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CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE GOALS AND PRIORITIES OF THE OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE AND THE OFFICE OF TOURISM, SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: Boston is a city rich with arts, history and culture. From renowned museums and historic sites to world-class orchestras and symphony halls; beautiful theaters and top production companies to beloved concert venues and international festivals, our arts and culture scene is teeming with visual and performing arts activities throughout the year. According to a 2019 Arts Factor Report, the arts, culture, and creative industries in Boston contribute over $2 billion to the Boston and Greater Boston economy annually; *and*

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture (MOAC) supports the work of our visual and performing arts organizations across the City and ensures that all individuals and families across different communities have equitable access to arts and culture, public institutions, and public places. It also provides resources and opportunities for artists and institutions through grants and programs, partners with artists and arts non-profits on exhibitions, productions, and performances, supports the permitting of art in public spaces, and provides spaces to display and perform art; *and*

WHEREAS: Ranked the second best Sports City in America by WalletHub, Boston is also a major sports hub and is home to three famous professional sports teams - the Red Sox, the Celtics and the Bruins, and is close to Gillette Stadium, the home base for the New England Patriots. It also hosts the revered annual Boston Marathon; *and*

WHEREAS: Similarly, the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment supports the tourism industry by producing and co-sponsoring events, supporting film and TV production, and marketing the City to conventions and visitors. In 2023, visitors to Boston spent a total of $16.14 billion, an important source of revenue for local businesses and the Boston economy; *and*

WHEREAS: With potential cuts from federal funding, we need to ensure that MOAC and the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment have the resources they need to continue to perform their work in supporting Boston's vibrant arts and cultural, and tourism industry; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the Offices of Arts and Culture and Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, as well as resources available to artists, cultural non-profits and institutions, our tourism and entertainment industries for this year and beyond. Representatives from MOAC, Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, the Special Events and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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