

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of 2023, passed in February 2023, established the Office of Participatory Budgeting and provided that “The Office can make payments to support multi-year projects in a special revenue fund and can accept and expend additional grant funds as they are awarded”; *and*

WHEREAS, The Mayor announced in May 2024 that the participatory budgeting process would have \$2 million disbursed to projects in 2024, despite the cumulative appropriations amounting to approximately \$5 million when accounting for the FY23 funds transferred to Special Revenue Fund and special appropriations of \$1.75 million in FY24 and \$1.4 million in FY25; *and*

WHEREAS, The first round of participatory budgeting projects will be voted on in early 2025;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council supports the full disbursement of unspent appropriations for participatory budgeting from fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, to support projects funded in the upcoming round of participatory budgeting;
AND, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council supports the use of the full amount of available appropriations to be allocated for participatory budgeting each fiscal year.

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