

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



## CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

### **ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MATTAPAN SQUARE TASK FORCE AND OTHER MUNICIPAL SUPPORT FOR MATTAPAN SQUARE**

**WHEREAS,** In February 2025, Mayor Michelle Wu, in response to calls from local community leaders and activists, established a Mattapan Square Task Force to help organize a city response to community concerns; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Mattapan Square deserves and needs a provision of resources and support to ensure a safe, clean, and productive business square that welcomes neighbors, visitors, and businesses; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Mattapan Square Main Streets still lacks a complete leadership team which inhibits the organization's ability to support Mattapan's core businesses and maintain a thriving commercial center in the neighborhood; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Mattapan was rezoned during the PLAN Mattapan process, with hopes that new zoning would bring in mixed-use developments to bolster foot traffic to local businesses; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Mattapan Square is located both at the intersection of two busy Boston streets—Blue Hill Ave and River St—as well as on the Lower Neponset River Trail and the Mattapan Line trolley, creating great connectivity to other neighborhoods and giving Mattapan Square great positioning as an economic and transportation hub; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Historic public and private disinvestment in Mattapan is visible and the Mattapan Square Task Force ought to be an important leader in lobbying for public and private funds to be brought into the neighborhood to help Mattapan Square reach its fullest potential as a major economic hub in the City; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the current progress of the Mattapan Square Task Force. Task force members, administration officials, and community members will be invited to testify.

Filed on: March 11, 2026