



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- 0256** Message and order for your approval an Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-3.5, Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement.
- 0257** Message and order for your approval an Ordinance creating the Planning Department in the City of Boston.
- 0258** The message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statements of Interest for their Accelerated Repair Program for the following schools: Kenny Elementary School, O'Donnell Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, Chittick Elementary School, Everett Elementary School, Gardner Pilot Academy, Lyndon Elementary School and Murphy K-8 School.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

- 0259** Petition of Uptown Transport Inc., for a license to operate motor vehicles for the carriage of passengers for hire over certain streets in Boston.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

0260 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Woodrow Hartzog as a member of the Surveillance Oversight Advisory Board, effective immediately.

0261 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Gary Saunders as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust for a term expiring January 22, 2026.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

0262 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Ordinance Establishing the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.

0263 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Petition for a special law re: an act regarding the disability pension for Brian McPherson.

0264 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of for profit urgent care centers on nonprofit community health centers in the City of Boston.

0265 **Councilor Weber and Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore a right to counsel pilot program for tenants facing eviction in the City of Boston.

0266 **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss creating a fund for translation and interpretive services to be utilized at community meetings held by City Councilors.

0267 **Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide for our children, families, and seniors.

0268 **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public School's Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

0269 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing January 27th as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

0270 **Councilor Fernandes Anderson and Coletta offered the following:** Resolution in support of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to pass the Cherish Act.

0271 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in support of the HERO Act.

0272 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing February 1st as World Hijab Day in Boston.

0273 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution on behalf of the Boston City Council in Honor and Celebration of Black History Month to be recognized in the Month of February, 2024.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

0274 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Skarlett Abreu Martinez in City Council, effective January 15, 2024.

GREEN SHEETS:

31/24 Legislative Calendar for January 31, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA:

0275 Councilor FitzGerald and Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Matthew "Matty" Carver.

0276 Councilor Pepén and Weber offered the following: Resolution congratulating Robert F. Lee.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 29, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an ordinance amending City of Boston Municipal Code, Chapter 12, Section 12-3.5, Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement.

These amendments will update the name of the program, increase the work-off amount, expand the eligibility guidelines, remove the cap on participants, and make this a permanent program.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the proposed amendments without delay.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OLDER ADULT PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

SECTION 1

City of Boston Code, Ordinances *Chapter 12, Section 12-3.5, SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT* is hereby amended by replacing the existing text with the following:

12-3.5 Older Adult Property Tax Work-Off Abatement.

a. *Authority and purpose.* The purpose of these provisions is to provide older residents of the City of Boston with the opportunity to reduce their real estate tax bills through a program utilizing certified volunteer services. The authority for these provisions is found in M.G.L. c. 59, s. 5K.

b. *Acceptance of the local option in M.G.L. c. 59, s. 5K.* Enactment of these provisions shall be deemed an official action of the City of Boston to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 58, s. 5K, as amended, and the Older Adult Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program ("Program") is hereby authorized and created pursuant to the provisions of these sections.

c. *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

AMI (Area Median Income) refers to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standard used to determine household income in the Boston region.

City shall mean the City of Boston.

Commission shall mean the Elderly Commission of the City of Boston or the successor thereto.

Commonwealth shall mean the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HUD shall mean the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Participant shall mean any person participating in the program. No person is eligible to become a participant until attainment of his or her sixtieth (60th) birthday.

Program shall mean the Older Adult Property Tax Work-Off Abatement authorized and created by these sections and any programs created thereunder.

Older Adult shall mean someone who is age 60 and over.

d. *Administration.* The Commission shall implement and administer the program. The Commission shall have the authority to promulgate rules, procedures, and regulations for implementation and administration of the program that are consistent with the intent of M.G.L. c. 59, s. 5K and consistent with the provisions of these sections including but not limited to setting any limitations on the eligibility of participants such as income limitations, asset limitations, limitations on the number of participants and the work to be performed, and any limitation of eligibility to a tax reduction on a participant's domicile. The Commission shall coordinate with the offices, agencies, commissions, departments, or other organizations of the City to receive and utilize certified volunteer services under the program.

e. *Participants.*

1. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 59, s. 5K, a participant must (i) be over sixty (60) years of age as of the January 1 preceding the start of the fiscal year at issue; and (ii) be the assessed owner of the property on which the tax to be abated is assessed or have acquired ownership before the certified volunteer work is performed, and if the property is subject to a trust then the participant must have legal title (i.e., have the status of a trustee for the trust) and be a beneficiary under such trust on the applicable January 1 assessment date or at the time the work is performed. Participants may earn a maximum abatement of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars per fiscal year and may not receive credit for the certified volunteer services at an hourly rate higher than the minimum wage for the Commonwealth, nor shall the hourly rate be less than the federal minimum wage unless the Commonwealth or the City is advised by the Wages and Hours Division of the United States Department of Labor that the Fair Labor Standards Act does not apply to the program.

2. Participants shall be determined by the Commission by the chronological order of the applicants' submission of a complete and qualifying application. In no event shall a person be eligible for the program as a participant if such person's income exceeds 60% AMI as determined by HUD. Eligible participants will be placed depending on the availability of open positions.

f. *Certification of volunteer services.*

1. The Commission shall require the offices, agencies, commissions, departments, or other organizations of the City receiving and utilizing certified volunteer services under the program to certify to the Commission the hours of services performed by a participant.

2. The Commission must certify to the Assessor of the City the hours of services performed by a participant before the actual tax for the fiscal year is committed and must state the amount actually earned as of the date of the certification. Services performed after that date are credited toward the next fiscal year's actual tax bill to the extent consistent with the Commission's rules

for the program. The City will provide details of the credit received prior to the issuance of the 4th quarter tax bill.

g. *Exemptions.* Abatements earned by a participant under the program shall not affect a participant's eligibility for any property tax exemptions.

h. *Annual report.*

1. In an effort to evaluate the effectiveness of the program, the Commission shall, at the close of each fiscal year, prepare a detailed report relevant to the program, including but not limited to:

(a) The name of each and every person that received an abatement under the program, the number of hours certified, and the amount of the respective abatement;

(b) The address of each and every property that received an abatement under the program and the amount of the respective abatement;

(c) The name of each and every office, agency, commission, department, or other organization that received volunteer services under the program;

(d) The total number of hours certified under the program;

(e) The total number (quantity) of abatements applied under the program;

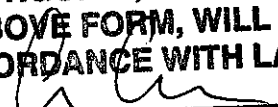
(f) The total amount (value) of abatements applied under the program;

(g) A complete delineation of the costs associated with administering the program.

2. The annual report shall be filed with the Boston City Clerk no later than September 1 of each calendar year, and the Boston City Clerk shall file the annual report with the Boston City Council within two (2) weeks of receipt thereof.

i. *Implementation.* The provisions of this section 12-3.5 shall be effective immediately, but, in accordance with the requirement in M.G.L. c. 59, s. 5K to explicitly state the fiscal year in which the program will be first available, the abatements may not be earned by a participant nor may the abatements be applied to any real estate taxes until the commencement of fiscal year 2008 (i.e. July 1, 2007).

j. *Severability.* If any provision of this section shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**
BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 29, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your consideration and approval: *An Ordinance creating the Planning Department in the City of Boston.*

For decades, and in contrast to nearly all other major cities, the City of Boston has not had a City Planning Department. This Ordinance will restore planning as a core City function with the same accountability and oversight as all other City departments, by codifying the transition of former Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) staff to a new City Planning Department. The language of this Ordinance also sets the parameters for an effective and sustainable, budget-neutral transition that ensures continuity for critical aspects of staff members' employment benefits.

It is critical that Boston's continued growth should create much needed housing and support a thriving downtown, vibrant neighborhood business districts, and a strong regional economy for healthy, connected communities. This Ordinance is one piece of our administration's plan to implement reforms that chart the course for comprehensive planning, updated zoning, integrated urban design, and predictable development review to achieve those goals. This Ordinance complements several major initiatives undertaken over the past two years, including:

1. **A home-rule petition** passed by your honorable body last April and under review by the State Legislature that would end Urban Renewal, abolish outdated structures, and modernize the focus of our authority away from targeting so-called "blight and urban decay" and instead to enacting affordability, equity, and resiliency citywide;
2. **Restructuring the BPDA** to shift the focus and culture of our work by elevating planning with distinct teams focused on zoning compliance and comprehensive planning that are separate from development review, and elevating design in its own division. In addition, the housing compliance team formerly at the BPDA has already been transferred to the Mayor's Office of Housing which has a robust compliance function to enforce affordability requirements;

3. **Coordinating citywide planning and implementation** by creating the Planning Advisory Council that brings together all cabinet agencies responsible for planning the built environment to establish collaboration and coordination on comprehensive community driven planning, including Streets; Housing; Operations; Finance, Environment, Energy, and Open Space; Equity; Economic Opportunity and Inclusion; and Arts and Culture;
4. **Working to update Boston's zoning code** through completion of neighborhood planning processes inherited from previous administrations and launching Squares + Streets, the first major rezoning effort in decades, focused on neighborhood commercial business corridors that are close to transit and that would benefit from greater housing density and affordability; and
5. **Modernizing development review** through a process to evaluate and improve the Article 80 development review parameters for the first time since its creation, with a mission to enhance predictability and transparency.

In establishing the Planning Department and implementing the reforms above, the City of Boston will transition away from a reactive approach centered on responding to private development proposals, to instead planning proactively for the needs of Bostonians with coordinated citywide efforts for direct accountability, transparency, community engagement, and predictability.

This Ordinance includes three major components:

1. **Codify the purpose and powers of the Planning Department:** The Planning Department's purpose will be to develop comprehensive short and long term plans for Boston's built environment, establishing a consistent and predictable zoning code for the City, advancing exceptional and inclusive design standards, providing predictability to guide development that is responsive to community needs, and planning for the effective use of public real estate. The new City department will retain and clarify all the existing functions of the BPDA. In its current form, the BPDA Board will still function as the Planning Board and approval authority for Article 80 projects, completed plans with zoning language to be further approved by the Boston Zoning Commission, and other land use actions.
2. **Enable financial transfer between the City of Boston and the BPDA:** The creation of a Planning Department will be a budget neutral transition for the City of Boston. For the last several decades the BPDA has been a self-financed entity not tied to direct City oversight, and the Agency had the sole authority to allocate its budget for the functions carried out by staff. Under this Ordinance, the BPDA will transfer funds to the City of Boston in order to financially support the new Planning Department and enable it to carry out its duties as approved through the standard City Council and Administration budget process for all City departments. This act sets forth the mechanisms for this regular transfer of funds to cover the expenses incurred by the City of Boston for performing

these functions, which will include staff payroll, service contracts, property maintenance, administrative expenses, and more.

3. **Ensure continuity of employment conditions for existing staff:** Part of ensuring a stable transition during the creation of the Planning Department is guiding the seamless transition of current BPDA staff to the City of Boston. This act preserves the residency policy requirements under which existing staff were originally hired. In addition, the Home Rule Petition approved by the Council last year and currently under review by the State Legislature would allow former BPDA employees to purchase their EDIC service time in the City of Boston's pension system. Currently, EDIC staff within the BPDA participate in a 401(a) retirement plan program that the City of Boston is restricted from offering. For this reason, current BPDA staff who are over 5 years of service or over 50 years old shall be given the opportunity to elect to stay on the BPDA payroll for the remaining tenure of their service for the sole purpose of retaining the 401(a) program if they do not wish to move to the City of Boston pension system. Staff that choose to preserve this retirement benefit will be treated in the same manner as City employees in every other respect and integrated into the management structures of the relevant City department. These employment steps will enable the vast majority of current BPDA staff to start on the first day of the new budget year (July 1, 2024) as City of Boston employees. After this date, no new employees would be hired to the BPDA, and all new hires supporting these functions will be hired within the City of Boston.

This Ordinance clarifies the functions needed for community-grounded planning to address the urgent and long-term needs of our residents and our city. I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the ordinance to help guide us toward a better future together.

Sincerely,



Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

SECTION 1. City of Boston Code, Ordinances, *Chapter VIII* is hereby amended by adding the following after Section 8-13:

8-14 The Planning Department.

8-14.1 Purpose of the Planning Department.

There shall be in the City of Boston a department, known as the Planning Department (the "Department"), which shall be the City's primary land use agency charged with planning and designing the City's built environment, and evaluating and managing urban development (the "Purpose"). In achieving its Purpose, the Department shall develop plans and create strategies aimed at addressing the City's growth and infrastructural needs. Included among the Department's duties are to provide staff and technical support for planning or zoning efforts, and to review all large scale private development proposals within Boston.

8-14.2 Appointment, Powers and Duties of the Department's Chief of Planning.

a. Appointment

The Department shall be managed and directed by a chief of planning (the "Chief of Planning"). The Chief of Planning shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall remain in the position pursuant to City of Boston Code 5-5.1. The Chief of Planning shall be a resident of Boston for the duration of their appointment subject to City of Boston Code 5-5.2.

b. Powers and Duties to Manage the Department

The Chief of Planning shall have the powers and duties to manage the Department and its employees, including hiring employees. The Chief of Planning and the Department's employees shall be municipal employees of the City of Boston subject to M.G.L. ch. 268A and all rules, regulations, laws, ordinances and statutes applicable to such employees.

c. Chief of Planning as Director of the BPDA

The Chief of Planning may serve in a dual capacity as Director of each of the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") and the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston ("EDIC"), which entities together do business as the BPDA (the BRA and EDIC, together with any successor agency to the BRA and/or the EDIC, are referred to herein as the "BPDA") and who shall coordinate and integrate the work of the Department and the BPDA or any successor entities in a manner consistent with this ordinance and the BPDA's statutory authority.

d. *Specific Powers and Duties of the Chief of Planning*

The Chief of Planning shall have the following powers and perform the following duties to further the Purpose of the Department: coordinating and directing all planning efforts by the Department, all City land use directives, and all related policies and procedures on behalf of the Department; and leading the City's coordination with ongoing planning, design, zoning and development review efforts.

18-14.3 Powers and Duties of the Department.

The Department shall serve as the technical planning lead for the City of Boston and shall organize and make such recommendations to the BPDA Board or any successor entities concerning matters within its responsibility as may be necessary and appropriate.

The Department shall have the following divisions with the respective powers and duties below to further its Purpose which may be amended at the discretion of the Chief of Planning to ensure the effective functioning of the Department:

- a. *The Planning Division:* To create comprehensive plans and zoning regulations to guide urban development citywide, including by: maintaining an accurate and updated version of the City's Zoning Code and accompanying zoning maps which shall be available to the public through a publicly accessible database; and providing staff and technical support for citywide planning and zoning efforts, including staffing for Boston Zoning Commission activities.
- b. *The Design Division:* To set standards and guidelines for urban design citywide, and to evaluate architectural, public realm, and site design of proposed developments and policies, including by: ensuring that projects and policies meet aesthetic, functional, and community standards for urban design, with coordination and input from the Boston Civic Design Commission and other public processes; evaluating aspects such as building appearance, landscape design, signage, lighting, and their integration into the surrounding environment; and enhancing the quality, character, and compatibility of development within neighborhoods across the city to promote and protect the City's cultural heritage and unique sense of place.
- c. *The Development Review Division:* To evaluate proposed development projects to ensure coordination with zoning, land use planning, and other relevant policies related to the built environment, including by: assessing the community impact of projects related to affordability, resilience, equity, and other important factors, in order to shape project details, mitigation, and community benefits; managing application submission, public notifications, public hearings, review by various city departments, and final decision-making and approvals for proposed development projects; and ensuring transparency and predictability in development review processes.

- d. *The Real Estate Division*: To manage the planning process for acquisition and disposition of real estate; to oversee public-private partnerships to create public value on public land; and to direct construction, maintenance, coastal protection, leasing, and licensing of public assets with municipal or non-municipal uses including properties owned by the BPDA or successor entities.
- e. The Department may also include support services to ensure the smooth functioning of human resources, financial, legal, technological, communications, and other functions.

8-14.4 Residency Exemption for Former BPDA Personnel.

- a. Individuals employed by the Department shall be residents of the City of Boston in accordance with the City of Boston's Residency Ordinance (Ord. 1976, c. 9 as amended, hereinafter the "Residency Ordinance").
- b. Individuals employed by the BPDA as of June 30, 2024 who are subsequently hired by any City Department (the "Former BPDA Personnel") with no break in service between BPDA employment and employment with a City department, shall be exempt from the Residency Ordinance if: Such Former BPDA Personnel have already served ten (10) consecutive years with the BPDA (as calculated by the BPDA as of the date of such Former BPDA Personnel's date of transition to a City department); or Such Former BPDA Personnel serve ten (10) consecutive years with the BPDA (as calculated by the BPDA as of the date of such Former BPDA Personnel's date of transition to a City department) combined with their service time with a City department post-date of transition to the City; or such Former BPDA Personnel has already become exempt as of June 30, 2024 during employment with the BPDA pursuant to the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement between the Former BPDA Employee's bargaining unit and the BPDA.
- c. 8-14.4(b)'s exemption shall remain in effect during the entirety of the Former BPDA Personnel's service with the City unless and until the Former BPDA Personnel's employment with the City ends, or unless and until the Former BPDA Personnel subsequently becomes covered by any labor or collective bargaining agreement. At the time of either of these events, the exemption set forth herein ceases to apply to that Former BPDA Personnel.

8-14.5 Financial Transfers.

Upon passage of this ordinance and consistent with the City Charter and state law, and from time to time thereafter, the BPDA shall transfer funds to the City to fulfill the Purpose of the Department and to fulfill its statutory duties (the "Financial Transfers"). The City and the BPDA shall execute a memorandum of agreement (the "Financial Transfer MOA"), which Financial Transfer MOA may be amended from time

to time, to memorialize the process by which the Financial Transfers shall be effectuated for any Financial Transfers completed after the effective date of this Ordinance. The City shall expend any funds subject to the Financial Transfers in the manner in which they are required to be expended. The annual budget filed by the Mayor may be based on the amount of the Financial Transfers estimated to be received by the City in the upcoming fiscal year. The Financial Transfer MOA, in conjunction with 18-14.5 shall permit the execution of the Financial Transfers without further authorization.

8-14.6 Property Transfers.

The City may transfer to and acquire from the BPDA real property according to existing statutory processes as they may apply to certain parcels. The City and the BPDA may execute one or more memoranda of agreement to memorialize the process by which certain real property transfers shall be effectuated. To the extent required, approval of 8-14.6 shall constitute any requisite City Council approval of real property acquisitions and transfers by the City pursuant to the City Charter or other applicable Massachusetts state law.

SECTION 2.

1. Effective Date.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

SECTION 3.

1. Partial Invalidity.

If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
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BY Adam Cederbaum
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 29, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statements of Interest for their Accelerated Repair Program for the following schools: Kenny Elementary School, O'Donnell Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, Chittick Elementary School, Everett Elementary School, Gardner Pilot Academy, Lyndon Elementary School, Murphy K-8 School; the Statements of Interest describe and explain the deficiencies and the priority category for which the City of Boston may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority 5 – Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may submit the Statement of Interest expeditiously and continue the process of seeking funds for the improvement of school facilities within the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO SUBMIT STATEMENTS OF INTEREST TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS FOR KENNY ELEMENTARY, O'DONNELL ELEMENTARY, ADAMS ELEMENTARY, CHITTICK ELEMENTARY, EVERETT ELEMENTARY, GARDNER PILOT ACADEMY, LYNDON ELEMENTARY, AND MURPHY K-8

ORDERED: Having convened in an open meeting prior to March 1, 2024 the City Council of the City of Boston, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statements of Interest dated on or before March 1, 2024 for the following schools in the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Accelerated Repair Program:

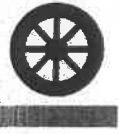
Schools	Address	Scope	City	State	Zip
Kenny Elementary School	19 Oakton Avenue	Roof	Dorchester	MA	02122
O'Donnell Elementary School	33 Trenton Street	Roof	East Boston	MA	02128
Adams Elementary School	163 Webster Street	Window/Doors	East Boston	MA	02128
Chittick Elementary School	154 Ruskindale Road	Window/Doors	Hyde Park	MA	02136
Everett Elementary School	71 Pleasant Street	Window/Doors	Dorchester	MA	02125
Gardner Pilot Academy	30 Athol Street	Window/Doors	Allston	MA	02134
Lyndon Elementary School	20 Mount Vernon Street	Window/Doors	West Roxbury	MA	02132
Murphy K-8 School	1 Worrell Street	Window/Doors	Dorchester	MA	02122

The Statements of Interest for the facilities listed above describes deficiencies submitted under Priority #5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

The City Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting the Statement of Interest Forms, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Boston to file an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL



City of Boston
Transportation

January 12, 2024

Munim Khan
Uptown Transport Inc.
94 Standard Street
Boston MA 02126

Mr. Khan

The Boston Transportation Department would like to thank you for submitting your proposed route for operating tourist trolleys for Uptown Transport Inc for the 2024 season. Please consider this letter as the department's approval of the route which is attached to this letter which also includes the new additional routes for the USS Constitution and Harvard Square.

Please note that you have been given one staging or "stand" parking spot on State Street adjacent to the Blue Line Aquarium Station Headhouse. You are not permitted to park more than one vehicle at this spot. Only vehicles approved by the Boston Police Department for sight-seeing may be parked here, no personal vehicles are allowed to use this space.

We look forward to working with you this season. If you have any questions or concerns please contact my assistant at patrick.hoey@boston.gov

Sincerely,

Vineet Gupta
Director of Policy and Planning
Streets Cabinet

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Boston Sightseeing

Adding new Route to Harvard Sq Cambridge the top mini shuttle bus is going to operate. Pickup square.

1. Right turn Dartmouth st
 2. Left turn Beacon st
 3. Right turn Mass ave bridge to Cambridge
 4. Return from Mass ave to bridge to Boston
 5. Continue Mass ave
 6. Left Turn Boylston st
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7. Right turn Dalton st
 8. Left turn Belvidere st
 9. Left turn Huntington ave
 10. Continue Stuart st
 11. Left turn Trinity Pl

BOSTON,

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The undersigned hereby applies for a license to operate motor vehicles in the City of Boston for the purpose of carrying passengers over the route hereinafter set forth, and hereby agrees, under penalty of revocation of license, to comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations concerning the carrying of passengers by motor vehicle.

TERMINI, ROUTE AND STOPPING PLACES

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NUMBER OF VEHICLES

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REMARKS

This petition is filed under provisions of Chapter

Rate of fare: 40-90
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Type of bus: Bus
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Seating capacity: 15-60 Passengers
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Other remarks: We are first Boston city sightseeing
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Minority owned double decker tour bus company.
Our sightseeing company already have city sightseeing
license approved by Boston Transportation department.
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Name: Uplocan Transport inc DBA sightseeing
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Address: 94 Standard st. Boston, MA 02126
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Munim Khan
617-938-8566

IN CITY COUNCIL

Voted: That a license be granted on the terms and conditions expressed in the statutes concerning carriers of passengers by motor vehicle

City Clerk.

Approved.

Mayor.

JITNEYS

PETITION OF

Boston Lightseings
FOR LICENSE TO OPERATE

IN CITY COUNCIL

Referred to the Committee on

City Clerk.

IN CITY COUNCIL

On the within petition the Committee recommends that (the petitioner have leave to withdraw.)
a license be granted.

Chairman.

Accepted.

City Clerk.

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BOSTON, MA



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

January 23, 2024

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 16-63.2 of the City of Boston Municipal Code, I hereby appoint Woodrow Hartzog of 221 Waltham Street, Newton, MA 02465, as the Massachusetts American Civil Liberties Union representative on the Surveillance Oversight Advisory Board, replacing Kate Crockford, effective immediately.

This Member will serve until their resignation or until a successor is appointed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts

Office of the Mayor

Michelle Wu

January 22, 2024

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the reappointment of Gary Saunders of 77 Sargent Crossway, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130 as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust, for a term expiring 01/22/26. I am reappointing Gary Saunders pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Declaration of Trust for the Boston Groundwater Trust, Article III, Section 3.1.11. Gary Saunders shall serve as the Back Bay Association Member.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



Offered by Councilor Ed Flynn

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF PEST CONTROL IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** The issue of pest control is an important quality of life issue, as it impacts public health, as well as the cleanliness and sanitization of our streets and neighborhoods; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** There has been a dramatic rise in rodent and pest activities in our neighborhoods in the past years as a result of the pandemic, with residents and businesses reporting to 311 about the increase of rats and other rodents on our streets and homes; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** It is important that the city has specific measures in place to adequately address neighborhoods' individualized needs in managing the persistent increase in rodent activities; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** Currently, pest control is cross-departmental effort in the City of Boston, with Inspectional Services, Public Works, Boston Water and Sewer Commission being the main points of contact on this issue, and 14 inspectors covering the city; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** Having a dedicated City department on pest control would allow us to better focus on the issue, provide a more streamlined and coordinated process in reducing pests, and come up with more innovative ways in prevent pest infestations; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that the City of Boston devotes the necessary resource and attention to this significant quality of life and public health issue, and an Office of Pest Control will not only allow the City to better address concerns with rodents, but will also signal the City's commitment in curbing rodent population; ***AND NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, is hereby amended in Chapter XI by inserting the following new section after existing Section 11-11:

Ordinance creating the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston

SECTION 1: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to create an Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston. Pest control is an important quality of life and public health issue for the residents of Boston, and there needs to be adequate resources to address this issue, including a dedicated office to coordinate multi-departmental efforts to reducing rat and pest population, develop overall pest control strategy, and conduct outreach to residents on rodent mitigation methods.

SECTION 2: The Office of Pest Control

1. Establishment of the Office of Pest Control.

There shall be established in the City of Boston the Office of Pest Control, hereafter referred to as the Office, which shall be under the charge of an Officer known as the Director of Pest Control (hereafter called the Director), who shall be appointed by the Mayor.

2. Definitions

“Pest” means a living animal or insect that negatively impacts the quality of life of humans, particularly ones that cause damage to property, create chronic nuisance, or harm public health. Pests include, but are not limited to: rats, mice, bedbugs, mites, fleas, ticks, and cockroaches.

“Pest control” means managing the response process to complaints of insect, rodent, and other animal infestation in the City of Boston, and preventing pests from negatively impacting the quality of life and public health of residents.

“Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan” means an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of strategies tailored to the needs of every neighborhood in Boston.

3. Director Responsibilities.

The Director shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration, and operation of the Office. The Director shall also have the ability to hire staff or contract out services as required in order to carry out its purpose. The duties of the Director, or designee, of the Office shall include, but not limited to:

- a. Act as the central point and dedicated person in developing and implementing long term and short term Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans for individual neighborhoods based on their specific needs;
- b. Evaluate local pest control service providers to determine providers best suited to implement IPM plan for each neighborhood;
- c. Respond to constituent pest control requests by coordinating with relevant city departments and recommending treatment services pursuant to the neighborhood IPM plans;

- d. Coordinate with the Inspectional Services Department to manage the implementation of short-term and long-term Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans for individual neighborhoods based on specific needs;
- e. Conduct outreach and awareness campaigns to educate residents on pest control and mitigation methods, including how to properly dispose of trash, containing food sources, sealing openings, and other preventative measures;
- f. Work with city agencies, the private sector, and community organizations to identify model practices and innovative strategies in reducing rat and pest populations;
- f. Advising city agencies and departments on issues pertaining to pest control; and
- g. Perform such other duties and functions as may be appropriate to pursue the policies set forth in this section.

3. Enforcement Powers.

- a. The Director, or designees of the Office shall have the power to enforce the IPM plans related to this ordinance.
- b. The Director, or designees of the Office are authorized to enter into agreements necessary to effectuate programs and projects related to its purpose, and, in connection with agreements entered into under this Ordinance, to enter into and execute all such other instruments and to perform any and all acts, including the allocation and expenditure of duly appropriated funds, as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of such agreements and any renewals thereto.

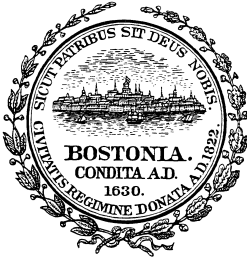
SECTION 3: Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity will not affect the remaining provisions, which will remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective within six months of passage.

Filed in City Council: January 31, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR

HOME RULE PETITION

- WHEREAS:** Sergeant Deputy Sheriff Brian C. McPherson sustained serious injuries while in the performance of his duties, and as a result is incapacitated from further service as a Sergeant Deputy Sheriff in the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department; *and,*
- WHEREAS:** While employed in the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, Sergeant Deputy Sheriff Brian C. McPherson's pay and retirement are under the jurisdiction of the Boston Retirement Board; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT REGARDING THE DISABILITY PENSION FOR BRIAN MCPHERSON

Section 1.

(a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Boston Retirement Board shall increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Brian McPherson, a retired Sergeant Deputy Sheriff of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department who, as a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of his duties on May 13, 2008, is totally and permanently incapacitated from performing the essential duties of a Sergeant Deputy Sheriff.

(b) The annual amount of pension payable to Brian McPherson shall be equal to the regular rate of compensation which would have been paid had he continued in service as a Sergeant Deputy Sheriff of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department at the grade held by him at the time of his retirement until his death or reaching mandatory retirement age, whichever comes first. All amounts paid under this act shall be non-taxable to the extent allowable under state and federal law.

(c) Notwithstanding Sections 8 and 91A of Chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, Brian McPherson's annual earnings, when added to his retirement allowance, may annually earn up to one-half the amount of his retirement allowance without refund penalty.

(d) Upon attaining the mandatory retirement age for a Sergeant Deputy Sheriff of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, Brian McPherson shall receive a pension pursuant to Section 7 of said Chapter 32, a yearly amount of pension equal to 100 percent of the annual rate of the compensation he was receiving on the day before he reaches the mandatory retirement age for a Sergeant Deputy Sheriff of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department.

(e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the benefits granted herein shall be funded and administered by the Boston Retirement Board, consistent with and subject to chapter 32 of the General Laws.

Section 2.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Brian McPherson shall be entitled to receive indemnification for all hospital, medical and related expenses that have been or may be incurred after the date of his retirement as a result of the injuries sustained by him while in the performance of his duties on May 13, 2008, in accordance with Sections 100 and 100B of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Section 3.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Boston Retirement Board shall forthwith pay to said Brian McPherson the amount credited to him as accumulated total deductions in the annuity savings fund of the Boston Retirement Board as of the effective date of this act.

Section 4.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if Brian McPherson was married upon retirement, upon his death, if he is still married to the spouse he was married to upon retirement then, should his spouse to whom he was married on the date upon retirement survive him, the Retirement Board of the City of Boston shall pay to the spouse an annuity in the amount of 75 percent of the amount of the pension which otherwise would have been payable to Brian McPherson until the spouse's death. The pension benefits provided for in this section and section 1 shall be subject to Section 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws.

Section 5.

In the event that both Brian McPherson and his spouse to whom he was married on the date upon retirement die before their children reach the age of eighteen, the payments that would otherwise have been made to his spouse shall be payable, in

equal shares, to each surviving children under the age of 18; provided, however, that payments shall continue for the benefit of a surviving child 18 years or older who, on or before the date of death of Brian McPherson or his spouse to whom he was married on the date upon retirement, whichever is later, had been medically determined to be permanently physically or mentally incapacitated from earning or for the benefit of a child under the age of 22 who is enrolled as a full-time student as determined by the criteria of the educational institution.

Section 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed in Boston City Council: January 31, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF FOR PROFIT URGENT CARE CENTERS ON NONPROFIT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** There has been an increase in the number of urgent care centers in and around the City of Boston, where these clinics offer walk in services for patients experiencing non-emergency medical issues such as common cold, small injuries, or minor infections; *and*
- WHEREAS:** While urgent care centers can offer convenient and quick care to patients, some of these clinics are for-profit, with investments from private equity firms and venture capital funds. Urgent care centers can be attractive investments because they do not have the legal obligations to treat patients if they do not have the ability to pay, unlike emergency department; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In addition to having no legal obligations to treat patients if they do not have the ability to pay, many urgent care centers do not accept Medicaid, which creates barrier to access for low income patients; *and*
- WHEREAS:** There are also concerns that patients are substituting visits with primary care providers with urgent care visits, and there is a lack of coordination and continuity of care between urgent care visits and primary care; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Some urgent care centers are in close proximity to community healthcare centers who provide similar services, which can threaten the financial viability of these invaluable neighborhood institutions; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Most recently, a for profit urgent care center is being proposed on West Broadway in South Boston, only a block away from the South Boston Community Health Center (SBCHC), which has provided critical, compassionate, and professional health care services in South Boston, servicing 70,000 visits per year that includes families, our seniors, persons with disabilities, immigrant neighbors, communities of color and our most vulnerable in public housing; *and*
- WHEREAS:** This proposal has the potential to negatively impact the community health center, as it can take away its patient base, especially when SBCHC plans to expand existing Urgent Care at their West Broadway facility to non-patients in the coming months, and has also opened another nearby urgent care clinic recently in the South Boston Waterfront that is available to non-patients; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the for profit urgent care centers and their impacts on community health centers, their quality of care, and how they better improve access and collaboration with local health centers and hospitals. Representatives from the Boston Public Health Commission, local health centers, and urgent care centers, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE A RIGHT TO COUNSEL PILOT PROGRAM FOR TENANTS FACING EVICTION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is in the midst of a housing crisis, with rising costs and a shortage of available units, putting pressure on the City's renters; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On a daily basis, tenants from neighborhoods across the City are confronted by the threat of eviction without the necessary tools or knowledge to advocate for themselves; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Current Massachusetts Trial Court data shows that 90.5 percent of landlords had legal representation during eviction proceedings in housing court, while only 3.1 percent of tenants who were facing eviction for nonpayment had representation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Since the end of the federal eviction moratorium during the COVID-19 pandemic, evictions have increased to pre-pandemic levels. In 2022, there was an average of 64 eviction filings per week. The number of filings rose to 111 per week on average one year later, which represents a 73.8 percent jump in filings, according to data obtained by The Eviction Lab at Princeton University; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Evictions are known to contribute to housing instability and homelessness; disrupting employment and educational opportunities and impacting a tenant's credit score and ability to get approved for another available unit; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Studies have shown that eviction filings in the City and across Massachusetts are more likely to be made against people of color and single mothers; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Evictions contribute to a drain on City, State, and Federal resources, for example, by requiring increased reliance on shelters, mental health services, and other emergency services; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The complexity of housing law and the legal process of eviction often acts as daunting and insurmountable barriers for individuals without legal training, leading to a significant power imbalance in eviction proceedings; *and*

- WHEREAS,** Granting tenants a right to counsel has been demonstrated to reduce eviction filings, reduce the rate of evictions, and lead to better outcomes for tenants; and
- WHEREAS,** The Baker-Polito Administration established a temporary COVID Eviction Legal Help Project which resulted in 70 percent of tenants remaining in their homes and 20 percent having more time to find a place to live prior to eviction; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Tenants right to counsel programs have been established in at least 17 cities and four states, with New York City becoming the first municipality in the nation to provide legal aid attorneys for low-income residents facing eviction in 2017, with similar results to the Massachusetts pilot program; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Tenants right to counsel programs can also provide counseling and information to small landlords, which further reduces eviction filings, reduces strains on tenants, and preserves municipal resources; *and*
- WHEREAS,** At the federal level, a bill sponsored by Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and Congressman Bob Casey this past December, known as the “Eviction Protection Act,” would provide financial resources for states and local governments to hire attorneys to represent the neediest of tenants in eviction proceedings; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The cost of providing legal counsel to tenants can be outweighed by the social and economic costs of eviction, including the increased demand on homeless services, lost productivity, health related impacts and the detrimental impact on children's education and family health; *and*
- WHEREAS,** H.B. 1731 and S.B. 864, sponsored by Sen. DiDomenico and Reps. Day and Rogers, would create an access to counsel program for all tenants in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a means to support housing stability and prevent homelessness; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A tenant right to counsel pilot program for Boston residents would not only even the playing field for tenants in housing court during eviction proceedings, but could result in fewer filings, ease the strain that evictions have on our City’s institutions, nonprofits and state and local agencies; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss ways to establish a tenant right to counsel pilot program for tenants facing the threat of eviction here in the City of Boston.

Filed on: January 31, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS CREATING A FUND FOR TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETIVE SERVICES TO BE UTILIZED AT COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD BY CITY COUNCILORS

WHEREAS, Boston is home to over 100,000 adults that have a limited proficiency in the English language, which equates to about 1 in every 8 adults in the city, or 12.5% of the city's adult population; *and*

WHEREAS In certain districts and neighborhoods of the city, such as D7, this percentage rises considerably, meaning that, in certain neighborhoods, closer to $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the people may speak English as a second language or not be sufficiently proficient in said language to properly and fully understand its complete meaning; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston is an international city with people who speak a plethora of languages, including Spanish, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, Portuguese, Vietnamese and Chinese, among others; *and*

WHEREAS, While some of the people utilize the languages listed above as their primary language, many others do not, and struggle to follow discussions and discourses held in English; *and*

WHEREAS, The Hispanic / Latino community in Boston, for example, is over 133,000 people which is roughly 20% of our city's population, and of that number, Spanish is the primary language for the majority, with about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total in need of translation and interpretive services for a full grasp of communications in English; *and*

WHEREAS, It is essential that ELL families obtain all relevant information emanating from their representatives, school officials, and others in positions of authority so that they can fully participate civically, educationally, and in all realms of the workings of our city; *and*

WHEREAS, We are fortunate to have under the city's auspices The Office Of Language And Communication Services, who currently contract out for interpretation services, and offer a variety of translation and interpretation services, though, as it stands,

they are not able to assist city councilors due to how the council budget is allocated, thereby creating the problematic situation in which individual councilors must utilize funds from their own office budgets if they want to provide interpretation services

WHEREAS, In Dorchester, nearly a 3rd of our residents are foreign born, and in Roxbury, about a 4th of our residents are foreign born, and in both cases, a vast majority of the people emanate from nations in which English is not the primary language, with the Dominican Republic, Cabo Verde, Haiti and Vietnam being some of the nations at the top of the list; *and*

WHEREAS, These hardworking, immigrant populations of color that add so much to our city are often left out in the proverbial cold when it comes to accessing the mechanisms of power; *and*

WHEREAS, We are fortunate to have within our midst a variety of organizations and nonprofits that do excellent work in the realm of translation services, such as “Found in Translation” which is an organization that trains low income women in offering valuable interpretive and translation services, as well as “English for New Bostonians” which provides funding and training to speakers of limited English in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Furthermore, “English For New Bostonians” works with such worthy enterprises Asian American Civic Association (AACA) where they help prepare people to continue their careers in STEM by assisting them with translation services, as well as the Gilbert Albert Community Center (GACC) in Dorchester, where morning classes are targeted to newly arrived Haitian immigrants, amongst other partnerships and collaborations; *and*

WHEREAS, Additionally, “Found in Translation” has alumnae available to assist in an array of assignments, including translation in the medical field, in community forums, which, of course, gets to the crux of the issue under discussion, educational meetings, and other events, and while they operate via individual request of the person seeking translation, could be a viable stakeholder in a future partnership with the city; *and*

WHEREAS, These organizations and others would be wonderful to partner with for said translation and interpretive services for meetings with councilors within our respective communities and districts; *and*

WHEREAS, The need for such translation and interpreting services is sufficiently vital that the City of Boston should allocate funds of a nature that allows for interpreters to be present at all community meetings in which councilors present and/or interact with their constituents, since we already know that a significant population of our city needs said services; *and*

WHEREAS, In order for us to add action and content to the words and form of equity

and inclusion, it is imperative that we allocate these funds, so that all of our residents can fully participate and shape the future of our city: **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That a hearing be held by the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council to discuss the possibility and feasibility of an allocation fund for interpretation and translation services, and for said hearing to involve such participants as The Office of Language and Communication Services, various non-profits in the field of interpretation, including the aforementioned “English for New Bostonians” and “Found in Translation, as well as community activists, concerned stakeholders and others who seek an equitable outlay of translation services across all of our communities.

Filed On: January, 31st, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS THE PLANS UNDERWAY
TO DO FACILITIES WORK THIS SUMMER AT SEVERAL OF OUR
BUILDINGS THAT MAY IMPACT THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE
FOR OUR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND SENIORS

WHEREAS, Facility repairs have been needed at many of our Community Centers and Boston Public Schools for many years now, and much needed HVAC remediation work thankfully started last summer at several of these buildings; **and**

WHEREAS, Our community centers support children, youth, individuals, seniors, and families through a wide range of programs and services. They offer affordable opportunities to encourage healthy habits, promote physical fitness, and give people an opportunity to learn to swim, exercise in the gyms, participate in healthy activities for all ages, and register their children for summer camp: **and**

WHEREAS, Making sure the much needed repairs at these locations are completed in a timely manner is a priority of ours. If any of these repairs have potential impact on summer programming for our children, seniors, and families we need to know in advance so we can help coordinate with residents and make the necessary alternative plans to ease the impact this may have on hundreds of summer school students, summer camp children and seniors that rely on these city programming opportunities; **and**

WHEREAS, The Ohrenberger Community Center hosts the Camp Joy program that provides structured activities designed to help Bostonians with special needs ages 3-15 make new friends, have fun, learn and grow. This summer they will be closed for renovations so plans need to be made soon to make sure there is a safe, supportive alternative location for these students; **and**

WHEREAS, When there is a closure of one, or more, buildings for repairs it may create a disservice to the residents. Bringing all stakeholders together to make sure we are communicating between departments to ensure that the community has a voice in this process, and has the proper time to prepare and make alternative plans is imperative; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding the possible closing of several community centers and schools this summer, so we can discuss the impact it may have on the health and city programming for our youth, families, and seniors. Representatives from the appropriate departments of the administration will be invited, and in addition members of the public are encouraged to attend.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools has an annual budget of \$1.4 billion in Fiscal Year 2024, which accounts for one-third of the city's annual budget; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools must use the final ESSER federal pandemic funds by the end of 2024, thus creating difficult funding decisions for the second half of Fiscal Year 2025; *and*

WHEREAS, Enrollment in Boston Public Schools has been declining for a decade, with now only approximately 48,000 students; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools has made gains in diversifying its workforce in the past few years, which could now be rolled back amid budget cuts; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools will soon be making recommendations regarding the future of many school buildings under the Green New Deal for Schools; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools should not make any cuts to teachers or contributions to its popular programming such as Boston After School and Beyond; *and*

WHEREAS, Seventy-nine percent of Boston voters approved a measure calling for an elected school committee in 2021, and the Boston City Council approved an elected school committee in 2023; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council is the only elected municipal body and also has district representation, the Council is best positioned to represent the city's constituents in regards to the Fiscal Year 2025 Boston Public Schools budget; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper plans to present the Fiscal Year 2025 Boston Public Schools budget to the School Committee on Feb. 7, 2024; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 Boston Public Schools budget, and that representatives of Boston Public Schools and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: Jan. 31, 2024



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN
**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 27 AS
INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

WHEREAS: January 27, 2024, is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This day was selected and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005 to commemorate the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi Concentration Camp in Poland on January 27, 1945; *and*

WHEREAS: In 1987, I visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau and Dachau concentration camps with Mayor Ray Flynn, and met with survivors and their families during this visit; *and*

WHEREAS: On this anniversary, we remember and honor the six million Jews and millions of others that were killed by the Nazis during the Holocaust, and honor those who survived the Holocaust; *and*

WHEREAS: We reaffirm our commitment and our responsibility as citizens to ensure that these horrific atrocities will never be forgotten, and that the memories of the atrocities will contribute towards the prevention of mass crimes, genocides, and crimes against humanity; *and*

WHEREAS: A 2022 survey conducted by the American Jewish Committee (AJC) found that 26% of American Jews say they were a target of an antisemitic incident—physical attack, remark in person, or online remark; *and*

WHEREAS: The same survey also found that 38% of American Jews changed their behavior, including avoiding certain places, events or situations; not publicly displaying or wearing items that identify their Jewish heritage; and avoiding posting content that would identify themselves as Jewish out of fear of antisemitism; *and*

WHEREAS: We must acknowledge that we have seen a disturbing rise in antisemitism, neo-nazism, white nationalism and hate crimes in Boston and across the country; *and*

WHEREAS: In Boston, we have seen neo-nazi and white nationalist groups march in Downtown and demonstrate outside of LGBTQ+ events in Jamaica Plain and the South Boston Waterfront in the past two years. In 2021, we also saw the stabbing of a Rabbi by an antisemitic individual in Brighton. Nationally, there have been a wave of high profile figures, celebrities, professional athletes, and even Elected Officials who have either made antisemitic remarks on social media platforms, attended events with neonazis, and some who have made highly inappropriate comments; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston is also proud to educate residents and tourists about the Holocaust at the Holocaust Memorial next to Boston City Hall; *and*

WHEREAS: This disturbing wave of antisemitism warrants a strong stance and condemnation from all leaders and communities throughout our country. We must categorically reject and denounce any attempts to normalize antisemitism or any form of hate; *and*

WHEREAS: The horrific terrorist attack on Israeli civilians on October 7th and the subsequent Israel-Hamas War have also contributed to a dramatic increase in antisemitic incidents, with Anti-Defamation League data showing that there was a 388% rise in antisemitic incidents in the United States between October 7th and October 23rd in 2023, compared to the same period in 2022; *and*

WHEREAS: Everyone should be able to celebrate their heritage and religion without fear of violence, bigotry, and persecution. We must continue to confront and combat the rising tide of anti-semitism, and continue to support our Jewish neighbors by standing up in solidarity with them; *Therefore Be It*

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes January 27, 2024 as Holocaust Remembrance Day, and that the Council reaffirms its support for the Jewish community and condemns any form of antisemitism in the City of Boston.

Filed in Council: January 31, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON AND GABRIELA COLETTA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO PASS THE CHERISH ACT

WHEREAS, The public colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are among our greatest resources; *and*

WHEREAS, Said colleges and universities are foundational to the workings of the regional economies and are integral to the economic growth and the provision of services in our towns and cities; *and*

WHEREAS, Higher education is a pathway to economic mobility, is an inherent good through the production of knowledge it creates, and that public university graduates are more likely to remain in our state, contributing to our collective economic and social, and cultural wellbeing; *and*

WHEREAS, Public colleges and universities educate the majority of students of color and first generation college students, and furthermore, that the recent U.S Supreme Court decision vis a vis affirmative action threatens to undermine pedagogical access to our youth of color; *and*

WHEREAS, There remains significant opportunity gaps pertaining to race and class inequities and that this plays out regarding lower college enrollments and graduation rates particularly as it pertains to Black and Latino students; *and*

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands of students graduate from Massachusetts high schools each but do not enroll in college, and a significant 700,000 adults in our state have earned some college credits but have not completed their degrees; *and*

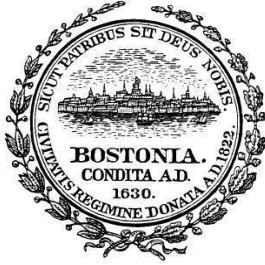
WHEREAS, New revenue from the Fair Share Amendment, which has already been put to use in a variety of ways regarding public schools and transit, gives us an opportunity for transformative investments in public higher education to make up for decades in severe underinvestment in our public colleges and universities; *and*

WHEREAS, Furthermore, prospective resources that could be made available by this act would allow for students to graduate debt free, provide essential student support services integral to the successful completion of their studies, and will allow for the proper investment in staff and faculty salaries, allowing for the retaining and recruitment of highly qualified educators in order for them to thrive in an expensive part of the country

WHEREAS, Investing in our public education institutions means investing in the students, faculty, and staff who are core components of our Commonwealth, who are woven into our communities in a plethora of ways, and who are integral to the functioning of our local economy, culture, and social life: ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council urges and calls upon the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to pass The Cherish Act and bring the Higher Education For All to our state.

Filed on 1/31/2024



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HERO ACT

WHEREAS: Last November, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey filed an act Honoring, Empowering and Recognizing Our Servicemembers and Veterans, known as the HERO Act at the State House; *and*

WHEREAS: The HERO Act includes 17 comprehensive spending and policy initiatives, tax credits and statute changes that are aimed at improving veterans' welfare, in the areas of benefits expansion, a commitment to inclusivity and greater representation, and the modernization of Veterans Services; *and*

WHEREAS: Among those initiatives, there are increases to the Executive Office of Veterans Services' (EOVS) Disabled Veteran Annuity, with increases in annual annuity from \$2,000 to \$2,500 phased in two fiscal years; expansions to Behaviour Health Treatment access for veterans; expansions to property tax exemption for veterans; increases of tax credits for small businesses who hire unemployed or low-income veterans; support for women and those in the LGBTQ communities through the creation of a pilot program to those who have been denied IVF reimbursements; and expansions of the Veterans Equality Review Board (VERB) language to cover additional protected classes; to name a few; *and*

WHEREAS: According to the U.S. Census Bureau, between 2018-2022, there are 260,000 veterans living in the State of Massachusetts, and many veterans, who are disabled and aging, have difficulty finding employment and staying employed. These veterans rely on the U.S. Veterans Affairs, EOVS benefits, and the City of Boston Veteran Services to support their needs; *and*

WHEREAS: With the proposed HERO Act and its initiatives and changes, this would modernize and bring substantial updates to the benefits, care, requirements that would meet the needs of our veterans today; *and*

WHEREAS: We must recognize the challenges our veterans face when returning home and provide them with the necessary health care, support, and resources. Their services and contributions are indispensable to our nation and we have a duty to protect and care for them; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council supports the HERO Act and register support for its passage in the State House.

Filed on: January 31, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 1ST AS WORLD HIJAB DAY IN BOSTON

WHEREAS, World Hijab Day is an annual occurrence, founded by Nazma Khan in 2013 to honor hijab wearers and is honored each year in 140 countries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Its purpose is to promote cultural and religious understanding by raising awareness about the hijab, a headscarf worn by some Muslim women for modesty; and

WHEREAS, The event aims to foster inclusivity, empower women who choose to wear the hijab and challenge stereotypes surrounding Islam. By encouraging dialogue, educational initiatives, and solidarity among diverse communities, Hijab Day seeks to celebrate the cultural richness and diversity within the Muslim community; and

WHEREAS, It provides a platform for individuals to learn, connect, and promote a more tolerant and accepting society where everyone can express their identities without facing prejudice or discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Namza Khan, a Bangladeshi-American, launched World Hijab Day (WHD) in 2013, to, in her words “raise awareness and normalize the wearing of hijab” and to foster a spirit of religious tolerance due to her personal experiences of facing “discrimination and bullying in school and university by being chased, spat upon, kicked, and called a terrorist; and

WHEREAS, Millions of hijab wearers the world over continue to face harmful and hateful acts of bigotry due to white supremacist and Islamophobic stereotypes; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, New York State recognized World Hijab Day, the House of Commons hosted an event for it attended by former UK Prime Minister Theresa May, and the Philippines approved recognizing National Hijab Day each February 1st to promote an understanding of Muslim tradition in 2021; and

WHEREAS, The day serves an important function in counterbalancing the profound ignorance that continues to abound in the non-Muslim world about what the wearing of the hijab signifies; and

WHEREAS, The message the day connotes is that the wearing of hijab should be a personal choice and that it loses its meaning when it is forced upon the wearer by a state authority; and

WHEREAS, Essentially, the wearing of hijab is a personal decision to be made by the individual and that it can function as an integral component of the wearer's spirituality and conformity with their religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Any and all efforts made to spread awareness and to educate the masses of people as to the true meaning of hijab and what it symbolizes are valuable, particularly in our era of strife, conflict, and stereotypes; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognize, honor, and celebrate World Hijab Day on February 1st Annually in Boston

Filed on 1/31/2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL IN HONOR AND CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH TO BE RECOGNIZED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2024

- WHEREAS,** Black people in the United States and the world over have made epic contributions to humanity despite centuries of systemic, structural, and personal oppression, marginalization, and disenfranchisement; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Said mistreatment manifests in a variety of ways, both foreign and domestic, leading to systems of thought and power awash in neo-colonialism, anti-Blackness, and Eurocentricity; *and*
- WHEREAS,** To combat centuries of such criminality directed toward the masses of Black people, the esteemed educator Carter G. Woodson created Negro History Week in 1926 as a counter to the entrenched racism embedded in American pedagogy and within the society at large; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Woodson’s motivation for creating the week can be gleaned from a quote within his foundational text, “The Miseducation Of The American Negro, in which he states “When you control a man’s thinking you do not have to worry about his actions”; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Hence, the idea was to give Black people a true sense of their collective worth and history to better forge ahead in the struggle for liberation and equality; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In 1969, Black educators and students at Kent State in Ohio, building upon Woodson’s legacy, first proposed celebrating Black History Month each February, and they honored the month at Kent State in 1970; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In 1976, then President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month at the Bicentennial celebration that took place that year; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Since that time, Black History Month has been recognized in more places

including in Great Britain in 1987, Germany in 1990, Canada in 1995, and most fittingly, by seven countries on the continent of Africa, the motherland of the Black diaspora, whose continent was looted of their people, labor, and resources by the economic and political elites of Europe and North America; *and*

WHEREAS, The month of February has within it many powerful historical landmarks and events that connote the salience and profundity of the Black experience, including the Greensboro sit-ins of 1960, which helped lead to the rise of SNCC, the births of the imperative thinkers, scholars, and activists Frederick Douglass and W.E.B. DuBois, the uprisings led by the enslaved Nat Turner and the “White ally” John Brown, as well as the tragic assassination of Malcolm X at the young age of 39; *and*

WHEREAS, Black History Month continues to play a relevant role of reminding all of us of the centrality of the Black experience within American life, the wonders of Black music, art, literature, dance, cuisine, family traditions and more, as well as the entrenched efforts by those in positions of power to marginalize them, brutalize them, and miseducate them : ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognize, honor and celebrate Black History Month, in February, 2024

Filed on 1/31/2024

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

January 25, 2024

Councilor Louijeune
(Councilor Mejia)

ORDERED: That effective Monday, January 15, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 15, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Skarlett Abreu Martinez	Secretary	\$900.00	part time
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Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the Jan. 31, 2024 Session

Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon¹

¹**Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):**

The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to Boston Emergency Medical Services response times. (Docket #0205)

2 - Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.

Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor³

³Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:

Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.

Matters in Committee

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

- Ordinances:*** Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Loan Orders:*** Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
- Orders:*** Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Home Rule Petitions:*** Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
- Order for a Hearing:*** A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.
- Legislative Resolution:*** A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0100	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant award in the amount not to exceed Two Million Five-Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297) from the Boston Planning & Development Agency, for the construction and management of transportation improvements projects.	8/10/2022		2023 - 0930
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0101	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Federal Highway Administration, through the Massachusetts Departments of Transportation, Highway Division of Seven Million Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$7,501,200) to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Works Department. This grant is a portion of the design costs for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue Project.	9/28/2022		2023 - 1166
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0103	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jaclyn Youngblood as a member of the Audit Committee for a term expiring September 11, 2028.	9/20/2023		2023 - 1488
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0104	Mayor		Message and order confirming the appointment of Nakeeda Burns to the Zoning Commission as a residential organization member for a term expiring October 26, 2026.	10/25/2023		2023 - 1626
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0105	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) in the form of a grant for the MGH Clinical Building Project Grant, awarded by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant will fund studies to examine design changes and implement the reconstruction of Blossom Street from Cambridge Street to Charles Street.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1700

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0106	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) in the form of a grant for the MGH-BTD Clinical Building Project Grant, awarded by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to be administered by Policy and Planning in the Transportation Department. The grant will fund transportation studies to examine the design changes and improvements that can be made to Cambridge Street, Blossom, and North Grove/Cambridge Street intersection.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1702
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0107	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Peter Sanborn, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1706
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0108	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of John Freeman, a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1707
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0109	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1708
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0110	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Russell, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1709
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0111	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jim Kutchin, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1710
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0112	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Douglas Miller, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1711
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0113	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Ready, as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		2023 - 1750
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0114	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Fadi Samaha, as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		2023 - 1751

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0115	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) in the form of a grant for the BHCCI Connect, Learn & Explore Grant, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund the Boston Healthy Child Care Initiative and the Office of Early Childhood's Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative.	12/13/2023		2023 - 1820
Whole	0118	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Rafaela Polanco Garca as a Member to the Boston School Committee.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0119	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Chantal Lima Barbosa as a Member to the Boston School Committee.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0120	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Pricilla MacKenzie "Kenzie" Bok as a Member of the Commemoration Commission.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0121	Mayor		Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of December 6, 2023.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0122	Mayor		Communication was received from the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts requesting the Boston City Council reconsider their position and approve the grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Whole	0124	Mayor		Communication was received from the Boston Air Pollution Control Commission regarding the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Regulations Statements of Fiscal Effect and Small Business Impact report.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0134	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirteen Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$13,317,200.00) in the form of a grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management. The grant will fund planning, exercise, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to, and recover from threats of acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0135	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Aquatics Facilities Grant, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, to be administered by Property Management. The grant will fund the repairs and maintenance of aquatic facilities.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0136	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Commercial Acquisition Assistance Program (CAAP), awarded by the Barr Foundation, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. The grant will fund core support to its Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion to grow its impact.	1/24/2024		

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0137	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$659,990.00) in the form of a grant, for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Energy to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund State and Local Governments and Tribes, in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions and to improve energy efficiency.	1/24/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0138	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars and Seventy Seven Cents (\$146,089.77) in the form of a grant for the FY23 Violence Against Women Act, a STOP Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain, East Boston, and Charlestown, as well as overtime for all civilian domestic violence advocates citywide.	1/24/2024		
Ways & Means	0143	Mayor		Message and order that will authorize the Boston Transportation Department ("BTD") to enter into two contracts, with terms of up to 10 years, to deploy curbside electric vehicle ("EV") charging stations through a public/private partnership and at no cost to the City with a potential for revenue share. BTD has identified two vendors through the public procurement process that offer different models that address the distinct challenges to locate curbside EV charging.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0144	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Felicia Jacques, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0145	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Thomas Rodde, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0146	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Catherine Hunt, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0147	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of John Freeman, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0148	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of John Amodeo, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0149	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Terri North, as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0150	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0151	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Pamela Beale, as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0152	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Ruel Longfellow, as a member of the Bay State Road/Back Bay West Area Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0153	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Lynn Smiledge, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0154	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Heyne, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Government Operations	0166	Coletta		Ordinance Formally Creating the Office of Food Justice and Establishing a Food Recovery Program in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Government Operations	0168	Louijeune		Ordinance with respect to Honey Bees.	1/24/2024		
Government Operations	0169	Louijeune		Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to Honey Bees.	1/24/2024		
Government Operations	0170	Coletta	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance Establishing Street Food Enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by Inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of Non-Motorized Street Food Carts.	1/24/2024		
Government Operations	0171	Worrell		Home Rule Petition to Ensure Future Inauguration Dates Do Not Fall on a Federal Holiday.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0172	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0173	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	1/24/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0174	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to address gun violence.	1/24/2024		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0175	Worrell	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring the NBA All-Star Weekend to Boston.	1/24/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0176	Worrell	Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher Program.	1/24/2024		
Education	0177	Murphy	Weber, Fernandes	Order for a hearing reclaiming the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center for our Boston Public School athletes.	1/24/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0179	Durkan	Coletta, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss trash collection in Boston.	1/24/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0180	Durkan	Pepin, Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss city services in regard to composting and the need for increased composting services.	1/24/2024		

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Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0181	Durkan		Order for a hearing to discuss the mental health and wellness resources available to City of Boston employees and new resources implemented after the COVID-19 pandemic.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0183	ernandes-Anderson	Worrell, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to facilitate a community process to support consumers in District 7 impacted by the impending closure of Walgreens at 416 Warren Street.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0184	Durkan	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to review the creation of a municipal bus service to provide last-mile service and late night shuttle service for third-shift workers.	1/24/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0185	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore the Summer Community Plan.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0186	Worrell	Mejia, Fernandes	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	1/24/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0187	Worrell		Order for a hearing to access expanded Hospital & Community-Centric Violence Prevention & Intervention.	1/24/2024		
Education	0188	Worrell	Mejia, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/24/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0189	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0190	Coletta	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding implementing coastal resilience strategies for Boston's waterfront.	1/24/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0191	Breadon	FitzGerald, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the continuity of health care services in relation to the financial challenges faced by the Steward Health Care System.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0192	Coletta	itzGerald, Fernande	Order for a hearing to discuss the ongoing modernization of Article 80 in Boston's Zoning Code.	1/24/2024		

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Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0193	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss an increase in racist incidents in Boston and the Human Rights Commission's role in tracking, reporting, and addressing discrimination and civil rights violations.	1/24/2024		
Education	0194	Coletta	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish a Climate Change and Environmental Justice Curriculum Pilot Program in Boston Public Schools.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0195	Louijeune	Fernandes, Breadon	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1/24/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0196	Coletta	Louijeune, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding menstrual product accessibility in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Education	0197	Louijeune	Colletta, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to address the mental health needs of our students with a focus on guidance counselors.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0198	Coletta	Flynn, Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding technological infrastructure improvements across city departments.	1/2/2024		
Ways & Means	0199	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing, school buildings, and community investments.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0200	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1/24/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0202	Louijeune	Breadon	Order for a hearing on addressing and improving fair housing practices in the city of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0203	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0204	Louijeune	Coletta	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.	1/24/2024		

City of Boston
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In Tribute

Presented by

Councilor At-Large Erin J. Murphy

Councilor John FitzGerald

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its deepest sympathy to you
and your family in the passing of your loved one:

Matthew "Matty" Carver

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and reverence as the Council
adjourned its meeting on

January 31, 2024

By: _____

President of the City Council

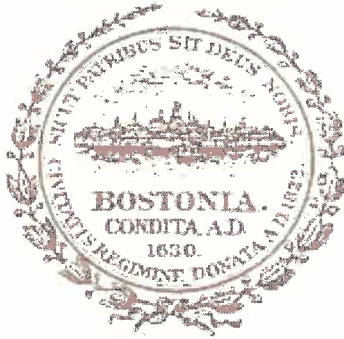
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Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Robert F. Lee

In Recognition of:

**Your 90th Birthday. Councilor Ben Weber and Councilor Enrique J. Pepén,
wish you a very Happy Birthday;**

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best
wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the
President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof
transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest:
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by:

Date:

