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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS PROBLEM PROPERTIES IN BOSTON

WHEREAS: The Problem Properties Task Force has compiled a list of "problem properties" within the City of Boston, which present significant challenges to public safety and neighborhood well-being; *and*

WHEREAS: The designation of a property as a "problem property" is based on various factors, including issued violations, calls to public safety agencies, and other incident reports; *and*

WHEREAS: The Problem Properties Task Force collaborates with multiple City departments and agencies to investigate and address issues associated with problem properties, striving to hold property owners accountable for resolving outstanding concerns; *and*

WHEREAS: Recent events, including a significant public safety incident near the Attorney General's residence in Mattapan, highlight the urgent need to address problem properties and their impact on community safety and quality of life; *and*

WHEREAS: Despite efforts by state law-enforcement agencies, persistent concerns regarding problem properties persist, necessitating coordinated action by local authorities; *and*

WHEREAS: It should be proposed that a report summarizing the findings and recommendations from the hearing shall be submitted to the Boston City Council for further action; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council shall convene a hearing to examine the issue of problem properties within the City of Boston. Representatives from relevant City departments and agencies, as well as community stakeholders, shall be invited to provide testimony and discuss potential strategies for addressing problem properties and enhancing public safety. The hearing shall explore opportunities for improved coordination among City departments, law enforcement agencies, and community members to effectively identify, monitor effectively, and remediate problem properties, with the goal of fostering safer and more vibrant neighborhoods across Boston.

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