



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 11, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

[0567](#) Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Thirty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$33,759.00). This Order is necessary to provide funding for the Property Management Department for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 174.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on March 16, 2026.

[0568](#) Message and order for a supplemental appropriation order for the Property Management Department for FY26 in the amount of Thirty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$33,759.00). This Order is necessary to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 174. The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 and July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include a market rate adjustment to wage scales, effective July 2025, as well as increases to the detail rate.

[0569](#) Message and order approving an appropriation of Thirty-Two Million, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$32,600,000.00) from Fiscal Year 2026 community preservation fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”). The upcoming projects will aim to improve the quality of life across Boston neighborhoods. Plans include renovating playgrounds and enhancing or creating recreational spaces such as parks, community gardens, and urban farms. In addition, these projects will plant trees to grow the city’s tree canopy, preserve historic buildings and artifacts, support a program for affordable first-time home buyers and construct new affordable housing units for residents. Together, these efforts are expected to deliver a meaningful and lasting positive impact on Boston’s neighborhoods and communities.

[0570](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Twenty Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$20,200,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following schools: Adams Elementary School. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools.

[0571](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following schools: Margarita Muniz Academy, Mildred Avenue K-8 School, Orchard Gardens School. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools.

- [0572](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$256,500.00) in the form of a grant, the Community First Partnership Grant, awarded by Mass Save to be administered by the Environment. The grant would fund outreach and engagement with environmental justice communities to drive increased awareness and measurable participation in energy efficiency programs.
- [0573](#) 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, FY26-Earmark - West End, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund older adult programs in the West End neighborhood.
- [0574](#) 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, FY26-Earmark - East Boston, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund older adult programs in the East Boston neighborhood.
- [0575](#) 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, FY26-Earmark - Dorchester, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund older adult programs in the Dorchester neighborhood.
- [0576](#) 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, FY26-Earmark - South End, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund older adult programs in the South End neighborhood.
- [0577](#) 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, FY26-Earmark - Roxbury and Dorchester, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund older adult programs in the Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods.

[0578](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$38,229.30) in the form of a grant, the State Literacy Program Grant, awarded by MA Department of Education to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant would fund the infrastructure costs for the Adult Community Learning Services at the MassHire Career Centers.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

[0579](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Andrea Lane Hennelly as Executive Director of People and Culture of the Office of Human Resources, effective January 24, 2026.

[0580](#) Notice was received from Eneida D. Tavares regarding her resignation as Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners, effective January 30, 2026.

[0581](#) Communication was received from Councilor Flynn requesting early street sweeping following the Evacuation Day/St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Boston.

[0582](#) Communication was received from Ashley Groffenberger, Chief Financial Officer and Collector Treasurer, regarding recent developments in the collective bargaining process.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

[0281](#) Order for a hearing to discuss pest control and the discovery of leptospirosis in the City of Boston.

[0199](#) Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.

[0205](#) Order for a hearing to review construction costs associated with the White Stadium project.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

[0583](#) Councilor Mejia offered the following: Home Rule Petition for an Act Relative to Voting For All Legal Residents in the City of Boston.

- 0584** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Order for a hearing to examine telehealth access and digital health equity in the City of Boston.
- 0585** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Order for a hearing to examine access to primary care physicians in the City of Boston.
- 0586** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Order for a hearing to review discrepancies between market value and tax assessed value for residential properties in the City of Boston and to evaluate the City's tax assessment practices.
- 0587** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for a hearing to review administrative transparency, equitable student representation, and student freedoms in higher education.
- 0588** Councilor Durkan offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss City of Boston transportation philosophy and status of infrastructure projects.
- 0589** Councilor Breadon offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the status of state and federal funding allocated for transportation and streets projects.
- 0590** Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to review nightlife industry safety training and the role of the Office of Nightlife Economy.
- 0591** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing to review funding, reimbursement, and accountability for police overtime details in the City of Boston.
- 0592** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of the FIFA World Cup fan marches on basic city services.
- 0593** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code relative to requiring on-site affordable housing in PLAN: Downtown.
- 0594** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to establish Boston Investment Zones: An Anti-Displacement Tool.

- 0595** Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding the City of Boston's efforts to address drink spiking and drug-facilitated sexual assault in nightlife establishments, including safety training programs, prevention initiatives, communications with licensed venues, and the status of records maintained by the City regarding these efforts.
- 0596** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution in support of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act.
- 0597** Councilor Durkan and Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing March 18, 2026 as "Transit Driver Appreciation Day" in the City of Boston.
- 0598** Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution recognizing the 40th Anniversary and naming March 18, 2026, "Boston Groundwater Trust Day" in the City of Boston.
- 0599** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution against the approval and construction of additional roof decks in residential areas of South Boston.

GREEN SHEETS:

- 18/26** Legislative Calendar for March 18, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 0600** Councilor Breadon offered the following: Resolution in memory of James "Jim" McIsaac.
- 0601** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Lynda Hosea.
- 0602** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Marianne Curley.
- 0603** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Mary Doherty.
- 0604** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Lynch Family.

- 0605** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ni Lun Welfare Association.
- 0606** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Mr. Takahashi Seiichiro.
- 0607** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing 12 South Boston Citizens' Association Scholarship Poster Contest finalists.
- 0608** Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution in memory of Anibal Montañez and Alex D. Santiago Sierra.
- 0609** Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing Khalid Jama and Polly Doogue.
- 0610** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing 5 individuals for completing the Entrepreneurship Apprenticeship Practicum.
- 0611** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Robert Sullivan.
- 0612** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Kurt Edwin Okraku.
- 0613** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Robbyn Paradis.
- 0614** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Anita Maxineau.
- 0615** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Otto Addo.
- 0616** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Anthony Amoah.
- 0617** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution in memory of Taylor Wornum, Jr.
- 0618** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution in memory of Philbert Roland Cummings.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 16, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by thirty three thousand, seven hundred fifty nine dollars (\$33,759).

This Order is necessary to provide funding for the Property Management Department for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 174.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Order expeditiously. .

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER REDUCING THE FY26 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY THIRTY THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY NINE DOLLARS (\$33,759).

ORDERED: That the appropriation heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, be reduced by the following amount:

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$33,759

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

BY _____

**MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 16, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation order for the Property Management Department for FY26 in the amount of thirty three thousand, seven hundred fifty nine dollars (\$33,759).

This Order is necessary to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 174. The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 and July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include a market rate adjustment to wage scales, effective July 2025, as well as increases to the detail rate.

As originally presented to you, the FY26 budget request included a Reserve for Collective Bargaining - a separate appropriation to fund projected collective bargaining increases. A separate order has been filed to reduce that appropriation to support this supplemental request.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Order expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 16, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the total amount of **THIRTY-TWO MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS** (\$32,600,000) from Fiscal Year 2026 community preservation fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”).

The Fund was created upon the adoption of the Community Preservation Act, Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44B, (the “Act”) in November 2016 and is funded by the 1% property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that took effect in July 2017 and an annual state distribution from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund. Section 5 of the Act provides that in each fiscal year, upon receiving recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee, the City Council shall take action and approve such appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund in order to implement the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee.

The CPC is recommending \$16,300,000 in affordable housing projects, \$8,150,000 in historic preservation projects, and \$8,150,000 in open space and recreational use projects. Since adopting the Community Preservation Act, over \$230 million has been awarded to 397 projects spanning across every neighborhood in the City of Boston. With your approval of this appropriation request, we will have awarded over \$260 million to 442 projects since the first funding round in 2018. Since 2018, only eighteen awarded projects have been withdrawn, resulting in more than \$5 million being returned to the reserve for future projects.

The upcoming projects will aim to improve the quality of life across Boston neighborhoods. Plans include renovating playgrounds and enhancing or creating recreational spaces such as parks, community gardens, and urban farms. In addition, these projects will plant trees to grow the city’s tree canopy, preserve historic buildings and artifacts, support a program for affordable first-time homebuyers and construct new affordable housing units for residents. Together, these efforts are expected to deliver a meaningful and lasting positive impact on Boston’s neighborhoods and communities.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order expeditiously so that the CPC may fund important



affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and recreational use projects in the City of Boston prior to the close of the Fiscal Year 2026.

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

ORDERED: That, upon the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee and in order to undertake community preservation projects with Community Preservation Fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2026, the respective sums of money specified in the schedules hereinafter set out be, and the same hereby are, appropriated for expenditure under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee for the several specific projects hereinafter designated being made out of the Community Preservation Fund's budgeted reserve for Fiscal Year 2026.

Appropriations

Affordable Housing - 6 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Charlestown	Austin Street - Building B	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$3,700,000
Citywide	ONE + Boston First-Time Homebuyers Program Funding (MOH)	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$5,000,000
Jamaica Plain	Rogerson-Beaufort	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,000,000
Jamaica Plain	294 Hyde Park Avenue	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,000,000
Roslindale	1198 Centre Street (aka 1200 Centre Street)	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,000,000
West End	151 Cambridge Street (West End Library)	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,600,000
		TOTAL	\$16,300,000

Historic Preservation - 23 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORH OOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Allston-Brighton	Brighton Allston Congregational Church	Brighton Allston Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)	\$500,000
Back Bay	Community Church - Phase III	The Community Church of Boston	\$100,540
Back Bay	Guild of Boston	Guild of Boston Artists, Inc.	\$242,880
Back Bay	First Baptist Church	The First Baptist Church of Boston	\$595,540
Charlestown	Charlestown Working Theater	Charlestown Working Theater, Inc.	\$213,172
Citywide	Archival Preservation at the CLA	American Congregational Association	\$56,980
Citywide	Hyde Park Historical Society Archives Preservation	The Hyde Park Historical Society, Inc.	\$231,000
Dorchester	Greater Love Tabernacle	Greater Love Tabernacle Church	\$274,716
Dorchester	First Haitian Baptist Church	First Haitian Baptist Church of Boston	\$597,850
Dorchester	Capen House Acquisition	City of Boston Office of Historic Preservation	\$100,000
Dorchester	G{Code} Tech - Carriage House	G Code, Inc.	\$528,040
Downtown	Old State House	Revolutionary Spaces, Inc.	\$278,019
Hyde Park	Riverside Theater Building	Inspire Arts and Music, Inc.	\$625,331
Hyde Park	B.F. Sturtevant Blower Works Powerhouse	Roundhead Brewing, LLC	\$285,482
Hyde Park	Phillips Brooks Memorial Reading Room Acquisition	Historic Boston Incorporated	\$500,000
Jamaica Plain	Hope Central Church - Phase III	Hope Central Church	\$595,000
Jamaica Plain	Community Care Collaborative	Community Service Care, Inc.	\$190,331
Roxbury	Ionic Hall	The Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts	\$812,307
Roxbury	Paige Academy	Paige Company, Inc.	\$92,405

Roxbury	Accessibility at 130 Warren Street	The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc.	\$146,654
South Boston	Boston Wharf Co. Sign	263 Summer Street Development LLC	\$465,453
South End	Haley House Roof Repair	Haley House, Inc.	\$291,500
West Roxbury	Centre Street Jewish Cemeteries	The Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts, Inc.	\$426,800
		TOTAL	\$8,150,000

Open Space and Recreational Use - 16 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORH OOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Charlestown	Harborwalk Extension at Little Mystic Channel	Boston Redevelopment Authority	\$500,000
Chinatown	Chinatown Immigrant Heritage Center	Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England, Inc.	\$148,379
Dorchester	Up Academy Playground	Boston Public Schools	\$1,100,000
Dorchester	Everett Elementary School	Boston Public Schools	\$250,000
Dorchester	Trina Persad Community Park	Dudley Neighbors Incorporated	\$721,240
Dorchester	Norwell-Radcliffe Food Forest	Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.	\$573,388
East Boston	McLean Playground	Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$198,000
Mattapan	Mass Audubon Boston Nature Center	Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc.	\$499,998
Mission Hill	Mission Hill Pathway - Phase II	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$646,929
Roslindale	Conley School Playground	Boston Public Schools	\$1,100,000
Roslindale	Fairy Hollow Community Garden	Sherman Street Green Space Conservancy & Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.	\$62,440



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 16, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Twenty Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$20,200,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following school:

Schools	Address	Scope	City	State	Zip
Adams Elementary School	163 Webster Street	Window/Doors Accessibility Upgrades	East Boston	MA	02128

This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may proceed with the design and construction of these timely improvements for Boston school facilities.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING TWENTY MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,200,000) FOR A PROJECT AT THE ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston (the "City") appropriate the amount of Twenty Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$20,200,000) for the purpose of paying costs of window and door replacement projects at the following school:

Schools	Address	Scope	City	State	Zip	Total Project Budget
Adams Elementary School	163 Webster Street	Window/Doors Accessibility Upgrades	East Boston	MA	02128	\$20,200,000

FURTHER ORDERED: This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair Project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of Boston Public Schools; and that to meet said appropriation the Collector-Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to borrow said amount under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended or supplemented, or any other enabling authority, to issue from time to time, with the approval of the Mayor, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City up to said amount, which debt issued hereunder may bear interest at variable rates, as the Collector-Treasurer shall select, be redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, at such price or prices and under such conditions as may be fixed by the Collector-Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor prior to the issuance thereof and contain terms that cause the interest thereon to be subject to federal income taxation; that this order shall constitute a declaration of official intent of the City pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.15 0-2(e) to reimburse expenditures for such Project made from funds established for such purpose as permitted by statute from proceeds of debt incurred by the City pursuant to this Order; and that pursuant to Section 12(b) of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983, as amended, if any part of the proceeds of sale of any bonds or notes or other obligations issued by the City under this Order remains unexpended after the work or purpose for which such bonds, notes or other obligations are issued is completed, such proceeds are hereby appropriated and may be applied by the Collector-Treasurer and City Auditor, at the direction of the Mayor, to pay the principal of, and premium and/or interest on such bonds, notes or other obligations or on any debt of the City. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA on account of the Project and the costs of issuance of any debt incurred hereunder shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the

amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement relating to the Project that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.** 3/13/26
BY [Signature] (FAS)
**MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 16, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following schools:

Schools	Address	Scope	City	State	Zip
Margarita Muñiz Academy	20 Child Street	Heat Pump and Roof	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130
Mildred Avenue K-8 School	5 Mildred Ave	Roof	Mattapan	MA	02126
Orchard Gardens School	906 Albany Street	Heat Pump and Roof	Roxbury	MA	02119

This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may proceed with the design and construction of these timely improvements for Boston school facilities.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED: That the City of Boston (the “City”) appropriate the amount of One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study and schematic design work associated with Heat Pump and Roof projects at the following schools:

School	Address	Scope	Neighborhood	State	Zip	Appropriation Amount
Margarita Muñiz Academy	20 Child Street	Heat Pump and Roof	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	\$50,000
Mildred Avenue K-8 School	5 Mildred Ave	Roof	Mattapan	MA	02126	\$200,000
Orchard Gardens School	906 Albany Street	Heat Pump and Roof	Roxbury	MA	02119	\$450,000

Further Ordered: This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (collectively, the “Projects”) and to the extent applicable, costs incurred for continuation of design services upon MSBA approval to proceed with design development which proposed repair Projects would materially extend the useful life of the schools and preserve assets that otherwise are capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of Boston Public Schools; that to meet said appropriation the Collector-Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to borrow said amount under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended or supplemented, or any other enabling authority, to issue from time to time, with the approval of the Mayor, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City up to said amount, which debt issued hereunder may bear interest at variable rates, as the Collector-Treasurer shall select, be redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, at such price or prices and under such conditions as may be fixed by the Collector-Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor prior to the issuance thereof and contain terms that cause the interest thereon to be subject to federal income taxation; and that this order shall constitute a declaration of official intent of the City pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.15 0-2(e) to reimburse expenditures for such Projects made from funds established for such purpose as permitted by statute from proceeds of debt incurred by the City pursuant to this Order; and that pursuant to Section 12(b) of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983, as amended, if any part of the proceeds of sale of any bonds or notes or other obligations issued by the City under this Order remains unexpended after the work or purpose for which such bonds, notes or other obligations are issued is completed, such proceeds are hereby appropriated and may be applied by the Collector-Treasurer and City Auditor, at the direction of the Mayor, to pay the principal of, and premium and/or interest on such bonds, notes or other obligations or on any debt of the City. The City acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA on

account of the Projects and the costs of issuance of any debt incurred hereunder shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement relating to the Projects that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.** 3/13/26
BY [Signature] (KMT)
**MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



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

03-12-2026

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 TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS **(\$256,500.00)** in the form of a grant, the Community First Partnership grant, awarded by Mass Save to be administered by the Environment.

The grant would fund outreach and engagement with environmental justice communities to drive increased awareness and measurable participation in energy efficiency 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 the Community First Partnership grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Mass Save.

WHEREAS, the Mass Save, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Environment; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$256,500.00**) would fund outreach and engagement with environmental justice communities to drive increased awareness and measurable participation in energy efficiency 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 Mass Save, the Community First Partnership grant award not to exceed the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$256,500.00**).

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 

Michael Firestone
Corporation Counsel



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

03-12-2026

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 SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$75,000.00**) in the form of a grant, FY26-Earmark - West End, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund older adult programs in the West End neighborhood

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 FY26-Earmark - West End FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Office of Travel & Tourism.

WHEREAS, the MA Office of Travel & Tourism, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$75,000.00**) would fund older adult programs in the West End neighborhood 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 MA Office of Travel & Tourism, FY26-Earmark - West End award not to exceed the amount of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$75,000.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
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by 

Michael Firestone
Corporation Counsel



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

03-12-2026

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Dear Councilors:

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The grant would fund older adult programs in the East Boston neighborhood.

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.

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WHEREAS, the MA Office of Travel & Tourism, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$75,000.00**) would fund older adult programs in the East Boston neighborhood. 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 MA Office of Travel & Tourism, FY26-Earmark - East Boston award not to exceed the amount of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$75,000.00**).

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Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an 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, FY26 Earmark - Dorchester, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund older adult programs in the Dorchester neighborhood

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.

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Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY26 Earmark - Dorchester FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Office of Travel & Tourism.

WHEREAS, the MA Office of Travel & Tourism, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$75,000.00**) would fund older adult programs in the Dorchester neighborhood 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 MA Office of Travel & Tourism, FY26 Earmark - Dorchester award not to exceed the amount of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$75,000.00**).

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**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
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03-12-2026

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, FY26-Earmark - South End, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund older adult programs in the South End neighborhood

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 FY26-Earmark - South End FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Office of Travel & Tourism.

WHEREAS, the MA Office of Travel & Tourism, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$50,000.00**) would fund older adult programs in the South End neighborhood 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 MA Office of Travel & Tourism, FY26-Earmark - South End award not to exceed the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$50,000.00**).

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

03-12-2026

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, FY26-Earmark - Roxbury and Dorchester, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund older adult programs in the Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhood.

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 FY26-Earmark - Roxbury and Dorchester FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Office of Travel & Tourism.

WHEREAS, the MA Office of Travel & Tourism, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$50,000.00**) would fund older adult programs in the Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhood. 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 MA Office of Travel & Tourism, FY26-Earmark - Roxbury and Dorchester award not to exceed the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$50,000.00**).

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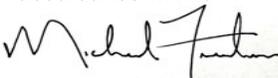
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**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

03-12-2026

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 THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (**\$38,229.30**) in the form of a grant, the State Literacy Program grant, awarded by MA Department of Education to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund the infrastructure costs for the Adult Community Learning Services at the Mass Hire Career Centers.

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 State Literacy Program grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Department of Education.

WHEREAS, the MA Department of Education, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (**\$38,229.30**) would fund the infrastructure costs for the Adult Community Learning Services at the Mass Hire Career Centers. 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 MA Department of Education, the State Literacy Program grant award not to exceed the amount of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (**\$38,229.30**).

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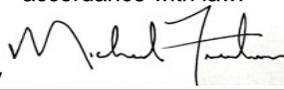
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_____ **City Clerk**

_____ **Mayor**

Approved _____

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

02/19/2026

TO THE CITY CLERK

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Boston City Charter, Acts of 1909, c. 486, s. 9, I hereby appoint Andrea Lane Hennelly of 3 Lamson Street, Unit 1, Boston, MA 02128, as Executive Director of People and Culture of the Office of Human Resources, effective January 24, 2026 until termination, resignation, removal, or replacement.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

Eneida D. Tavares
19 Babson Street
Boston, MA 02126
617-909-2596

To: The Honorable Michelle Wu, Mayor
City of Boston

January 16, 2025

I am writing to formally submit my resignation as Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners, effective January 30, 2026.

After careful consideration, I have decided that it is time for me to step down from this role to pursue other areas of interest and to allow for new leadership to guide the Elections Department forward.

Serving as Chair has been both an honor and a privilege. I am proud of the work we have accomplished in ensuring fair, transparent, and secure elections for the City of Boston.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to my fellow commissioners, the department staff, and all those involved in making the electoral process a success for their dedication and collaboration. I am also sincerely thankful for the opportunity to join the Public Facilities Department, which allows me to continue building on my career in public service and to serve the City of Boston in a new capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this important role. I look forward to continuing my commitment to public service and wish the City of Boston and the Elections Department continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eneida D. Tavares", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eneida D. Tavares



Boston City Council

ED FLYNN

Councilor - District 2

Nick Gove, Chief of Streets
One City Hall Square
Room 721
Boston, MA 02201

March 11, 2026

RE: Request for Early Street Sweeping in South Boston

Dear Chief Gove,

I'm writing today to respectfully request that the Public Works Department please consider beginning early street sweeping operations following the 123rd Annual Evacuation Day & St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Boston. I make this request in light of the feedback I have heard in recent weeks from neighbors. While we always receive these general concerns on the need for clean streets ahead of street sweeping season, this year those calls have increased dramatically due to additional trash and debris on our streets following the melting of significant snow and ice from the two major storms we experienced.

Currently, street sweeping is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, April 1st. In the days leading up to and following the Parade, South Boston becomes a destination for literally thousands of visitors to celebrate Evacuation Day and St. Patrick's Day. In past years, concerned South Boston residents and civic groups, the South Boston Community Health Center, nonprofit partners and my office have worked together on neighborhood clean-ups to dispose of cans, bottles, food waste, and other items on our streets and sidewalks. In recent years, residents have reported an increase in pest control activity following the parade due to remaining trash and debris.

In light of these quality of life and public health concerns, and especially with the recent increase in trash and debris following significant snow melting, I am respectfully requesting that the City please consider beginning street sweeping early this year. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ed.Flynn@boston.gov.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2



CITY OF BOSTON OFFICE OF FINANCE

March 16, 2026

Dear Honorable Members of the Boston City Council,

Thank you for your due diligence as we prepare to file the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget in a time of challenging economic conditions for municipalities across the Commonwealth and beyond. We appreciated the opportunity to update the Council at the Committee on Ways and Means hearing on February 26, 2026, where administration officials spoke about the significant cost pressures facing the City of Boston's health insurance system, which provides coverage for 55,000 members of our City workforce, their families and retirees. We also shared next steps to pursue options to reduce costs through the City's collective bargaining process with municipal unions.

I am writing to update you on recent developments in that process that confirm significant increases in employee premiums and health insurance budget costs to take effect in the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2026.

As described at the hearing last month, the City of Boston is self-insured like the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and many other public employers. This means the City assumes the financial risk for medical claims incurred by covered employees and retirees, rather than purchasing fully insured coverage. Like other employers, the City has faced increased costs from the overall rise in healthcare expenses, a series of unusually high-cost claims, and the growing use of GLP-1 medications for weight loss. Currently, only approximately 7.7% of non-Medicare plan members are accessing GLP-1s for weight loss through the City's health insurance — yet this utilization represents approximately 14.7% of the overall projected cost increase from FY26 to FY27, with GLP-1 for weight loss costs estimated at \$31.6 million in FY26 and rising to approximately \$47.4 million in FY27.

The City pursued options to avoid dropping coverage of this medication, including the implementation of utilization management - an industry-standard cost containment tool that ensures prescription drugs are only prescribed when clinically appropriate - in order to preserve access for our workforce to health and well-being. The City of Boston

is currently one of the only Blue Cross Blue Shield accounts in Massachusetts without utilization management in place for non-specialty medications, and this tool is already in place for the City's Mass General Brigham non-Medicare plan.

As you know, in order to make plan changes, the City must engage in the collective bargaining process for health benefits with the Public Employee Committee (PEC), which consists of public employee union representatives and a retiree representative. On February 10, 2026, the administration presented the PEC leadership with full information about skyrocketing health care costs and an impending 22.6% rate increase, along with options to address these costs, including the adoption of utilization management, which would save the City between \$8 to \$9 million. We discussed scheduling a vote of PEC on March 10, 2026. Unfortunately, even after receiving information on the City's financial position and being presented with potential solutions, the PEC leadership arranged a vote with less than 24 hours notice for a vote on March 9, 2026. Three unions, representing the majority of those present at the meeting, voted to reject any plan design changes, three unions voted to adopt utilization management, and several other unions were unable to attend the meeting due to short notice.

The consequences of this inaction, if allowed to stand, are massive and immediate. Health insurance rates for non-Medicare plans will increase by 22.6% over FY26—the highest ever year-over-year premium increase in recent history. These rate increases will be deeply felt by the City and across our workforce. For example, an employee enrolled in the BCBSMA Standard HMO family plan—the most widely used non-Medicare plan—will see their monthly premium jump from \$655 to \$803, an increase of \$148 monthly and \$1,773 annually.

Given these unprecedented circumstances, and unaffordable increases in cost for our employees and the City, our administration has requested that the PEC leadership reconvene and take new votes on the options presented no later than Friday, March 20. These significant financial impacts require a departure from standard practice, and we remain hopeful that the PEC will work with the City on a path forward that serves our workforce, maintains fiscal responsibility, and averts the need to pursue alternatives, such as joining the Commonwealth's Group Insurance Commission, which has already voted to eliminate GLP-1 coverage for weight loss.

These additional expenditure pressures are occurring against a backdrop of constrained revenue growth, which remains projected at approximately 1.5% to 2.5% over FY26. With fewer resources available to absorb these increased costs, additional targeted reductions will be necessary as we work to deliver a responsible and balanced budget for FY27.

We are in the midst of a uniquely challenging fiscal moment for the City and our residents. The administration remains committed to working together with our labor partners to protect the City's long-term financial stability, the health care coverage that our workforce depends on, and the high-quality core City services that our residents deserve. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to working together to address these challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Groffenberger", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ashley Groffenberger
Chief Financial Officer, Collector-Treasurer

Cc:
PEC members



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PEST CONTROL AND THE DISCOVERY OF LEPTOSPIROSIS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** Pest control is critical to our residents’ quality of life, as rats and rodents are not only a nuisance, but they also impact public health, the sanitization of our neighborhoods, and the maintenance of our properties; *and*
- WHEREAS:** There has been a dramatic rise in rodent and pest activities in our neighborhoods since the COVID-19 pandemic, with residents and businesses reporting to 311 about the increase of rats and other rodents on our streets and homes; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Last year, a Tufts University study on the Boston Urban Rat population found that rats in Boston are carrying and spreading leptospirosis, a bacterial disease that impacts both humans and other animals. Leptospirosis is spread by the urine of infected animals through contact with infected soil and water; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The spread of leptospirosis has been aided by climate change, as the bacteria thrives in warmer conditions. There are concerns on how this may impact vulnerable populations such as the homeless, as well as our street cleaners and sanitary health workers, and those who come in regular contact with animals; *and*
- WHEREAS:** This Tufts University report reinforces the urgent need for the City of Boston to make pest control a top priority. Following last year’s release of the city’s Boston Rodent Action Plan (BRAP), it is important to review if the initiative is delivering results, and to revisit the recommendation of the study’s author, renowned rodent urbanologist Dr. Bobby Corrigan for the creation of a dedicated position of a “rat czar”, as New York City implemented in 2023; *and*
- WHEREAS:** With warmer temperatures impacting Boston in the longer term, the city should have concrete measures in place to adequately tackle the rise in rodent activities and the spread of potential diseases, including more inspections, public awareness campaigns and public outreach with language access; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Currently, pest control continues to be a cross-departmental effort in the City of Boston. It is critical that the city continues to devote the necessary resources and attention to this significant quality of life and public health issue. Having a dedicated position and office on pest control could allow us to better focus on the issue, provide a more streamlined and coordinated process in reducing pests, and come up with more innovative ways in preventing pest infestations; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss measures for pest control and reducing the spread of leptospirosis in the City of Boston. Representatives from the Inspectional Services Department, Code Enforcement, Public Works, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: July 9, 2025

Offered by City Councilors Julia Mejia, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Weber, and Worrell



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

**ORDER FOR A HEARING ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY,
TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF DECISION MAKING
PROTOCOLS IN CITY GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, Sherry Arnstein, writing in 1969 about citizen involvement in planning processes in the United States, described a “ladder of citizen participation” that ranges from non-participation to full citizen control, where people handle the entire process of planning, policy-making, and program management. Arnstein’s framework underscores the importance of inclusive decision-making processes, particularly in matters that impact local communities; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston develops and dedicates substantial resources and conducts in-depth decision-making related to housing, education, public safety, public health, and zoning, but these resources and decision-making processes are often inaccessible to the individuals and communities most directly impacted by the systemic issues these initiatives aim to address; *and*

WHEREAS, Protocols and procedures in the City of Boston, established through the city charter, legislative action, or the discretion of city officials, have created a civic culture where individuals with the most privileged access often hold disproportionate influence over decision-making, while many residents feel excluded from or unheard in shaping policies and programs that affect them; *and*

WHEREAS, The renovation of White Stadium in Franklin Park has raised concerns about how effectively large-scale city projects incorporate meaningful community input. The project’s significant cost increase—from \$50 million to \$91 million—has highlighted questions regarding transparency, the accessibility and inclusiveness of decision-making processes, and how

these decisions align with the needs and priorities of neighboring communities such as Roxbury and Mattapan; *and*

WHEREAS,

In January 2026, City administration announced its intent to abandon a previously designated life sciences and affordable housing development on the City-owned Parcel 3 site along Tremont Street in Roxbury in favor of studying the construction of a new Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, a significant shift communicated to residents after years of community engagement around the prior plan and without a clearly defined, community-driven decision-making process, prompting concerns from Roxbury residents and Black community leaders about top-down governance, inconsistent application of public-private partnership models, the displacement of Black-led development partners, and the erosion of trust in how major land-use and public investment decisions are made; *and*

WHEREAS,

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) continues to conduct “Squares and Streets” planning and rezoning initiatives in several neighborhoods now and with a total of 17 neighborhoods in the future. Concerns have been raised about the inclusiveness and effectiveness of community engagement in these efforts, as participation data shows underrepresentation of protected demographic groups relative to neighborhood populations, suggesting insufficient outreach and equitable access, alongside a lack of specific measures to prevent the potential displacement often linked to rezoning, highlighting the need for more inclusive and proactive planning processes.; *and*

WHEREAS,

The modernization of Article 80 development processes by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) has raised concerns about reductions in public participation, the transparency of decision-making protocols, and the inclusion of protections against displacement and inequity in housing and development outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS,

The redesign of Blue Hill Avenue, a vital corridor connecting multiple Boston neighborhoods, has raised similar concerns about a lack of community involvement in decision-making. Despite the significant impact of proposed changes to traffic flow, parking, and infrastructure, many residents and business owners along the corridor feel excluded from conversations that directly affect their lives and livelihoods. Greater transparency and engagement are necessary to align decisions with the needs of those most affected; *and*

WHEREAS,

The redesign and construction of Madison Park Vocational Technical High School has experienced prolonged delays that have disrupted students’

access to critical vocational and technical programming, and although the project has now received funding approval from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, community stakeholders continue to raise concerns regarding decision-making protocols related to swing space utilization during construction, the scope and inclusion of academic and vocational programs in the redesign, and the transparency of the project's timeline, budget, and community engagement processes; *and*

WHEREAS,

Since its creation, the Boston City Council Committee on Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility has worked to review the efficiency, effectiveness, and accessibility of city operations and programs. This includes the importance of examining decision-making protocols for projects like the White Stadium renovation, Squares and Streets up-zoning, Article 80 modernization, and the Housing Accelerator Fund to ensure they align with legislative intent and community priorities; *and*

WHEREAS,

More work remains to ensure that the City of Boston's departments and agencies adopt accountable, transparent, and accessible decision-making processes that center the voices of all residents, particularly those in historically underserved neighborhoods; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing on Community Engagement, Transparency, and Accountability in City Development Decision-Making to examine the policies, protocols, and practices used by City departments and agencies to engage residents, disclose information, and make decisions related to major development, rezoning, capital, and infrastructure projects, including but not limited to the White Stadium renovation, Parcel 3 siting decisions, Squares and Streets rezoning, Article 80 modernization and other public-private partnerships; and to assess how these decision-making processes align with legislative intent, equity goals, public oversight responsibilities, and the needs of communities most impacted by such projects.

Filed in Council: January 28, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BENJAMIN J. WEBER, BREADON, COLETTA ZAPATA, CULPEPPER, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, PEPÉN, SANTANA, AND WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW CONSTRUCTION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WHITE STADIUM PROJECT

WHEREAS, In April 2023, Mayor Michelle Wu announced the release of a request for proposals to renovate, rebuild, and reimagine White Stadium in Franklin Park as a hub for Boston Public Schools athletics; *and*

WHEREAS, In September 2023, Mayor Michelle Wu announced that Boston Unity Soccer Partners had been chosen during the RFP process to refurbish the stadium to be shared with Boston Public School students. This announcement was coupled with a \$30 million investment from Boston Unity Soccer Partners; *and*

WHEREAS, In December 2024, a 10-year BPS Stadium Usage Agreement and lease agreement was executed by the City and Boston Unity Soccer which established financial terms and legal obligations for maintenance and operations of the facility; *and*

WHEREAS, After 60 community meetings and more than 900 comment letters the White Stadium project was altered to address some of the concerns and issues raised; *and*

WHEREAS, The projected costs of the White Stadium project have gone up substantially on several occasions since the initial proposal was made in 2023 with various reasons given, including the rising costs of materials and labor and costs associated with the delay of construction due to litigation. According to recent disclosures by the Mayor's office, about \$12 million has been spent so far to demolish White Stadium; *and*

WHEREAS, Construction of the renovated White Stadium is expected to begin in earnest in the Spring of 2026. The cost of construction will depend on the various bids that were submitted for the project. Mayor Michelle Wu has committed to releasing updated costs at the start of the 2026 calendar year after the bidding process is completed; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council voted to approve the FY26-30 5-year Capital Plan, which was partially funded by loan orders totalling approximately \$466 million on June 25, 2025, which included a line item for White Stadium design and renovation costs estimated at \$91 million (the City's share of the total construction costs); *and*

WHEREAS, During a December 10, 2025 Boston City Council meeting, this body unanimously adopted a resolution in support of demanding updated cost estimates for the White Stadium project; *and*

WHEREAS, In order to conduct proper oversight of the renovation of this City-funded BPS athletic facility, it is important for the Council to receive updated estimates on costs that are associated with completion of this project; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to provide oversight for future expenditures and inform the Council's vote on the upcoming FY27-31 capital budget.

Filed on: January 28, 2026

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

**HOME RULE PETITION FOR AN ACT RELATIVE TO VOTING FOR
ALL LEGAL RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

- WHEREAS,*** The narrative that immigrants built this country is often used as a calling card for diversity, yet continuous roadblocks and red tape are used to further strip down the rights of those who have built a life in this city; and;
and
- WHEREAS,*** Immigrants with “legal status” constitute over 28% of the city population, pay on average 2.3 billion dollars in taxes annually, and hold roughly 6 billion dollars in collective spending power; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** The disenfranchisement of any tax-payer from the electoral process is inconsistent with the fundamental American principle of “No taxation without representation” and undermines our City’s ideological foundation;
and
- WHEREAS,*** The process to obtain full citizenship carries many financial and time-related barriers, and while this process moves slowly, new Bostonians are unable to vote for the municipal representatives who are making policy decisions that affect their everyday lives; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** Many municipalities across the country have restored municipal voting rights to non-citizens, including but not limited to eleven in Maryland, two in Vermont, San Francisco, California, and New York City; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** The Boston City Council believes that all legal residents, regardless of citizenship status, deserve the ability to decide who represents them on issues that affect them; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** Excluding such a significant portion of our City’s population from full political participation threatens the health of our democracy and prevents us from building a sustainable and prosperous government; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provided, that the General Court may vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:
AN ACT RELATIVE TO VOTING FOR ALL LEGAL RESIDENTS IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON**

SECTION 1. Right to Vote in City of Boston Elections.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section one of chapter fifty-one of the general laws, or any other general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, every legal resident that is eighteen (18) years of age or older who resides in the city of Boston may, upon application have their names entered on a list of legal voting age residents established by the board of election commissioners for the City of Boston. Such individuals on the list of legal voting age residents may vote in any election for local offices and local ballot questions in accordance with this act. For the purposes of this act, "legal voting age residents" are anyone eligible to vote pursuant to this act in a local election or upon a local ballot question in the City of Boston.

SECTION 2. Regulatory Authority

Said board of election commissioners shall promulgate all necessary regulations, guidelines, and registration forms to implement the purposes of this act. The voter registration forms shall include a declaration to be signed under pains and penalties of perjury by the applying non-citizen voter that: (1) the individual is a legal resident of the city of Boston and the United States; (2) the individual, in good faith, intends to become a U.S. citizen and intends to begin that process, if eligible. Every non-citizen legal voting age resident who signed this declaration shall remain eligible to vote in any municipal election as long as they remain a resident in the city of Boston.

Legal voting age residents must register 10 days before all preliminary and municipal elections. This deadline also applies to an address change. Mail-in voting procedures shall be available to legal voting age residents under this act. The board of election commissioners shall establish an application form and promulgate procedures for legal voting age residents to vote by mail.

SECTION 3. State and Federal Elections.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to confer upon non-citizens the right to vote regarding any candidate for state office, federal office, or federal ballot questions. If a local ballot question appears on a state election ballot, the board shall print a separate ballot for the local ballot question at the expense of the City of Boston.

SECTION 4. Severability.

The provisions of this act 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 remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5.

The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pass ordinances to implement the purpose of this act subject to all the provisions of the Boston City Charter.

SECTION 6.

This act shall take effect one voting cycle after its passage.

Filed in Council: March 18, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE TELEHEALTH ACCESS AND DIGITAL HEALTH EQUITY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Telehealth services have become an increasingly important tool for delivering healthcare services, enabling patients to access medical consultations, behavioral health services, and follow-up care remotely; *and*

WHEREAS, Telehealth services may improve healthcare access for residents who face barriers to in-person care, including seniors, individuals with disabilities, working families, and residents with limited access to transportation; *and*

WHEREAS, The expansion of telehealth services during and after the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the potential of digital health technologies to improve healthcare accessibility and continuity of care; *and*

WHEREAS, Access to telehealth services may be limited by factors including broadband availability, digital literacy, technology access, and disparities in healthcare infrastructure across neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Understanding how telehealth services are currently utilized by Boston residents and identifying barriers to telehealth access may help improve healthcare equity and expand access to essential medical services; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine telehealth access and digital health equity in the City of Boston, including barriers to telehealth utilization, opportunities to expand access to remote healthcare services, and strategies to ensure equitable access to telehealth technologies across neighborhoods, and that the Boston Public Health Commission, the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Office of Digital Equity and Broadband, local hospitals, community health centers, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: March 18, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE ACCESS
TO PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS, Access to primary care physicians is a foundational component of a strong healthcare system and plays a vital role in preventive care, chronic disease management, and early diagnosis of medical conditions; *and*

WHEREAS, Primary care providers serve as the first point of contact for many patients and help coordinate care across the broader healthcare system; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents in many communities in Boston and across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have reported increasing difficulty in securing appointments with primary care physicians due to workforce shortages and growing demand for healthcare services; *and*

WHEREAS, Limited access to primary care physicians may lead to delays in medical care, increased reliance on emergency departments, and worsened health outcomes for patients; *and*

WHEREAS, Understanding the availability of primary care physicians in Boston and identifying barriers to access may help inform strategies to improve healthcare accessibility for residents across all neighborhoods; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine access to primary care physicians in the City of Boston, including workforce shortages, barriers to establishing primary care relationships, and strategies to expand access to primary care services for residents, and that the Boston Public Health Commission, local hospitals, community health centers, healthcare workforce organizations, medical schools, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN MARKET VALUE AND TAX ASSESSED VALUE FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND TO EVALUATE THE CITY'S TAX ASSESSMENT PRACTICES

WHEREAS, Property taxes in the City of Boston are calculated based on the assessed value assigned to real property through the City's annual valuation system, which is intended to approximate fair market value; *and*

WHEREAS, Recent residential property sales in Boston have revealed notable differences between the sale price of certain properties and the tax assessed value used for taxation purposes, particularly among the highest-priced homes; *and*

WHEREAS, In one recent example, a townhouse located in the Back Bay neighborhood sold for approximately \$21 million, while the City's tax assessed value for the property was roughly \$12.5 million, representing a substantial gap between market value and the value used for tax purposes; *and*

WHEREAS, An analysis of residential sales indicates that luxury homes in Boston are assigned a tax assessed value averaging roughly 68 percent of their sale price, suggesting that some high-value properties may be valued significantly below their actual market value for tax purposes; *and*

WHEREAS, Data examining the top twenty luxury property transactions in the City of Boston indicates that significant discrepancies exist between assessed property values and market transaction prices, with reported under-assessments totaling approximately \$35,432,500 in 2024 and \$43,654,400 in 2025 raising concerns regarding the accuracy and consistency of high-value property assessments and the potential implications for equitable property tax administration in the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, By contrast, some lower-priced homes appear to have a tax assessed value at or above their sale price; for example, a single-family home in Roslindale that sold for approximately \$430,000 was assigned a tax assessed value of \$489,000, or about 114 percent of its sale price; *and*

WHEREAS, Because tax assessed values form the foundation of Boston’s property tax system, it is important that the methodology used by the City accurately reflects market conditions across the full spectrum of residential property values; *and*

WHEREAS, Given the magnitude of recent valuation gaps, it is important for the Boston City Council to reevaluate current assessment practices and consider whether additional data, updated valuation methods, and other adjustments could improve consistency between tax assessed values and market activity; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine discrepancies between market sale prices and tax assessed values for residential properties, with particular attention to differences between high-value luxury homes and lower-priced single-family homes, and to evaluate the City of Boston’s property tax assessment practices to determine whether current valuation methods accurately capture market conditions across all segments of the housing market; and that representatives from the Boston Assessing Department, the Office of Budget Management, the City of Boston Taxpayer Assistance Office, housing economists, property valuation experts, residential property owners, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend and provide testimony.

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OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW ADMINISTRATIVE
TRANSPARENCY, EQUITABLE STUDENT REPRESENTATION, AND
STUDENT FREEDOMS IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is home to many higher education institutions that attract students from across the country and around the world seeking academic opportunity and professional advancement; *and*

WHEREAS, Students at higher education institutions, including Northeastern University, have raised concerns regarding the level of engagement between students and university administrators and the extent to which student perspectives are represented in institutional decision-making; *and*

WHEREAS, Decisions made by a university or college's Board of Trustees can have significant impacts on faculty, students, and staff, yet information about board governance practices, including meeting minutes and board membership, may not always be widely accessible to the broader campus community; *and*

WHEREAS, Members of the campus community have also raised questions regarding institutional policies related to protections for international students, protocols related to federal immigration enforcement, and the availability of resources and information for students and the broader university community; *and*

WHEREAS, Institutions of higher education play an important role in supporting open dialogue, civic engagement, and the exchange of ideas, including the protection of speech, expression, and peaceful demonstration within campus communities; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council has an interest in understanding how higher education institutions in the City are addressing issues related to

transparency, governance, and student engagement; ***NOW THEREFORE
BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review issues related to administrative transparency, student representation, and student rights at Northeastern University and other private higher education institutions in the City of Boston. Representatives from student groups, faculty, university leadership, subject matter experts, and members of the public are encouraged to participate.

Filed in Council: March 18, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS CITY OF BOSTON TRANSPORTATION PHILOSOPHY AND STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has committed to improving street safety and transportation infrastructure with the goal of eliminating all fatal and severe traffic crashes by 2030; *and*

WHEREAS, The City has undertaken an ambitious portfolio of street safety initiatives, including street redesigns, bike lane installations, speed humps, and other safety infrastructure, reflecting a strong commitment to the health and wellbeing of Boston residents; *and*

WHEREAS, The Mayor has emphasized the importance of ensuring that street infrastructure projects reflect genuine community consensus, and that residents have meaningful opportunities to shape the design and implementation of projects in their neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Several projects have received federal and state funding, including pandemic recovery funds that expire at the end of the fiscal year, and a hearing would help ensure the City is well-positioned to meet funding deadlines and protect these investments; *and*

WHEREAS, The Council seeks to better understand the current transportation philosophy and the criteria that guide the selection, prioritization, and advancement of street infrastructure projects; *and*

WHEREAS, The public and other stakeholders would benefit from an update on the status and anticipated timelines for projects that have been frequently discussed, including bike, bus, and traffic calming infrastructure; *and*

WHEREAS, It is important to clearly articulate the City of Boston's transportation goals for this term, and how progress toward those goals will be measured; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council shall hold a hearing to engage in a substantive and constructive discussion on transportation philosophy, governance of street infrastructure, project status, and mechanisms for community engagement, with representatives from the Transportation Department and any other relevant city leaders to provide comprehensive information at this hearing.

Filed on: March 16, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATED FOR TRANSPORTATION AND STREETS PROJECTS

WHEREAS, The City of Boston’s Streets Cabinet, Transportation Department (‘BTD’), Public Works Department, in coordination with the MBTA, MassDOT, and other relevant state-level departments and agencies, often rely on a combination of federal, state, and City funding to plan, design, and implement transportation projects throughout Boston; *and*,

WHEREAS, Federal funding for transportation projects in the City of Boston may be secured from sources that include the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority’s (‘MBTA’) rolling five-year Capital Investment Plan (‘CIP’) and the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Improvement Program (‘TIP’), a federally-required, five-year rolling capital plan that determines how specific federal transportation funding will be allocated in the Greater Boston area; *and*,

WHEREAS, State funding for transportation projects in the City of Boston may be secured from sources that include the MBTA CIP, the MPO TIP, and other transportation grant programs managed by state-level departments such as MassDOT; *and*,

WHEREAS, Numerous transportation projects located in the City of Boston have successfully secured federal and/or state funding to advance project planning, design, or implementation; these projects include: the Boylston Street pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements project in the Fenway, which has secured approximately \$8MM in federal funding from the MPO TIP; the Columbus Ave Bus Lane Phase 2 project, which has secured approximately \$34MM in federal funding from the MPO TIP and the MBTA; the Dorchester Greenway project, which has received approximately \$3MM in state funding; the Blue Hill Ave Transportation Action Plan, which has received approximately \$146MM in federal funding from the Federal Transit Administration and the MBTA; and a sidewalk improvement project to along Vineland Street and Riverview Road in Brighton, which has received approximately \$3.8MM in state funding via MassDOT; *and*,

WHEREAS, In recent months, the City’s participation in numerous transportation projects has been indefinitely paused and the Streets Cabinet and BTD have yet to advance

many key transportation projects, ranging from smaller-scale pedestrian improvements to larger-scale corridor-level initiatives; *and*,

WHEREAS, Recent press coverage indicates that this pause on transportation projects appears to be a de facto policy; *and*,

WHEREAS, Federally-funded transportation projects must meet federal design and procurement deadlines in order to maintain eligibility for funding, with state funding subject to similar deadlines; *and*,

WHEREAS, The City's FY27 Budget is anticipated to be particularly constrained, due in part to limited revenue growth and the impact of destabilizing federal policies; *and*,

WHEREAS, Continued delays to the advancement of these transportation projects could jeopardize an estimated \$200MM in public investment for the City of Boston at a time the City can least afford to lose investment; *and*,

WHEREAS, This de facto pause has the potential to negatively impact the City, the Street Cabinet, BTD, the MBTA, and MassDOT's ability to effectively collaborate with and receive federal funds for future Boston-based projects; impacted projects may such important transportation initiatives as the MBTA's Mattapan High-Speed Line Transformation, which has been allocated approximately \$100MM in the FY26-30 MBTA CIP; the MBTA's Green Line Transformation project, which recently received \$100MM in federal funding; and the MBTA's Orange Line Southwest Corridor Modernization project, which has been allocated approximately \$39MM in the FY26-30 MBTA CIP; *and*,

WHEREAS, The potential loss of a significant amount of federal and state funding, and the jeopardization of future funding opportunities for scheduled Boston transportation project, must be thoroughly examined during the FY27 Budget process to ensure that the City is being fiscally responsible; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the current status of federal and state funding allocated to transportation projects in Boston and the implications that the potential loss of this funding will have on the City budget and future transportation projects, and that representatives from the Streets Cabinet, other relevant City departments, the MBTA, the MPO, and other interested members of the public are invited to attend.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW NIGHTLIFE INDUSTRY SAFETY TRAINING AND THE ROLE OF THE OFFICE OF NIGHTLIFE ECONOMY

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council recently held a hearing in the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice to discuss incidents of drink spiking and safety concerns in nightlife establishments across the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS, During that hearing, testimony from City officials and members of the public raised questions regarding prevention efforts and safety initiatives directed toward bars, restaurants, and nightlife establishments; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Nightlife Economy, which operates within the City's Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet, has been established to support Boston's nightlife industry and to coordinate initiatives intended to promote safe and responsible operations within licensed establishments; and

WHEREAS, The City has described a number of safety initiatives and trainings offered to nightlife establishments, including efforts related to drink spiking prevention, naloxone administration, de-escalation training, CPR training, "Stop the Bleed" training, and other public safety practices; and

WHEREAS, Questions remain regarding the scope of these initiatives, the number of establishments participating in such trainings, and the role of the Office of Nightlife Economy in coordinating safety and training efforts for Boston's nightlife workforce; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring that hospitality workers, venue operators, and nightlife staff have access to effective training and safety resources is an important component of protecting patrons, workers, and visitors in Boston's nightlife economy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review the role of the Office of Nightlife Economy and the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet in coordinating safety initiatives and workforce training for Boston's nightlife establishments, including prevention efforts related to drink spiking and other safety concerns in bars, nightclubs, and licensed venues.

The hearing shall examine the scope of safety training programs offered to nightlife establishments, the participation of licensed venues in these programs, and the efforts of the Office of Nightlife Economy to support safer nightlife environments across the City.

Representatives from the Office of Nightlife Economy, the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet, and representatives of Boston's hospitality industry shall be invited to testify.

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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW FUNDING, REIMBURSEMENT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR POLICE OVERTIME DETAILS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Each year during the City Council’s budget deliberations, significant discussion occurs regarding police overtime spending and the financial impact of overtime costs on the City’s operating budget; and

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department provides overtime coverage for a variety of public safety needs, including emergency response, public safety staffing, special events, construction details, and other operational requirements; and

WHEREAS, Many police details throughout the City are associated with private construction projects, utility work, sporting events, concerts, and other activities where outside entities such as utility companies, developers, or event venues are responsible for reimbursing the City for police services; and

WHEREAS, Questions are frequently raised by members of the Boston City Council and the public regarding how police overtime is funded, how reimbursement for paid details is administered, and how much of the overtime costs associated with police details are ultimately borne by the City of Boston versus reimbursed by private entities; and

WHEREAS, A clearer understanding of the funding structure for police overtime details, including reimbursement mechanisms and cost recovery, would help provide transparency and allow the Boston City Council to make more informed decisions during the City’s annual budget process; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring transparency regarding overtime funding, reimbursement practices, and the financial relationship between the City and outside entities paying for police details is an important component of responsible fiscal oversight;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review the funding structure, reimbursement process, and financial accounting for police overtime details in the City of Boston. The hearing shall examine how police overtime associated with construction details, utility work, special events, and other activities is funded, how outside entities reimburse the City for these services, and what portion of overtime costs are ultimately paid by the City of Boston.

Representatives from the Boston Police Department, the Boston Police Detail Board, the Office of Budget Management, the City Auditor, and other relevant officials shall be invited to testify and provide data regarding overtime expenditures, reimbursement practices, and cost recovery.

Filed on: March 18, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD M. FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF THE FIFA WORLD CUP FAN MARCHES ON BASIC CITY SERVICES

WHEREAS, With the FIFA World Cup fast-approaching in June, outstanding issues remain as it relates to security, public safety, and transportation concerns. Specifically, neighbors have raised concerns on how the events will impact basic city services; *and*

WHEREAS, Reports indicate that local police departments at other sites across the country are planning for the potential for unplanned assemblies and “fan marches“, which are a part of international soccer culture. There have been reports over the last several months at the city and/or state level on actively coordinating these fan marches, where thousands of people will gather at City Hall, the Boston Common, and even Medal of Honor Park in South Boston before marching to the Thomas M. Menino Convention and Exhibition Center (MCEC); *and*

WHEREAS, Neighbors have noted that rideshare (Uber/Lyft) pick up and drop off for thousands of visitors and marchers at this scale would only exacerbate longtime pedestrian safety issues and South Boston's existing parking crisis; *and*

WHEREAS, Moreover, a plan to potentially shut down Summer Street, which would not only result in traffic congestion in the city for every game this summer, it would negatively impact operations for many nearby businesses in the South Boston Waterfront, and essentially close Conley Terminal - a key driver of our state, local, and regional economy; *and*

WHEREAS, In addition, the last day of Boston Public Schools (BPS) is slated to be Monday, June 22nd, and this additional traffic re-routed throughout the city would potentially impact transportation for BPS families; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents and small businesses have also raised concerns regarding the ability to deliver basic city services, such as trash removal and street sweeping, during this time, as there are reports that Summer Street and others may be shut down; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the impact of the FIFA World Cup fan march on the ability to deliver

basic city services, and that the Boston Transportation Department, Department of Public Works, the Boston Police Department, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: March 18, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD M. FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

AN ORDER REGARDING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE BOSTON ZONING CODE RELATIVE TO REQUIRING ON-SITE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN PLAN: DOWNTOWN

WHEREAS, PLAN: Downtown, the first major planning effort in Downtown Boston since 1989, reportedly aimed to bring stakeholders together in partnership with the Boston Planning Department to craft a master plan for the neighborhood. Thanks to collaboration with the PLAN: Downtown Advisory Group, the Planning Department adopted a carefully crafted masterplan in December 2023. However, in January 2025, the Planning Department introduced a draft plan that was a drastic shift from the previous December 2023 draft; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite years of community engagement and compromise with the PLAN: Downtown Advisory Group from the start of the process in 2018, the BPDA Board subsequently approved a PLAN with negative feedback from the community in September 2025, and the Boston Zoning Commission approved the PLAN in October 2025. The PLAN is now codified in the Boston Zoning Code; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents have continued to be concerned about the potential violation with the state's shadow law, loss of historic character and excessive height, including up to 500 to 700 feet in the so-called SKY DISTRICT, which includes zones with historic buildings; *and*

WHEREAS, A key area residents have highlighted is significant concerns on only building wealth storage units, as the plan failed to require on-site affordable housing. Requiring on-site affordable units would not only address some of the concerns on those wealth storage units that fail to address our housing crisis, it would provide access to the workforce, middle market and income-restricted units that working families so desperately need. While wealth storage units would not provide much-needed foot traffic the core of the city, on-site affordable housing would provide the consistent support that our small business community has lacked since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020; *and*

WHEREAS, A Boston Globe report also cited that Boston lagged 16 peer cities in housing production in 2024. With reports continuing to show that production has dropped significantly - from 9,800 in 2020, to 2,389 in 2024, and just 852 in the first half

of 2025 - all options should now be on the table to increase supply and meet demand for housing and affordable units; *and*

WHEREAS, During this time of great economic uncertainty - a high interest rate environment for years to stem post-pandemic inflation, increased construction costs, and now tariffs - we must use all tools available to build more housing and affordable housing in Boston, especially to generate more foot traffic to the core of the city in Downtown Boston; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED, *That the Boston City Council, by and through Councilor Edward Flynn, submits a petition to amend the text of the Boston Zoning Code.*

TO THE ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston City Council through and by Boston City Councilor Edward Flynn petition to amend the text of the Boston Zoning Code as follows:

(1) The following section shall be inserted under Article 31, Section 6, clause A.

e. Requirement of On-site Affordable Units. A development plan must include a percentage of units be reserved as income-restricted, in accordance with the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), onsite.

Petitioner: Boston City Council
By: Councilor Edward Flynn
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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER REGARDING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE BOSTON ZONING CODE TO ESTABLISH BOSTON INVESTMENT ZONES: AN ANTI-DISPLACEMENT TOOL

WHEREAS, While Boston currently maintains one of the most expensive real estate markets in the United States, its residents have endured longtime risk and impacts of displacement because of a history of redlining, development deregulation, systemic racism and discrimination baked into city and private development, real estate, and lending practices; *and*

WHEREAS, A combination of low wages, exorbitant housing costs, and lack of social supports have caused an epidemic of housing instability and related roadblocks to economic mobility, while new development can drive even higher property values, taxes and rents, often resulting in increased displacement of residents; *and*

WHEREAS, From organizations like the Community Assembly for a United South End (CAUSE) in the 1960s to present-day neighborhood-led movements such as the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Community Action Coalition (AFFH CAC), Action For Equity, and the Boston Tenant Coalition, community leaders and advocates have expressed longtime concerns about the persistent lack of clear protections to proactively and preventatively guard communities from displacement, rather than retroactively once families have already been displaced; *and*

WHEREAS, A 2018 study of the Fairmount Indigo commuter rail line highlights “the fear of potential and actual displacement of long-time residents as a major concern” especially impacting neighborhoods of Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, and areas with a majority population of low-income and historically disenfranchised Black and Brown residents; *and*

WHEREAS, The lack of access to quality, sustainable jobs with livable wages and upward mobility is a major contributor to increasing the risk of displacement, and the neighborhoods at the highest risk often see residents struggling to make ends meet while beholden to low-wage jobs with little room for growth; *and*

- WHEREAS,** In early 2025, the City of Boston released a report and a heat map reflecting displacement risk scores by neighborhoods, as determined by foreclosure and eviction rates, providing a foundation of data that presents the case for establishing districts with targeted policies for protection to prevent further displacement and promote economic mobility and sustainability for these areas and their residents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The areas with higher displacement risk scores largely correlate with neighborhoods that have larger populations of residents and families with lower income levels, less access to quality jobs and economic mobility, and historical and current discrepancies in available housing choice and available units; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Per Goal 7.6 of the Official Assessment of Fair Housing, the City is mandated to explore ways that zoning can be used to mitigate the impact of transit improvements that could contribute to displacement of residents, and the Planning and Development Agency has relayed a goal of exploring “ways that zoning can be used when new development may contribute to displacement of protected classes and where there has been a history of exclusion”; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Precedent for specially designated protected districts already exists in certain neighborhoods and areas of Boston such as Jamaica Plain and Chinatown as tools to protect and promote responsible development, as well as in other in-State and out-of-State municipalities including Cambridge, MA, Brookline, MA, Providence, RI, and Seattle, WA; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Article 3 of Boston’s Zoning Code supports designating districts for a special purpose, stating “other special purpose overlay districts may be designated in downtown districts, neighborhood districts, and the Harborpark District, as provided in the articles governing such districts”; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Chapter 40Q of the Massachusetts General Laws allows municipalities to create District Improvement Financing (DIF), which is a tool that can be used to target funds and investments created by projects in a district for the economic growth and development of that district; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In 2011, the Somerville City Council voted and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council approved the creation of a DIF for the Assembly Row district, the [tax revenues of which promoted at least \\$2 million in new growth revenue for Fiscal Year 2013](#); *and*
- WHEREAS,** A DIF can operate in tandem with other tools for a district’s growth and the upward economic mobility of its residents, and legislation governing creation of a DIF allows the flexibility of the appropriate bodies with the relevant expertise and

lived experience to determine and adjust a DIF's Development Program based on the needs of each designated district and its residents; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston can establish DIF for each designated SPZ, so as to direct all tax revenue created from future development, projects, and other private investment in the SPZ, to be reinvested in the SPZ across the three main categories of (1) jobs access and upward economic mobility, (2) transportation access and environmental resiliency, and (3) access to housing and anti-displacement; *and*

WHEREAS, Designating Special Protection Zones (SPZs) with targeted District Improvement Financing (DIF) that prioritizes these policy goals for the areas at highest risk of displacement may help to prevent further displacement, and fight gentrification and economic inequality by providing a pathway for revenue from new growth to be strategically reinvested back into these areas in ways that prioritize increasing access to affordable housing and quality jobs with upward mobility; *and*

WHEREAS, In addition to designating these areas as SPZs and establishing DIF for each SPZ, it would be beneficial to explore introducing an Overlay that prioritizes and helps promote the development of greater affordable housing, more homeownership opportunities to help more residents leave the rent-burdened cycle, and more housing with units suitable for families and responsive to the diverse needs of residents; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED, That as per Chapters 4, 6, and 8 of the City of Boston Municipal Code, the City of Boston establish the areas with higher displacement risk scores – which, at the time of writing this document, include parts of the neighborhoods of East Boston, Mission Hill, Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan – as Special Protection Zones, and establish a process for designating Special Protection Zones for the areas encompassed under the City of Boston's displacement risk heat map facing higher rates of resident displacement as a result of development, threats to neighborhood identity and environment, and areas with a history of higher foreclosure rates, predatory and racist lending, redlining, and other discriminatory practices; *and*, **BE IT**

ORDERED, That the Boston City Council, by and through Councilor Brian Worrell, submits a petition to amend the text of the Boston Zoning Code, as established under Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1965, as amended, to add Special Protection Zones as protected districts under Article 3 and Article 80; *and*, **BE IT**

ORDERED, That District Improvement Financing be established for Special Protection Zones to target tax revenue from projects created in Special Protection Zones to be reinvested into these areas so as to bolster the provision of and connection of

residents to sustainable jobs in areas with the highest risk of displacement, and to ensure a holistic response to communities suffering from the combination of rising costs of living and development, lack of access to housing, and economic mobility.

Section 1.

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Text Amendment Application No. ____
Boston City Council

TO THE BOSTON PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Boston City Council through and by Boston City Councilor Brian Worrell petition to amend the text of the Boston Zoning Code as follows:

1. By amending Articles 2 (Definitions), 2A (Definitions applicable in neighborhood districts and in Article 80, Development Review and Approval), and Article 3 (Establishment of Zoning Districts) by:

a. Adding the following terms and definitions in each of the aforementioned sections in alphabetical order:

- i. Development District.** Intended for establishment of District Improvement Financing (DIF) in Special Protection Zones (SPZ), as defined herein. Each Special Protection Zone shall be designated as a Development District and include all parcels within the same neighborhood with a displacement risk score of at least 3.9 or above regardless of whether the parcels are contiguous.
- ii. Development Program.** Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40 §Q and the creation of District Improvement Financing (DIF), a Development Program is a statement of means and objectives designed to increase or improve residential affordable and market rate housing, and to improve the quality of life, the physical facilities and structures and the quality of pedestrian and vehicular traffic control and transportation within a district. For purposes of this Article, a Development Program shall be created for each designated SPZ, as determined by the appropriate bodies pertaining to each SPZ. A **Development Program** must describe all of the following but if one or more of the activities are not expected, then the Development Program should clearly state that the activity will not be undertaken:
 1. a financial plan;

2. a complete list of public facilities to be constructed;
 3. the use of private property;
 4. plans for the relocation of persons displaced by the development activities;
 5. plans, if any, for the development of housing, both affordable and market rate;
 6. the proposed regulations and facilities to improve transportation;
 7. the proposed operation of the district after the planned capital improvements are completed; and
 8. the duration of the program which shall not exceed the longer of:
 - a. 30 years from the date of designation of the district; or
 - b. 30 years from project stabilization, as defined in the development program.
- iii. District Improvement Financing (or DIF).** Pursuant to Chapter 40Q of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, District Improvement Financing (DIF) is a mechanism that a municipality can use to designate districts as areas with opportunities for new growth, and to reinvest tax revenue created from new and future economic development, projects, and other investment in these areas for their economic improvement, the increase of affordable housing and housing choice in these areas, and pathways to quality jobs and upward economic mobility for their communities. A DIF shall not last more than 30 years, and the Development Program for the DIF shall be created by the bodies appropriate to each DIF and pursuant to Chapter 40Q of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- iv. First Source SPZ Site.** Chapter 24 Section 2 of the Boston Municipal Code outlines the City's First Source Hiring Agreements, which require any for-profit or not-for-profit employer (other than a covered building service vendor) who employs at least 25 Full-Time Employees and who has been awarded a service contract or service subcontract from the City, to sign a first source hiring agreement with one or more referral agencies or one or more Boston One Stop Career Centers to prioritize notifying and hiring residents first for any new job opportunities. For purposes of this Article, a First Source Site shall be a location established in each designated SPZ, tailored to helping connect SPZ residents first and foremost with quality jobs, promotions and sustainable careers, and upward economic mobility as new opportunities are created in SPZs.
- v. High Displacement-Risk Score.** Pursuant to the City of Boston's Displacement-Risk Score Heat Map, and for the purposes of this article, an area of the City with a high displacement-risk score will include those

scoring between 3.9-6.8 on the Displacement-Risk Score Heat Map scoring system.

- vi. **Quality Job.** For purposes of this Article, a Quality Job will be defined as one with a sustainable living wage; the opportunity for professional and career growth; access to upskilling and tangible skills training to keep up with the needs of in-demand industries; and overall upward economic mobility. Quality Jobs shall be located in an SPZ to help promote the economic growth and quality of life improvements to the SPZ, and an SPZ DIF should also prioritize the creation of pathways to Quality Jobs across the City for residents of SPZs.
- vii. **Special Protection Zone (or SPZ).** A Special Protection Zone is a zone encompassing an area or neighborhood particularly vulnerable to displacement, or with a history of displacement and redlining, for purposes related to protecting said area from further displacement brought on by development. As of the writing of this document, this includes all areas with a displacement risk score between 3.9-6.8, as established pursuant to [the City's displacement risk heat map scoring system](#). There shall be a First Source SPZ Site established in every SPZ.
- viii. **Tax Increment.** Refers to tax revenues generated by the incremental increases to the assessed value of real property that result from new projects or other private investment, such as building or renovation, in SPZs.

2. After Article 90, Newmarket 21st Century Industrial District, insert the following new Article 91-Boston Investment Zones:

91-1. - Purpose of this Article.

The purpose of this article is to help prevent displacement of Boston's historically marginalized communities, and low-moderate income and working-class people by establishing Special Protection Zones (SPZs) with targeted District Improvement Financing (DIF) in neighborhoods with a history and present-day risk of the highest rates of displacement to help offset gentrification, prevent further displacement, and target revenue from new growth in these areas toward the promotion of upward economic mobility for these areas and their residents. These changes would significantly advance the implementation of several important goals officially adopted by Boston in its Assessment of Fair Housing and "[An Executive Order Relative to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and the Implementation of the City of Boston's Assessment of Fair Housing](#)" (January 20, 2021), with the intent to implement the following objectives:

1. Create guidelines for the designation of Special Protection Zones for each of the neighborhoods with the highest displacement-risk score (based on the City of Boston's displacement risk heat map, and as reviewed and adjusted as needed on an ongoing basis as trends change), to help protect residents of historically disenfranchised areas from displacement caused by development, to preserve neighborhood identities at risk of unchecked development, and promote the preservation of affordable housing, homeownership, and economic sustainability and upward mobility for these areas and their residents.
2. Create guidelines for establishing District Improvement Financing for an SPZ and a Development Program to direct tax revenues from new projects, economic activity, and financing in an SPZ toward the economic improvement, growth and development, and resiliency of these areas and their residents.

91-2. Definitions.

Terms used throughout this Article shall have the meanings set forth in Article 2 of the Zoning Code except where otherwise specified in this Article.

91-3. - Applicability.

This article and the stipulations of its District Improvement Financing will apply to all Special Protection Zones, as designated in this article for the areas with a displacement-risk score of 3.9 or more, and as adjusted and determined in the future and approved by the Boston City Council, the Mayor, and the Boston Planning Department.

91-4. - Summary of Special Protection Zones.

This article establishes Special Protection Zones for the areas in the City with the highest displacement risk score (between 3.9-6.8), as designated via the City of Boston's Displacement Risk Heat Map, and as reviewed annually by the Boston Planning Department and the Boston City Council. As of the writing of this legislation, this would include **parts of the neighborhoods of East Boston, Roxbury, Mission Hill, Dorchester, and Mattapan, specifically where the displacement risk score is 3.9 or above**. As city trends change over time, however, designated SPZs may change as well to account for any changes in displacement risk score, and other factors as reviewed by the Planning Department.

91-5. - District Improvement Financing from New Revenue in any Designated SPZ.

91-5.1. - Summary of Purpose and Execution.

This Article establishes District Improvement Financing (DIF) for each SPZ as a mechanism to target tax revenue from new development, projects, and investment toward the economic improvement and improvements to overall quality of life, affordability, and accessibility of those

SPZs and their residents. Pursuant to the stipulations of Chapter 40Q, all tax revenues generated by the Tax Increment are eligible for capture through the use of DIF, and the City of Boston is allowed to identify how much of the revenue will be captured and how it will be used.

In order to enable the establishment of a DIF, Chapter 40Q of the Massachusetts General Laws requires that municipalities first establish a Development District, in addition to adopting three additional components either simultaneously or at later dates (through the same legislative process), which together enable the activities and benefits of DIF as an economic development tool:

1. Invested Revenue District
2. Development Program
3. Invested Revenue Development Program

For purposes of this Article, an SPZ will be considered a Development District in order to establish a DIF targeted for that SPZ. A DIF Development Program shall be established for each SPZ as a statement of means and objectives designed to meet the following wider goals:

1. **Housing:** Increase and improve access to residential affordable and market rate housing for the SPZ and its residents
2. **Upward Economic Mobility:** Increase and improve access to quality, sustainable jobs for SPZs and residents of SPZs, career growth and upskilling , and overall pathways to upward economic mobility for residents of SPZs; and fund the establishment of a First Source Site in each SPZ dedicated to provision of these services for residents of SPZs
3. **Environmental Resiliency and Transportation Access:** Improve the environmental resiliency of SPZs, the physical facilities and structures, and the quality of pedestrian and vehicular traffic control and transportation for SPZs and their residents

This Article focuses solely on outlining guidance for designating where SPZs will be located, and provides general guidance for the eventual creation of a Development Program with means and objectives for economic improvement specific to each SPZ, to be developed, reviewed and approved by the appropriate bodies pertaining to each SPZ. It is important to remember that for the purposes of this Article, an SPZ and a Development District are synonymous.

This Article does not include guidance for the components of Investment Revenue District, or Invested Revenue Development Program, which shall be decided later on by the appropriate bodies pertaining to each SPZ.

91-5.2. - Guidance for Creating a Development Program Targeted for a Specific SPZ.

A Development Program for District Improvement Financing for an SPZ should aim to prioritize the following objectives, as reviewed, approved, and adjusted as needed, by the Boston City Council, the Mayor, the Planning Department, and the appropriate review bodies pertaining to each SPZ:

1. **25% of incremental tax revenue** from new growth in these areas shall be invested in the creation of policies, programs and pathways that: increase access to quality, sustainable jobs and financial stability for residents of SPZs; center upskilling in jobs training, career growth, and skill development for in-demand industries; fund the operations and services of a First Source Site tailored to the needs of specific SPZs; and generally, promote upward economic mobility for SPZs and SPZ residents.
2. **50% of incremental tax revenue** from new growth in these areas shall be invested in the preservation and creation of housing and subsidies in SPZs and for SPZ residents.
3. **25% of incremental tax revenue** from new growth in these areas shall be invested in programs and initiatives that prioritize environmental justice and resiliency, including but not limited to: access to clean air, water, and healthy food options; the preservation of open and green spaces; greater tree canopy coverage and the prevention of heat island effects for SPZs; and environmentally responsible and resilient construction and building materials for buildings, facilities, and developments in SPZs.

The means of achieving these objectives can and should be adjusted and updated as needed and as trends change across the city, and as decided by the appropriate bodies, and City officials. Similarly, the objectives specific to each SPZ, along with the means and policy and programmatic components of achieving those objectives shall be developed by the appropriate body once the designation of SPZs is approved, and as informed by representatives and residents of the SPZs.

91-6. - Enforcement Authority.

The Planning Department, the Boston City Council, and the Mayor shall remain the administrative bodies that ultimately have approval power over the determination and designation of SPZs, as well as the means and objectives for the establishment of DIF to reinvest revenue from new growth back into an SPZ.

Section 2.

The provisions of this ordinance 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 remain in full force and effect.

Section 3.

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

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- the number currently in the custody or control of the City,
- the number distributed to venues,
- the venues receiving them,
- and the dates of distribution.

Information regarding any communications between the City of Boston and manufacturers or distributors of drink safety covers or related prevention tools.

Information regarding requests from bars, nightclubs, or restaurants seeking drink safety covers or similar safety tools from the City.

A description of all safety training programs provided by the City of Boston to bars, restaurants, nightclubs, or other licensed establishments related to drink spiking prevention, nightlife safety, or drug-facilitated sexual assault.

Information regarding any additional safety trainings offered to nightlife establishments on related topics including naloxone administration, de-escalation training, CPR training, “Stop the Bleed” training, or identifying fake identification.

The number of training sessions conducted by the City since August 2022 related to these topics.

The dates, locations, trainers, and number of attendees for each training session conducted.

Copies of training materials, presentations, advisories, or guidance documents provided to nightlife establishments related to drink spiking prevention or nightlife safety.

Records sufficient to show when the City’s drink spiking advisory document was first published online and whether any revisions have been made since its publication.

Copies of the most recent version of the City’s “Best Practices in Public Safety for Nightclubs and Licensed Premises,” including any updates, revisions, or draft versions created since the 2019 version was published.

Information regarding inquiries received by the City regarding the “Wake Up the Night” grant program between January 1, 2024 and May 28, 2024.

Information regarding all grants awarded by the Office of Nightlife Economy, including recipients and grant amounts.

Requesting that the Mayor’s Office of Nightlife Economy, the Boston Licensing Board, the Boston Police Department, the Boston Public Health Commission, and the City of Boston Public Records Department provide any and all information available regarding this matter, including summary tables and electronically usable data where possible.

Filed in Council: March 18, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 21st CENTURY ROAD TO HOUSING ACT

WHEREAS, The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, co-introduced by Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren and Senator Tim Scott, is a bipartisan legislative package designed to address the nation’s housing affordability crisis by expanding housing supply, modernizing federal housing programs, and reducing barriers to home construction; *and*

WHEREAS, The United States faces a severe housing shortage estimated at millions of homes nationwide, contributing to rising housing costs and making it increasingly difficult for families, renters, and first-time homebuyers to find affordable housing; *and*

WHEREAS, The housing shortage is particularly acute in high-cost cities such as Boston, where the city and surrounding region face an estimated shortage of tens of thousands of homes, intensifying affordability challenges for working families and contributing to some of the highest housing costs in the nation; *and*

WHEREAS, The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act includes provisions to streamline outdated regulations, expand financing tools for multifamily housing, and support innovative housing solutions such as manufactured and modular homes in order to accelerate housing production; *and*

WHEREAS, The legislation also seeks to ensure that families have a fair opportunity to purchase homes by limiting the ability of large institutional investors to acquire excessive numbers of single-family homes, helping prevent corporate ownership from crowding out prospective homeowners; *and*

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2026, the United States Senate passed the bipartisan housing package with strong support from both parties, reflecting the urgent national need to address housing supply constraints and affordability challenges; *and*

WHEREAS, Comprehensive federal action to increase housing supply, modernize housing policy, and promote responsible investment in housing is an essential step toward

ensuring that more Americans can afford safe and stable homes; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council expresses its strong support for the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act and urges the United States House of Representatives to promptly pass this bipartisan legislation to increase housing supply, improve affordability, and expand access to homeownership and housing opportunities for families across the nation.

Filed on: March 18, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 18, 2026 AS “TRANSIT DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY” IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS**, March 18th marks Transit Driver Appreciation Day, a global holiday honoring public transit drivers and commemorating the launch of the first public bus line and first-ever form of public of transport, the “Five Penny Coaches” in Paris in 1662; *and*
- WHEREAS**, Boston, home to the oldest subway in North America, takes pride in its public transportation network and it remains a top priority that we continue to maintain and expand it to meet our climate, sustainability, and mobility goals; *and*
- WHEREAS**, Boston residents and visitors rely on public transportation to go to work, attend school, and travel throughout our city, and transit drivers and operators provide a crucial service in ensuring the smooth, safe and reliable operation of our public transportation systems so riders can reach their destinations; *and*
- WHEREAS**, Thousands of transit drivers and operators support Boston’s public transportation systems, including the more than 3,000 transit workers who power the MBTA across various modes including bus, subway, rail, ferry, and shared transportation, while additional workers transport Boston residents via Massport and city-run routes such as the Mission Hill Link Bus; *and*
- WHEREAS**, Transit drivers are exposed to assault and violence on the job and, until recently, were not always afforded the same protections as other public employees in the Commonwealth until the State expanded assault and battery protections for transit workers at the end of last year; *and*
- WHEREAS**, Public transit drivers and operators provide a critical service, and without them public transportation would not be possible; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED**: The Boston City Council honors the diligence, professionalism, and dedication of all public transit drivers and operators who work in the City of Boston and extends its gratitude to them for the work that they do to ensure that residents and visitors can travel throughout our city safely and efficiently, and hereby recognizes March 18, 2026 as “Transit Driver Appreciation Day” in the City of Boston.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY AND NAMING MARCH 18, 2026 “BOSTON GROUNDWATER TRUST DAY” IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The Boston Groundwater Trust was established by the Boston City Council in 1986 to monitor groundwater levels and protect the integrity of Boston’s built environment; *and*

WHEREAS, Many of Boston’s neighborhoods, including Beacon Hill, Back Bay, South End, Fenway, Bay Village, Chinatown, Fort Point Channel, North End, East Boston, and the Leather District are supported by wood pile foundations that depend on stable groundwater levels to remain structurally sound; *and*

WHEREAS, For four decades, the Boston Groundwater Trust has played a critical role in protecting this infrastructure by maintaining observation wells, monitoring groundwater data, and partnering with the City, state agencies, engineers, and residents to ensure responsible development and the long-term protection of Boston’s historic buildings and neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Through these efforts, the Boston Groundwater Trust has built a network of advocates while helping to establish zoning guidelines and a data-informed framework that equips the City to address groundwater challenges for years to come; *and*

WHEREAS, As Boston faces increasing pressures from climate change, sea-level rise, and changing rainfall patterns, the work of the Groundwater Trust remains essential to sustaining the resilience and history of our city; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED, The Boston City Council hereby recognizes the 40th Anniversary of the Boston Groundwater Trust, and declares March 18, 2026 as “Boston Groundwater Trust Day” in the City of Boston celebrating its decades of leadership in protecting Boston’s groundwater resources, and extends its sincere gratitude to its Executive Director, Board of Trustees, and supporters.

OFFERED BY: _____

SHARON DURKAN, BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR, DISTRICT 8

BY: _____

LIZ BREADON, PRESIDENT OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____

ALEX GEOURNTAS, CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

DATE: _____

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD M. FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION AGAINST THE APPROVAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL ROOF DECKS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF SOUTH BOSTON

WHEREAS, In the last couple of decades, with a changing town and South Boston having become a destination for young people to visit each weekend, the proliferation of roof decks in residential areas of South Boston has raised significant concerns among residents - including our seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities, young families with children - related to noise at all hours of the night, smoking, privacy, trash removal impacting our existing pest control crisis, and other quality of life issues; *and*

WHEREAS, Especially since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the approval of roof decks through zoning relief has generated strong opposition from both long-time neighbors and local civic groups while raising broader concerns about consistency in the community process. For years during the pandemic, dozens of proposals were denied at the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) based on input from residents and civic groups. However, in recent years, there have been many cases where neighbors and civic organizations have supported new developments specifically due to good-faith compromises with developers and owners on removal of roof decks during the community process. Years later, these same roof decks were proposed again and approved by the ZBA with residents feeling their objections have gone unheard or disregarded altogether; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Zoning Code was created by city officials in 1964. Since then, Boston's landscape has changed drastically. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) regulates the rules behind what can be built and where. Article 68-29 of the Zoning Code governs roof structure restrictions in South Boston, which outlines strict requirements for it to be in compliance; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents continue to express concerns that additional roof decks in residential areas of South Boston do not in any way help to address our housing and affordable housing crisis, their opinion that there is no hardship that should be granted zoning relief, and that individual property owners should not continue to benefit over the objections of many concerns neighbors and civic organizations; *and*

WHEREAS, As South Boston neighbors continue to experience quality of life issues emanating from the construction of additional roof decks in residential areas,

including noise disturbances and trash removal concerns, residents of the neighborhood deserve a say in what takes place and gets built in their community;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council opposes the approval and construction of additional roof decks in residential areas of South Boston.

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Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the March 18, 2026 Session

Sixty Day Orders¹

¹**Section 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.

Section 15 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982 (as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 701 of the Acts of 1986) *The city council shall take definite action on any supplementary appropriation order and any order for a transfer of appropriations by adopting, reducing or rejecting it within sixty days after it is filed with the city clerk; and in the event of their failure to do so, such supplementary appropriation order or transfer as submitted by the mayor shall be in effect as if formally adopted by the city council.*

Assigned for Further Action

On the Table

Order to adopt Rules for the Boston City Council for Municipal Years 2026-2027. (**Docket #0157 - Amendment to Rule 35**)

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F: regarding elevator access, life safety, and disability compliance. **(Docket #0221)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: Memoranda of Understanding between the Boston Police Department and external entities. **(Docket #0296)**

Order requesting certain information under section 17F regarding increased White Stadium costs and their effect on other Boston Public Schools capital projects. **(Docket #0433)**

Order requesting certain information under section 17F regarding Memoranda of Understanding, cooperation agreements or collaborative partnerships between the City of Boston and external entities. **(Docket #0434)**

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: regarding the use of \$558.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the City of Boston. **(Docket #0491)**

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 ahead 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*Section 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.

2026 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0186	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on equitable contracting and business opportunities for major civic sporting events in Boston.	1/28/2026	3/20/2026	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0210	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	1/28/2026		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0212	Worrell	Flynn	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks Statue.	1/28/2026		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0220	Worrell		Order for a hearing to bring more signature sports events to Boston.	1/28/2026		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0339	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the Office of Arts and Culture and the Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0412	Louijeune	Pepén, Worrell	Order for a hearing to bring World Cup activations and economic activity to Boston neighborhoods.	2/25/2026	3/20/2026	
Census, Redistricting, and Elections	0183	Louijeune	Pepén	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.	1/28/2026		
Census, Redistricting, and Elections	0355	Louijeune		Resolution affirming Boston's Ranked Choice Voting Home Rule Petition.	2/11/2026		
Census, Redistricting, and Elections	0411	Mejia	Culpepper, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore how to amend special law to expand access to the ballot box by removing language barriers and aligning with the language and communications access ordinance.	2/25/2026		
City Services	0112	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding parking access for traveling Boston Public Schools employees.	1/5/2026	2/12/2026	

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services	0132	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend technology equipment valued at approximately Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$430,340.00), from the Connected & Online Program Grant, awarded by United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The equipment includes laptops, desktop bundles, and related equipment. The equipment will support public access to education, workforce development, digital literacy, and telehealth services across multiple City departments, with deployments centered at BCYF Centers and sites operated by the Office of Workforce Development and the Office of Returning Citizens. This award reflects strong cross-departmental collaboration and advances the City's broader digital equity goals.	1/28/2026		
City Services	0135	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, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MassTech), awarded by United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The grant would fund a multi-session digital skills workshop series at multiple locations and distribute devices to learners.	1/28/2026		
City Services	0137	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, Municipal ADA Improvement Grant, awarded by The Massachusetts Office on Disability to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The grant would fund updating the municipal ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan to address barriers to accessibility in web based services and applications.	1/28/2026		
City Services	0187	Mejia		Order for a hearing to examine income-adjusted parking fines and interest-free payment plans.	1/28/2026	3/19/2026	
City Services	0209	Worrell		Order for a hearing on technical assistance and best practices for civic associations.	1/28/2026		

2026 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services	0270	Pepén		Order for a hearing to explore snow removal relief and options.	2/4/2026	3/3/2026	3/4/26-remains in committee
City Services	0281	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss pest control and the discovery of leptospirosis in the City of Boston.	2/4/2026	3/16/2026	
City Services	0291	Worrell	Mejia, Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss creation of a snow corps in Boston.	2/4/2026	3/3/2026	3/4/26-remains in committee
City Services	0292	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the City of Boston purchasing snow melters.	2/4/2026	3/3/2026	3/4/26-remains in committee
City Services	0335	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.	2/11/2026		
City Services	0378	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$20,930.00) in the form of a grant, the El Centro Fellowship Grant, awarded by Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The grant would fund the fellowship program for El Centro IT training program graduates.	2/25/2026		
City Services	0413	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss water and sewer infrastructure in Chinatown and the Leather District.	2/25/2026		
City Services	0505	Pepén	Worrell, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the achievements of the Mattapan Square Task Force and other municipal support for Mattapan Square.	3/11/2026		
City Services	0506	Durkan	Coletta Zapata, Pepén	Order for a hearing on modernizing permitting systems to improve accessibility related to transportation, curbside management, construction, and development.	3/11/2026		
City Services	0512	Culpepper		Order for a hearing to examine Boston's 48-hour parking space saver policy following snow emergencies.	3/11/2026		
City Services	0515	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of addressing potholes in the City of Boston.	3/11/2026		

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Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0169	Culpepper		Order for a hearing to develop a report on the state of civil rights in Boston.	1/28/2026	3/6/2026	
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0191	Mejia		Order for a hearing to address critical issues in jail-based voting and empower incarcerated communities to strengthen democracy.	1/28/2026		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0222	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune	Resolution in support of Bill SD.3607: An Act Protecting Access to Justice.	1/28/2026		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0293	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	2/4/2026		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0299	Culpepper	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to confront the termination of federal protected status for Haitian immigrants and examine the City of Boston's response to protect affected residents.	2/4/2026		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0328	Louijeune	Breadon, Pepén	Order for a hearing on a scalable funding model for an immigrant Emergency Response Fund.	2/11/2026		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0393	Santana		Order for a hearing to ensure access to lifesaving online resources for LGBTQIA+ and other marginalized communities in response to proposed federal and state digital censorship legislation.	2/25/2026		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0409	Mejia	Culpepper, Santana	Order for a hearing on civil rights, constitutional, and legal implications of the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC), The Associative Violence Information System (AVIS), Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), and participation in Federal Joint Task Forces (JTTF).	2/25/2026		
Education	0113	Murphy	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public School closure and merger actions related to the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years and transparency in the Long-Term Facilities Plan.	1/5/2026		3/2/26-Hearing Canceled
Education	0166	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing regarding Boston Public Schools student-athlete transfer and eligibility policies.	1/28/2026	3/24/2026	2/23/26-Hearing Canceled, 2/25/26-remains in committee

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Education	0176	FitzGerald		Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to high-quality school options for Boston Public Schools students in all neighborhoods.	1/28/2026		
Education	0188	Mejia		Order for a hearing on Boston Public School facilities, public assets and White Stadium.	1/28/2026		
Education	0200	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing on BPS staffing program impacts.	1/28/2026	3/2/2026	2/23/26-Hearing Canceled, 2/25, 3/4/26-remains in committee
Education	0215	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/28/2026		
Education	0216	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to bring a Historically Black College or University Satellite Campus to Boston.	1/28/2026		
Education	0276	Mejia	Culpepper, Santana	Order for a hearing on transparency and accountability in service provision and spending for English Learners.	2/4/2026	3/10/2026	3/11/26-remains in committee
Education	0277	Mejia	Murphy	Order for a hearing to audit Boston Public School's special education and return on investments.	2/4/2026	3/10/2026	3/11/26-remains in committee
Education	0278	Mejia	Murphy, Culpepper	Order for a hearing to audit mental health curriculum and services in Boston Public Schools.	2/4/2026		
Education	0279	Mejia	Culpepper, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and outcomes of restorative justice practices in Boston Public Schools.	2/4/2026		
Education	0280	Mejia	Violetta Zapata, Culpepper	Order for a hearing addressing the relationship between school lunches and the achievement gap.	2/4/2026		
Education	0294	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on the creation of a Boston School Building Authority.	2/4/2026		
Education	0330	Santana	Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding MassCore graduation requirements and student supports in Boston Public Schools.	2/11/2026		
Education	0334	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on community college access and student success for Boston residents.	2/11/2026		

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Education	0340	Murphy		Order for a hearing to examine student academic outcomes and return on investment in Boston Public Schools.	2/11/2026		
Education	0342	Murphy	Santana	Order for a hearing to examine graduation requirement implementation, waivers, and equity in Boston Public Schools.	2/11/2026		
Education	0374	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Emergency hearing order regarding chronic school bus delays and special education transportation failures.	2/11/2026	3/31/2026	
Education	0397	Santana	Culpepper, Mejia	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.	2/25/2026		
Education	0406	Mejia		Order for a hearing on transparency and accountability of private fundraising in Boston Public Schools.	2/25/2026		
Education	0407	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review prevention and response to bullying, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and sexual misconduct in Boston Public Schools.	2/25/2026		
Education	0408	Mejia	Culpepper	Order for a hearing to identify community priorities, needs, and hopes in Boston Public Schools.	2/25/2026		
Education	0417	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools (BPS) health services leadership requirements.	2/25/2026		
Education	0478	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding recent juvenile weapon incidents and school safety coordination.	3/4/2026		
Education	0507	Weber	Breadon, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss strategies to prevent homelessness among students in the Boston Public Schools.	3/11/2026		
Education	0508	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding the use and impact of high-quality instructional materials in Boston Public Schools.	3/11/2026		
Education	0509	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding Boston Public Schools' efforts to improve chronic absenteeism.	3/11/2026		

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Education	0510	Santana	Worrell, Culpepper	Order for a hearing to discuss career and technical education in Boston Public Schools and its impacts on students' college and career readiness.	3/11/2026		
Education	0516	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to ensure equitable investment, fiscal accountability, and academic excellence in the Boston Pre-K program.	3/11/2026		
Education	0520	Louijeune	Pepén, Santana	Resolution commending historic graduation and dropout rate improvements in Boston Public Schools.	3/11/2026		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0165	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing regarding the establishment and implementation of funding mechanisms for Boston's coastal protection	1/28/2026		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0211	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of indoor playgrounds in Boston.	1/28/2026	4/2/2026	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0260	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Samira Ahmadi as a Member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) Review Board, for a term expiring May 23, 2026.	2/4/2026		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0341	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the City of Boston's application to certify with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Ranking System (CRS).	2/11/2026		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0514	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Groundwater Trust and groundwater infrastructure in the City of Boston.	3/11/2026		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0519	Flynn		Resolution in support of a temporary rollback for the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) and Stretch Energy Codes for five years.	3/11/2026		
Government Operations	0158	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance Establishing Street Food Carts in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026		
Government Operations	0160	Mejia		Ordinance creating a municipal identification card in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026	4/24/2026	

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Government Operations	0161	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026		3/19/26-Working Session
Government Operations	0162	Mejia	Worrell	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1/28/2026	3/26/2026	
Government Operations	0163	Santana	Louijeune, Durkan	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Real Estate Transfer Fees and Senior Property Tax Relief.	1/28/2026		
Government Operations	0164	Worrell		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Various Tax Classification Definitions, Exemptions, and Credits.	1/28/2026		
Government Operations	0266	Culpepper	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Boston City Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.	2/4/2026		
Government Operations	0267	Worrell	Mejia	Ordinance to Codify the Equity & Inclusion Cabinet in the City of Boston.	2/4/2026		
Government Operations	0268	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Pension Benefits for Firefighter Leo J. Bracken.	2/4/2026		
Government Operations	0324	Flynn		Ordinance establishing the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026		
Government Operations	0325	Flynn		Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 17-22, Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.	2/11/2026	4/7/2026	
Government Operations	0326	Flynn		Ordinance regulating all e-bikes in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026		
Government Operations	0387	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Worrell	An Ordinance Establishing the Boston Emergency Relief Fund.	2/25/2026		
Government Operations	0388	Coletta Zapata	Santana	An Ordinance Modernizing and Increasing Transparency at the Zoning Board of Appeal.	2/25/2026		
Government Operations	0389	Coletta Zapata	Santana	Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal.	2/25/2026		
Government Operations	0410	Mejia		Order for a hearing to examine and modernize the Boston City Charter in advance of the City's 400th anniversary.	2/25/2026		

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Government Operations	0414	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing on the establishment of a Committee on Civility in the City of Boston.	2/25/2026		
Government Operations	0504	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Military Buy-Back for Veteran Municipal Employees.	3/11/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0172	Durkan	Breadon, Santana	Order for a hearing to investigate the use, impact, and potential ban of algorithmic price setting in the Boston rental market.	1/28/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0184	Louijeune	Weber	Order for a hearing on building a stronger fair housing future for Boston.	1/28/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0208	Worrell		Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	1/28/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0217	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding the homeownership voucher program.	1/28/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0271	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at the BHA Ruth Ruth Barkley apartments.	2/4/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0272	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Report on Boston Housing Authority.	2/4/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0286	Weber		Order for a hearing on housing development costs and barriers to building affordable housing units in the City of Boston.	2/4/2026	4/2/2026	
Housing & Community Development	0295	Louijeune		Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	2/4/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0307	Flynn		Resolution in support of a Boston Housing Authority (BHA) Elevator Safety Commission.	2/4/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0343	Santana	Pepén, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing mixed-income social housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.	2/11/2026		

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Housing & Community Development	0347	Santana	Culpepper	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.		2/11/2026	
Housing & Community Development	0396	Santana		Order for a hearing to facilitate the creation of Single Room Occupancy (SROs) in the City of Boston.		2/25/2026	
Housing & Community Development	0432	Flynn		Resolution in support of a temporary rollback for the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) and affordable housing requirement to 13%.		2/25/2026	
Housing & Community Development	0429	Flynn		Resolution in support of receiving a response to docket #0221: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F: regarding elevator access, life safety, and disability compliance.		2/25/2026	
Housing & Community Development	0474	Durkan	Breadon, Santana	Order for a hearing to examine potential reforms to the Massachusetts State Building Code to allow for mid-rise single stair buildings.		3/4/2026	
Housing & Community Development	0477	Louijeune	Pepén, Santana	Order for a hearing to conduct a comprehensive review of Boston's Anti-Displacement Action Plan.		3/4/2026	
Human Services	0179	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss food insecurity and malnutrition in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026	3/30/2026	
Human Services	0182	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata	Order for a hearing regarding the City of Boston's response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and related resources for survivors.		1/28/2026	
Human Services	0189	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit child care investments and the financial stability of Family Child Care Providers.		1/28/2026	
Human Services	0206	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to explore ways of using municipal buildings to host childcare centers.		1/28/2026	
Human Services	0275	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study.		2/4/2026	

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Human Services	0283	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding elder scamming and fraud prevention.	2/4/2026	3/9/2026	2/26/26-hearing canceled, 3/11/26-remains in committee
Human Services	0284	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding equitable access to services and programming through the Boston Public Library System.	2/4/2026	2/20/2026	
Human Services	0285	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding navigating city services for residents with complex family and caregiving needs.	2/4/2026	3/3/2026	3/4/26-remains in committee
Human Services	0287	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding senior programming and services across the city of Boston.	2/4/2026	2/26/2026	
Human Services	0289	Murphy	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding youth summer jobs, access and readiness for the upcoming summer.	2/4/2026	3/13/2026	
Human Services	0290	Worrell	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review and strengthen Boston's Summer Safety and Youth Programming Plan.	2/4/2026	4/6/2026	
Human Services	0350	Culpepper	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing on the status of the South End Branch Library reopening.	2/11/2026		
Human Services	0352	Santana	Breadon, Durkan	Resolution recognizing June 2026 as Pride Month.	2/11/2026		
Human Services	0391	Santana	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits.	2/25/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0133	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars And Three Cents (\$219,178.03) in the form of a grant, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Funding, awarded by MA Executive Office for Administration & Finance to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant would fund the Center for Working Families' Boston Tax Help Coalition in assisting low-income taxpayers with personal income tax filings for the 2026 tax season.	1/28/2026		

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Labor and Economic Development	0134	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) in the form of a grant, Financial Empowerment Program, awarded by United Way, passed through the Boston Local Development Corporation, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant would fund financial education, credit/asset building, and employment services for residents at the Center for Working Families.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0168	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing regarding reviving the "Red Shirts" program.	1/28/2026	4/9/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	0171	Culpepper		Order for a hearing to explore designating economically disenfranchised areas of District 7 as empowerment zones to spur economic development and improve quality of life for residents.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0190	Mejia	Weber	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0193	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0194	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0207	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review and establish a "Business Owner 101" program for grant recipients.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0214	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review the distribution of Boston's 225 new liquor licenses and provide ongoing support to restaurateurs.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0218	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of the Boston Residents Jobs Policy in improving equity and employment standards on projects throughout the city.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0219	Worrell	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	1/28/2026		

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Labor and Economic Development	0282	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss retail theft and the impacts on small businesses and residents in the City of Boston.	2/4/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0336	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.	2/11/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0344	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.	2/11/2026		
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental Relations	0288	Durkan	Breadon, Culpepper	Order for a hearing to evaluate the progress and impact of the City's Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Program.	2/4/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0173	Durkan	Santana, Breadon	Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to remove parking minimum requirements for new residential development.	1/28/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0178	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss dedicating the new open space at Phillips Square to Tunney Lee Plaza	1/28/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0199	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	1/28/2026	3/16/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0204	Weber	Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss making neighborhood streets safer following the 30-day review of streets projects in Boston.	1/28/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0257	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, Planning / Neighborhood Development Funds, awarded by Boston Redevelopment Authority to be administered by the Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion. The grant would fund the launch and early implementation of the Commercial Acquisition Assistance Program (CAAP).	2/4/2026	4/3/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0302	Flynn	Mejia	Resolution in support of the replacement of concurrent traffic signals in the City of Boston.	2/4/2026		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0327	Pepén	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to explore the creation of safe school zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0331	Pepén	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.	2/11/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0332	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0333	Flynn	Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and Vision Zero in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0345	Durkan	Breadon, Santana	Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to shift residential use to allowed where appropriate.	2/11/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0346	Durkan	Joletta Zapata, Louijeun	Order for a hearing to explore the inclusion of pollinator corridors as part of sustainable development.	2/11/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0349	Flynn		Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code relative to adult entertainment.	2/11/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0394	Santana	Durkan, Pepén	Order for a hearing regarding legalizing construction of triple-deckers and other 2- to 4-unit housing in the City of Boston.	2/25/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0395	Santana	Pepén, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding legalizing accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in every neighborhood in the city of Boston.	2/25/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0401	Pepén		Order for a hearing to discuss parking benefit districts.	2/25/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0402	Culpepper	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing to examine reallocating funding for the Blue Hill Avenue project toward streetscape improvements and beautification and to provide a status update on project implementation.	2/25/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0471	Culpepper	Pepén, Worrell	Order for hearing to examine options to extend and fund the fare-free bus program for routes 23, 28, and 29.	3/4/2026	

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0479	Culpepper	Worrell, Pepén	Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to expand the eligible location of off-site affordable housing units under the Inclusionary Development Policy.	3/4/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0480	FitzGerald	Flynn	Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to retail zoning.	3/4/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0481	Worrell	Culpepper, FitzGerald	Order regarding a text amendment to Article 37 of the Boston Zoning Code "Green Buildings and Net Zero Carbon" to expedite and lower costs for development processes.	3/4/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0483	Culpepper	Worrell, Pepén	Resolution urging the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and the City to cancel proposed center running bus lanes as part of the Blue Hill Avenue transportation plan project and reallocate funds dedicated for the center running bus lanes to fund the continuation of the fare-free bus program.	3/4/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0517	Culpepper	Worrell	Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to establish a neighborhood impact contribution requirement as part of the linkage program.	3/11/2026		
Post Audit	0195	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	1/28/2026		
Post Audit	0196	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review the City of Boston's use of federal and state funds.	1/28/2026		
Post Audit	0197	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review past expenditures through quarterly updates on the FY2026 operating budget.	1/28/2026		
Post Audit	0203	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss prior operating budget amendments from FY23 to FY25.	1/28/2026		
Post Audit	0205	Weber		Order for a hearing to review construction costs associated with the White Stadium project.	1/28/2026	3/16/2026	
Post Audit	0337	Murphy		Order for a hearing to consider a full independent audit of Boston Public Schools' finances, operations and	2/11/2026		

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Post Audit	0511	Mejia	Culpepper, Weber	Order for a hearing to review the mid-year implementation and educational impact of the Boston Public Schools' FY27 budget.	3/11/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0175	FitzGerald	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the regulation of Kratom in the City of Boston	1/28/2026	3/9/2026	3/11/26-remains in committee
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0348	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0392	Santana	Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs.	2/25/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0403	Culpepper	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to examine the status of the proposed Long Island reconstruction project and the reopening of the Long Island Treatment Center.	2/25/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0404	Culpepper	Weber, Durkan	Order for a hearing to examine weather emergency policies for unhoused individuals in the City of Boston and coordination with housing and homelessness assistance providers and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.	2/25/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0473	Culpepper	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to examine treatment-centered policy approaches to address substance use disorder, homelessness, and civil rights issues in the Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard area.	3/4/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0100	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY25 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund upgrading, expanding, and integrating technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response.	4/9/2025		2025-0847
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0167	Coletta Zapata	Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss progress and opportunities for addressing drink spiking and Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault.	1/28/2026	3/12/2026	

2026 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0174	FitzGerald		Order for a hearing to discuss 2026 large event safety resources and infrastructure.	1/28/2026	3/26/2026	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0177	Flynn	FitzGerald, Culpepper	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and quality of life concerns at Mass & Cass and surrounding neighborhoods.	1/28/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0180	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	1/28/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0181	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and quality of life issues in Downtown Boston and the Boston Common.	1/28/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0185	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	1/28/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0192	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1/28/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0198	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act.	1/28/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0320	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$577,500.00) in the form of a grant, the FY25 Port Security Grant Program, awarded by United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant would fund the purchase of a new 31' LifeProof boat, the replacement of engines on the 31' Safeboat and 38' Safeboat, and finally, the re-collaring of the Kvichak patrol boat, and ice rescue training.	2/11/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0321	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$140,426.00) in the form of a grant, the FY25 Port Security Grant, awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant would fund strengthened port-wide risk management and protection of critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.	2/11/2026		

2026 Matters in Committee

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0329	Worrell	Flynn, Weber	Order for a hearing to review the mission, goals, objectives, and challenges at the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT).	2/11/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0398	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding the public safety requirements and possible locations for a new emergency operations center in the city of Boston.	2/25/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0399	Santana	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding how the Boston Police Department collects, uses, protects, and shares information that may be requested by external entities.	2/25/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0400	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Fire Department.	2/25/2026	3/31/2026	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0405	Culpepper	Mejia, Pepén	Order for a hearing to examine crossing guard staffing shortages in the City of Boston and to explore strategies for improved coordination and volunteer recruitment.	2/25/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0415	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss appropriate uses of Boston 311 and 9-1-1 emergency.	2/25/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0416	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the Boston 2025 crime statistics.	2/25/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0472	Santana	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding occupational cancer risks for Boston firefighters, and programs the City of Boston offers or could offer for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.	3/4/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0476	Santana	Flynn, Worrell	Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department.	3/4/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0513	Culpepper	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing to examine options to improve public safety and quality of life in the Nubian Square area.	3/11/2026		
Rules, Ethics & Administration	0475	Murphy		Order for a hearing to review the application and intent of rule 15.	3/4/2026		
Veterans, Military Families & Military Affairs	0273	Flynn	Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss the Lung Cancer Rates among Black Veterans.	2/4/2026		

2026 Matters in Committee

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Veterans, Military Families & Military Affairs	0274	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	2/4/2026		
Ways & Means	0201	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY27 operating budget.	1/28/2026	2/26, 3/5, 3/10, 3/23/26	2/12/26-Committee Meeting, 3/11/26-remains in committee, 3/24/26-Public Testimony
Ways & Means	0202	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY27 operating budget.	1/28/2026	3/10/2026	2/19/26-working session, 3/2/26-Working Session, 3/4, 3/11/26- remains in committee, 3/5/26-Policy Briefing, 3/24/26-Public Testimony,
Ways & Means	0213	Worrell		Order for a hearing to allow for monthly property tax payments for residents.	1/28/2026		
Ways & Means	0312	Flynn		Resolution in support of proposed state legislation on tax relief.	2/4/2026		
Ways & Means	0338	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss property tax relief for long-term residents and essential municipal employees.	2/11/2026		

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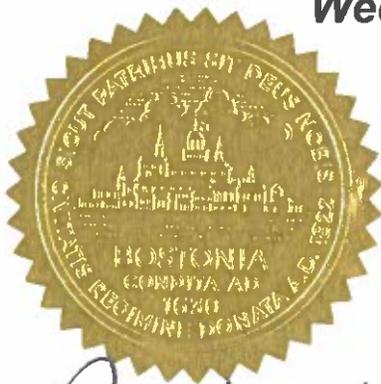
IN TRIBUTE

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

James B. "Jim" McIsaac

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

Wednesday, March 11, 2026



SINCERELY,

Elizabeth Brandon
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Alex Sventos
City Clerk

Presented By

Elizabeth Brandon

***Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald***

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

Lynda Hosea

In Recognition of:

**Your Unwavering Commitment to the Safety of Our Students
and School Community as a Kenny School Crossing Guard on
Massachusetts' Crossing Guard Appreciation Day**

***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.***

***Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald***

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

Marianne Curley

In Recognition of:

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Official Resolution
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***Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:***

Mary Doherty

In Recognition of:

**Your Unwavering Commitment to the Safety of Our Students
and School Community as a Saint Brendan School Crossing
Guard on Massachusetts' Crossing Guard Appreciation Day**

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION
OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

The Lynch Family

In Recognition of:

Your support, generosity, and dedication to the South Boston community. Through your involvement in events like the Annual "Pop" Lynch Bowl-A-Rama, you help bring neighbors and families together in the spirit of tradition, friendship, and community pride. We are grateful for your commitment to preserving the legacy of South Boston and for your ongoing contributions that strengthen and unite our neighborhood.

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 COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

Ni Lun Welfare Association

藝聯慈善社

In Recognition of:

Your outstanding dedication to celebrating cultural diversity and promoting community unity, and for hosting the Lunar New Year Celebration, an event that honors tradition, highlights cultural heritage, and brings people together. We wish you continued 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: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

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:

Mr. TAKAHASHI Seiichiro

In Recognition of:

The Consul General of Japan Mr. Seiichiro Takahashi and the Japanese Consulate for your contribution and dedication to the continual cultural exchanges and fostering further collaboration and friendship between Japan and the United States. We wish His Majesty the Emperor longevity 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: Ed Flynn

Date: March 9, 2026,

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:

Jack D Baker

In Recognition of:

Your outstanding scholarly achievement as a South Boston Citizen Association scholarship Poster Contest 3rd place Winner. Your community is proud of your excellent creative skills as well as the knowledge you possess about the significance of Colonel Henry Knox and the Noble Train of Artillery.

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

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President of the City Council

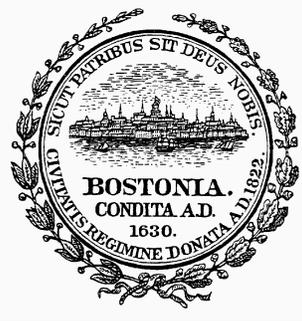
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Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

Resolution in recognition of the South Boston Citizens' Association Scholarship Poster Contest.

1. Jack D. Baker
2. Samuel B. Rogers
3. Nate McDonough
4. Ian White
5. Jathro Reger
6. Fawn Edwards
7. Andres Sofia Villada Dubon
8. Nyambe Layne-Quee
9. Summer Maki
10. Catherine Egan
11. William McCollom
12. Ryan Donnellan



**THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
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IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE**

Anibal Montañez

**IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE
AS THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING ON**

March 18th, 2026

Resolution as a tribute in memory of Anibal Montañez and Alex D. Santiago Sierra.

Official Resolution

presented by

**Boston City Councilor At-Large
Henry Santana**

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

Khalid Jama

In recognition of:

Your leadership and dedication as a member of the Teen Leadership Corps of Youth Enrichment Services, we commend your commitment to uplifting young people through mentorship and service.

Over the past three years, you have actively participated in the program, supported young athletes as an Assistant Coach in the Track & Field Program, and contributed to community events such as the Martin Richard Mile.

Your dedication to leadership, teamwork, and community engagement reflects the spirit and values of YES.

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.

Resolution recognizing Khalid Jama and Polly Doogue for their leadership as alumni of the Youth Enrichment Services program.



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCILOR AT-LARGE RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Jay Pina

Affiliate Marketing Business

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your hard work and dedication in completing the Entrepreneurship
Apprenticeship Practicum.**

Congratulations and wishing you all the best in the days ahead

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

Names:

Jay Pina

Jaaco Ramos

Lamont Collins

Akhil Ais Cantave

Jaechon Gordon

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your hard work and dedication in completing the Entrepreneurship
Apprenticeship Practicum.**

Congratulations and wishing you all the best in the days ahead



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

Robert Sullivan

LAN Administrator

Department of Innovation and Technology

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your 38 years of outstanding dedicated service to the City of
Boston and its residents.**

**Wishing you all the best as you embark on your next chapter.
Thank you and enjoy your retirement**

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BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
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Kurt Edwin Simon Okraku

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication, and
remarkable contributions to the success and development of the
Ghanaian National Team**

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

Robbyn Paradis

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your dedication and outstanding service to the Hyde Park Youth
Basketball Program, and your continued commitment to helping
and uplifting others through meaningful community engagement in
the Hyde Park community**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
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IN TRIBUTE

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Anita Maxineau

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

MARCH 18, 2026



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCILOR AT-LARGE RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Otto Addo

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication, and
remarkable contributions to the success and development of the
Ghanaian National Team**

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

Anthony Amoah

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your outstanding contribution to the Ghana Association of
Greater Boston (GAGB) and the Greater Boston community**

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In Tribute Presented by
Councilor **MINIARD CULPEPPER**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its deepest sympathy to you and your family in the passing of your loved one:

TAYLOR WORNUM, JR.

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and reverence as the Council adjourned its meeting on March 11, 2026.

Taylor Wornum, Jr. was a Deacon at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church. He loved building and doing home projects, he was a humble man of God and a man of integrity, a devoted husband, and he was a loving, caring father and grandfather. Taylor was a phenomenal family man, brother, uncle and cousin, and was beloved by all loved ones and friends.



In Tribute Presented by
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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its deepest sympathy to you and your family in the passing of your loved one:

PHILBERT ROLAND CUMMINGS

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and reverence as the Council adjourned its meeting on March 18, 2026.