, and accessibility; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston Trust Act, passed unanimously by the City Council and signed into law on August 20, 2014, was established to limit the City’s role in federal civil immigration enforcement and ensure that City budget and resources are not used in said manner; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It has now been 10 years since the passage of the Boston Trust Act, presenting an opportunity to review compliance with legislative intent in light of the realities of 2025, particularly as undocumented residents face heightened concerns and uncertainty in the City of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Given the evolving legal, social, and political landscape, it is critical to review the current status of the Trust Act to ensure that it remains a strong, effective, and enforceable protection for all residents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The past 10 years of the implementation and enforcement of the Trust Act must be audited to determine whether it is operating efficiently and effectively in accordance with its legislative intent, ensuring that the ordinance continues to meet the needs of immigrant communities and remains consistent with municipal regulatory frameworks; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A thorough review of the Trust Act’s application requires an examination of data collection, reporting mechanisms, and departmental compliance, as well as an evaluation of whether City resources—including personnel and funding—are being used appropriately within the scope of municipal authority and not diverted toward federal civil immigration enforcement; *and*

WHEREAS,

The City of Boston has a duty to ensure that its law enforcement and administrative agencies comply with established policies, maintain internal controls, and adhere to best practices while ensuring risk management procedures are in place to prevent unintended legal and financial liabilities to verify that public funds and assets are managed responsibly and effectively; *and*

WHEREAS,

Evaluating the administration of the Trust Act includes reviewing whether current operational procedures align with the stated goals of the legislation, assessing whether enforcement mechanisms require adjustment, and determining whether additional programmatic or legislative changes may be necessary to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and accessibility based on this review and analysis; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to audit the implementation, enforcement, administrative compliance, and impact of the 2014 Boston Trust Act. This review will assess whether the ordinance has been executed in alignment with its legislative purpose, examine compliance by relevant departments, and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of related City operations and programs.

Filed in Council: February 5, 2025

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-FIVE**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO AUDIT THE 2024 ANNUAL
COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT**

WHEREAS, The City of Boston’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report provides a detailed accounting of the City’s financial health, including revenues, expenditures, assets, and liabilities; *and*

WHEREAS, The Committee on Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility is tasked with evaluating the efficiency, effectiveness, and accessibility of city budgets, operations, and programs, ensuring administrative compliance with legislative intent and department regulations; *and*

WHEREAS, The Committee has the authority to review municipal financial statements, bond and credit reports, internal fiscal controls, and risk management procedures to ensure responsible stewardship of public funds and assets; *and*

WHEREAS, Oversight of the Auditing Department and the Boston Finance Commission is critical to ensuring financial transparency, accountability, and responsible fiscal management ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to audit the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, evaluate findings, and assess any necessary legislative or programmatic changes to enhance fiscal accountability and transparency.

Filed in Council: February 5, 2025

Offered by City Councilors Julia Mejia and Benjamin J. Weber



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-FIVE**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
HOUSING FOR CITY OF BOSTON EMPLOYEES**

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston Code Section 5-5.3 states that “Every person first employed by the City of Boston on or after July 1, 1976, shall be a resident of the City of Boston, and shall not cease to be a resident of the City of Boston during his employment by the City; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As of February 2025, the average rent in Boston, MA is \$3,393 per month. This is 118% higher than the national average rent price of \$1,555/month, making Boston one of the most expensive cities in the US according to data from Apartment.com; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Department of Health and Human Services set the 2025 federal poverty level at \$37,650 for a family of four, while the Boston Planning and Development Agency works with developers to create housing opportunities primarily available to renters with incomes up to 70% of the area median income (AMI), which is \$114,240 for a family of four; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Data from the 2025 City of Boston Employee demographic dashboard shows that roughly 11,167 individuals on the city’s payroll earned a yearly wage below the AMI of 70% at \$114,240; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In a time when housing prices are increasing beyond the means most people can afford, and many residents are choosing to leave the City to find affordable homes elsewhere, City employees are forced to find subsidized or substandard housing to keep their jobs with the City; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Cities and towns across the United States are creating housing subsidies or building units explicitly designated for city and county employees; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On March 8, 2024, New York City announced that it had partnered with trade unions to fund workforce housing for the City’s unionized workers at 80% to

140% of the AMI, funded in part with \$100 million contributed by union pension funds. Teton County, Wyoming, currently owns 24 employee rental units, which they rent out to public servants. The Residences at Government Center in Washington D.C. was built on previously vacant county-owned land and is open to low- to moderate-income county and private-sector employees, and; *and*

WHEREAS,

In 2023, the City Council approved allocating \$750,000 in ARPA funding to Boston City employees experiencing a housing emergency or housing instability; however, this allocation is insufficient to meet the needs of all our employees; *and*

WHEREAS,

The City of Boston has a hardworking and dedicated workforce who deserve to have access to resources, financial assistance, and housing that allows them to stay in the City of Boston; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED,

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss workforce development housing for City of Boston employees. Representatives from the City of Boston, including the Office of Fair Housing and Equity, the Mayor’s Office of Housing, the Office of Workforce Development, and the Boston Housing Authority, in addition to housing advocates and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Filed in Council: February 5, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE EDUCATION IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- WHEREAS:** In 2021, the Massachusetts States Housed passed a bill, “*An Act concerning genocide education*” in which the Boston City Council supported unanimously in a City Council Resolution, that amended the Massachusetts General Laws to ensure every school district provides instruction on the history of genocide; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The act also established and set up a separate fund known as the Genocide Education Trust Fund for the purpose of educating middle and high school students on the history of genocide, with the Commissioner of elementary and secondary education in charge of administering the fund to assist in promoting the teaching of human rights issues in all public schools and school districts, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Beginning in the 2022, school districts are required to incorporate genocide education in both middle and high school. While the curriculum provided by the content standards included several examples of genocide that are not limited to the Holocaust, the Armenian Genocide, the Famine Genocide in Ukraine known as Holodomor, the Cambodian Genocide, Rwandan Genocide, it is unclear which grades and classes at BPS currently receive genocide education and whether this requirement is met by all schools; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is important for our students to recognize that national, ethnic, racial, or religious hatred can manifest in acts of extreme violence, and create immense suffering for marginalized peoples and groups. Such lessons are critical for our students to recognize the horrors of genocide, and to deter indifference to crimes against humanity; *and*
- WHEREAS:** We must continue to confront and combat the alarming rise of antisemitism in recent years. Since 2021, we’ve seen a rise in antisemitic graffiti in our high schools, colleges, universities, and public spaces, including the New England Holocaust Memorial. A United Nations Report by the UN Outreach Programme on the Holocaust has found that social media has fed into Holocaust denial and distortion, and that nearly 10 per cent of posts on Facebook, and 15 per cent of posts on Twitter that discussed the Holocaust hosted denial or distortion content. After October 7th, 2023, the instances of antisemitism saw an even sharper rise. We must do what we can to address the increasing levels of hate crimes; *and*

WHEREAS: Genocide is not only an atrocity of the past, but continues to be perpetuated across the globe. There are also many non-profits and civil rights groups in Boston that educate our public and combat hate, including the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, and Facing History & ourselves; *and*

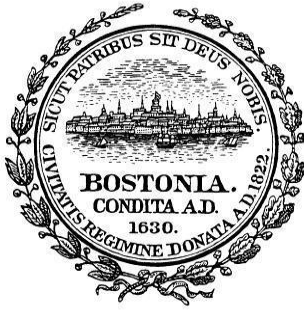
WHEREAS: Everyone should be able to celebrate their heritage and religion without fear of violence, bigotry, and persecution. It is our responsibility as citizens to ensure that our students learn from history so that the horrors of the past will never be forgotten, and that the memories of the atrocities will contribute towards the prevention of mass crimes, genocides, and crimes against humanity; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the genocide education in Boston Public Schools. Representatives from the Boston Public Schools, non-profits that work to combat hate, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed on: February 5, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH LIBRARY STUDY

WHEREAS: The South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library provides a space for learning, and access to information and educational resources for residents in the South Boston neighborhood; *and*

WHEREAS: Since 2022, the City of Boston has allocated \$250,000 in the Capital Plan for a South Boston Branch Library Study to conduct a facility assessment and develop a building program that reflects the BPL's Compass Principles and supports the needs of the neighborhood; *and*

WHEREAS: This Study would then contribute towards the design and construction of a new branch library in South Boston to meet the growing needs of the community; *and*

WHEREAS: The South Boston Branch Library Study has been marked as "to be scheduled" since first appearing in the FY 2022 Capital Plan as a New Project. Including this upcoming fiscal year, the project will have been on the City's Capital Plan Budget for four years; *and*

WHEREAS: It is critical that our Capital Plan projects are enacted in a timely manner due to inflation and other cost increases. Neighbors in the community are eager to get an update on the status of the South Boston Library, and be engaged in the development of this important public resource; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study. Representatives from the Boston Public Library, the Budget Department, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed on: February 5, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENTS AND ESSENTIAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

- WHEREAS:** Property taxes are a heavy financial burden for many families, especially those who have bought their homes decades ago before housing prices and property values skyrocketed in the city. Post-pandemic inflation has also caused hardship for many of our longtime residents who are facing financial difficulties with paying bills, the cost of living, rent, and property taxes; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston should consider financial assistance programs for those who are struggling to pay their property taxes, including tax relief or exemptions for long-term residents who have owned a home in Boston for at least 20 years and ages 55 years and older, as well as essential municipal employees; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston offers a number of property tax exemptions for residents who qualify, including for our seniors who meet income limits and residency requirements, those who experience hardship, surviving spouses, minors with a deceased parent, veterans, and others; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City Council recently passed a Home Rule Petition to increase the amount of tax exemption for Senior homeowners age 65 and older; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Other cities have enacted policies to assist homeowners who may have difficulties in paying property taxes. For example, the City of Detroit provides an opportunity for homeowners to be exempt from their current year property taxes based on household income; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Our long term residents and essential municipal employees have been severely impacted by rising property taxes and inflation, and the city should explore policies to assist these homeowners; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss possible tax exemptions for long-term residents who have owned a home in Boston for at least 20 years, ages 55 and older, and essential municipal employees who have difficulties paying property taxes. Representatives from the City of Boston's Assessing Department, Administration and Finance Cabinet, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: February 5, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE WAYS TO INCREASE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND BETTER FACILITATE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR BOSTON CITY COUNCIL HEARINGS

WHEREAS, Boston City Council standing committees are empowered to hold a variety of meetings for which members of the public may be invited to participate in varying capacities, as per provisions of the City Council Rules, including:

- (1) formal hearings, for which members of the public may serve as panelists or provide public testimony;
- (2) meetings for the purpose of discussing committee work, for which public testimony is at the discretion of the chair;
- (3) policy briefings, a less formal session for open discussion about a particular policy issue, for which members of the public are encouraged to attend and may participate in the discussion;
- (4) working sessions, for the purpose of revising legislation in committee, reviewing a proposed committee report, or to discuss with the committee the content of a piece of legislation, which members of the public may attend but may not participate in; *and*

WHEREAS, All committee meetings are duly publicly noticed in compliance with the state's open meeting law and City Council Rules, which includes posting the notice in multiple locations in City Hall, as well as on the City of Boston website; Committee meeting notices are also sent by Boston City Council Central Staff to the subscribers of the City Council email newsletter, and shared through the City Council social media accounts; *and*

WHEREAS, Existing outreach to the public about opportunities to participate in committee meetings beyond those core measures largely relies on each individual Council office's capacity, community connections, and communications capabilities; *and*

WHEREAS, Bolstering City Council Central Staff resources and the potential creation of a Central Staff Community Liaison role to assist with outreach to the public could increase public participation across all City Council committee meetings, and also reduce duplicative efforts by City Council offices, so they have greater capacity for community outreach; *and*

WHEREAS, Further, Council offices or a City Council Central Staff Community Liaison could be aided in identifying members of the public to invite to committee meetings to serve as panelists or provide public testimony if the City Council maintained a central registry that members of the public and representatives of community organizations could opt into to indicate interest or expertise in one or more particular topics; *and*

WHEREAS, Participation in City Council committee meetings by members of the public is typically in-person at Boston City Hall, with the option for members of the public to participate virtually in some committee meetings but not all; while the option to participate virtually can broaden accessibility for members of the public, it also requires sufficient technical knowledge, a capable electronic device, and reliable Internet access, which can be barriers; *and*

WHEREAS, It can be difficult for Councilors and other committee meeting participants to be aware of panelists who are participating virtually to the same degree as those participating in-person, which can lead to a second-class status for virtual participants; it is worthwhile to discuss whether this could be improved with changes to the processes or technology utilized by the City Council; *and*

WHEREAS, Further, the existing technology tools available to the City Council provide limited ability for members of the public who are participating virtually to see Councilors and other participants in committee meetings while they themselves are speaking, which can limit the sense of mutual dialogue; it may be possible to improve this by refining how the City Council utilizes these tools, or by identifying additional or alternative tools; *and*

WHEREAS, The City Council periodically holds offsite committee meetings at public locations in the community, which can be beneficial to provide the opportunity for in-person participation by members of the public without having to travel to City Hall; the capacity for holding offsite meetings is limited by the capacity of City Council Central Staff, and could be undertaken more often if additional Central Staff resources were available; *and*

WHEREAS, Offsite committee meetings currently offer limited capabilities by comparison to those hosted in City Hall, including the inability to broadcast the meeting live on television or livestreamed online, limited ability to present slides and presentations, and the lack of a hearing loop to assist people with hearing loss; these shortcomings could potentially be improved with additional resources; *and*

WHEREAS, Hosting committee meetings at City Hall with a simultaneous additional satellite location in the community could provide many of the benefits of an offsite and onsite hearing at the same time, including live broadcast and livestream online, accessibility accommodations, and ease of access; such a setup would likely require additional City Council Central Staff resources or staffing, which should be explored; *and*

WHEREAS, City departments could also be partners in this work, including the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Innovation and Technology, the Office of New Urban Mechanics, and the Office of Civic Organizing.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to explore ways to increase community engagement and better facilitate public participation for Boston City Council Hearings, including possible staffing and equipment investments that could be worthwhile priorities for the City Council to champion for inclusion in the City Budget. Representatives of community groups, community organizers, and subject matter experts on community engagement will be invited, along with representatives of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Innovation and Technology, the Office of New Urban Mechanics, and the Office of Civic Organizing. Members of the public are cordially encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: February 5, 2025

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**



ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PUBLIC SAFETY AND POLICE STAFFING IN BOSTON.

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department plays a critical role in ensuring public safety, maintaining order, and protecting residents and visitors during large-scale events across the city; and

WHEREAS, Current data indicates that the Boston Police Department is down 135 officers compared to the previous year, despite ongoing recruitment efforts and the current police academy class in training; and

WHEREAS, This staffing shortage presents challenges for public safety planning and execution, particularly for large events such as the Evacuation Day Parade in March, which historically draws upwards of one million attendees; and

WHEREAS, Due to these staffing constraints, BPD has increasingly relied on the Massachusetts State Police and law enforcement agencies from surrounding towns to supplement personnel for major events, raising concerns about the financial and logistical implications for the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for greater transparency and accountability regarding the costs incurred by Boston when requesting additional personnel from outside agencies, as well as the long-term impact of continued staffing shortages on the effectiveness of public safety planning; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring that Boston has a fully staffed and well-supported police force is critical to the safety of all residents, event attendees, and officers themselves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, That the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to examine the current staffing levels of the Boston Police Department, the impact on public safety, and the city's reliance on external law enforcement agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the hearing will seek to:

- Provide an overview of current BPD staffing levels, including vacancy rates, recruitment efforts, and retention challenges;
- Assess the implications of staffing shortages on public safety response times, crime prevention, and large event security;
- Examine the financial costs and operational impacts of relying on State Police and regional law enforcement agencies for staffing large events in Boston;
- Explore potential solutions to address staffing shortfalls, including increased recruitment incentives, officer retention programs, and other strategies to enhance public safety; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That representatives from the Mayor's Office, Boston Police Department and other relevant stakeholders be invited to testify at the hearing.

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**



**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMMEDIATE
REINSTATEMENT OF AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR THE
COMMUNITY SYRINGE REDEMPTION PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, The Community Syringe Redemption Program (CSRP), initiated in December 2020, has been instrumental in enhancing public health and safety in Boston by collecting approximately 5 million syringes since its inception; and

WHEREAS, The CSRP was funded through federal pandemic recovery funds, which concluded in June 2024, leading to the program's cessation; and

WHEREAS, The termination of the CSRP has resulted in a noticeable increase in improperly discarded syringes across the city, posing significant health risks to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Health Commission continues to operate other syringe collection initiatives, but the unique and effective approach of the CSRP—offering incentives for syringe returns—has proven exceptionally successful in mitigating needle litter; and

WHEREAS, Community organizations, such as the Newmarket Business Improvement District, have commendably stepped in to address the gap left by the CSRP's conclusion, yet the scale of the issue necessitates reinstating the CSRP to its full capacity; and

WHEREAS, The health and safety of Boston's communities are of paramount concern, and proactive measures are essential to address the challenges posed by improperly discarded syringes;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the immediate reinstatement and sustainable funding of the Community Syringe Redemption Program.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That representatives from the Boston Public Health Commission, the Mayor's Office, community organizations involved in syringe collection efforts, and other relevant stakeholders be invited to participate in this hearing to provide insights and recommendations.

Filed on the 5th day of February, 2025.

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**



**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
SPEED HUMPS IN BOSTON.**

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has implemented speed humps as part of a broader effort to reduce speeding and increase pedestrian safety in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The installation of speed humps is intended to address concerns about traffic violations, accidents, and pedestrian safety in various neighborhoods across the city; and

WHEREAS, Many residents have expressed support for the continued installation of speed humps, citing improvements in traffic safety, while others have raised concerns about issues such as noise, emergency vehicle access, and the potential removal of speed humps; and

WHEREAS, It is important to evaluate the effectiveness of these traffic calming measures, including whether they have led to reductions in traffic speeds, traffic accidents, and incidents involving pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Data from the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Police Department is essential to assess the impact of speed humps on traffic patterns and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Some neighborhoods have requested the removal of speed humps, and it is crucial to understand the reasons behind these requests and how they may impact future decisions on speed hump installations; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive review of the effectiveness of speed humps will help ensure that future traffic calming measures are aligned with the needs and concerns of Boston residents; now be it

ORDERED, That the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to:

- Assess the Impact on Traffic Speed and Violations: Review data from the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Police Department to evaluate the effectiveness of speed humps in reducing speeding violations and traffic speeds in neighborhoods where they have been installed.
- Examine Traffic Accidents and Pedestrian Safety: Analyze the impact of speed humps on traffic accidents, including incidents involving pedestrians, in neighborhoods before and after installation.

- Review Public Feedback on Speed Humps: Discuss the concerns raised by residents regarding speed humps, including issues related to noise, accessibility, and emergency vehicle access, and the reasoning behind requests for their removal.
- Evaluate Emergency Response Considerations: Examine whether speed humps have impacted emergency vehicle response times and whether adjustments need to be made to accommodate first responders.
- Explore Future Plans for Speed Hump Installations: Review the Boston Transportation Department's plans for future speed hump installations, modifications, or removals, and the criteria used in determining where speed humps will be placed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, Boston Police Department, and other relevant city agencies be invited to provide testimony at this hearing to ensure a thorough examination of the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston.

Filed on the 5th day of February, 2025.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ASSESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED WHITE STADIUM REDEVELOPMENT ON FRANKLIN PARK.

WHEREAS, Franklin Park, a central component of Boston's Emerald Necklace designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, serves as a vital green space offering environmental, recreational, and cultural benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has initiated plans to renovate White Stadium within Franklin Park through a public-private partnership, aiming to provide enhanced athletic facilities for Boston Public Schools and a professional women's soccer team; and

WHEREAS, Concerns have been raised by community members, environmental advocates, and many City Council members regarding the potential environmental impacts of the proposed redevelopment, including:

- The removal of approximately 145 trees surrounding the stadium, which may affect the park's tree canopy and ecological balance;
- The introduction of expanded infrastructure, increased paving, and new parking facilities, which could disrupt natural habitats and alter the landscape's character;
- Potential effects on local wildlife, soil composition, water drainage, and overall environmental health of the park; and

WHEREAS, The Environment, Energy, and Open Space Cabinet (EEOS), led by Chief Climate Officer Brian, is responsible for advancing Boston's commitment to sustainability, resilience, and environmental justice. As part of this role, Brian is charged with spearheading the Mayor's climate action agenda throughout the City, making it essential for EEOS to provide input on the environmental impact of the White Stadium project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, That the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to:

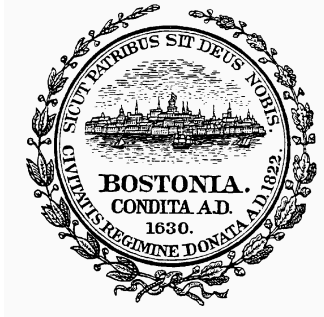
1. Evaluate the Environmental Impact:
 - Assess the potential environmental effects of the proposed White Stadium redevelopment, including tree removal, habitat disruption, and changes to the park's landscape.
2. Review Mitigation Strategies:
 - Examine the City's plans for mitigating environmental impacts, such as the proposed tree replanting initiative, and evaluate their adequacy and feasibility.

3. Consider Alternative Approaches:
 - Explore alternative development strategies that minimize environmental harm while achieving the project's objectives.
4. Ensure Community Engagement:
 - Provide a platform for residents, environmental advocates, and experts to voice their concerns and recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That representatives from the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the Environment, Energy, and Open Space Cabinet (EEOS), the Chief Climate Officer, and other relevant stakeholders be invited to testify at the hearing to provide a comprehensive assessment of the environmental and historical impact of this redevelopment.

Filed on the 5th day of February, 2025.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION OF BOSTON'S HISTORICAL PARKS AND GREEN SPACES.

WHEREAS, Boston is home to a diverse network of parks, green spaces, and natural landscapes that provide environmental, recreational, and cultural benefits to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Many of these spaces, including the Emerald Necklace designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Franklin Park, the Public Garden, the Boston Common, and neighborhood parks throughout the city, serve as vital public resources that require thoughtful stewardship and protection; and

WHEREAS, Recent development proposals, such as the planned redevelopment of White Stadium in Franklin Park, have raised concerns among residents and environmental advocates about the potential long-term impacts of public-private partnerships on Boston's green spaces; and

WHEREAS, The loss of mature trees, increased infrastructure expansion, and changes to park accessibility could have lasting environmental consequences, including reduced air quality, increased urban heat, and disrupted ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has committed to sustainability, climate resilience, and environmental justice, and must ensure that future development aligns with these goals while preserving the character and accessibility of its public parks; and

WHEREAS, It is critical to examine policies that protect Boston's parks and green spaces from encroachment, privatization, and environmental degradation, ensuring that they remain public assets for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, That the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to:

- 1. Assess the Environmental Impact of Development in Public Parks:**
 - Examine the ecological consequences of recent and proposed development projects in Boston's green spaces, including tree removal, habitat disruption, and changes to the natural landscape.
- 2. Review Current Policies for Park Preservation:**
 - Evaluate existing zoning laws, conservation guidelines, and city policies that govern the use and protection of public green spaces.

3. Ensure Transparency and Public Engagement in Development Decisions:

- Provide a platform for community members, environmental advocates, and experts to voice concerns and recommendations regarding the stewardship of Boston’s parks.

4. Explore Sustainable Alternatives to Public-Private Partnerships:

- Investigate alternative funding and investment strategies that prioritize public ownership and long-term environmental sustainability.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That representatives from the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the Environment, Energy, and Open Space Cabinet (EEOS), the Chief Climate Officer, community organizations, and relevant stakeholders be invited to provide testimony at this hearing to ensure a comprehensive discussion on the future of Boston’s parks and green spaces.

Filed on the ____ day of _____, 2025.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS: January is National Human Trafficking Prevention month. In 2010, President Barack Obama declared January as "National Human Trafficking Prevention Month" to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime, and every year since, each president has followed this tradition to bring attention to different forms of human trafficking; *and*

WHEREAS: Human trafficking, also known as modern slavery, includes forced labor and sex trafficking. It is difficult to combat due to lack of public awareness and government oversight, low rates of reporting, the increasing use of technology, and is only further exacerbated by instability caused by natural disasters, conflicts or wars; *and*

WHEREAS: In addition to the Commonwealth's Human Trafficking Division at the Attorney General's Office, the City of Boston's Collaborative Efforts Against Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) work to prevent and address commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking; *and*

WHEREAS: CEASE works collaboratively to support the development of a strategic plan to adopt the Equality Model Legislation in Massachusetts and the U.S. and grow policies and practices across sectors that amplify efforts to eradicate human trafficking; *and*

WHEREAS: On National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, it is critical that we recognize victims of human trafficking, support the work of anti-trafficking organizations, state and local law enforcement, support advocates, businesses and those who are committed to raising awareness of and ending human trafficking; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council declares January 2025 as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the City of Boston in order to educate the public about this crime against humanity.

Filed on: February 5, 2025

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

January 31, 2025

Councilor Louijuene
(Councilor Fernandes Anderson)

ORDERED: That effective Monday, February 10, 2025 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 14, 2025.

BiWeekly Payroll

Reginald W. Stewart	Secretary	\$2,692.32	full time
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Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the February 5, 2025 Session

Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon¹

¹Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.

In effect March 9, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Transdev and its bus drivers. **(Docket #0112)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the Collective Bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment, an increase for regular wages and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025. **(Docket #0113)**

In effect March 16, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contains within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)-Forensic Group. **(Docket #0237)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)- Forensic Group. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a market adjustment to base wages in FY25, as well as base wage increase of 2% to be given in January 2026 and 2027 and flat amounts of \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January 2026 and 2027, after the percent increases. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 13, 2025. **(Docket #0238)**

Assigned for Further Action

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Sidewalk repair deposits and refunds (disaggregated). **(Docket #0340)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Capital Projects in D7 from 2020 to date. **(Docket #0341)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Maintenance and Improvements of streets and sidewalks in District 7 from 2020 to date. **(Docket #0342)**

Order requesting certain information under section 17F RE: White Stadium and Madison Park Technical Vocational High School. **(Docket #0343)**

2 - Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.

*Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor*³

³Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:

Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.

Matters in Committee

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

- Ordinances:*** Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Loan Orders:*** Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
- Orders:*** Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Home Rule Petitions:*** Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
- Order for a Hearing:*** A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.
- Legislative Resolution:*** A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0104	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$305,600.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhances the quality of life in the City of Boston.	11/20/2024	2024-1679
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0154	Worrell	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring NBA All-Star Weekend and the MLB All-Star Game to Boston.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0156	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0160	Worrell	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks statue.	1/8/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0157	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.	1/8/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0170	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss food access, sustainability, and the need for a food hub in East Boston.	1/8/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0257	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.	1/15/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0308	Pepén	Santana, Weber	Order for a hearing to improve recruitment of civilian crossing guards to serve Boston families.	1/29/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0310	Pepén	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the establishment of a Mattapan Square Task Force for economic and cultural growth.	1/29/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0314	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding fire emergencies and the creation of a Fire Victim Fund.	1/29/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0316	Durkan	Pepén, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss a pilot program for waste containerization.	1/29/2025	

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services & Innovation Technology	0324	Flynn	Anderson, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the notification process for abutters meeting in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0333	Santana	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding gender-neutral bathrooms in City-owned buildings.	1/29/2025	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0168	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss a holistic vision for District Seven in order to redress historic racial harm and to uphold District Seven Constituents' Civil Rights.	1/8/2025	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0172	Mejia	Louijeune, Anderson	Order for a hearing to address critical issues in jail-based voting and empower incarcerated communities to strengthen democracy.	1/8/2025	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0184	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Mejia	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.	1/8/2025	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0187	Louijeune	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1/8/2025	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0188	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1/8/2025	
Education	0147	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address growing concerns over the White Stadium Project's costs, community input, and transparency.	1/8/2025	
Education	0149	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss BPS' plans to protect students during heat emergencies.	1/8/2025	
Education	0151	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/8/2025	
Education	0171	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Santana	Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum pilot program in Boston Public Schools.	1/8/2025	
Education	0182	Louijeune	Weber	Order for a hearing to explore the effectiveness of high-dosage tutoring and other academic recovery strategies.	1/8/2025	

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Education	0235	Worrell	Murphy	Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public Schools' closures for 2026-27 and its long-term facilities plan.	1/8/2025	
Education	0265	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the preservation of historical artifacts in Boston Public Schools slated for closure or merger.	1/15/2025	
Education	0267	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes.	1/15/2025	
Education	0313	FitzGerald	Pepén, Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to high-quality school options for Boston Public School students in all neighborhoods.	1/29/2025	
Education	0318	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss inancial literacy programs in Boston Public Schools.	1/29/2025	
Education	0334	Santana	Mejia, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools can expand the use of evidence-based best practices for Inclusive Learning Environments for multilingual and special education learners.	1/29/2025	
Education	0339	Santana		Order for the Boston City Council to hold a series of Policy Briefings with Boston Public Schools leadership.	1/29/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0103	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$456,500.00) in the form of a grant, for FY25 MVP Action Grant, awarded by the Executive Office of Energy & Environment Affairs to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund the permit submittals for the project in FY26, with a goal of completing the MEPA permitting process and submitting permits to other applicable Local, State and Federal permitting agencies.	8/28/2024	2024-1282
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0155	Worrell		Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0169	Coletta Zapata	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the implementation and funding of coastal resilience strategies and the establishment of a climate bank.	1/8/2025	

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0252	Flynn	Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss expanding the urban tree canopy in District 2.	1/15/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0260	Worrell	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss the use of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0262	Durkan	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a Parks Administrator for Downtown Parks including the Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square and Christopher Columbus Park.	1/15/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0292	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Parks & Recreation Department. The grant will fund the maintenance of the City of Boston Animal Shelter, and assistance with medical care for sick or injured animals (whose owners are Boston residents), through donations in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).	1/29/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0315	Coletta Zapata	Weber	Order for a hearing to assess a ban on polystyrene products in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	
Government Operations	0134	Worrell	Mejia	Ordinance to enhance driveway accessibility.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0135	Weber	Pepén, Santana	Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	2/10/25-working session
Government Operations	0136	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance establishing street food enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of non-motorized street food carts.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0137	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance regarding employee safety within Boston's oil terminals.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0138	Louijeune		Ordinance codifying the Office of Returning Ciutizens.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0139	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	

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Government Operations	0140	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Ordinance establishing the Office of Inspector General within the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0141	Mejia		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0142	Murphy	Worrell, Flynn	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Increase its Residential Exemption.	1/8/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0144	Louijeune	Mejia, Santana	Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0145	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Petition for a Special Law Re: To establish the Commission of Inspectors General on Financial Management.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0236	Mayor		Message and order for your approval a new home rule petition to the General Court, "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Residential Tax Relief in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0249	Worrell	Coletta, Louijeune	Ordinance amending City of Boston Code 18-1.2B to make certificates of birth and death free.	1/15/2025		
Government Operations	0296	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order extending the City's acceptance of M.G.L. c.32B, §19, to be effective until June 30, 2027, upon my approval and execution of a written agreement with the Public Employee Committee (PEC).	1/29/2025		
Government Operations	0304	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance codifying the Office of Food Justice in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Government Operations	0305	Fernandes Anderson		Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing.	1/29/2025		
Government Operations	0337	Murphy	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the transition and operations of the new City Planning Department.	1/29/2025		

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Housing & Community Development	0102	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (25,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Harvard Allston Brighton Fund grant, awarded by the Harvard Business School to be administered by the Mayor’s Office of Housing. The grant will fund the creation of affordable homeownership, affordable rental housing in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods.	3/27/2024		2024-0572
Housing & Community Development	0158	Worrell	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	1/8/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0178	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher program.	1/8/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0185	Louijeune	Fernades Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston’s Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1/8/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0251	Durkan	Santana, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to investigate the use, impact, and potential ban of algorithmic price setting in the Boston rental housing market.	1/15/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0259	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at the BHA Ruth Barkley apartments.	1/15/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0264	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding strategies to expand homeownership programs in Boston.	1/15/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0327	Santana	Breadon, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.	1/29/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0329	Santana	Weber, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers.	1/29/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0195	Flynn	Murphy	Resolution supporting Project Labor Agreements at White Stadium and all City of Boston construction projects valued at or more than \$35 million.	1/8/2025		

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0254	Worrell	FitzGerald, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	1/15/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0294	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant, from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund services to underserved populations in the hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban, in basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals.	1/29/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0295	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston Tax Help Coalition Santander Bank Grant, awarded by Santander Bank, N.A. to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the Boston Tax Help Coalition to provide pathways from poverty to financial empowerment by maximizing the impact of tax credits through free tax preparation, financial education, and economic stability opportunities.	1/29/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0323	Flynn	Pepén, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.	1/29/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0328	Santana		Order for a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development past successes and future opportunities of Youth Jobs offered by the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0124	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of J. Andres Bernal as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring July 1, 2027.	1/8/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0161	Durkan	Santana	Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to remove parking minimum requirements for new development.	1/8/2025	1/28/25-hearing canceled
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0241	Mayor		Message and order temporarily extending Urban Renewal Plans in the City of Boston until March 31, 2027 or passage of a proposed relevant Home Rule Petition.	1/15/2025 2/11/2025	

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0266	Flynn	Santana, FirzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and expanding the safety surge program in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0307	Pepén	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.	1/29/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0309	Pepén	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to explore the creation of Safe School Zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0311	Pepén	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address the displacement of Bostonians as a result of new and future development.	1/29/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0319	Flynn	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the proposed zoning amendment to remove the half mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments.	1/29/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0321	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0326	Mejia		Order for a hearing to examine accountability, transparency, and accessibility in administrative procedures for complying with Boston Landmarks Commission recommendations.	1/29/2025	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0105	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of William Harry Shipps, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024	2024-1687
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0106	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Samantha Riemer, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024	2024-1688
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0107	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Janet Peguero, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring October 27, 2029.	11/20/2024	2024-1689
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0173	Mejia	Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	1/8/2025	

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Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0174	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0175	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0176	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	1/8/2025	1/21/25, 1/22/25	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0177	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	1/8/2025	1/24/2025	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0180	Worrell	Meija	Order for a hearing regarding equity in City contracts.	1/8/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0100	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Sandro Galea, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		2024-0286
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0101	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Elsie Tavares, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		2024-0287
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0306	Pepén	Louijeune	Order for a hearing on health access in Hyde Park.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0330	Santana	Breadon, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0331	Santana	Anderson, Weber	Order for a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits.	1/29/2025		

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0332	Santana	FitzGerald, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs.	1/29/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0118	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$395,746.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, awarded by United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Domestic Violence Management Analyst at the Family Justice Center, a Hub & Center of Responsibility Coordinator, and a Technology Coordinator for multiple data collection, reporting, and record management systems.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0119	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY22 COVID-19 SA/DV Trust Fund, awarded by the MA Department of Public Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two full-time Domestic Violence advocates who will work with social services agency partners at the Boston Public Health Commission Family Justice Center.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0128			Communication was received from the Police Commissioner Michael A. Cox in accordance with Section 3 of the Boston Trust Act regarding civil immigration detainer results for calendar year 2024.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0153	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore the summer community plan.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0163	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss enhanced public safety measures during large events in Boston.	1/8/2025	1/28/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0164	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss 2024 crime statistics.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0167	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	1/8/2025		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0186	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0239	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Training Academy Earmark, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the purchase of equipment and supplies, and to fund training initiatives for the Boston Fire Training Academy to ensure the department remains current in the firefighting services.	1/15/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0240	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend for the benefit of the City of Boston, a donation from the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Radiological Security (ORS) of 2024 GMC Sierra 4WD Crew Cab Pickup valued at SixtyThousand Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars (\$60,233.00). The truck will be used as a Radiological Security Awareness and Response (RSAR) support truck and will allow the Boston Police Department to continue the sustainment of RSAR training programs.	1/15/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0256	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss discrepancies in Boston's 2024 detainer requests.	1/15/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0322	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to ensure operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of a 911 system outage.	1/29/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0335	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Fire Department.	1/29/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0336	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department.	1/29/2025		
Rules & Administration	0162	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding the use of nondisclosure, confidentiality, and any and all other types of employment agreements	1/8/2025	1/31/2025	
Rules & Administration	0190	Weber		Order to implement a nondisclosure agreement prohibition policy for Boston City Council.	1/8/2025	1/31/2025	

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Small Business & Professional Licensure	0150	Worrell	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the distribution of Boston's 225 new liquor licenses and provide ongoing support to restaurateurs.		1/8/2025	
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0152	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.		1/8/2025	
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0159	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review and establish a "Business Owner 101" program for grant recipients.		1/8/2025	
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0263	Durkan		Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a City Wide Merchandise Licensing Program.		1/15/2025	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0109	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Nazzaro Community Center Renovation grant, awarded by the United States Department of Treasury, passed through the MA Executive Office of Economic Development, to be administered by Property Management. The grant will fund repairs and capital improvements to maintain current functionality and programming at the Nazzaro Community Center.	12/4/2024	1/30/2025	2024-1766, 1/21/25-hearing rescheduled
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0111	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Age Strong Universal Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund senior center programs and services for older adults in Boston.	12/4/2024	1/30/2025	2024-1769, 1/21/25-hearing rescheduled
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0183	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding the City of Boston's response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and related resources for survivors.		1/8/2025	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0261	Weber	FitzGerald, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address programming needs for older adults in the City of Boston.		1/15/2025	

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Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0268	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide.	1/15/2025	2/25/2025	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0293	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$145,687.72) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Violence Against Women's Act, a STOP Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provide services for victims of Jamaica Plain, as well as for Spanish-speaking victims citywide and also supporting overtime for all Civilian Domestic Violence Advocates citywide.	1/29/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0317	Flynn	Mejia, Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss elderly scamming.	1/29/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0165	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the process of establishing Hero Squares in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0166	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	1/8/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0253	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veteran Services.	1/15/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0255	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss new cancer presumptions announced by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.	1/15/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0312	FitzGerald	Flynn, Murphy	Order for a hearing to establish a hometown military hero banner program.	1/29/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0320	Flynn	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss the lung cancer rates among Black Veterans.	1/29/2025		

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Ways & Means	0112	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Transdev and its bus drivers.	1/8/2025	1/13/2025	1/15/25- remains in committee
Ways & Means	0113	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the Collective Bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment, an increase for regular wages and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025.	1/8/2025	1/13/2025	1/15/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0148	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.	1/8/2025		2/3/25-working session
Ways & Means	0179	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss efforts to cancel medical debt.	1/8/2025		
Ways & Means	0237	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contains within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)-Forensic Group.	1/15/2025		

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Ways & Means	0238	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)- Forensic Group. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a market adjustment to base wages in FY25, as well as base wage increase of 2% to be given in January 2026 and 2027 and flat amounts of \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January 2026 and 2027, after the percent increases. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 13, 2025.	1/15/2025		
Ways & Means	0250	Durkan	Coletta Zapata	Order for a hearing regarding the feasibility and impact of a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax in Boston.	1/15/2025		
Ways & Means	0269	Murphy	FitzGerald, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss residential property values and the assessing process.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0270	Coletta Zapata	Worrell, Santana	Order to adopt the Good Landlord Tax Abatement as a local option in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25- remains in committee
Ways & Means	0325	Worrell	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY26 budget.	1/29/2025		
Whole	0181	Louijeune	Pepén, Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.	1/8/2025		

City of Boston

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IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Jeff Flagg

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF
Wednesday, January 29th, 2025

SINCERELY,

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

City Clerk

Presented By

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

Jeremiah Program

In Recognition of:

Your unwavering commitment to uplifting single mothers in the Boston community through a holistic, two-generation approach. This program actively works to disrupt the cycle of poverty and promote healthy, fulfilled families. We commend you for your efforts.

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



By: Ruthzee Louijeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex G. Santos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louijeune

Date: 01/29/2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extended its Congratulations to:

Sugeily Santos

In Recognition of:

Being named the 2025 MASCA School Counselor of the Year _____ ; and

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its
best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and
a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Santos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ben W...

Date: January 30, 2025

City of Boston

in the

Boston City Council



Official Resolution

presented by

**Councilor At-Large Henry Santana
& Councilor Enrique J. Pepén**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Congratulations and Recognition to

Grupo de Baile Juvenil Calife

In recognition of:

Your dedication to enriching Dominican culture on a national level, especially here in Boston, has made a lasting impact. For over eight years, you've been a cornerstone of the Dominican community, and we're grateful for your ongoing support of the Dominican parades in New York, Boston, and Rhode Island. Boston is proud to be home to your base of operations, where you continue to empower our youth and families by celebrating their rich heritage and culture.

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: *Ruthye L. Soujeane*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Henry A. Santana*
Boston City Councilor At-Large

Boston City Councilor

Date: _____

Resolution to recognize El Grupo de Baile Juvenil Calife and 6 other community members for their participation at the Dia de la Juventud Dominicana event hosted by the Consulado Dominicano

- **Grupo de Baile Juvenil Calife**
- **Eros Espinosa**
- **Anthony Encarnación**
- **Jessica Aquino**
- **Jhonattan Santelises**
- **Wilson Peña**
- **Seanni Soto Lara**

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

YANKEE DENTAL CONGRESS

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the Yankee Dental Congress!

We commend your efforts in organizing New England's largest dental conference and for providing professionals opportunities to seek the highest quality dental continuing education, and other dental products and services.

We wish you a successful conference!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

ST. JAMES THE GREATER CHURCH

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Thank you for your dedicated service to the community. May the Year of the Snake be full
of prosperity, success, and good health!**

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued
success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested
to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

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OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

NEWTON CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your 2025 Chinese New Year Celebration! Thank you for your dedicated service to our Chinese community. May the Year of the Snake be full of good health, prosperity and good health!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

CHINESE CONSOLIDATED BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
OF NEW ENGLAND

IN RECOGNITION OF:

The Annual CCBA Lunar New Year Banquet and the Chinatown Lion Dance Parade. Thank you for your tireless contributions to the Chinese community and for your dedicated efforts in bettering Chinatown. May the Year of the Snake be full of good health, prosperity, and success!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
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COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

SENIOR PASTOR REVEREND DANIEL CHAN

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Thank you for your four decades of dedicated service to the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church. We commend your tireless contributions to Chinatown and the Greater Boston Chinese Community!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

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IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Walter Preble

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

01/29/2025

SINCERELY,

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

WHEREAS: Today, January 27, 2025, is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. It marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp, the largest Nazi Concentration Camp; *and*

WHEREAS: On this anniversary, we remember and the honor the memories of the six million Jews and millions of others that were killed by the Nazis during the Holocaust, and honor those who survived the Holocaust; *and*

WHEREAS: We reaffirm our commitment and our responsibility as citizens to ensure that these horrific atrocities will never be forgotten, and that the memories of the atrocities will contribute towards the prevention of mass crimes, genocides, and crimes against humanity; *and*

WHEREAS: A survey found that nearly one in three American Jews conceal their Jewish identity by not publicly displaying or wearing items that identify their Jewish heritage due to concerns of antisemitism. The same survey also found that antisemitism is a significant issue in the United States, and believe that the issue has worsened; *and*

WHEREAS: Everyone should be able to celebrate their heritage and religion without fear of violence, bigotry, and persecution. We must continue to confront and combat the alarming rise of antisemitism and stand in solidarity with our Jewish neighbors;
Therefore Be It

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes January 27, 2025 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and reaffirms its support for the Jewish community and condemns any form of antisemitism in the City of Boston.

Filed on: January 27, 2025

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: JANUARY 27, 2025,

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO

Drawdown Brewery

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Accomplishing your first year of business in Jamaica Plain. Drawdown serves as a space that promotes women’s sports and celebrates the LGBTQ+ community. Over the past year, Drawdown quickly became a neighborhood hub and we commend you for your tireless efforts.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Jessica Azurdia

In Honor of Gabriella E. Harper

**In appreciation for your dedication and commitment to keeping the memory of our
angels alive by shining a light on pregnancy and infant loss awareness, advocacy and
support.**

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude,
congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted
by the Clerk of City of Boston.

By: *Ruthyee Loujeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *B. Worrell*

Date: Feb. 1, 2025

City of Boston IN

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OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Proppa City Community Outreach

For its work supporting families after suffering loss, and declaring Feb. 7, 2025, as Proppa City Community Outreach Day: Honoring the Healing Journey of Parents Who Experience Pregnancy and Infant Loss. This day acknowledges the parents' courage, recognizes their grief, and celebrates their unwavering devotion to their angel babies. On this day, we also celebrate Simeon Jelani, who was stillborn on Feb. 7., and honor his legacy by supporting initiatives inspired by the experiences of pregnancy and infant loss.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of City of Boston.

By: *Ruthyee Loujelone*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *B. Worrell*

Date: Feb. 1, 2025

City of Boston

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE
BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jane E. Kennedy

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your 93rd Birthday

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND
DECLARES FEBRUARY 7, 2025 TO BE **JANE E. KENNEDY DAY** IN THE
CITY OF BOSTON; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY
THEREOF TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

By: *Ruthzee Louljeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Guenther*
Clerk of the City of Boston

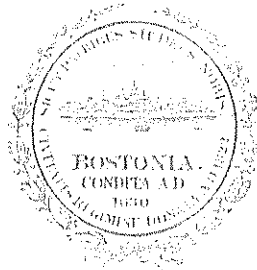
Offered by: *Ruthzee Louljeune*

Date: _____

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IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
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Mary Theresa (Doyle) Honan

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

February 5th, 2025

SINCERELY,

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest *Oliver Amantas*

City Clerk

Presented By

Elizabeth Bresdon
