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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
THE CREATIVE SPACE PRESERVATION ACT  
(S.530/H.3241)

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston must recognize the invaluable contributions of artists, creative workers, and cultural producers to the vibrancy, economy, and social fabric of our communities; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Recent years have seen a troubling trend of artists and creative individuals in Boston and across the Commonwealth losing access to affordable and appropriate spaces for creation, rehearsal, performance, and exhibition due to rising rents and developer acquisition, resulting in the loss of over 100,000 square feet of cultural production space, including rehearsal space, studios, and gathering space, in Boston alone; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The loss of these spaces threatens the cultural vibrancy of our city, hampers economic growth, and undermines the diversity of expression that is central to Boston's identity; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Creative Space Preservation Act aims to address this crisis by defining a land use restriction category in the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby enabling cities and towns a legal land use protection mechanism for the creation and preservation of art, culture, and creative spaces; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Act would also enable cities and towns to establish Municipal Creative Space Trust Funds to hold assets and property for the creation and preservation of creative spaces, offering a sustainable model to keep artists in place; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The enactment of the Creative Space Preservation Act would provide cities like Boston with new tools to support cultural workers, fund public art, and develop properties dedicated to creative use, fostering a more inclusive, dynamic, and sustainable creative economy; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council hereby go on record in strong support for the Creative Space Preservation Act (S.530/H.3241) and that this resolution be forwarded to Boston legislative delegation, urging them to advocate for the passage of the Creative Space Preservation Act.

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