



Official Resolution of Councilors Benjamin Weber and Tania Fernandes Anderson

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

Seiji Ozawa

In Recognition of:

**His work as the longest-serving conductor in the history of
the Boston Symphony Orchestra (from 1973 to 2002)**

Be it further resolved that the Boston City Council recognizes Seiji Ozawa for his contributions to the BSO, to the City, and to music, as the Music Director for the BSO for 29 years. Mr. Ozawa gained international recognition for his energy, grace, and musical insight, winning three Pulitzer Prizes in Music and two Emmys. Mr. Ozawa championed many of the most important composers and performers of his time, including Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, Jessye Norman, Peter Serkin, and Toru Takemitsu. Mr. Ozawa brought the BSO to new heights as a global force in classical music, including a groundbreaking tour of China in 1979, and Mayor Martin J. Walsh proclaimed September 1, 2020, Mr. Ozawa's birthday, to be Seiji Ozawa Day in the City of Boston. Mr. Ozawa was also an avid Boston sports fan, and Boston is better off for having gained him as a member of our community.