

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN AND HENRY SANTANA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
RICHARD GIORDANO AND NAMING AUGUST 9, 2024 AS
RICHARD GIORDANO DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Richard Giordano is a lifelong activist whose activism over the last forty years has aimed to improve the City of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Fenway and Mission Hill neighborhoods are indebted to Richard’s decades of dedication to increasing the supply of affordable housing and expanding safe and sustainable transportation networks; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Richard’s involvement in his community is seemingly endless from serving as a board member on the Back of the Hill CDC and Mission Hill NHS, the Director of Policy and Community Planning for the Fenway CDC, the coordinator of the Fenway Communicate and Connect street outreach collaboration, numerous Boston Planning and Development Agency Impact Advisory Groups, and a staffer to various elected officials; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Richard was the first staff community organizer for the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations, and, during his tenure at the Fenway CDC, he has successfully stewarded several new affordable housing developments in the neighborhood including Our Lady’s Guide House, Burbank Terrace, Newcastle Saranac, Burbank Gardens, and 112 Queensberry Street; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Richard’s care for his community is undeniable and his optimism, admirable in any line of work, is uniquely commendable in a field as challenging as affordable housing development and is seen in his persistent advocacy around, among other initiatives, the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act, Linkage transformation, and Transfer Fee support; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As he enters retirement, Richard not only leaves a lasting legacy in the built infrastructure, but also in his empowerment of the next generation of community leaders to use knowledge, compassion, persistence, and a smile to achieve a better community for all; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the Boston City Council honors Richard Giordano’s legacy of service to the City of Boston by recognizing August 9, 2024 as Richard Giordano Day in the City of Boston

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