



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- 0320** 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.
- 0321** 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.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

- [0322](#) Communication from Councilor Coletta Zapata regarding the Boston Logan International Airport 2023/2024 Environmental Data Report (EEA #3247).
- [0323](#) Communication from Councilor Murphy re: Public access to City Council working sessions and hearings.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

- [0128](#) Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following schools: the Edward Everett Elementary School and the Richard J. Murphy K-8 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.
- [0129](#) Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the roof replacement projects at the following schools: the Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School and Hugh Roe O’Donnell 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.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- [0324](#) Councilor Flynn offered the following: Ordinance establishing the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.
- [0325](#) Councilor Flynn offered the following: Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 17-22, Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.

- 0326** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Ordinance regulating all e-bikes in the City of Boston.
- 0327** Councilor Pepén and Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to explore the creation of safe school zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.
- 0328** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing on a scalable funding model for an immigrant Emergency Response Fund.
- 0329** Councilor Worrell and Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to review the mission, goals, objectives, and challenges at the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT).
- 0330** Councilor Santana offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding MassCore graduation requirements and student supports in Boston Public Schools.
- 0331** Councilor Pepén and Durkan offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.
- 0332** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston.
- 0333** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and Vision Zero in the City of Boston.
- 0334** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing on community college access and student success for Boston residents.
- 0335** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.
- 0336** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.
- 0337** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing to consider a full independent audit of Boston Public Schools' finances, operations and program effectiveness.
- 0338** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss property tax relief for long-term residents and essential municipal employees.

- 0339** Councilor Flynn offered the following: 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.
- 0340** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing to examine student academic outcomes and return on investment in Boston Public Schools.
- 0341** Councilor Flynn offered the following: 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).
- 0342** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing to examine graduation requirement implementation, waivers, and equity in Boston Public Schools.
- 0343** Councilor Santana offered the following: Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing mixed-income social housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.
- 0344** Councilor Santana offered the following: 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.
- 0345** Councilor Durkan and Breadon offered the following: Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to shift residential use to allowed where appropriate.
- 0346** Councilor Durkan offered the following: Order for a hearing to explore the inclusion of pollinator corridors as part of sustainable development.
- 0347** Councilor Santana offered the following: 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.
- 0348** Councilor Santana offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the City of Boston.
- 0349** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code relative to adult entertainment.

- 0350** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Order for a hearing on the status of the South End Branch Library reopening.
- 0351** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution in support of reopening the South End Branch of the Boston Public Library.
- 0352** Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing June 2026 as Pride Month.
- 0353** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing the avoidable tragic death of Carvell Curry and urging the City and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to adopt compassionate cold-weather emergency shelter policies.
- 0354** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution in support of establishing a crossing guards corps at Trotter Elementary School.
- 0355** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution affirming Boston's Ranked Choice Voting Home Rule Petition.
- 0356** Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution in support of "An Executive Order to Protect Bostonians from Unconstitutional and Violent Federal Operations."
- 0357** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution supporting U.S. Discharge Petition No. 15 to advance federal legislation providing Temporary Protected Status for Haiti.
- 0358** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Irish-American Heritage Month.
- 0359** Councilor Culpepper and Pepén offered the following: Resolution to embrace and extend heartfelt wishes to the beloved Muslim community in Boston, Massachusetts, throughout the United States, and across the globe, invoking blessings upon them as they embark upon the sacred journey of Ramadan, a month revered for its rituals of prayer, fasting, charity, and deep reflection.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

- [0360](#) Councilor Breadon for Councilor Flynn offers the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Charles Levin, Melissa Lo, Sydney Scanlan, and Ashley Lavey in City Council, effective February 7, 2026.
- [0361](#) Councilor Breadon for Councilor Santana offers the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Juan De Jesus Concepcion in City Council, effective February 14, 2026.

GREEN SHEETS:

- [11/26](#) Legislative Calendar for February 11, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- [0362](#) Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing eight (8) individuals upon their receipt of the Propa City Community Outreach Angel Award and Lighthouse Award.
- [0363](#) Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing Paul Goodnight.
- [0364](#) Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution in memory of Judge Leslie Harris.
- [0365](#) Councilor Breadon offered the following: Resolution recognizing Vineet Gupta.
- [0366](#) Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution celebrating the inaugural opening of the Frostival Lodge.
- [0367](#) Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Edward T. Donovan.
- [0368](#) Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution in memory of Rev. Msgr. Francis H. Kelley.



City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

02-06-2026

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 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

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 FY25 Port Security Grant Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Homeland Security.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS **(\$577,500.00)** 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 Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of Homeland Security, the FY25 Port Security Grant Program award not to exceed the amount of FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS **(\$577,500.00)**.

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 Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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Michelle Wu**

02-06-2026

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**GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA
DISTRICT 1 BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR**

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Rebecca Tepper, Secretary
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Attn: MEPA Analyst, EEA
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Re: Comments on Boston Logan International Airport 2023/2024 Environmental Data Report (EEA #3247)

Dear Secretary Tepper and Director Kim,

I write on behalf of the residents of East Boston regarding the Boston Logan International Airport 2023/2024 Environmental Data Report (EDR). I appreciate the opportunity to comment and acknowledge the work undertaken to document airport operations, mitigation measures, and environmental trends. However, as the EDR itself makes clear, Logan International Airport has surpassed pre-pandemic passenger levels and continues to exert significant cumulative environmental and public-health impacts on surrounding communities. These impacts fall disproportionately on East Boston, a designated Environmental Justice community.

The EDR confirms that passenger activity and aircraft operations increased in both 2023 and 2024, with 2024 passenger volumes exceeding pre-pandemic levels. This milestone signals that Logan is no longer operating in a recovery period. As such, future planning, permitting, and project review must treat current and proposed activity as new or expanded impacts rather than a continuation of historic conditions. Continued growth without enforceable limits or commensurate reductions in pollution, noise, and traffic is incompatible with the Commonwealth's environmental justice, climate, and public-health goals.

While the EDR appropriately frames itself as a tool for evaluating cumulative environmental effects, the mitigation strategies described remain largely incremental and forecast-based. East Boston residents continue to experience elevated exposure to air pollution, chronic noise,

roadway congestion, and associated health risks, even as airport activity grows. Mitigation measures that merely keep pace with growth are insufficient; mitigation must outperform growth to deliver real, measurable improvements in community health outcomes.

The report highlights steps taken by Massport to reduce emissions, including electrification of ground service equipment, expansion of electric vehicle infrastructure, and promotion of high-occupancy vehicle use and transit. These efforts are important but must be evaluated against actual passenger volumes, aircraft operations, and vehicle trips. Forecast-based modeling has contributed to a longstanding mitigation lag, and it is critical that MEPA oversight requires mitigation tied to real-world activity levels and monitored outcomes.

Noise impacts remain another persistent burden for East Boston residents. While the restart of the Residential Sound Insulation Program is welcome, sound insulation is a reactive measure that does not address the source of the harm. Operational controls, runway use reforms, and meaningful limits on nighttime flights must be considered alongside insulation programs to prevent the creation of new noise impacts.

Ground transportation continues to be a major driver of environmental impact. Logan-related vehicle traffic contributes significantly to local air pollution and congestion, particularly in East Boston due to its proximity to terminals and airport roadways. Any airport growth that increases vehicle trips compounds existing inequities unless paired with enforceable reductions in single-occupancy vehicle use and stronger regional transportation demand management strategies.

Finally, environmental justice requires binding commitments, clear thresholds that trigger project modification or denial, and measurable reductions in pollution and noise in affected communities. East Boston residents must be engaged not merely as consultees, but as partners in decision-making that directly affects their health and quality of life. I respectfully urge the EEA and the MEPA Office to use the findings of the 2023/2024 EDR to strengthen oversight of Logan Airport by:

- Requiring that cumulative impacts drive decision-making and limit further expansion;
- Mandating impact-based mitigation tied to actual passenger and operations data;
- Establishing EJ-specific thresholds and enforceable protections for surrounding communities; and
- Ensuring that mitigation strategies result in net reductions in pollution, noise, and traffic burdens for East Boston.

Logan's role as a regional transportation hub does not override the Commonwealth's responsibility to protect the health, safety, and quality of life of our communities. Choosing restraint, accountability, and enforceable mitigation is both necessary and consistent with Massachusetts' climate and equity commitments. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to continued engagement on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gabriela Coletta Zapata". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gabriela Coletta Zapata
Boston City Councilor, District 1

CC:

The Honorable Mayor Michelle Wu

The Honorable Lydia Edwards, State Senator

The Honorable Adrian Madaro, State Representative

Brian Swett, Chief Climate Officer, City of Boston

Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Green New Deal Director & Environment Commissioner, City of Boston



Boston City Council

Erin J. Murphy

Councilor At-Large

COMMUNICATION RE: PUBLIC ACCESS TO CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSIONS AND HEARINGS

I wish to place on the record my concerns regarding public access to City Council working sessions and hearings, particularly when meetings are held outside the Iannella Chamber.

At a recent Council meeting, there was extensive discussion about ensuring that public access to meetings is meaningful. That concern was reflected in the working session on Docket #0157 (Rules), where a Zoom link was available only by request and the meeting was neither live streamed nor recorded. As a result, many residents were unable to observe the discussion in real time or after the fact, underscoring the need for a clearer and more consistent approach to public access.

As the Council moves forward with additional working sessions, particularly the upcoming Ways and Means working session and hearing on Boston's FY'27 operating budget, Docket #0201, scheduled for February 12 at 10:00 a.m., it is essential that full public access be provided. If the Piedmont Room cannot accommodate live streaming and recording, the meeting should be held in the Iannella Chamber or another space that allows for full broadcast access.

The operating budget is among the most significant responsibilities of the City Council. The public must be able to view these discussions live and access recordings afterward without unnecessary procedural barriers.

Sincerely,

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Erin J. Murphy

Boston City Councilor At-Large

Chair of Human Services



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 26, 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 Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following schools:

Schools	Address	Scope	City	State	Zip
Edward Everett ES	71 Pleasant Street	Window	Dorchester	MA	02125
Richard J. Murphy K-8 School	1 Worrell Street	Window	Dorchester	MA	02122

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 SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,500,000) FOR PROJECTS AT THE EDWARD EVERETT ES AND RICHARD J. MURPHY K-8 SCHOOL.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston (the "City") appropriate the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (6,500,000) for the purpose of paying costs of window and door replacement projects at the following schools:

Schools	Address	Scope	City	State	Zip	Total Project Budget
Edward Everett ES	71 Pleasant Street	Window	Dorchester	MA	02125	\$2,827,974
Richard J. Murphy K-8 School	1 Worrell Street	Window	Dorchester	MA	02122	\$3,594,145

FURTHER ORDERED: This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair projects 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 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 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 costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA 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 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.**
BY 
**MICHAEL FIRESTONE *Kmw*
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 26, 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 Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs for the roof replacement projects at the following schools:

Schools	Address	Scope	City	State	Zip
Thomas J Kenny ES	19 Oakton Ave	Roof	Dorchester	MA	02124
Hugh Roe O'Donnell ES	33 Trenton Street	Roof	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,

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL


AN ORDER APPROPRIATING THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) FOR PROJECTS AT THE THOMAS J. KENNY ES AND HUGH ROE O'DONNELL ES.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston (the "City") appropriate the amount of Three Million Dollars (3,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of roof replacement projects at the following schools:

Schools	Address	Scope	City	State	Zip	Total Project Budget
Thomas J Kenny ES	19 Oakton Ave	Roof	Dorchester	MA	02124	\$1,653,539
Hugh Roe O'Donnell ES	33 Trenton Street	Roof	East Boston	MA	02128	\$1,309,345

FURTHER ORDERED: This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair projects 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 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 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 costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA 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 that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

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BY 
**MICHAEL FIRESTONE *Kmw*
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF PEST CONTROL IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: The issue of pest control is an important quality of life issue, as it impacts public health, as well as the cleanliness and sanitization of our streets and neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: There has been a dramatic rise in rodent and pest activities in our neighborhoods in the past five years as a result of the pandemic, with residents and businesses reporting to 311 about the increase of rats and other rodents on our streets and homes; *and*

WHEREAS: Recently, 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: It is important that the city has specific measures in place to adequately address neighborhoods' individualized needs in managing the persistent increase in rodent activities; *and*

WHEREAS: Currently, pest control is cross-departmental effort in the City of Boston, with Inspectional Services, Public Works, Boston Water and Sewer Commission being the main points of contact on this issue; *and*

WHEREAS: Having a dedicated City department on pest control would allow us to better focus and coordinate services on the issue, provide a more streamlined and coordinated process in reducing pests, and come up with more innovative ways in prevent pest infestations; *and*

WHEREAS: It is critical that the City of Boston devotes the necessary resource and attention to this significant quality of life and public health crisis, and an Office of Pest Control will not only allow the City to better address concerns with rodents, but will also signal the City's commitment in curbing rodent population; **AND NOW
THEREFORE BE IT**

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

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, is hereby amended in Chapter XI by inserting the following new section after existing Section 11-11:

Ordinance creating the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston

SECTION 1: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to create an Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston. Pest control is an important quality of life and public health issue for the residents of Boston, and there needs to be adequate resources to address this issue, including a dedicated office to coordinate multi-departmental efforts to reducing rat and pest population, develop overall pest control strategy, and conduct outreach to residents on rodent mitigation methods.

SECTION 2: The Office of Pest Control

1. Establishment of the Office of Pest Control.

There shall be established in the City of Boston the Office of Pest Control, hereafter referred to as the Office, which shall be under the charge of an Officer known as the Director of Pest Control (hereafter called the Director), who shall be appointed by the Mayor.

2. Definitions

“Pest” means a living animal or insect that negatively impacts the quality of life of humans, particularly ones that cause damage to property, create chronic nuisance, or harm public health. Pests include, but are not limited to: rats, mice, bedbugs, mites, fleas, ticks, and cockroaches.

“Pest control” means managing the response process to complaints of insect, rodent, and other animal infestation in the City of Boston, and preventing pests from negatively impacting the quality of life and public health of residents.

“Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan” means an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of strategies tailored to the needs of every neighborhood in Boston.

3. Director Responsibilities.

The Director shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration, and operation of the Office. The Director shall also have the ability to hire staff or contract out services as required in order to carry out its purpose. The duties of the Director, or designee, of the Office shall include, but not limited to:

- a. Act as the central point and dedicated person in developing and implementing long term and short term Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans for individual neighborhoods based on their specific needs;
- b. Evaluate local pest control service providers to determine providers best suited to implement IPM plan for each neighborhood;
- c. Respond to constituent pest control requests by coordinating with relevant city departments and recommending treatment services pursuant to the neighborhood IPM plans;
- d. Coordinate with the Inspectional Services Department to manage the implementation of short-term and long-term Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans for individual neighborhoods based on specific needs;
- e. Conduct outreach and awareness campaigns to educate residents on pest control and mitigation methods, including how to properly dispose of trash, containing food sources, sealing openings, and other preventative measures;
- f. Work with city agencies, the private sector, and community organizations to identify model practices and innovative strategies in reducing rat and pest populations;
- f. Advising city agencies and departments on issues pertaining to pest control; and
- g. Perform such other duties and functions as may be appropriate to pursue the policies set forth in this section.

3. Enforcement Powers.

- a. The Director, or designees of the Office shall have the power to enforce the IPM plans related to this ordinance.
- b. The Director, or designees of the Office are authorized to enter into agreements necessary to effectuate programs and projects related to its purpose, and, in connection with agreements entered into under this Ordinance, to enter into and execute all such other instruments and to perform any and all acts, including the allocation and expenditure of duly appropriated funds, as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of such agreements and any renewals thereto.

SECTION 3: Severability

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 will not affect the remaining provisions, which will remain in

full force and effect.

SECTION 4: Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective within six months of passage.

Filed in City Council: February 9, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF BOSTON CODE, ORDINANCES, 17-22, ROAD SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR DELIVERY PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, Since the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Boston residents subsequently witnessed a proliferation of mopeds and e-bikes on City of Boston streets to provide third-party delivery services for multi-billion dollar companies; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2022, according to a report from the Boston Globe, the city indicated that their goal was for third-party delivery companies to shift away from cars towards two-wheeled vehicles in order to reduce chaos, congestion, and public safety concerns associated with the loss of a lane on Boylston Street. Yet, in June 2024, the City subsequently proceeded to launch the Boylston Street Better Bus and Bike Lane Project, which implemented both a bike lane on the left side of the street and a dedicated bus lane on the right side, while removing over 90 parking spaces. In February 2025, the City announced removal of the bus lane as it was not functioning as intended; *and*

WHEREAS, In a response letter in 2024 to Boston City Council Docket #0303 *Order for a hearing to review rules and regulations of vehicles in relation to expansion of micro mobility access*, a third-party delivery company indicated that due to the increased demand in food delivery, the City of Boston encouraged the use of two-wheeled delivery vehicles to decrease the number of cars on the road. Moreover, the company reported that they initiated a nine month pilot program to incentivize couriers to utilize two-wheel delivery rather than four and to provide relief in Back Bay since 2022; *and*

WHEREAS, Since the outset of the pandemic city, state, and national officials have highlighted that third-party delivery companies do not classify drivers as employees, rather as independent contractors, further complicating efforts to hold companies accountable for their drivers' conduct; *and*

WHEREAS, Reports have noted that, through various ways, third-party delivery companies may potentially be incentivizing low-wage workers to prioritize speed over safety in order to receive more order assignments. With some companies, if contracted drivers do not make a delivery on time, their ratings drop, along with the potential for accounts taken down by the company; *and*

WHEREAS, Since that time, on a near daily basis, city residents have shared how these motorized vehicles, which can travel more than 20 mph, do not obey the rules of

the road - driving the wrong way on our streets, on sidewalks, speeding, running stop signs and red lights, weaving between vehicles at red lights, and posing an unpredictable danger to pedestrian safety. Over the past couple of years, the amount of mopeds, e-bikes and other two-wheeled vehicles have tripled resulting in public safety and quality of life concerns for all residents and visitors, but especially our seniors, persons with disabilities, and young families; *and*

WHEREAS, While residents highlight the need for enforcement, the Boston Police Department continues to experience longstanding issues regarding staffing levels, mandatory overtime, overstretched resources, and looming retirements; *and*

WHEREAS, In April of 2025, the Boston City Council passed an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers. The ordinance, effective in October 2025, will require third-party delivery companies to maintain a valid permit from the City of Boston and report data to the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) including a unique identification number for each order and the type of vehicle used, and drivers to carry liability insurance if available, among others. Operators not in compliance with the ordinance will face a \$300 fine per day, per restaurant. In other cases, the BTD Commissioner may seek a court injunction; *and*

WHEREAS, While the Ordinance begins to establish rules and regulations governing the oversight of Third-Party Delivery Services in the City of Boston, without the capability to provide consistent enforcement for hundreds of operators at the same time at intersections throughout the city, the potential remains that many mopeds and e-bikes will continue to disregard rules of the road and create serious hazards for all users; *and*

WHEREAS, As the city is unrealistically able to provide the required enforcement to ensure that predictability on the road and that traffic laws are being adhered to, and that third-party delivery drivers on mopeds and e-bikes continue to consistently display unwillingness to follow the rules of the road with ruthless disregard for pedestrian and public safety while traveling at a high rate of speed - the City of Boston should instead restrict the use of mopeds and e-bikes for third-party food delivery; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

Section 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 17-22 is hereby amended by striking the following language from the definition for Third-Party Delivery Vehicle (“Vehicle”) under **17-22.2**

Definitions:

“motorized bicycles,” and “electric bicycles,” “motorized scooters,” “low-speed motor vehicles,” and “limited use motor vehicles”

Section 2.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 17-22 is hereby amended by inserting the following language under **17-22.3 *Third-Party Delivery in the City of Boston***:

“No Third-Party Delivery Provider shall permit a Third-Party Delivery Operator to use motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, low-speed motor vehicles, or limited use motor vehicles as defined by M.G.L. c. 90, § 1, to provide Third Party Delivery Services. The use of such vehicles shall constitute a violation and be subjected to penalties under this section.”

Section 3.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 17-22 is hereby amended by striking the following language under **17-22.5 *Insurance (b)***:

“ii. Coverage for Operators using all modes of transportation for which registration is required by M.G.L. c. 90, § 1A, as well as electric bicycles and motorized bicycles;”

Section 4.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 17-22 is hereby amended by inserting the following language after the first sentence of the second paragraph under **17-22.7 *Enforcement***:

“Such fines shall also apply to any Permitted Provider that is found to have violated this section while having a valid Permit.”

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 5.

The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect nine months after passage.

Filed on: February 9, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDINANCE REGULATING ALL E-BIKES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, According to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 85, Section 11B, bicyclists may use most public roads and must follow the same traffic laws as motor vehicles, except on limited-access or express highways where bicycles are specifically prohibited. Riders shall keep to the right when passing vehicles, use hand signals when safe to do so, and ride on sidewalks outside of business districts if necessary for safety, unless local rules say otherwise. When riding on a sidewalk, bicyclists must yield to pedestrians and give an audible warning before passing; *and*

WHEREAS, Additionally, according to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90, Section 1, an electric bicycle as a bicycle or tricycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of 750 watts or less, limited to Class 1 or Class 2 electric bicycles, and distinguishes Class 1 electric bicycles as providing pedal-assist only up to 20 miles per hour and Class 2 electric bicycles as capable of motor-only propulsion but not exceeding 20 miles per hour, while expressly excluding electric bicycles from the definition of motorized bicycles, which are separately defined by engine capacity, transmission type, and maximum speed; *and*

WHEREAS, Neighbors and pedestrians throughout the City of Boston - including our seniors, persons with disabilities, and young families - consistently bring up the lack of enforcement on all two-wheeled vehicles operating on sidewalks, running red lights and stop signs, and going the wrong way down the street. They consistently report feeling unsafe walking on sidewalks and streets near these two-wheel devices, due to the high rates of speed and skill required; *and*

WHEREAS, Locally, we have seen cycling-related collisions and crashes increase, including many incidents that go undocumented due to a lack of registration requirements for bicycles, electric and motorized bicycles and scooters. Across the state, local media and police departments have highlighted safety concerns and warned about dangerous driving with children as young as 12 on e-bikes, due to the current lack of safety regulations in Massachusetts. In August, a man hit by an e-bike in the crosswalk on Boylston Street tragically passed weeks later after sustaining life threatening injuries. This followed the tragic death of a 13-year-old, when an e-bike collided with a vehicle in Stoneham; *and*

WHEREAS, Medical professionals at Massachusetts General Hospital highlighted in a November 2025 Boston Globe opinion article that state law is limited in its regulation of e-bikes, due to the lack of age restrictions, helmet enforcement, and licensing requirements. They highlight a recent study by the American Public Health Association that found a 293% increase in e-bike injuries and an 88% rise in powered scooter injuries between 2019 and 2023. According to a recent study, e-bike riders are about 57% more likely to get into an accident than traditional bike riders; *and*

WHEREAS, In August 2025, it was reported that more than 100 people on bicycles, scooters, and dirt bikes rode recklessly over the Zakim Bridge. One man was arrested after crashing his dirt bike into a Boston Police cruiser, charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest; *and*

WHEREAS, This ordinance will provide clarity and consistency on the regulation of e-bikes, including Class 3 e-bikes, which are currently classified as mopeds in the City of Boston. It is critical that there are strict regulations and enforcement measures to protect operators and pedestrians, and also prevent further tragedies; ***NOW, THEREFORE***

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

Section 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 16 is hereby amended by inserting the following new section after Chapter 16-12.38A:

CHAPTER 16

ORDINANCE 16-12.38B

ELECTRIC BIKE RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish uniform rules governing the use and regulation of electric bicycles within the City of Boston; to promote public safety; and to ensure consistency with the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

(a) Electric Bicycle. A bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts.

(b) Class 1 Electric Bicycle. An electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(c) Class 2 Electric Bicycle. An electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(d) Class 3 Electric Bicycle.

or

(1) Electric bicycles capable of achieving twenty-eight (28) miles per hour under pedal assist but less than thirty (30) miles per hour maximum capability

(2) An electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty-eight (28) miles per hour;

(3) Any electric bicycle capable of attaining a “high-speed” of thirty (30) miles per hour or greater by means of motor assistance or pedal-assist.

(e) Public Way. Any street, road, lane, or path maintained by the City of Boston and open for public travel.

SECTION 3. OPERATION OF CLASS 1 AND CLASS 2 ELECTRIC BICYCLES

(a) Class 1 and Class 2 electric bicycles may be operated:

(1) In bicycle lanes;

(2) On multi-use paths, except where otherwise posted; and

(3) On public ways where bicycles are lawfully permitted.

(b) Operators of Class 1 and Class 2 electric bicycles shall have all rights and duties applicable to operators of traditional bicycles.

(c) Class 1 and Class 2 electric bicycles shall not exceed twenty (20) miles per hour under motor assistance.

SECTION 4. REGULATION OF CLASS 3 ELECTRIC BICYCLES

(a) Such bicycles shall be prohibited from:

(1) Operating in a bicycle lane, on a sidewalk, or on a multi-use recreational path unless expressly permitted by posted signage.

(b) Operators shall wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet at all times.

SECTION 5. REGULATION OF HIGH-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES (30 MPH OR GREATER)

(a) Any electric bicycle with a maximum motor-assisted or motor-powered speed of thirty (30) miles per hour or greater shall be prohibited from:

(1) Operating in a bicycle lane, on a sidewalk, or on a multi-use recreational path unless expressly permitted by posted signage.

(2) Operation for people under 16 years old;

(b) Operators shall:

(1) Operate only on public ways where mopeds or motorcycles are lawfully permitted;

(2) Be required to wear properly fitted bicycle helmets at all times

(3) Be registered with the Registry of Motor Vehicles in the appropriate vehicle classification;

(4) Be operated only by a person holding a valid driver’s license or learner’s permit; and

- (5) Comply with all equipment, lighting, signaling, and traffic requirements applicable to mopeds or motorcycles.
- (6) Have clearly labeled speed capacities and age recommendations provided by the manufacturer, and face penalties for selling vehicles that violate existing law.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to mislabel, conceal, alter, or modify an electric bicycle in a manner intended to evade the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

In addition to the prohibitions described, no person shall operate any electric bicycle at a speed exceeding the posted speed limit for the roadway, path, or facility on which it is operated. Operators shall follow all traffic laws and regulations, including stopping at stop signs and following all traffic lights, unless signs are posted otherwise.

(a) Violations of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following civil penalties: (1) For Class 1 or Class 2 violations: a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per offense.

(2) For Class 3 or high-speed electric bicycle violations: a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per offense.

(b) Any electric bicycle operated in violation of this ordinance and not registered as required under state law may be subject to impoundment by the Boston Police Department or the Boston Transportation Department.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

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 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following its passage and approval.

Filed on: February 9, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN AND EDWARD M. FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF SAFE SCHOOL ZONES TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AROUND ALL SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, In the City of Boston, a School Zone includes solely the streets around the school within two blocks implementing a speed limit of 20mph yet there are no additional requirements nor street standards to enforce speed reduction. This is apparent as some school zones may have multiple signs yet some such as the Chittick School only has one; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is implementing the larger Safety Surge initiative installing speed humps, updating intersections, and changing signals in heavily recorded accident-prone streets. The eligible roads around our schools should be amongst the immediate upgrades as these areas are heavily frequented by pedestrians and commuters not just related to the school; *and*

WHEREAS, According to Safe Kids Worldwide (2016), 30% of school zones across the country lack marked crosswalks.

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, reports updated signage that includes Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons can increase motorist yielding rates up to 98%. These additions can avoid past severe accidents in Boston such as a tragic moment in November 2023 when a Sumner School staff member was struck by a vehicle at the crosswalk on Cummins Highway while assisting students; *and*

WHEREAS, Every four days, Emergency Medical Services respond to a pediatric-related car accident averaging over 100 a year - a grave concern as children spend most of their time at school raising the likelihood of these accidents to happen there; *and*

WHEREAS, All Boston residents should feel a level of added safety regardless of how they are commuting to and around a school; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to explore the establishments of Safe School Zones to create a standard of improvements on street design, road signage, and impose accountability of all community members to adhere to safer commuting behaviors. Representatives from appropriate departments of the administration, and experts on school transportation programs will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed on: February 11, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**ORDER FOR A HEARING ON A SCALABLE
FUNDING MODEL FOR AN IMMIGRANT
EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND**

WHEREAS, Boston is home to a large and diverse immigrant population, however shifts in federal immigration policy, particularly changes to Temporary Protected Status and escalating enforcement actions, can rapidly and dramatically destabilize families, workplaces, and neighborhoods with little warning; *and*

WHEREAS, Experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that the City is most effective when it works in coordination with our neighborhood, nonprofit, for-profit, and governmental partners to mobilize resources quickly and respond rapidly to emergency needs; *and*

WHEREAS, While the City of Boston continues to make historic public investments in immigrant legal access, community well-being, and neighborhood support, sudden enforcement surges or federal policy changes may create acute and large-scale situations that exceed what the City alone can handle; *and*

WHEREAS, A scalable, public-private immigrant response fund could strengthen the City's preparedness by leveraging philanthropic resources and activating a coordinated citywide response across neighborhood networks, service providers, employers, and public agencies to rapidly deliver legal defense, family stabilization, or emergency assistance as conditions evolve; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT;***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committees of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to assess whether an immigrant response fund in partnership with philanthropy could serve as a standing tool to support rapid, coordinated action when existing systems are strained.

Filed on: February 4, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR WORRELL, COUNCILOR FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE MISSION, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND CHALLENGES AT THE OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY (OPAT)

WHEREAS, In December 2020, the City Council passed an ordinance to establish the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, an office that would have a Civilian Review Board and an Internal Affairs Oversight Panel to oversee complaints made against the Boston Police Department; *and*

WHEREAS, The department has cycled through staff and prior leaders before current Executive Director Evandro Carvalho took the reigns in 2024; *and*

WHEREAS, In a May 2025 hearing, Executive Director Carvalho testified that from 2022 through 2024, there were 378 complaints received, 86 active investigations, 58 cases heard by the CRB, and 34 appeals heard by the IAOP; *and*

WHEREAS, As of May 2025, Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox had not followed the nine recommendations for discipline issued by OPAT, thus leading some community members to question the department's credibility; *and*

WHEREAS, While the department has quarterly review meetings and holds subpoena power, there is a strong desire to find ways to strengthen its power; *and*

WHEREAS, From 2022 to 2024, 44 percent of people who filed complaints with OPAT were Black and the majority were of those who lodged complaints were Black and/or Latino, thus making this a civil-rights issue; *and*

WHEREAS, The City Council should hold a hearing to work with the community and find ways for the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency to strengthen and re-examine its tools to ensure it lives up to its original goals and priorities. The hearing should also include constructive oversight and dialogue to strengthen accountability, effectiveness, and public confidence in the office's work; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the mission, goals, objectives, and challenges at the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency.

Filed on: February 8, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING MASSCORE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND STUDENT SUPPORTS IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has established the MassCore framework intended to ensure that students graduate from high school prepared for college, career, and civic life; *and*

WHEREAS, The MassCore framework includes four years of English and mathematics; three years of science and social studies; two years of world language; one year of the arts; and additional electives, with flexibility for vocational, alternative, English learner, and special education pathways; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools adopted MassCore as a district graduation requirement in 2021 with a multi-year implementation plan, informed by research showing improved postsecondary outcomes for students who complete the MassCore curriculum; *and*

WHEREAS, Recent Boston Public Schools data indicate that a significant share of current seniors are not yet on track to meet MassCore requirements, with disproportionate impacts on high-needs students, students of color, English learners, students with disabilities, and low-income students, and may result in the students who have not completed these requirements being prevented from graduating this June; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools has stated that MassCore completion rates may continue to rise as students complete coursework during the remainder of the academic year, summer programming, or alternative pathways; *and*

WHEREAS, Questions remain regarding how MassCore requirements are impacted by school schedules, course availability, staffing, collective bargaining agreements, exemptions, alternative programs, and the supports provided to students who are at risk of delayed graduation; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council seeks to better understand the implementation, challenges, flexibilities, and student supports associated with MassCore in order to support Boston Public Schools in ensuring equitable access to graduation and

postsecondary readiness. ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to receive testimony from Boston Public Schools regarding the implementation of MassCore graduation requirements, with the goal of fostering shared understanding, transparency, and collaborative problem-solving. Representatives from Boston Public Schools will be invited to discuss the current status of MassCore implementation, plans to improve course offerings and increase student supports, and equity and student impact, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: February 11, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN AND SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS WAYS TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN PRIVATE WAYS

WHEREAS, Thousands of roadways across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and dozens across our community are privately owned, owing to our nearly 400-year history and neglect by some developers to apply for public adoption of streets; *and*

WHEREAS, Many of these private ways in Boston—such as Maple Leaf Drive, Stella Road, and Back Street—have fallen into disrepair as their owners cannot collectively afford nor come to agreements on how to finance repairs that can range in cost from tens of thousands to millions of dollars; *and*

WHEREAS, Many of these private ways are still publicly accessible to our community's vehicles, compounding damages over time and multiplying the costs for our municipality every year that action is not taken to convert and repair them; *and*

WHEREAS, These private ways expose our vehicles to potholes that can cause substantial damage and uneven surfaces that can contribute to collisions; *and*

WHEREAS, These private ways are a barrier for emergency response vehicles, particularly in winter months when snow removal is delegated to multiple private owners; *and*

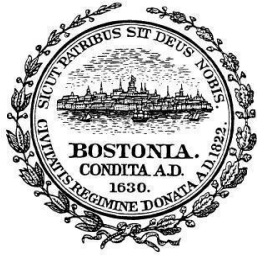
WHEREAS, These private ways expose pedestrians and cyclists to unnecessary risks by preventing the city from installing traffic-calming technology; *and*

WHEREAS, These private ways are accessed by companies that maintain and repair public utilities, underlining how public responsibility already extends to this infrastructure in complex and overlapping ways; *and*

WHEREAS, Communities across the United States have workshopped a variety of policy alternatives to alleviate this issue; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the repair and maintenance of private ways. Representatives from appropriate departments of the administration will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed on: February 11, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CRUISE INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: The Port of Boston is managed by the Massachusetts Port Authority, also known as Massport. Massport manages Conley Terminal, Flynn Cruiseport Boston, and Boston Autoport, including Boston Logan Airport; *and*

WHEREAS: According to the Flynn Cruiseport 2024 Economic Impact Report, Boston's cruise industry had significant growth over the past six years. It contributed \$256 million to the economy, a 90 percent increase since 2018, and supported over 3,000 jobs, a 36 percent increase from 2018; *and*

WHEREAS: In November 2024, Massport celebrated a record-breaking passenger count at Flynn Cruiseport with 167 cruise ships and over 480,000 passengers, a 29 percent passenger increase compared to 2023; *and*

WHEREAS: Massport also announced plans for a \$100 million investment in the Cruiseport, \$60 million of which will go towards shore power, which includes the installation of "ship-to-shore" electrical power that will enable cruise ships to switch off their diesel engines while at berth in the South Boston Waterfront. This will reduce emissions for the environment and the surrounding community in South Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: The cruise industry is an important sector that powers Boston's local economy and beyond. It supports our local businesses, including our restaurants, shops and hotels, and creates job opportunities for many in our neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston is a city with a rich maritime history. It has always been a port city, and its port operations have always been vital to the local economy. The Flynn Cruiseport is named in honor of former Mayor Ray Flynn - whose father was a longshoreman at the Port of Boston who served in the maritime community together with many other proud union longshoremen; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston. Representatives from Massport, the Boston Planning Department, Boston Transportation Department, and any other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: January 29, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, TRAFFIC-CALMING, AND VISION ZERO IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: Pedestrian safety is a critical component of public safety and overall quality of life for our residents, and the City of Boston is committed to pedestrian safety as part of Vision Zero - the goal of having zero serious and fatal traffic crashes; *and*

WHEREAS: The city lowered its default speed limit on neighborhood streets from 30 mph to 25 mph in 2017, with calls from City Councilors to lower it further to 20 mph. The City Council has also held multiple hearings for several years on pedestrian safety, concurrent pedestrian phasing traffic signals, and advocacy on using federal infrastructure funding to install infrastructure such as speed humps, raised crosswalks, pedestrian islands and rapid flash beacons in our neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2024, a SUV struck a pedestrian on Dorchester Avenue at Andrew Square before crashing into a restaurant due to speeding and reckless driving. Unfortunately, the pedestrian tragically passed away from his injuries, and the driver and passenger are in critical condition; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2024, a 4 year-old child was fatally struck by a truck at Sleeper Street and Congress Street in the Fort Point Neighborhood. As of October 2024, there were 137 crashes and eight pedestrian fatalities in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: These tragedies remind us of the work that must be done to realize Vision Zero in terms of the traffic-calming infrastructure improvements, slower speeds and enhanced traffic enforcement by the Boston Police Department to address pedestrian and traffic safety where congestion has gradually increased over the years; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2023, the City of Boston announced the Safety Surge program, in which they have begun to install zones of speed humps on eligible neighborhood streets, redesign intersections, and make changes to traffic signals in order to make our streets safer for our pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists; *and*

WHEREAS: The installation of speed humps is welcomed by many residents as a way to slow down cars, but currently speed humps are only being installed on smaller side streets, but not on wider and busier streets where cars are consistently speeding and serious crashes also occur with residents having to cross main streets, commercial roads, high traffic corridors, and bus routes; *and*

WHEREAS: Main streets, commercial roads, high traffic corridors, and bus routes are often dangerous for pedestrians as that is where the majority of pedestrian and vehicular traffic are located. These areas should also have traffic-calming infrastructure in place to force speeding vehicles to slow down and allow pedestrians, our seniors, persons with disabilities, and young families to cross the street more safely; *and*

WHEREAS: It is critical for the City of Boston to continue its focus on pedestrian safety and traffic calming improvements to realize Vision Zero - including whether the Safety Surge program should be updated with infrastructure to be installed on main streets, commercial roads, high traffic corridors, and bus routes to ensure road safety for all; *and*

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss ways to improve pedestrian safety by updating and expanding the Safety Surge program. Representatives from the Boston Transportation Department and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed in Council: February 9, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACCESS AND STUDENT SUCCESS FOR BOSTON RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, Community colleges play a critical role in Boston's higher education and workforce ecosystem, providing accessible pathways to credentials, degrees, and family-sustaining employment for working adults, first-generation students, immigrants, and other nontraditional learners; *and*

WHEREAS, The Healey Administration recently made community colleges free for all residents in Massachusetts. Boston Public Schools already had the opportunity for high school students to earn college credit during high school and students were enrolling in community colleges thereafter. Still, many Boston residents continue to face substantial barriers to participation, including work schedules, childcare responsibilities, and difficulty navigating academic and workforce pathways; *and*

WHEREAS, Community colleges serving Bostonians, including but not limited to Bunker Hill Community College and Roxbury Community College, are central to the City's workforce development strategy and preparation for careers in healthcare, life sciences, building trades, public service, and other high-demand sectors; *and*

WHEREAS, The effectiveness of these workforce pathways depends on program availability, strong partnerships with Boston Public Schools, strong employer partnerships, paid work-based learning opportunities, clear alignment between credentials and careers, and transparent placement and wage outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS, Student support infrastructure, including academic advising, career counseling, mental health services, basic needs assistance, disability access, and one-stop navigation services, is increasingly recognized as essential to student success, particularly for working adults and students with caregiving responsibilities; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has a direct interest in ensuring that community college pathways translate into meaningful economic opportunity for residents and a skilled workforce for local employers; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine access to community colleges serving Boston residents, with particular attention to workforce-aligned pathways, utilization by Boston residents, and the student support infrastructure necessary to ensure enrollment, persistence, and completion.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS ACCESSIBILITY IN BOSTON CITY HALL

WHEREAS: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) enshrines and protects the rights of people with disabilities throughout the country. Signed in 1990, it protects people with disabilities from discrimination in many areas of public life, including employment, public accommodations, transportation, access to state and local programs and services, parking, voting, etc; *and*

WHEREAS: The Boston Disabilities Commission supports and facilitates full and equal participation in all aspects of life by persons with disabilities. Their work includes reducing architectural, procedural, attitudinal, and communication barriers for persons with disabilities; promoting equity in housing, education, employment, transportation for them, and civic activities; and ensuring compliance with Title II of the ADA; *and*

WHEREAS: Over the years, Boston City Hall has made improvements to ensure compliance with the ADA and improve accessibility for people with disabilities. The latest include a new accessible entrance on the second floor and a sloping promenade in the City Hall Plaza renovation in 2022, and the installation of a vertical lift at City Hall's third floor entrance to the mezzanine area; *and*

WHEREAS: However, there is more work to be done to improve accessibility inside the building. Aging infrastructure continues to limit accessibility in certain areas of the building, such as the broken escalators connecting the second and third floors in City Hall. These escalators have been down for over a year, and it is important to review access within other parts of the building to ensure those with disabilities can fully access all floors, departments, and meeting rooms; *and*

WHEREAS: In addition, the verticality of the main stairs connecting the third floor onto the mezzanine often require caution to use given the short length of the brick and the reflective shine which makes it difficult for people to see, especially when going downwards. While the current guardrails help, the safety of these stairs need to be enhanced to prevent people from tripping and falling; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall. Representatives from the Disabilities Commission, Property Management Department and Landmarks Commission are invited to attend.

Filed in Council: January 15, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF CORI ON
ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

WHEREAS: Criminal conviction harms long-term employment outcomes, and negative effects of criminal conviction are magnified for our communities of color, who not only face higher conviction rates than whites, but tend to fare worse, at baseline, on employment outcomes and related measures of wellbeing; *and*

WHEREAS: Criminal offender record information (CORI) is a person's criminal record, and even criminal cases that end in a person's favor would still be a part of the record. Having a criminal record often impedes access for past offender for employment, housing, and other opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2010, Governor Deval Patrick signed the Massachusetts Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Reform into law, which barred employers from asking early-stage applicants questions about their criminal history (known as "ban the box"). It also made it easier for former prisoners and convicts to seal criminal records, created a 10 year "sunset" for felony records, and a new online criminal records system; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2018, the Massachusetts legislature expanded the 2010 CORI Reform law, it reduced the period for required disclosure of misdemeanor convictions from five years to three years, prohibited employers from asking applicants about criminal records that have been sealed or expunged, and required employers to update language on job applications to make requirements regarding expunged records clearer; *and*

WHEREAS: Despite progress on CORI reform, research shows that that banning the box still often failed to reduce employer discrimination related to criminal records, and that there should also be focus on alternative measures to improve reentry prospects for former convicts and policies that decrease the likelihood of conviction in the first place, such as the elimination of cash bail systems; *and*

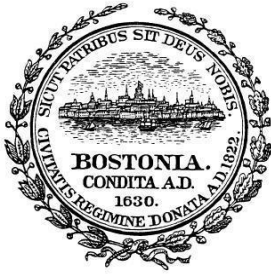
WHEREAS: CORI can be used as a reason for employers and other authorities to limit access to opportunities for those who are gaining reentry, and our communities of color are deeply impacted by a criminal justice system that disproportionately incarcerated and convicts the poor and people of color; *and*

WHEREAS: In our much needed discussions about racial justice and equity, we should also talk about ways to expand opportunities for our Black and Brown communities, including how we can further improve on our current CORI reforms; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities, and ways to increase opportunities for those who are gaining reentry. Representatives from the City of Boston's Office of Workforce Development, Office of Returning Citizens, criminal justice advocates, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: January 29, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO CONSIDER A FULL, INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FINANCES, OPERATIONS, AND PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council has a responsibility to exercise oversight of the City's largest public investments to ensure sound financial management, transparency, and alignment between spending decisions and intended outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools operates with an annual budget of approximately \$1.7 billion, making it the single largest expenditure in the City of Boston's operating budget and accounting for more than one-third of all City spending; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its recurring operating budget, Boston Public Schools received approximately \$470 million in federal ARP and ESSER pandemic recovery funding over several fiscal years, significantly expanding the scale and complexity of district spending during that period; and

WHEREAS, Despite this level of investment, student academic outcomes remain persistently low, and Boston Public Schools has now identified a \$52 million budget shortfall, resulting in hiring and spending freezes and raising concerns about long-term fiscal sustainability; and

WHEREAS, The combination of historic funding levels, limited evidence of improved outcomes, and current fiscal instability necessitates a comprehensive examination of how resources are allocated, managed, and evaluated across the school system; and

WHEREAS, While individual program reviews and internal reports may provide partial insight, the scale of Boston Public Schools' budget and operations warrants an independent, systemwide audit to assess financial stewardship, operational efficiency, and program effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Educators, families, advocates, and community members have called for greater transparency regarding spending decisions, central administration costs, contracting practices, and whether investments are reaching classrooms and producing results for students; and

WHEREAS, A full, independent audit would provide the City, the School Committee, and the public with objective information needed to make informed decisions, improve accountability, and ensure future investments are aligned with student needs and outcomes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the scope, structure, and necessity of a full, independent audit of Boston Public Schools, including systemwide financial management, operational practices, and

alignment between spending decisions and student outcomes. The Committee is requested to invite representatives from Boston Public Schools and the Boston School Committee, as well as financial and oversight experts, educators, families, advocates, and members of the public, to testify regarding district finances, spending practices, accountability, and the effectiveness of major investments.

Filed on: February 11, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

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

Filed on: February 5, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

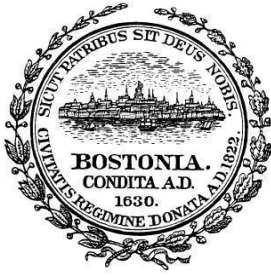
ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE GOALS AND PRIORITIES OF THE OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE AND THE OFFICE OF TOURISM, SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** Boston is a city rich with arts, history and culture. From renowned museums and historic sites to world-class orchestras and symphony halls; beautiful theaters and top production companies to beloved concert venues and international festivals, our arts and culture scene is teeming with visual and performing arts activities throughout the year. According to a 2019 Arts Factor Report, the arts, culture, and creative industries in Boston contribute over \$2 billion to the Boston and Greater Boston economy annually; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture (MOAC) supports the work of our visual and performing arts organizations across the City and ensures that all individuals and families across different communities have equitable access to arts and culture, public institutions, and public places. It also provides resources and opportunities for artists and institutions through grants and programs, partners with artists and arts non-profits on exhibitions, productions, and performances, supports the permitting of art in public spaces, and provides spaces to display and perform art; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Ranked the second best Sports City in America by WalletHub, Boston is also a major sports hub and is home to three famous professional sports teams - the Red Sox, the Celtics and the Bruins, and is close to Gillette Stadium, the home base for the New England Patriots. It also hosts the revered annual Boston Marathon; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Similarly, the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment supports the tourism industry by producing and co-sponsoring events, supporting film and TV production, and marketing the City to conventions and visitors. In 2023, visitors to Boston spent a total of \$16.14 billion, an important source of revenue for local businesses and the Boston economy; *and*
- WHEREAS:** With potential cuts from federal funding, we need to ensure that MOAC and the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment have the resources they need to continue to perform their work in supporting Boston's vibrant arts and cultural, and tourism industry; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the Offices of Arts and Culture and Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, as well as resources available to artists, cultural non-profits and institutions, our tourism and entertainment industries for this year and beyond. Representatives from MOAC, Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, the Special Events and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: February 9, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE STUDENT ACADEMIC OUTCOMES AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, One of the fundamental responsibilities of the Boston City Council is to ensure that major public investments result in measurable improvements in outcomes, particularly when those investments are intended to address inequities and improve student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools operates with an annual budget of approximately \$1.7 billion, making it the single largest expenditure in the City of Boston's operating budget and accounting for more than one-third of all City spending; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its annual operating budget, Boston Public Schools received approximately \$470 million in federal ARP and ESSER pandemic recovery funding, representing an extraordinary, one-time investment intended to accelerate learning and address pandemic-related learning loss for all students; and

WHEREAS, Despite this historic level of investment, 2025 MCAS data released by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shows persistently low academic outcomes across multiple grade levels in Boston Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, In the third grade, only 19 percent of Black students and 20 percent of Latino students met or exceeded expectations on MCAS, and when disaggregated further, only approximately 1 percent of Black students exceeded expectations, which translates to just 8 Black children citywide, while only 28 Latino students exceeded expectations across the entire district; and

WHEREAS, Similarly low outcomes appear across subsequent grade levels, including in the fourth and fifth grades, where only single-digit numbers of Black students and only a few dozen Latino students exceeded expectations, despite thousands of students tested; and

WHEREAS, By the sixth grade, only 17 percent of Black students and 20 percent of Latino students met or exceeded expectations, and only 24 Black students and 36 Latino students exceeded expectations citywide, demonstrating that performance does not meaningfully improve as students progress through the system; and

WHEREAS, While percentages alone can obscure the magnitude of these results, translating the data into actual numbers of students reveals outcomes so stark that many readers initially assume the data must be incorrect, when it is in fact accurately reported; and

WHEREAS, These outcomes raise serious concerns about the return on investment for students and families following years of unprecedented spending, particularly for Black and brown students who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council has a responsibility to understand whether the scale of public investment in Boston Public Schools has translated into improved academic outcomes for students, and if not, why;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine student academic outcomes and return on investment in Boston Public Schools. The Committee is requested to invite representatives from Boston Public Schools and the Boston School Committee, as well as educators, families, researchers, advocates, and members of the public, to testify regarding student outcomes, instructional effectiveness, and the impact of district spending decisions.

Filed on: February 11, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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 RATING SYSTEM (CRS)

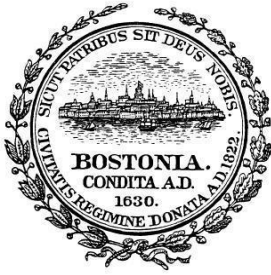
- WHEREAS:** On Wednesday, November 5th, 2025, the Boston City Council unanimously supported a resolution urging the City of Boston to certify with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) - a program that can save residents and businesses thousands of dollars in flood insurance costs; *and*
- WHEREAS:** For many, waterfront neighborhoods are an attractive place to live for recreational activities, higher property values, and a sense of community. However, due to sea level rise and heavy precipitation as a result of climate change, the risk of flooding in these neighborhoods becomes a higher risk every year. It is critical that neighbors have access to affordable flood insurance in the event that they get damage to their homes and property; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The NFIP provides flood insurance to property owners, renters, and businesses. Homeowners policies cover both buildings and belongings. Building policies cover flood damage up to \$250,000 and content policies up to \$100,000. Renters' flood insurance policies protect belongings within a home covering up to \$100,000 of damage. Commercial flood insurance protects the building and equipment used for business covering up to \$500,000; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Residents and businesses in Massachusetts with policies through NFIP have received discounts up to 20%. In order to qualify and get a discount on flood insurance, cities must receive a certification known as Community Rating System (CRS) from FEMA. The City of Boston has not applied to receive this certification, leaving residents to pay thousands of dollars every year; *and*
- WHEREAS:** When a municipality has been certified to join the Community Rating System, the community is assigned a class number between 1 and 9. Each class merits a 5 percent discount for all residents who obtained flood insurance through the NFIP. Class 1 cuts flood insurance premiums by 45 percent for policyholders. According to reports, since the City of Boston missed its original goal to certify for CRS in 2021, policyholders have paid approximately \$15.7 million in premiums. Had Boston been assigned Class 9 in 2021, with a 5 percent discount, neighbors could have saved roughly \$785,000; *and*

WHEREAS: Though the application process to be approved by FEMA is lengthy and requires considerable administrative review, it is wholly worthwhile for the City of Boston to receive its certification due to the rising cost of living for residents across the city, especially for those living in a flood risk zone. It is critical for the public to obtain an opportunity to hear from the City's Climate Resilience team on the status of certification for CRS, and that the City of Boston makes this a top priority to potentially save millions of dollars for residents and policyholders; *and*

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the appropriate committee on the Boston City Council holds 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 Rating System (CRS). Representatives from the Office of Climate Resilience, officials from municipalities enrolled in CRS for NFIP across Massachusetts, and other interested parties are welcome to attend.

Filed in City Council: February 9, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT IMPLEMENTATION, WAIVERS, AND EQUITY IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools adopted a MassCore-based graduation requirement following the removal of MCAS as a statewide graduation requirement, with the stated goal of maintaining rigorous and meaningful academic expectations for all students; and

WHEREAS, Recent reporting indicates that more than one-third of Boston Public Schools seniors are currently not on track to meet the district's new graduation requirements, raising serious concerns about implementation, equity, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, Because students who are Black, Latino, English Learners, low-income, and students with disabilities are disproportionately not on track to meet the new graduation requirements, the use of broad waivers without transparent reporting or strategic supports risks obscuring inequitable access rather than addressing it; and

WHEREAS, Waivers granted at scale do not address the underlying causes of students not meeting graduation requirements, including inconsistent access to required coursework, late or uneven academic intervention, and the absence of clear, enforceable implementation standards; and

WHEREAS, Widespread reliance on waivers risks undermining the integrity of graduation standards by masking long-standing and well-documented systemic failures to consistently deliver high-quality instruction and academic preparation to all Boston Public Schools students, despite substantial and sustained financial investment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to examine the implementation of Boston Public Schools' graduation requirements, including the scope, criteria, and frequency of waivers or exemptions; the equity impacts of graduation requirement implementation and waiver use on Black, Latino, English Learner, low-income students, and students with disabilities; and the transparency, oversight, and support strategies necessary to ensure all students have a genuine and equitable opportunity to meet graduation requirements, with testimony invited from Boston Public Schools, the Boston School Committee, student and family advocates, and other relevant stakeholders.

Filed on: February 11, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO CONTINUE EXPLORING STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING MIXED-INCOME SOCIAL HOUSING TO INCREASE HOUSING ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY FOR ALL BOSTONIANS

WHEREAS, Social Housing is publicly financed, mixed-income housing that recoups public investment for the public good, and has been proven to be a fiscally responsible and sustainable method to create and maintain high-quality and affordable housing for a wide range of income levels; *and*

WHEREAS, Housing is a human right, everyone deserves to have a home, and data and the lived experiences of our residents continuously demonstrate that housing is currently unaffordable for most Bostonians, with the majority of Boston households being renters, and 53.5% of Boston renters being cost burdened, with over 30% of their household income going to housing costs; 80.6% of Boston households having household income below \$200,000, the approximate amount required to afford to purchase an average home in the Boston Metro; and 27.5% of existing Boston homeowners already cost-burdened (US Census Bureau American Community Survey; Redfin, August 2023); *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has taken a critical step forward in support of developing Mixed-Income Social Housing, with the launch of the \$110 million City of Boston Housing Accelerator Fund, modeled on the policy approaches discussed during a series of City Council hearings held on this matter in 2024, and created with the assent of the City Council in January 2025; *and*

WHEREAS, The new Housing Accelerator Fund will increase the availability and accessibility of Boston Housing Authority (BHA) public housing, while fostering mixed-income communities, beginning with immediately enabling resumption of the redevelopment of Boston's largest public housing development, BHA Bunker Hill, with the replacement of all 1,100 existing affordable Charlestown units with an integrated community comprised of 2,699 mixed-income homes, including 1,010 deeply affordable units; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has also launched a \$50 million Momentum Fund through the 2024 Affordable Homes Act, which will further support the creation of affordable mixed-income housing in Boston; MassHousing

is partnering with the City of Boston by providing at least \$10 million of investments in Boston projects to supplement the City of Boston Housing Accelerator Fund, starting with the the development of 750 to 1,000 mixed-income rental units beyond the Bunker Hill BHA redevelopment; *and*

WHEREAS, The Housing Accelerator Fund will also support homeownership through a pilot program structured for earlier investment and earlier payback, so the City recoups its investment faster, and can reuse the funds for additional projects; *and*

WHEREAS, All of these housing development projects come at virtually no cost to taxpayers, and in fact generate an actual financial investment return for the public, as the City of Boston’s Housing Accelerator Funds will be replenished with interest as these projects come online, enabling further investment in additional mixed-income social housing projects; *and*

WHEREAS, This investment in BHA public housing for low-income households comes at an especially critical time, when shortfalls to meet demand are obvious, with BHA reporting communities currently have waiting lists of 1,200 to 13,000 applicants, often requiring wait times over 10 years; and many BHA facilities long past their useful lifespans, and in desperate need of replacement; *and*

WHEREAS, Additional strategies for affordable housing creation beyond BHA public housing are also critical, as federal restrictions through the “Faircloth Amendment” of the United States Housing Act of 1937 §9(g)(3) limit the number of public housing units for which the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) can provide Capital Fund or Operation Fund allocations for each municipality. This effectively caps how many additional BHA public housing units can be created or acquired and have their ongoing maintenance funded by the federal government. In January 2024, the Boston Planning and Development Agency noted a limit of 2,891 new units, approximately a 23% increase from the approximately 12,623 units BHA currently owns or operates per its website; *and*

WHEREAS, Income limits on BHA, Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), and Housing Choice Voucher programs restrict eligibility and create financial cliffs. While these programs are hugely beneficial for the people they serve, many Bostonians who are housing cost-burdened are ineligible for these programs, even if there were sufficient supply of public housing, IDP units, or housing vouchers to eliminate long waitlists. Additionally, residents currently utilizing any of these programs can face challenging or insurmountable financial decisions in cases where their income increases enough to cease qualifying for a housing program, but insufficiently to afford market-rate housing; *and*

WHEREAS, Many Boston residents earn “too much” income to qualify for subsidized housing programs, yet are far from being able to sustainably afford market-rate housing.

Boston needs more housing affordable across all income levels, in addition to the extremes of market-rate and low-income. Housing affordable to a variety of income levels also provides stability against displacement and changing life circumstances; *and*

WHEREAS, Mixed-income communities are needed to break down historical socioeconomic and racial segregation, and knit the city of Boston back together. Boston’s history of redlining by deeming areas “hazardous” for lending by the federal Home Owners’ Loan Corporation based on racist, anti-immigrant, and classist assumptions beginning in the 1930s; race-based restrictive covenants limiting where people could live based on race from the 1840s through 1940s; and urban renewal programs from the 1950s through 1960s which demolished diverse working-class communities and communities of color, created a city segregated by race and socioeconomic status. Though the policies that created that segregation have been stopped, a 2022 Harvard Chan School of Public Health report found that geographic segregation nonetheless persists even decades later, with roughly twice the poverty level, roughly twice the Black population, and roughly twice the level of household crowding in neighborhoods redlined in the 1930s as compared to those not. A 2023 Boston Public Health Commission report noted the stark difference in life expectancy of 92 years for a census tract in Back Bay, versus 69 years for a census tract in the historically redlined Roxbury less than 2 miles away; *and*

WHEREAS, Social Housing is a proven method long leveraged by other cities to sustainably create and maintain housing that is affordable for all income levels, and create socioeconomically integrated communities. Vienna has employed Social Housing for over a century to maintain high-quality and low-cost housing while funding ongoing housing development and maintenance to keep pace with demand; nearly half of the Vienna housing market is made up of city-owned or cooperative units, and over 60 percent of Vienna’s 1.8 million residents live in subsidized housing. Vienna is not alone, with similar programs encompassing approximately 17 percent of housing in Helsinki, and creating homes for more than 80 percent of residents in Singapore; *and*

WHEREAS, Montgomery County, Maryland has successfully demonstrated Social Housing can be built in the United States without federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) nor long-term Housing Initiative Fund (HIF) funding, creating a 268-unit mixed-income, mixed-use development rich with amenities that opened in 2023 and has already replenished the County’s revolving fund that financed it. Unlike other public financing strategies, the funds can now be used again, and the Housing Opportunities Commission is continuing progress on a master development plan, including 1,014 multifamily units, 100 for-sale condominiums, 406 townhomes, up to 82,000 sq. ft. of retail, and a public library; *and*

WHEREAS, Mixed-Income Social Housing is a self-sustaining and fiscally responsible housing production strategy that enables Boston to treat public funds as investment instead of expense, generating public benefit instead of private profit. In most housing programs, the government serves as a subsidizer, giving away our public funds and public land to a private developer, and limiting our public assets to a single use. In contrast, Social Housing utilizes a revolving fund that finances the creation of mixed-income housing, which is replenished with proceeds from the development. This enables reinvesting the fruits of our public resources for further public benefit by developing additional housing; *and*

WHEREAS, Traditional federal public housing strategies create units prone to falling into disrepair and being stigmatized because their reliance solely on external financial subsidization is challenging to maintain. Social Housing addresses this by integrating mixed-income housing that generates income, enabling higher-quality development and funding ongoing maintenance; *and*

WHEREAS, Mixed-Income Social Housing programs creates housing accessible across a wide range of incomes, without disrupting private and nonprofit housing production. Boston's housing affordability crisis necessitates more housing supply across all levels, and private developers, community development corporations and other mission-driven nonprofits creating affordable housing, and public value capture programs like IDP, are all part of that. Social Housing simply expands our toolbox, adding a tool that can overcome the tendency of striated housing split across market-rate and low-income that tends to arise from underlying objectives and financing options available to other housing development strategies, and which can continue to produce housing during countercyclical markets; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston must continue to explore all options to address housing affordability across all income levels, and support mixed-income communities where all residents can thrive regardless of income level, and without segregation.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing in the city of Boston to create socioeconomically integrated communities, contribute to the access and affordability of housing for residents across all income levels, and invest in community ownership of housing. Representatives from the appropriate departments of the Administration and experts on Social Housing programs will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: February 11, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, The City of Boston provides youth and young adult job opportunities throughout the year for thousands of Boston youth and young adults ages 14 through 24 through multiple City-run programs, including SuccessLink, futureBOS, Youth Options Unlimited (YOU Boston), and other programs managed by the Office of Youth Employment and Advancement and the Office of Workforce Development in coordination with Boston Public Schools and other City departments; *and,*

WHEREAS, All youth in Boston are eligible to apply for the youth jobs available through City-run programs, with a special new “Mayor’s Youth Job Guarantee” (MYJG) provided beginning in 2024 that promises that all BPS students who wanted a paid summer job would have access to one; *and,*

WHEREAS, Youth jobs provide an important educational opportunity for youth outside of classrooms, offering real-world exposure to a variety of people, jobs, and industries; *and,*

WHEREAS, As the future of our workforce, youth jobs also provide the next generation of workers with hands-on experience, applicable skills, and exposure to different career opportunities, bolstering Boston’s economic development, particularly for more marginalized youth with fewer economic opportunities; *and,*

WHEREAS, In 2023, the City of Boston invested \$18.7 million in youth summer jobs, leading to nearly 10,000 young people having the opportunity of a paid job, and further over 2000 youth were hired for during the 2023-2024 school year in partnership with over 120 employers; *and,*

WHEREAS, The Mayor’s initial FY25 budget proposal included increased investments in youth jobs, including \$21.6 million for the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity; the final FY25 budget includes budget reallocations passed by the Boston City Council to provide an additional \$1,020,000 toward youth jobs; *and,*

WHEREAS, With such substantial educational and workforce development benefits of youth and young adult job programs, it is highly worthwhile for the Boston City Council to review the successes and opportunities of the existing programs, as well as the results of the first year of the Mayor's Youth Job Guarantee, and to discuss how youth and young adult jobs in Boston can be further bolstered.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development successes and opportunities of youth jobs offered by the City of Boston. Youth, community advocates, and representatives from the Office of Youth Employment and Advancement, Office of Workforce Development, and other appropriate administration departments will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: February 11, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN AND LIZ BREADON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE AMENDING THE BOSTON ZONING CODE TO SHIFT RESIDENTIAL USE TO ALLOWED WHERE APPROPRIATE

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is facing a housing crisis that demands bold and immediate action to increase the supply of housing across all neighborhoods; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston Zoning Code, while initially designed to manage land use and development, creates barriers to the production of housing by designating residential uses as “conditional” or “forbidden” in various areas; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Residential uses that are categorized as a “conditional use” under the Boston Zoning Code require discretionary review, which can delay or disincentivize housing development and erect barriers for development by small and medium-sized developers; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Residential uses that are categorized as “forbidden” preclude residential development entirely, further restricting opportunities to address the city’s housing needs; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Residential uses categorized as “forbidden” preclude housing development entirely, even in locations where residential use may be contextually appropriate or compatible with surrounding uses; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Examples of zoning districts where residential uses are currently designated as “forbidden” or heavily restricted include, but are not limited to, certain Industrial zones, Waterfront districts, Designated Port Areas (DPAs) governed by state and local maritime and industrial protection policies, and areas subject to flood considerations; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There are numerous zoning districts across the city where residential uses are currently classified as “conditional” or “forbidden” despite being surrounded by existing housing, served by transit and infrastructure, and well suited for residential development; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Amending the Boston Zoning Code to reclassify residential uses from “conditional” to “allowed,” and from “forbidden” to “conditional,” where appropriate, could create a more housing-friendly regulatory framework while preserving discretionary review in sensitive or complex contexts; *and*

WHEREAS, Such amendments could increase housing supply, support equitable development, and reduce regulatory burdens, while maintaining appropriate review processes where necessary; *and*

WHEREAS, A targeted example of this idea is the recent amendment to the Boston Zoning Code, Section 46-9. - Bulfinch Triangle District Use Regulations – where residential uses will be moved from a “conditional use” to an “allowed use” – which garnered support from the West End community and Planning Department, and is already resulting in new housing proposals in the area; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Planning Department is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of the Zoning Code, presenting an opportunity for the City Council to engage in a broader policy discussion about residential use classifications, housing production, and appropriate safeguards across zoning districts; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council convene a hearing to examine potential amendments to the Boston Zoning Code to reclassify residential uses from “conditional” to “allowed,” and from “forbidden” to “conditional,” where appropriate, including a detailed review of sensitive land use considerations.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE THE INCLUSION OF POLLINATOR CORRIDORS AS PART OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is committed to species conservation and ecological restoration through practicing sustainable development and action to combat the climate crisis; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Pollinator and bird populations are declining at alarming rates, with 40% of bees and butterflies at risk of extinction, threatening ecosystems and food security worldwide. While this decline is primarily driven by habitat loss, research shows that even small, fragmented habitats can significantly increase biodiversity; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Pollinator corridors, pesticide-free pathways planted with native species, support pollinating insects and birds by providing essential nutrition and habitat. These corridors not only promote species conservation, but also improve climate resilience, public well-being, water quality, and overall ecosystem health; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Massachusetts Legislature has established a special commission to investigate opportunities to support pollinator health and is considering a program to cultivate native plants on state highways. Municipalities such as Somerville and Cambridge have enacted legislation incentivizing biodiversity and native planting; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Local institutions and community partners in Boston have taken the initiative to create and maintain pollinator habitats, including Fitzgerald Park in Mission Hill, the Northeastern University Arboretum, and the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has an opportunity to lead by incorporating pollinator health and biodiversity into its planning and development processes, including tools like Institutional Master Plans, by encouraging native planting, reducing pesticide use, and expanding pollinator-friendly corridors; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED,** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council convene a hearing to explore strategies to support pollinator health as a part of responsible, sustainable planning and development, including potential incentives for native planting and biodiversity-friendly practices.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

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

WHEREAS, As of November 2023, more than 90,000 households in Massachusetts benefit from the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program, a successor to the Section 8 Rental Voucher or Rental Certificate Program, the majority being seniors, children, or people with disabilities. This program allows residents to rent an apartment or house in the private market anywhere in Boston or other communities in the United States and its territories. Residents pay 30% to 40% of their income toward rent, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) pays the remainder directly to the landlord; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts offers the largest state-funded rental-assistance program in the country, called the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, which as of December 2022 assists approximately 10,000 households across the Commonwealth, working in conjunction with the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts also offers the Alternative Housing Voucher Program, which assists people with disabilities under the age of 60 in conjunction with the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program and Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, including 475 people across the Commonwealth as of January 2019; *and*

WHEREAS, Rental assistance has been proven to be one of the most effective ways to serve vulnerable households to prevent homelessness. In a twelve-city “Family Options Study” conducted by HUD over the course of 37 months comparing outcomes for different interventions for families experiencing homelessness, Housing Choice Vouchers were found to be the most effective assistance program for families living in shelters. Only 22% of voucher recipients in the study experienced another episode of homelessness or of living doubled up with others over the next 18 months, by comparison to 50% of families who only received continued shelter (the control group), 47% of families who received rapid rehousing, and 42% of families who received transitional housing; *and*

WHEREAS, Evidence-based studies additionally demonstrate that rental assistance programs provide positive impacts on overcrowding and food insecurity, homelessness, health, transportation, and education. A 2018 report by the Urban Institute based on data from the Joint Centers for Housing Studies of Harvard University and US Bureau of Labor Statistics noted severely cost-burdened households paying more than 50% of their income on rent spend approximately 40% less on food, 65% less on transportation, and 70% less on healthcare than their peers who are not severely housing cost-burdened. Rental vouchers reduce these cost burdens, allowing families to invest more in their children by buying books and educational materials, and households to spend more money on essential goods and services for their health and wellbeing; *and*

WHEREAS, It is illegal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for housing providers to discriminate against anyone utilizing a Housing Choice Voucher, as per MGL c. 151B, § 4(10):

“[f]or any person furnishing ... rental accommodations to discriminate against any individual who is a recipient of federal, state, or local public assistance ... or who is a tenant receiving federal, state, or local housing subsidies, including rental assistance or rental supplements, because the individual is such a recipient, or because of any requirement of such public assistance, rental assistance, or housing subsidy program”; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Municipal Code c. X, § 10-3.1 further prohibits this discrimination:

“It is the policy of the City of Boston to see that each individual, regardless of his/her ... source of income shall have equal access to housing and to encourage and bring about mutual understanding and respect among all individuals in the City by the elimination of prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and discrimination in the area of housing”; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite discrimination against Housing Choice Vouchers holders being illegal in Massachusetts, and additionally prohibited explicitly by the City of Boston, current and longstanding concerns have been raised by voucher holders, the Boston Housing Authority, Housing Rights Initiative, and other organizations that discrimination against voucher holders is occurring in the city of Boston, and that voucher holders are struggling to find homes to rent with a voucher; *and*

WHEREAS, Suffolk University Law School conducted a housing discrimination testing study in 2020, which found evidence of voucher-based discrimination in 86% of tests with housing providers in Greater Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Housing Choice Voucher programs are intended to provide renters with the opportunity to choose the neighborhood they live in, including affluent or mixed-income neighborhoods that many low-income people would otherwise be unable to afford, yet discrimination against voucher holders limits the options available. A 2016 study of Boston Housing Authority data found that 76% of Boston-area voucher recipients lived in lower-opportunity neighborhoods.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds 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 in the city of Boston. Representatives from the appropriate departments of the administration will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING LGBTQIA+ YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Homelessness and housing instability are disturbingly common amongst LGBTQIA+ youth, with 28% reporting experiencing homelessness or housing instability at some point during their lives (Trevor Project, 2021); *and*

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are 120% more likely to face homelessness than their peers (True Colors United), with intersecting challenges increasing the risk of experiencing homelessness, including discrimination, family rejection, lack of social support, and inadequate community services (Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth [MCLGBTQY], 2024 FY25 Annual Recommendations Report); *and*

WHEREAS, In Massachusetts, 30% of unaccompanied youth and young adults under the age of 25 who are unstably housed or experiencing homelessness identify as LGBTQ+ (Massachusetts Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth [UHYC], 2022 Youth Count); *and*

WHEREAS, Transgender and nonbinary youth are at particular risk for homelessness, with 38% of transgender girls/women, 39% of transgender boys/men, and 35% of nonbinary youth reporting homelessness and housing instability, by comparison to 23% of cisgender LGBQ youth (Trevor Project, 2021); *and*

WHEREAS, The risk for transgender youth experiencing homelessness is rapidly growing, with a 28% increase in just one year (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD], 2023 Annual Count); *and*

WHEREAS, Transgender and nonbinary youth report experiencing the highest rate of discrimination in shelters; further, shelters often fail to meet even basic needs for transgender individuals, for instance, men's shelters failing to provide access to menstrual products for transmasculine individuals (MCLGBTQY, 2024 FY25 Annual Recommendations Report); *and*

WHEREAS, The risk of homelessness also disproportionately affects youth of color, with Black youth 83% more likely and Latinx/e youth 33% more likely to experience homelessness (True Colors United); this is exacerbated by racist housing discrimination, with LGBTQ+ people of color being 138% more likely to have experienced discrimination affecting their ability to rent or purchase a home to some degree, and 186% as likely to report experiencing discrimination in an apartment community (American Progress, June 2020 National Survey); *and,*

WHEREAS, Youth homelessness is especially prevalent in Massachusetts, with two-thirds of people experiencing homelessness in Massachusetts being in families with children, which is the highest portion in the country (HUD, 2023 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report); *and,*

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are the subgroup most likely to exchange sex or sexual content for food, a place to stay, money, or other needs, with 56.6% of Massachusetts youth engaging in these activities identifying as LGBTQ+ (UHYC, 2022 Youth Count); *and,*

WHEREAS, Despite LGBTQ+ youth being the most vulnerable to exchanging sex for needs, 55% of homeless youth service providers in Massachusetts reported receiving no training in LGBTQ+ sexual health (UHYC, 2022 Young Adults Who Experience Homelessness or Housing Instability and Exchange Sex to Meet Their Needs: Findings & Recommendations); *and,*

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability often go unidentified and lack connection to vital services due to being more likely to have even the people closest to them unaware of their housing situation, and being difficult for outreach services to connect with due to frequently moving between transient housing situations; *and*

WHEREAS, Our Boston Public Schools (BPS) are an important avenue for connecting with and serving youth experiencing homelessness, with roughly 8% of BPS students — totaling over 4,000 students — experiencing homelessness in School Year 2021-2022 (BPS Homeless Education Resource Network, 2022), which is over twice the statewide rate of youth in Massachusetts public schools experiencing homelessness (National Center for Homeless Education); to help address this, BPS employs homeless liaisons at every school across the district, and BPS implemented a youth peer housing navigation and rapid rehousing program; *and*

WHEREAS, Many local Boston organizations are working to address LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness, including BAGLY (Boston Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Youth), Breaktime, Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Fenway Health, and Y2Y; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite valiant efforts, there remain major gaps in the LGBTQIA+ youth-specific emergency shelters, wraparound services, and support programs available to address LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston, and further work can and should be done to identify and address these needs.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston. Representatives from the Mayor's Offices of Housing, LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement, and Youth Engagement and Advancement; Boston Public Schools Homeless Education Resource Network; and community organizations and advocates will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD M. FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

AN ORDER REGARDING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE BOSTON ZONING CODE RELATIVE TO CHINATOWN ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, the term “Combat Zone” was given to an area for Downtown and Chinatown, which primarily included Washington Street, Boylston Street, and Kneeland Street. At present, only a few adult entertainment venues that have operated there for many years still remain; *and*

WHEREAS, Under current zoning, if an adult entertainment establishment seeks to locate in Chinatown, it is defined as a commercial use. As a result, the proponent is not required to undergo a significant community review process in the neighborhood; *and*

WHEREAS, Due to ongoing concerns regarding public process, quality of life and public safety from neighbors, it is critical that all adult entertainment establishments go through a full Zoning Board of Appeals community process with an amendment to the zoning code for Chinatown. Residents in Chinatown, Downtown Boston, and the Bay Village deserve a voice in what takes place in their community;
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) Article 43, Section 24. - Adult Entertainment District
Strike the word “allowed” and replace with the word “conditional”.

(2) Appendix B to Article 43 - Use Categories, Adult Entertainment Uses
Strike the words “allowed only” and replace with “conditional”.

Petitioner: Boston City Council
By: Councilor Edward Flynn

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**ORDER FOR A HEARING ON THE STATUS OF
THE SOUTH END BRANCH LIBRARY
REOPENING**

WHEREAS, The South End Branch of the Boston Public Library has been closed since April 2021 due to repeated flooding, and full reopening of a new permanent facility is not currently expected until at least 2027; *and*

WHEREAS, Nearly 50,000 residents of the South End have been without a neighborhood library for more than four years, forcing reliance on distant branches and creating a significant gap in access to essential public resources; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to its closure, the South End Branch served as a vital educational and civic hub, providing children's programming, early literacy initiatives, technology access, workforce development services, English language learning programs, and free community gathering space; *and*

WHEREAS, The prolonged loss of these services has disproportionately impacted children, families, seniors, immigrants, and low-income residents, eliminating access to homework help, computer and internet use, ESOL groups, senior programming, and neighborhood meeting space; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents and organizations in the South End have repeatedly identified feasible and cost-effective options for consistent temporary library services during the closure, yet current offerings remain limited; *and*

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Year 2026 capital budget included a \$32,000,000 appropriation for the reopening of the South End Branch Library, yet the projected reopening timeline remains unclear and more transparency is needed regarding the current project schedule, anticipated milestones, and a clear reopening date; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the prolonged closure of the South End Branch of the Boston Public Library, the timeline and status of its reopening, and the availability and adequacy of temporary library services for South End residents during the extended closure.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REOPENING THE SOUTH END BRANCH OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, The South End Branch of the Boston Public Library has been closed since April 2021 due to repeated flooding, with full reopening of a new facility not expected until at least 2027; *and*

WHEREAS, Nearly 50,000 South End residents have been left without a neighborhood library for more than four years, forcing reliance on distant branches and creating a significant gap in access to essential public resources; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to its closure, the South End Branch served as a vital educational and civic hub, providing children's programming, literacy initiatives, technology access, workforce development services, and a safe, free community gathering space; *and*

WHEREAS, The prolonged loss of library services has disproportionately impacted children, families, seniors, immigrants, and low-income residents, eliminating early literacy programs, homework support, ESOL groups, computer access, and community meeting space; *and*

WHEREAS, South End Community members and organizations have repeatedly identified feasible options for consistent temporary library services during the closure, yet current offerings remain limited and inadequate to meet neighborhood needs; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Library has stated a commitment to being a user-centered institution responsive to neighborhood needs, a principle that requires providing meaningful temporary services during extended branch closures; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council urges The City of Boston and the Boston Public Library to reopen the South End Branch of the Boston Public Library as soon as possible and expedite its current timeline of reopening fully by 2027 and to immediately provide consistent, accessible, and adequately resourced temporary library services in the South End for the duration of the branch closure, including regular multi-day weekly hours and core services for children and adults.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2026 AS PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, Pride Month is observed in June to celebrate joy in the LGBTQIA+ community, to honor the vital contributions LGBTQIA+ people make, and to recognize the historic and ongoing struggles the LGBTQIA+ community has faced and continues to face; *and,*

WHEREAS, The tradition of Pride Month is firmly rooted in both liberation and resistance to persecution, having emerged after protests on June 28, 1969 that were led by Black and Brown transgender and gender nonconforming community activists, including Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, and Stormé DeLarverie, who demonstrated bravery and resilience by rising in response to police harassment and discrimination at the Stonewall Inn, an LGBTQIA+ club in New York City; these protests are credited with helping to ignite the modern LGBTQIA+ civil rights movement of the past 56 years; *and,*

WHEREAS, Despite much civil rights progress to celebrate, including Massachusetts' critical role as the first U.S. state to legally license and recognize same-sex marriage on May 17, 2004; the repeal of the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law made effective on September 20, 2011; and the U.S. Supreme Court rulings on June 26, 2015 leading to nationwide marriage equality, and on June 15, 2020 leading to the prohibition of employment discrimination based on sexuality or gender identity, the LGBTQIA+ community continues to face rapidly accelerating legislative and physical attacks by the federal government and throughout the U.S., particularly targeting the transgender, nonbinary, gender nonconforming, and BIPOC members of the LGBTQIA+ community, including threatening their basic rights to exist freely; *and,*

WHEREAS, The LGBTQIA+ community continually demonstrates strength and resilience, but should not have to stand alone; in these times especially, it is critical that the City of Boston stays resolutely committed to the fight for the safety, freedom, and joy of our LGBTQIA+ community; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes and celebrates the month of June 2026 as "Pride Month" in the City of Boston, and commits itself — and encourages all government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools — to take meaningful actions to support and affirm the equitable rights, freedoms, dignity, treatment, health, and safety of Boston's LGBTQIA+ individuals.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE AVOIDABLE TRAGIC DEATH OF CARVELL CURRY AND URGING THE CITY AND MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO ADOPT COMPASSIONATE COLD-WEATHER EMERGENCY SHELTER POLICIES

WHEREAS, Carvell Curry, a 62-year-old man who experienced homelessness in Boston for more than a decade, died on December 5, 2025, from exposure to freezing temperatures outside South Station, a loss that has brought deep sadness to outreach workers, service providers, and community members who knew him; *and*

WHEREAS, Carvell Curry was known among homeless outreach providers and healthcare workers for his warmth, generosity, and community connections despite facing significant challenges, and his preventable death highlights the consequences of gaps cold-weather response of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and the City of Boston for unhoused individuals; *and*

WHEREAS, Extreme cold is a known life-threatening hazard for people experiencing homelessness, and winter weather emergencies demand proactive, humane, and flexible shelter responses that prioritize human safety and dignity; *and*

WHEREAS, City-owned and City-controlled properties, including indoor public facilities, should be made available as safe spaces for unhoused individuals during declared cold-weather emergencies, ensuring that no person is forced to remain exposed to sub-freezing conditions due to rigid access policies; *and*

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, as a steward of public transit infrastructure and property such as South Station, also has a responsibility to ensure that during life-threatening cold, its practices are compassionate, coordinated with city emergency responses, and do not force individuals into dangerous conditions without viable alternatives; *and*

WHEREAS, Current practices in which unhoused persons are excluded from public spaces like transit hubs during extreme cold demonstrate a need for clear, written protocols between the City, MBTA, property managers, and homeless service providers that

make access exceptions during weather emergencies to protect human life; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes and mourns the avoidable and tragic death of Carvel Curry, extends its condolences to all who knew and cared for him, and calls upon the City of Boston and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to adopt clear, compassionate cold-weather emergency policies, including appropriate exceptions for City-owned, City-controlled, and transit properties, that ensure unhoused individuals are able to access safe, warm shelter during life-threatening cold, affirming that protecting human life, dignity, and safety during weather emergencies must remain a shared public priority.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A CROSSING GUARD CORPS FOR TROTTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Boston is currently facing a significant understaffing of crossing guards, limiting the City's ability to provide adequate school crossing support for students and families throughout Boston, including those traveling to and from Trotter Elementary School; *and*

WHEREAS, Reports indicate that Boston is experiencing a crossing guard staffing shortage with many communities struggling to recruit and retain sufficient crossing guards, yet proactive local action is essential to protect student safety, particularly at schools such as Trotter Elementary School with high pedestrian traffic; *and*

WHEREAS, Safe Routes To School initiatives are a critical component of ensuring that children can walk and bike to school safely, with strategies that may include infrastructure improvements, traffic calming measures, and the consistent presence of crossing guards at key school-area intersections; *and*

WHEREAS, The Roxbury Safe Routes To School Project seeks to improve pedestrian safety and access for students in the Roxbury neighborhood, including around Trotter Elementary School, through infrastructure enhancements and other safety-oriented measures; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite the importance of crossing guards in supporting safe school travel, the current Roxbury Safe Routes To School Project does not yet include an explicit plan to establish or expand a dedicated crossing guard corps or increase crossing guard coverage at high-traffic intersections serving Trotter Elementary School; *and*

WHEREAS, Crossing guards play an indispensable role in enhancing student safety at schools such as Trotter Elementary School, particularly at busy intersections and during peak arrival and dismissal times; *and*

WHEREAS, A crossing guard corps serving Trotter Elementary School that includes both paid personnel and community-member volunteers can provide more consistent and resilient coverage, support equitable access to safe school travel, and strengthen community engagement in school safety efforts; *and*

WHEREAS, Ensuring that the Roxbury Safe Routes To School Project includes a defined strategy for increasing crossing guard staffing and coverage at and around Trotter Elementary School, with appropriate training, support, and resources for both paid and volunteer crossing guards, is necessary to fully realize the project's safety goals; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council urges the City of Boston to establish and sustain a dedicated crossing guard corps serving Trotter Elementary School, including a mix of paid crossing guard positions and trained community volunteer crossing guards, and to incorporate this school-focused strategy into the Roxbury Safe Routes To School Project and future Safe Routes To School initiatives, ensuring that students traveling to and from Trotter Elementary School can do so safely with consistent adult supervision at key intersections.

Filed on: February 11, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING BOSTON'S RANKED CHOICE VOTING HOME RULE PETITION

- WHEREAS,** Following a full legislative process that included public hearings, committee review, and formal votes of the legislative body, the Boston City Council adopted a Home Rule Petition entitled *An Act to Implement Ranked Choice Voting in Boston*, which was thereafter signed into law by Mayor Michelle Wu on May 21, 2025, completing the required municipal approvals under the City's Home Rule authority; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Massachusetts Joint Committee on Election Laws is scheduled to hold a public hearing on *H.4262* on February 10, 2026, providing an opportunity for legislators, municipal officials, advocates, and members of the public to further review Boston's proposal; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Joint Committee on Election Laws recently reported out legislation establishing a local-option bill for municipalities seeking to adopt Ranked Choice Voting, reflecting growing interest among cities and towns in Massachusetts in expanding voter choice through local elections; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston's Home Rule Petition was developed through an extensive legislative process including the Council's Committee on Government Operations, which held a public hearing on October 10, 2024, followed by working sessions on February 25, 2025 and April 4, 2025, during which Councilors engaged in detailed review of ballot design, tabulation methods, voter intent, language access, disability access, election technology, result reporting, and voter education; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston's municipal election system has distinct considerations, including a long-standing preliminary election structure and a hybrid City Council composed of both district and at-large seats, which informed the City's decision to pursue a tailored Home Rule Petition; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Home Rule Petition reflects deliberate policy choices intended to preserve election continuity where appropriate, minimize administrative disruption, and ensure that any potential implementation of Ranked Choice Voting is accompanied by clear rules, transparent reporting, and robust, multilingual voter education; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council respectfully urges the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Election Laws to give Boston's Home Rule Petition thoughtful and timely consideration, and that the City Clerk is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chairs and members of the Joint Committee on Election Laws, the members of the Boston legislative delegation, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SANTANA



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF “AN EXECUTIVE
ORDER TO PROTECT BOSTONIANS FROM
UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND VIOLENT FEDERAL
OPERATIONS”**

WHEREAS, The actions of federal law enforcement agents across the country have fomented chaos, violated residents’ constitutional rights, and perpetrated egregious and grotesque acts of violence, including the murders of Keith Porter Jr., Renee Nicole Good, and Alex Pretti; *and*

WHEREAS, ICE officials have consistently employed tactics designed to create fear and escalate tension, including wearing masks and hiding their identities, refusing to identify themselves, brandishing weapons in an unsafe manner, claiming the right to enter private homes without warrants, and not using body-worn cameras, all of which jeopardize public safety in our communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Courts across the country have held that the federal government cannot compel the use of local resources for federal immigration enforcement; *and*

WHEREAS, “An Executive Order To Protect Bostonians From Unconstitutional and Violent Federal Operations,” signed by Mayor Michelle Wu on February 5, 2026, is a comprehensive order protecting the public safety of our residents amidst violent federal action; *and*

WHEREAS, In spite of this order being signed, a neighbor in Roslindale was taken from our streets on February 5, 2026 – an intolerable violation of the security our families deserve– and we refuse to accept the abduction of our neighbors as an unavoidable reality of life in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, This Executive Order prohibits any City department with authority over physical property from allowing City-owned or City-controlled property from usage in furtherance of civil immigration enforcement operations absent a valid court order or judicial warrant; *and*

WHEREAS, It further ensures that signage will be posted at nonpublic spaces, including schools, libraries, senior centers, and community centers, indicating that such spaces shall not be accessed without a valid judicial warrant or court order, as well as instructing the City of Boston Office of Neighborhood Services to make templated signage available to private property owners and leaseholders who seek

to restrict their private spaces from being used for civil immigration enforcement purposes; *and*

WHEREAS, It further promotes the involvement of the City’s public safety agencies to ensure de-escalation practices are used to protect peaceful protestors; *and*

WHEREAS, It further instructs the Boston Police Department to investigate violence, property damage, and allegations of criminal conduct perpetrated by federal officials; *and*

WHEREAS, It further requires inter-agency collaboration to facilitate the release of video footage of violence or property damage by federal officials as captured by City-controlled surveillance cameras or Boston Police Department body-worn cameras provided that such release does not unduly interfere with an active criminal investigation; *and*

WHEREAS, It further instructs the City of Boston Law Department to pursue all available legal avenues to contest federal actions that impair the City’s municipal functions or jeopardize the collective health, safety, and welfare of City residents; *and*

WHEREAS, It further reaffirms that calling 9-1-1 is an appropriate response to warrantless entry of private homes and businesses; *and*

WHEREAS, It further instructs that in the event that any person is injured when City officials are present, City officials shall immediately summon emergency medical services and shall make all reasonable efforts to render aid according to longstanding protocols established by Boston Emergency Medical Services, the Boston Police Department, the Boston Fire Department, and the Office of Emergency Management; *and*

WHEREAS, The Executive Order seeks to continue Boston’s longstanding tradition of prioritizing public safety in accordance with our City’s values, as is the right of states under the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution; *and*

WHEREAS, The deployment of federal officials to Minneapolis and St. Paul constitutes an unlawful occupation of those cities, violating the constitution and subverting the Supreme Court’s prohibition on the deployment of National Guard troops to achieve the same goals; *and*

WHEREAS, The official response from senior federal officials to the death and violence caused by ICE operations demonstrates a callous disregard for human life and a willingness to sanction violent attacks on innocent Americans, perpetrated without accountability to law, which undermines public safety in communities across this country; *and*

WHEREAS, In this moment of national crisis, the City of Boston shall continue to prioritize public safety, including protecting residents from violence and ensuring accountability for all who perpetrate it; *and*

WHEREAS, On January 29, 2026, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey issued an executive order and introduced legislation that would prevent ICE from conducting operations in places of worship, courthouses, schools, child care facilities, and hospitals; prevent ICE from making civil arrests in nonpublic areas of state-owned properties; and prevent ICE from using state-owned properties for staging, processing, and related civil immigrant actions; *and*

WHEREAS, This executive order has cemented Boston’s place in a growing coalition of cities and municipalities providing similar protections for their residents, including Worcester, Somerville, Lynn, Chelsea, Newton, and Cambridge, as well as many more municipalities across the country; *and*

WHEREAS, While this Executive Order provides a legal framework, our true safety lies in our interconnectedness; protection doesn’t just come from legislation– it can and should also be found from the person living next door; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has long led the fight against tyranny and its City government must protect the fundamentally American values of democratic accountability and respect for the dignity of all people. ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby expresses its strong support of Mayor Michelle Wu’s Executive Order, “An Executive Order To Protect Bostonians From Unconstitutional and Violent Federal Operations”; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Boston.

Filed on: February 11, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING U.S. DISCHARGE PETITION No. 15 TO ADVANCE FEDERAL LEGISLATION PROVIDING TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITI

WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a humanitarian protection established by Congress to provide lawful status and work authorization to nationals of countries experiencing armed conflict, natural disaster, or extraordinary and temporary conditions; and

WHEREAS, Haiti continues to face severe and ongoing crises, including widespread violence, political instability, and humanitarian collapse, making safe return impossible for many Haitian nationals; and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is home to one of the largest Haitian diasporas in the United States, and Haitian residents are integral to the City's workforce, families, and neighborhood economies; and

WHEREAS, Most recently, in advance of the scheduled February 3, 2026 expiration of Haiti's TPS designation, Haitian workers and Boston-area employers experienced significant confusion, job disruptions, and anxiety, even as a federal court temporarily paused the termination and placed thousands of families in continued legal uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, On January 22, 2026, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley filed a discharge petition pursuant to Clause 2 of Rule XV of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives to discharge the Committee on Rules from consideration of H.Res. 965, a resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 1689, legislation requiring the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for Temporary Protected Status; and

WHEREAS, A discharge petition is a lawful congressional procedure intended to ensure that urgent matters of national and local significance may receive timely consideration by the full House of Representatives; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council supports the use of the discharge petition filed in the U.S. House of Representatives to advance floor consideration of legislation providing Temporary Protected Status for Haiti, and that the Clerk of the Boston City Council be directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Chair of the Committee on Rules, and the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Over the past two centuries, Irish immigrants and their descendants have played a vital role in the growth and development of the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS, The Irish American community has enriched Boston's cultural, social, and economic fabric, making enduring contributions that have helped shape the city into what it is today; and

WHEREAS, During the Great Famine (An Gorta Mór) of the 1840s, Irish immigrants arrived in Boston seeking refuge from extreme hardship, only to face prejudice, poverty, and discrimination, yet they persevered and worked in the construction of the city's infrastructure, in labor intensive industries, and in public service roles, laying the foundation for Boston's emergence as a major American city; and

WHEREAS, As the Irish American population in Boston grew, so too did its influence across key sectors of civic life. Irish Americans have been central to the development of the city's public safety workforce, making significant contributions to the Boston Police and Fire Departments. They have also played a pivotal role in Boston's political history, with many Irish American leaders serving in local government and public office; and

WHEREAS, Boston's Irish American community has long been a cornerstone of the city's labor movement, advocating for the rights, dignity, and protections of workers and marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, Today, Irish Americans continue to be a driving force in Boston's cultural life, contributing to its arts, music, and literary traditions, as well as to its universities, businesses, and community organizations, carrying forward a legacy of civic engagement rooted in resilience, solidarity, and community pride; and

WHEREAS, As we celebrate Irish American Heritage Month, we honor not only the national contributions of Irish Americans, but also the profound and lasting impact they have had on Boston's identity, helping to foster the spirit of perseverance, inclusion, and cultural richness that defines our city;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the Boston City Council hereby proclaims the month of March as Irish American Heritage Month in the City of Boston, in recognition of the remarkable contributions of Irish Americans to the city's history and continued progress; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That in recognition of Irish American Heritage Month, the Boston City Council directs the Property Management Department to raise the Irish flag on March 4, 2026, in honor of the rich heritage and enduring legacy of the Irish American community in Boston.

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS MINIARD CULPEPPER AND ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION TO EMBRACE AND EXTEND HEARTFELT WISHES TO THE BELOVED MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AND ACROSS THE GLOBE, INVOKING BLESSINGS UPON THEM AS THEY EMBARK UPON THE SACRED JOURNEY OF RAMADAN, A MONTH REVERED FOR ITS RITUALS OF PRAYER, FASTING, CHARITY, AND DEEP REFLECTION

WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world's major religions, practiced by an estimated 2 billion people worldwide (Pew Research Center); *and*

WHEREAS, The indelible presence of Muslims in the American narrative spans over four centuries, with their roots entwined in the complex history of the nation, having arrived as resilient souls in the crucible of slavery; *and*

WHEREAS, The Muslim community stands as a testament to the kaleidoscope of human diversity within the United States, contributing immeasurably to the cultural vibrancy of the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Fostering the utmost diversity within the most varied religions globally; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a haven for diversity, warmly embraces its Muslim residents, acknowledging their cherished faith as an intrinsic part of the vibrant mosaic that is our shared community; *and*

WHEREAS, The Muslim community plays a vibrant, active role in the City of Boston, including but not limited to contributions in the arts, service industry, union labor, small business economy, medicine, religious life through community groups and mosques, public service, education, non-profit sector, media, law, and community advocacy; *and*

WHEREAS, Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and is the month in which the Holy Quran was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him); *and*

WHEREAS, Ramadan is a month-long holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide characterized by daily fasting, prayer, and ritual practices, spiritual contemplation, charity, and spiritual rejuvenation; *and*

WHEREAS, The profound purpose of fasting during Ramadan transcends personal restraint, aspiring for a profound understanding of the challenges faced by those ensnared in the grasp of poverty;

WHEREAS, Ramadan emerges as an opportune moment for spiritual contemplation, fostering communal bonds, and extending a helping hand to those in financial strife, a celebration of gratitude; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, With the sacred commencement of Ramadan, estimated to begin on the evening of February 17, 2026 and conclude on March 20, 2026, invokes blessings upon the Muslim community in Boston and across the globe as they enter into Ramadan, a celestial journey spanning one lunar month.

Filed on: February 11, 2026

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

February 4, 2026

Councilor Breadon
(Councilor Flynn)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, February 7, 2026 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 13, 2026.

BiWeekly Payroll

Charles Levin	Secretary	\$4,423.08	full time
Melissa Lo	Secretary	\$3,076.94	full time
Sydney Scanlan	Secretary	\$3,461.54	full time
Ashley Lavey	Administrative Asst.	\$3,076.94	full time

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

February 4, 2026

Councilor Breadon
(Councilor Santana)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, February 14, 2026 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 13, 2026.

BiWeekly Payroll

Juan De Jesus Concepcion	Secretary	\$2,692.31	full time
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Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the February 11, 2026 Session

Sixty Day Orders¹

In Effect After March 29, 2026

Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following schools: the Edward Everett Elementary School and the Richard J. Murphy K-8 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. **(Docket #0128)**

Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the roof replacement projects at the following schools: the Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School and Hugh Roe O'Donnell 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. **(Docket #0129)**

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 information under section 17F regarding cost of out-of-district vocational placements for Boston resident students. **(Docket #0297)**

Order requesting certain information under section 17F regarding traveling Boston Public School employees and parking access needs. **(Docket #0298)**

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

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

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

Matters in Committee

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

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

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		Refile from 2025
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		Refile from 2025
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0212	Worrell	Flynn	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks Statue.	1/28/2026		Refile from 2025
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0220	Worrell		Order for a hearing to bring more signature sports events to Boston.	1/28/2026		Refile from 2025
Census, Redistricting, and Elections	0183	Louijeune	Pepén	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.	1/28/2026		
City Services	0112	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding parking access for traveling Boston Public Schools employees.	1/5/2026	2/12/2026	
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		

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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	
City Services	0209	Worrell		Order for a hearing on technical assistance and best practices for civic associations.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
City Services	0270	Pepén		Order for a hearing to explore snow removal relief and options.	2/4/2026	
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	
City Services	0291	Worrell	Mejia, Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss creation of a snow corps in Boston.	2/4/2026	
City Services	0292	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the City of Boston purchasing snow melters.	2/4/2026	
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	

2026 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
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		Refile from 2025
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		
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		
Education	0166	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing regarding Boston Public Schools student-athlete transfer and eligibility policies.	1/28/2026	2/23/2026	
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		
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		Refile from 2025
Education	0216	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to bring a Historically Black College or University Satellite Campus to Boston.	1/28/2026		Refile from 2025
Education	0276	Mejia	Culpepper, Santana	Order for a hearing on transparency and accountability in service provision and spending for English Learners.	2/4/2026		
Education	0277	Mejia	Murphy	Order for a hearing to audit Boston Public School's special education and return on investments.	2/4/2026		

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
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	Coletta 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	
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	Refile from 2025
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0211	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of indoor playgrounds in Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
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	
Government Operations	0158	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance Establishing Street Food Carts in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Government Operations	0160	Mejia		Ordinance creating a municipal identification card in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Government Operations	0161	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Government Operations	0162	Mejia	Worrell	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025

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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	Refile from 2025
Government Operations	0268	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Pension Benefits for Firefighter Leo J. Bracken.	2/4/2026	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025
Housing & Community Development	0184	Louijeune	Weber	Order for a hearing on building a stronger fair housing future for Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Housing & Community Development	0208	Worrell		Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Housing & Community Development	0217	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding the homeownership voucher program.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025
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	
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	
Human Services	0179	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss food insecurity and malnutrition in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026	

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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		Refile from 2025
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		Refile from 2025
Human Services	0206	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to explore ways of using municipal buildings to host childcare centers.	1/28/2026		Refile from 2025
Human Services	0275	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study.	2/4/2026		
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
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	
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		
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		

2026 Matters in Committee

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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	
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	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025

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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	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025
Labor and Economic Development	0219	Worrell	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
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	
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	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025
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	

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Planning, Development & Transportation	0302	Flynn	Mejia	Resolution in support of the replacement of concurrent traffic signals in the City of Boston.	2/4/2026	
Post Audit	0195	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Post Audit	0196	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review the City of Boston's use of federal and state funds.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Post Audit	0197	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review past expenditures through quarterly updates on the FY2026 operating budget.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
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	
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	
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	0130	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000.00) in the form of a grant, the FY26 Training Academy Earmark Grant, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant would fund the Boston Fire Department Training Academy to provide training and instruction for public safety agencies in the city of Boston and municipal and political subdivisions across the Commonwealth, per line item 8324-0000 of the FY26 General Appropriations Act.	1/28/2026	

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0136	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, the FY26 Delta Unit Earmark Grant, awarded by MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant would fund the Boston Fire Department to conduct dedicated emergency services through its delta units, consisting of 3 delta unit vehicles assigned to Castle Island, Pleasure Bay and Carson Beach respectively, within the Old Harbor Reservation in the South Boston section of the city of Boston, seasonally from Memorial Day to Labor Day, inclusive, per line item 8324-0050 of the FY26 General Appropriations Act.	1/28/2026	
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	Refile from 2025
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0174	FitzGerald		Order for a hearing to discuss 2026 large event safety resources and infrastructure.	1/28/2026	
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	Refile from 2025
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0180	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0192	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
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	Refile from 2025
Veterans, Military Families & Military Affairs	0273	Flynn	Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss the Lung Cancer Rates among Black Veterans.	2/4/2026	Refile from 2025

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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		Refile from 2025
Ways & Means	0128	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following schools: the Edward Everett Elementary School and the Richard J. Murphy K-8 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.	1/28/2026	2/9/2026	
Ways & Means	0129	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the roof replacement projects at the following schools: the Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School and Hugh Roe O'Donnell 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.	1/28/2026	2/9/2026	
Ways & Means	0201	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY27 operating budget.	1/28/2026		2/12/26-Committee Meeting
Ways & Means	0202	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY27 operating budget.	1/28/2026		
Ways & Means	0213	Worrell		Order for a hearing to allow for monthly property tax payments for residents.	1/28/2026		Refile from 2025
Ways & Means	0312	Flynn		Resolution in support of proposed state legislation on tax relief.	2/4/2026		

Resolution recognizing six (6) individuals upon their receipt of the Propa City Community Outreach Angel Award in recognition of their dedication and commitment to keeping the memory of our angels alive by shining a light on pregnancy and infant loss awareness, advocacy, and support:
1. Jessica Rojas
2. Nyna Hicks
3. Imani Joseph
4. Shayla Hairston
5. Nadine Clouse
6. Rosandria Williams
Resolution recognizing two (2) individuals for their work in supporting families navigating pregnancy and infant loss, and upon their receipt of the Propa City Community Outreach Lighthouse Award in recognition of their transparent leadership and the light they shine to guide and inspire others forward:
1. Samantha "Sammy" Rivas
2. Emily Anesta



Official Resolution Presented by Councilor Miniard Culpepper

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

Paul Goodnight

In Recognition of:

His lifelong contributions to Boston's Black community and his
lasting impact on the City's arts and cultural landscape

be it Resolved that the Boston City Council hereby recognizes Paul Goodnight for his
distinguished career as a multidisciplinary artist, curator, educator, and cultural
leader whose work has elevated Black voices and artistic expression, fostered inclusive
creative spaces, and enriched the cultural life of the City of Boston

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

By: _____

President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

IN
CITY COUNCIL



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:

Judge Leslie Harris

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

By: _____

President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Vineet Gupta

In Recognition of:

*His retirement and 37 years of dedicated service to the people of Boston, his efforts to make
our streets safer, his deep commitment to the residents of our neighborhoods, and his
continuous work towards a more livable and connected city for all.*

; 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: _____

Elizabeth Brandon

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 Sharon Durkan

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Celebrates:

The Frostival Lodge

IN RECOGNITION OF:

The inaugural opening of the Frostival Lodge in Copley Square. Furnished by and created through a partnership between Meet Boston and Wayfair, this activation exemplifies a commitment to attracting both residents and visitors to experience the best the City has to offer.

This innovative initiative promotes tourism and activity during the winter months, bringing energy and excitement to Boston year-round. This remarkable addition and investment in Copley Square stands as a testament to Meet Boston's creativity and dedication to making the City a destination in every season. The Boston City Council honors these efforts to transform winter into a season of joy for the entire Boston community and surrounding region.



By: Elizabeth Brundage
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Sautter
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Sharon Durkan

Date: _____

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

In Tribute
Presented by Councilor Erin J. Murphy



The Boston City Council extends its deepest sympathy to you and your family in the passing of your loved one:

Edward T. Donovan

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and reverence as the Council adjourned its meeting on:

February 11, 2026

By _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: _____

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE


On behalf of Councilor Enrique J. Pepén

The Boston City Council Extends its
deepest sympathy to you and your family
in the passing of your loved one:

Rev. Msgr. Francis H. Kelley

In whose memory all members stood
in tribute and reverence as
the council adjourned its meeting of

Wednesday, February 11th 2026

By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: February 11th, 2026