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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH UNITE HERE LOCAL 26 FOOD AND BEVERAGE WORKERS AT FENWAY PARK

**WHEREAS,** The food and beverage workers at Fenway Park are the soul of the ballpark and a vital part of our city, literally and proverbially, make our city shine for Bostonians and tourists alike; *and*

**WHEREAS,** 1,200 workers, represented by UNITE HERE Local 26, have been in contract negotiations with their employer, Aramark, for over eight months; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Aramark is a national food and beverage service company that reported \$1.4 billion in profit last year; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Fenway Park is a sacred institution for Bostonians and the historic ballpark experience draws hundreds of thousands of tourists to our city each year; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Food and beverage workers are essential to creating that experience, yet they are underpaid and increasingly being reassigned or replaced because of automated machines, which undermine both the quality of service and the character of this historic venue; *and*

**WHEREAS,** “Grab and go” and “self check out” kiosks are often scrutinized for weaker enforcement of serving protocols, meriting further discussion of this issue; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston is a city committed to protecting its workers, and the Fenway Park food and beverage workers’ demands for wages—comparable to other venues in the city and nation that contract with Aramark—and for an end to the replacement of workers with machines are reasonable and deserving of respect; **NOW,  
THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council condemns Aramark’s low wages and replacement practices, and goes on record in full support of UNITE HERE Local 26 food and beverage workers at Fenway Park, including supporting their right to strike, and commit to honoring such strikes by refraining from purchasing food and beverages throughout its duration; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk be, and hereby is, requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the General Manager of Aramark.