Boston City Council
**ED FLYNN**
Councilor - District 2

October 2, 2025

Michael Cox, Commissioner
Boston Police Department
1 Schroeder Plaza
Boston, MA 02120

**RE: LGBTQ+ Hate Crime**

Dear Commissioner Cox,

I am writing to you to address the recent hate crime and assault on members of the LBQTQ+ community. I am writing to respectfully ask for a complete investigation to determine what happened and what led to conditions for this assault, and to significantly increase police presence in the impacted neighborhood. It is critical that those that were involved in the assault are arrested and held accountable in court. We must have zero tolerance for violence and criminal activity in any neighborhood.

In recent months, a family member reported to us that an LGBTQ+ couple was attacked by a group of men, who called them homophobic slurs. It is my understanding one of the victims was rushed to receive medical care while the other was taken to the Boston Police Department to report the assault.

Residents in the area have reported that an increase in loitering and men disturbing the peace has reached a breaking point. Residents don't feel safe. It is critical that we work to address these negative activities that have left nearby residents frustrated and fearful for their families' safety.

As District 2 City Councilor, I represent a large LGBTQ+ community throughout Boston and have advocated on their behalf for over 8 years. We must provide a safe and healthy environment, and a good quality of life for our LGBTQ+ residents and their families. It is critical to arrest and prosecute those who are openly committing hate crimes. This is also a civil rights violation and crime as well. I am respectfully asking that the Boston Police deploy more resources in addressing these issues to make the area safer. Hate crime is intolerable and unacceptable, and as someone that strongly supports the Boston Police, I hope you will consider my recommendations seriously.

I look forward to continuing our work to ensure the safety of Boston's LGBTQ+ community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov, or at 617-635-3203.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn

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