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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO UTILIZE FEDERAL COVID RECOVERY FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT MUNICIPAL COMPOSTING INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, The City of Boston recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a curbside composting program; *and*

WHEREAS, Curbside composting is expected to begin this Summer with service to 10,000 households and is expected to scale to 30,000 households by FY25 with priority given to households in environmental justice communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Though the curbside composting program is an excellent step forward meeting Boston's Climate and Zero Waste goals, utilizing a contractor misses a key opportunity to create a city owned and operated composting program; *and*

WHEREAS, Building municipally-owned composting facilities would also allow for more inclusion of Boston residents in the green economy and allow for increased access to good paying jobs; *and*

WHEREAS, The launch of PowerCorps Boston creates an ideal opportunity to train and employ Boston residents to carry out a municipal composting program; *and*

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan funds for Boston's Covid-19 recovery create the rare opportunity to invest in municipal infrastructure that makes Boston a more sustainable city while preventing future reliance on expensive waste management contracts; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss utilizing American Rescue Plan funds for the purposes of building a municipally owned and operated composting facility and that representatives from the Public Works Department, the Environment Department, and the public be invited to testify.

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