

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE FIREARM TRAFFICKING, GUN VIOLENCE HOTSPOTS, AND THE CONCENTRATION OF FIREARM VIOLATIONS IN BOSTON POLICE DISTRICTS B-2 AND B-3

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department's 2025 Boston Firearm Trafficking Report documented that the Department forensically processed 819 firearms in 2025, including 515 firearms identified as crime guns, and identified continued concentrations of firearm recoveries in areas experiencing elevated levels of gun violence; *and*

WHEREAS, The report found that firearm recoveries and firearm violence were heavily concentrated in specific neighborhoods and police districts, particularly within Boston Police District B-2, which includes parts of Roxbury, Mission Hill, and the South End, and Boston Police District B-3, which includes Mattapan and parts of Dorchester, as reflected in the hotspot comparison maps analyzing shootings, shots fired incidents, and firearm recoveries throughout the City; *and*

WHEREAS, The report documented ongoing concerns regarding illegal firearm trafficking, including the continued recovery of ghost guns, firearms equipped with high-capacity magazines and modifications, firearms originating from outside Massachusetts, and increasing juvenile firearm arrests; *and*

WHEREAS, According to the report, approximately one-third of crime guns recovered in 2025 were equipped with high-capacity or extended magazines, more than half of traced firearms originated outside Massachusetts, and juvenile firearm arrests increased in 2025 compared to prior years; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents, community organizations, violence prevention workers, and neighborhood stakeholders have consistently called for a comprehensive examination of the root causes contributing to firearm violence, including illegal firearm trafficking, youth involvement, repeat exposure to violence, economic inequities, neighborhood disinvestment, and gaps in behavioral health and intervention services; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department report emphasized the importance of strategic deployment, data analysis, and coordinated responses to firearm violence, while also highlighting the need for continued evaluation of prevention and intervention efforts in the communities most impacted by gun violence; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine firearm trafficking, gun violence hotspots, and the concentration of firearm recoveries in Boston Police Districts B-2 and B-3, including trends identified in the Boston Police Department's 2025 Boston Firearm Trafficking Report, the geographic concentration of firearm violence, the role of illegal firearm trafficking, youth firearm involvement, community violence prevention strategies, and opportunities for targeted public health and public safety interventions; and that the Boston Police Department and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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