

July 21, 2022

The Honorable Alex Geourntas City Clerk City Hall, Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I return herewith approved *in part* and disapproved *in part* Docket No. 0503, an Order to accept and expend the amount of three hundred forty-nine million five hundred thousand dollars (\$349,500,000) from a grant awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury.

I disapprove paragraph 9 of the Order, authorizing the expenditure of funds to "support construction of the Dorchester Fieldhouse by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the Martin Richard Foundation, five million dollars (\$5,000,000)." The reason for my disapproval is that the portion of the City of Boston's allocation of these one-time ARPA funds to be spent on capital projects will be used for public infrastructure with lasting impact rather than to supplement nonprofit capital projects that can access private fundraising.

I approve the remaining items in the Order set forth in paragraphs 1-8.

I thank the City Council for its partnership in ensuring that the funds authorized for expenditure in paragraphs 1-8 are immediately available to benefit the people of the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston