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CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEMANDING UPDATED COST ESTIMATES FOR THE WHITE STADIUM PROJECT

WHEREAS, The City's projected contribution to the White Stadium project has escalated from $50 million to more than $90 million, with recent public statements placing the estimate at roughly $100 million and acknowledging that final costs may increase as bids come in; *and*

WHEREAS, The continued upward trend in projected costs reflects inflation, fluctuating material prices, design revisions, and market conditions that can substantially alter final expenditures, underscoring the need for updated fiscal information to enable meaningful oversight; *and*

WHEREAS, Public records requests seeking updated internal cost scenarios and fiscal analyses have been denied or delayed, restricting access to information necessary to assess the City's financial exposure; *and*

WHEREAS, Community concerns regarding public access, neighborhood impacts, environmental conditions, transportation plans and the availability of athletic facilities for Boston Public Schools students make timely disclosure of accurate cost information essential for evaluating both financial and programmatic consequences; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston faces significant fiscal pressures, including a capped property-tax levy, declining commercial property values, rising fixed costs, and state aid that has not kept pace with inflation, which limit the City's flexibility and heighten the need for accurate cost estimates before committing substantial public resources; *and*

WHEREAS, Transparent reporting is necessary to evaluate major capital projects within the broader context of municipal obligations, including school facilities, transportation infrastructure, climate resilience, and core public services; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council calls on the Administration to release an updated and comprehensive cost estimate for the City's share of the White Stadium project, including current projections, internal ranges, and the assumptions informing fiscal planning, and further urges regular public reporting of cost information as procurement advances to ensure transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

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