

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022 AT 12:00 P.M.

# ROLL CALL

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:**

- 1343 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Four Hundred Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$1,403,856.00) in the form of a grant, for the State FY23 Council on the Aging formula allocation, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund services for 116,988 older adults in the City of Boston at \$12 per person, according to 2020 Census data from UMass Boston Donahue Institute.
- 1344 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston for an appropriation in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$1,515,000.00) for the purpose of paying cost of a feasibility study and schematic design work associated with roof, boiler and window and door replacement projects at the following schools: the Jeremiah E. Burke High School, English High School, the Dr. William Henderson Upper School, the Dennis C. Haley Elementary School and the Curley K-8 School.
- 1345 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), Division of Conservation Services' Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program. This grant is awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and

Recreation Department for renovations to O'Day Playground located in the South Neighborhood.

1346 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston Public Works Department ("PWD") to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Boston Planning and Development Agency ("BPDA"), pursuant to the 267 Old Colony cooperation agreement by and between the BPDA and PWD.

# **REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:**

- **1347** Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Residency Compliance Commission regarding the Annual Report (January thru December 2020).
- **1348** Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Residency Compliance Commission regarding the Annual Report (January thru December 2021).
- **1349** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Rachel Skerritt, as a Member of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, for a term expiring October 28, 2024.
- **1350** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of October 6, 2022

# **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

1275 The Committee on Redistricting, to which was referred on October 19, 2022, Docket #1275, An Ordinance Amending City Council Electoral Districts, submits a report recommending that the ordinance ought to pass in a new draft.

# MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

**0241** Order for a hearing regarding a supplemental sidewalk clearance program during snowstorms in Boston.

# **MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- **1351** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: An ordinance amending City Council Electoral Districts.
- **1352** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding diversion services for trash at large Boston venues.

- **<u>1353</u>** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to address gun violence.
- **1354** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the adoption of City Council Redistricting Protocols.

# **PERSONNEL ORDERS:**

- **1355** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Bok offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Anthony Baez and Jacob Werner in City Council.
- **1356** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Ethan Vara in City Council.
- **1357** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee James Lambert III in City Council.

### **GREEN SHEETS:**

<u>/2/22</u> Legislative Calendar for November 2, 2022.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **<u>1358</u>** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing John Linehan.
- **<u>1359</u>** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Pasteur Bob Deschamps.
- **<u>1360</u>** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Greg Larson.
- **<u>1361</u>** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Candace Morales.
- **1362** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Winston Lloyd.
- **1363** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution in memory of Isabel Domeniconi.
- **1364 Councilor Flaherty offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Darryl Alphonso Rowell.
- **1365** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution in memory of Frank L. Skelton.

- **1366 Councilor Flaherty offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Maria Theodore.
- **1367** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Lauren Shurtleff.
- **<u>1368</u>** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing George Papadopoulos.
- **1369** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Kenny Gregorio Jr.
- **1370** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Willie E. Hicks Sr.
- **1371** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Stratos Efthymiou.
- **1372** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Bonnie McGilpin.
- **1373** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Heather Campisano.
- **1374** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Nicholas Muldowney.
- **1375** Councilor Arroyo offered the following: Resolution recognizing The Switch Co-Op in Hyde Park.
- **<u>1376</u>** Councilor Arroyo offered the following: Resolution recognizing Leah Arteaga.
- **1377** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing The Codman Academy Charter Public School.
- **<u>1378</u>** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Boston Collegiate Charter School.
- **<u>1379</u>** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jeff Hampton.
- **<u>1380</u>** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Dennis McLaughlin.
- **1381** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Coleman Nee.

- **<u>1382</u>** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jerry York.
- Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Mary Swanton.
- Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jon Cronin.
- **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing November 6-12 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week.



#### City Of Boston · Massachusetts Office of the Mayor Michelle Wu

10-29-2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1,403,856.00) in the form of a grant, State FY23 Council on Aging formula allocation, awarded by MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund services for 116,988 older adults in the City of Boston at \$12 per person, according to 2020 Census data from UMass Boston Donahue Institute.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely, Michelle Wu Michelle Wu

Mayor of Boston



#### **AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND** State FY23 Council on Aging formula allocation FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

**WHEREAS**, the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1,403,856.00) would fund services for 116,988 older adults in the City of Boston at \$12 per person, according to 2020 Census data from UMass Boston Donahue Institute. Therefore be it

**ORDERED**: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, State FY23 Council on Aging formula allocation award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1,403,856.00).

Docket # In City Council Passed		I hereby certify that the foregoing, if passed in the above form, will be in accordance with law. by <u>Adam Cederbaum</u>
	City Clerk	Adam Cederbaum Corporation Counsel
	Mayor	
Approved		



City of Boston, Massachusetts Office of the Mayor **Michelle Wu** 

October 31, 2022

#### TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of One Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$1,515,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of a feasibility study and schematic design associated with the boiler, roof, windows and doors replacement projects at the following schools:

Schools	Address	City	State	Zip	Scope
Jeremiah E. Burke HS	60 Washington Street	Dorchester	MA	02121	Boilers
The English HS	144 McBride Street	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	Windows and Doors
Dr. William Henderson Upper School	18 Croftland Avenue	Dorchester	MA	02124	Roof
Dennis C. Haley ES	570 American Legion Highway	Roslindale	MA	02131	Boiler
Curley K-8 School	40 Pershing Road	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	Boiler

This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may proceed with the design and construction of these timely improvements for Boston school facilities.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

# CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

**ORDERED:** That the City of Boston appropriate the amount of One Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$1,515,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study and schematic design work associated with roof, boiler and window and door replacement projects at the following schools:

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including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair projects would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of Boston Public Schools; and that to meet said appropriation the Collector-Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended or supplemented, or any other enabling authority and from time to time, issue bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City up to said amount; that this order shall constitute a declaration of official intent of the City pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.15 0-2(e) to reimburse expenditures for such projects made from funds established for such purpose as permitted by statute from proceeds of debt incurred by the City pursuant to this Order; and that pursuant to Section 12(b) of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983, as amended, if any part of the proceeds of sale of any bonds or notes or other obligations issued by the City under this Order remains unexpended after the work or purpose for which such bonds, notes or other obligations are issued is completed, such proceeds are hereby appropriated and may be applied by the Collector-Treasurer and City Auditor, at the direction of the Mayor, to pay the principal of, and premium and/or interest on such bonds, notes or other obligations or on any debt of the City. The City of Boston acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Boston incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Boston, and that the amount of borrowing

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authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Boston and the MSBA.

# I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW. BY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ADAM CEDERBAUM CORPORATION COUNSEL



City of Boston, Massachusetts Office of the Mayor

Michelle Wu

October 31, 2022

### **TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), Division of Conservation Services' Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program.

This grant is awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for renovations to O'Day Playground located in the South End neighborhood.

I urge your honorable body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept and expend these funds expeditiously for the purposes for which they were granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

# CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSERVATION SERVICES' PARKLAND ACQUISITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR COMMUNITIES (PARC) PROGRAM GRANT OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) FOR THE RENOVATION OF O'DAY PLAYGROUND.

**ORDERED:** That the Commissioner of the Parks and Recreation Department, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), Division of Conservation Services' Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program grant award in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00). The funds will provide capital improvements to O'Day Playground located in the South End neighborhood.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That the City of Boston, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3, hereby permanently dedicates O'Day Playground for park purposes, as required by the EOEEA for parks receiving aforesaid grant assistance.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW. BY ADAM CEDERBAUM **CORPORATION COUNSEL** 



October 31, 2022

### **TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston Public Works Department ("PWD") to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Boston Planning and Development Agency ("BPDA"), pursuant to the 267 Old Colony cooperation agreement by and between the BPDA and PWD:

Upon the issuance of an initial building permit by the City of Boston Inspectional Services Department ("ISD") for the Project, the Applicant will contribute Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) payable to the BPDA, to be transferred to the City of Boston Public Works Department, to be used to fund the purchase and installation of decorative street lights known as "Boulevard Lights" on Dorchester Street near the Project.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept these funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

# CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) FROM THE BPDA AWARDED UNDER THE 267 OLD COLONY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BPDA AND PWD.

**ORDERED:** That the City of Boston, acting by and through the Chief of Streets, Transportation, and Sanitation, be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a funds from the Boston Planning and Development Agency to the Boston Public Works Department under the language in the 267 Old Colony cooperation agreement in an amount that shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) in order to be used to fund the purchase and installation of decorative street lights known as "Boulevard Lights" on Dorchester Street near the Project.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.	Am
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CORPORATION COUNSEL	



### **CITY OF BOSTON**

# **RESIDENCY COMPLIANCE COMMISSION**

# ANNUAL REPORT (January 2020 to December 2020)

January-December 2020 Commission Members

Chairperson: Francis J. Doyle, Esq. (At Large)

Commissioners: Anissa Essaibi-George (Boston City Council) Eileen Boyle (Save Our City) Denise Williams Harris (Save Our City) Vivian Leonard (Affirmative Action Officer) Kenneth Ryan (Union) Blanca Tosado (At Large)

Reviewed and Approved By Current Chairperson:

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#### **OVERVIEW**

The Residency Compliance Commission has been established pursuant to City of Boston Ordinances. 5-10.1, as amended in 1994, and most recently amended in 2016.

#### **MEETINGS**

The Residency Compliance Commission meets regularly, with meetings normally scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 am. Over the past year, the Commission conducted meetings on the following dates:

February 27, 2020	June 4, 2020
July 9, 2020	August 20, 2020
September 3, 2020	October, 1, 2020
November 19, 2020	December 10, 2020

\*Meetings originally slated for March, April and May 2020 were cancelled due to scheduling constraints related to COVID-19.

#### **COMMISSION ACTIVITIES**

#### **Residency Commission Business Forms, Documentation & Procedures**

At the beginning of this period, during the February 27, 2020 meeting, the Commission was presented with copies of the Open Meeting Law, the Annual Meeting Schedule, and Meeting Agenda, which the applicable documents were signed.

The Commission also re-elected Francis J. Doyle, Esq. as Chairperson of the Commission during this meeting.

#### Annual Residency Compliance Update & Report

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As of the Annual reporting period, 99.97% of the required City of Boston workforce, which comprises of 3017 employees, has completed the 2020 Annual Residency Compliance during the initial period [July 13, 2020 to August 2020] due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cabinet Chiefs and Department Heads have received communication pertaining to employees who have not completed Annual Residency Compliance, along with copies of the Residency Ordinance.

Consistent with the City Ordinance, the Commission reviews potential cases for violations. If warranted, the Commission accepts a case for investigation, and then assigns it to the Compliance Unit. The Compliance Unit assigns the case to its staff investigator or on occasion, a private firm contracted to conduct investigations for the Commission.

Referred to Investigation: As of December 31, 2020, no cases have been referred to investigation:

Investigation Findings:

In Compliance	n/a	
Not in Compliance	n/a	
Investigation Continued	1	

Hearings Held	n/a	

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In Compliance	n/a	
Not in Compliance	n/a	

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Terminated under Ordinance	n/a
Resigned in Lieu of Termination	n/a

#### Appeals – Grievances/Arbitrations/Civil service

Upheld Finding	n/a
Reversed Finding	n/a

### **Residency Data Requests**

#### **Other** Activities

Training, etc. - No Training was scheduled during the reporting period.

### **CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS**

The Commission members and their affiliation as of the date of this report are as follows:

Chairperson:	Francis J. Doyle, Esq. (At Large)
Commissioners:	Anissa Essaibi-George (Boston City Council) Eileen Boyle (Save Our City) Denise Williams Harris (Save Our City) Vivian Leonard (Affirmative Action Officer) Kenneth Ryan (Union) Blanca Tosado (At Large)
Compliance Unit Staff	f: Michael Kerr (OHR)

Compliance Unit Staff: Michael Kerr (OHR) Ellen Ferry (OHR) David Pina (OHR)

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### **CITY OF BOSTON**

# **RESIDENCY COMPLIANCE COMMISSION**

### ANNUAL REPORT (January 2021 to December 2021)

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Reviewed and Approved By Current Chairperson:

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Residency Compliance Commission has been established pursuant to City of Boston Ordinances. 5-10.1, as amended in 1994, and most recently amended in 2016.

#### **MEETINGS**

The Residency Compliance Commission meets regularly, with meetings normally scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 am. Over the past year, the Commission conducted meetings on the following dates:

 January 7, 2021
 June 18, 2021

 February 4, 2021
 August 12, 2021

 March 10, 2021
 September 9, 2021

 April 1, 2021
 October 7, 2021

 May 6, 2021
 December 2, 2021

**COMMISSION ACTIVITIES** 

#### **Residency Commission Business Forms, Documentation & Procedures**

At the beginning of this period the Commission was presented with copies of the Open Meeting Law, the Annual Meeting Schedule, and Meeting Agenda, which the applicable documents were signed.

#### Annual Residency Compliance Update & Report

As of the Annual reporting period, 99.98% of the required City of Boston workforce, which comprises of 3459 employees, has completed the 2020 Annual Residency Compliance during the period from April 9, 2021 – April 16, 2021.

Cabinet Chiefs and Department Heads have received communication pertaining to employees who have not completed Annual Residency Compliance, along with copies of the Residency Ordinance, an update is also provided with the annual compliance 2021 weekly summary report.

#### Cases, Investigations, & Hearings

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Consistent with the City Ordinance, the Commission reviews potential cases for violations. If warranted, the Commission accepts a case for investigation, and then assigns it to the Compliance Unit. The Compliance Unit assigns the case to its staff investigator or on occasion, a private firm contracted to conduct investigations for the Commission.

Referred to Investigation:

In Compliance	n/a
Not in Compliance	n/a
Investigation Continued	4 (BPD - 2, BTD, PWD)

Hearings Held	7
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### Hearing Finding

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In Compliance	1 (BCYF)	
Not in Compliance	n/a	

#### Employee Disposition

Terminated under Ordinance	n/a
Resigned in Lieu of Termination	2 (Parks and BPL)

Appeals – Grievances/Arbitrations/Civil service

Upheld Finding	n/a	
Reversed Finding	n/a	

### **Residency Data Requests**

#### Other Activities

Training, etc. - No Training was scheduled during the reporting period.

### **CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS**

The Commission members and their affiliation as of the date of this report are as follows:

Chairperson:	Francis J. Doyle, Esq. (At Large)
Commissioners:	Anissa Essaibi-George (Boston City Council) Eileen Boyle (Save Our City) Denise Williams Harris (Save Our City) Vivian Leonard (Affirmative Action Officer) Kenneth Ryan (Union) Blanca Tosado (At Large)

Compliance Unit Staff:	Shiaka Allen (OHR)
	Ellen Ferry (OHR)



The Honorable Alex Geourntas Office of the City Clerk 1 City Hall Plaza Room 601 Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the power vested in me by Massachusetts General Law, Acts of 1991, Chapter 108, Section 6, I hereby appoint the following Member to the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel:

Rachel Skerritt of 56 Stella Road #2, Roslindale, Massachusetts 02131.

This member shall serve as a mayoral appointment.

The term will expire on October 28, 2024, provided that members may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu

Mayor of Boston



October 31, 2022

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of, October 6, 2022, viz.

1019 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,450,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY23 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a comprehensive, inter-agency strategy that connect law enforcement, employment, education, public health and youth development agencies to reduce youth violence in the Commonwealth..

# Approved by the Mayor October 26, 2022

1020 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Securing the Cities continuation, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund continued enhancement for regional capabilities to detect, identify, report and interdict nuclear and other radioactive material out of regulatory control and provide regional training and exercise opportunities necessary to enhance regional capabilities.

# **Approved by the Mayor October 26, 2022**

**1099** Message and order for your approval an Order to declare surplus the parcel of land currently owned by the City of Boston, located at Harrison Avenue in the Roxbury District (Ward 08, Parcel 0242604), and to transfer the parcel to the Public Facilities Commission for the care, custody, management and control of said parcel.

# Approved by the Mayor October 26, 2022

1100 Message and order for your approval an Order to declare surplus two (2) parcels of land currently owned by the City of Boston, located at Washington Street in the Roxbury District (Ward 08, Parcel 02426020 and Ward 08, Parcel 0246010 respectively), and to transfer the parcels to the Public Facilities Commission for the care, custody, management and control of said parcels.

### Approved by the Mayor October 26, 2022

1250 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the mount of Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500.00) in the form of a grant, for the Ruggles Corridor Art Project, awarded by the Boston Housing Authority to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund the design of the Ruggles Corridor public art project in Roxbury.

# Approved by the Mayor October 26, 2022

1318 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$20,020.00) in a form grant, El Centro Fellowship, awarded by Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston to administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. Approved by the Mayor October 26, 2022

Respectfully,

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Alex Geourntas City Clerk

Offered by Councilors Liz Breadon and Ricardo Arroyo, Fernandes Anderson, Louijeune and Mejia



# CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

### Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

### SECTION 1.

City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter Two is hereby amended by striking Section 2-9.2, as amended by Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 2012, and inserting in its place the following: –

The districts redrawn under authority of Chapter 605 of the Acts of 1982, as amended by Chapter 343 of the Acts of 1986, are hereby redrawn by dividing the two-hundred and seventy-five voting precincts of the City for the purpose of electing City Councillors to represent the following nine districts: –

*District One*. A total of twenty-nine precincts, consisting of precincts numbered one through fourteen of Ward One; precincts numbered one through eight of Ward Two; and precincts numbered one through four, six, eleven, and thirteen of Ward Three.

*District Two*. A total of thirty precincts, consisting of precincts numbered seven, eight, twelve, and fourteen through sixteen of Ward Three; precincts numbered one through three, five, and six of Ward Four; precincts numbered one, thirteen, and fourteen of Ward Five; precincts numbered two and four through twelve of Ward Six; precincts numbered one through four of Ward Seven; precinct numbered one of Ward Eight; and precinct numbered one of Ward Nine.

*District Three.* A total of thirty-five precincts, consisting of precinct numbered fifteen of Ward One; precincts numbered one and three of Ward Six; precincts numbered five through ten of Ward Seven; precincts numbered two and six of Ward Eight; precincts numbered three and five through ten of Ward Thirteen; precincts numbered one, three, four, and six through nine of Ward Fifteen; precincts numbered one through seven and ten of Ward Sixteen; and precincts two and six of Ward Seventeen.

*District Four*. A total of thirty-two precincts, consisting of precincts numbered one through thirteen of Ward Fourteen; precincts numbered two and five of Ward Fifteen; precincts numbered eight, nine, eleven, and twelve of Ward Sixteen; precincts numbered one, three through five, and seven through fourteen of Ward Seventeen; and precinct numbered one of Ward Eighteen.

*District Five.* A total of thirty precincts, consisting of precinct numbered fourteen of Ward Fourteen; precincts numbered two through twenty-three of Ward Eighteen; precincts numbered ten through thirteen of Ward Nineteen; and precincts numbered two, four, and nine of Ward Twenty.

*District Six.* A total of thirty-eight precincts, consisting of precincts numbered six through nine of Ward Ten; precincts numbered four through ten of Ward Eleven; precincts numbered one through nine of Ward Nineteen; and precincts numbered one, three, five through eight, and ten through twenty-one of Ward Twenty.

*District Seven*. A total of twenty-eight precincts, consisting of precincts numbered four, eight, nine, and eleven of Ward Four; precincts numbered three through five of Ward Eight; precincts numbered two through seven of Ward Nine; precincts numbered one through three of Ward Eleven; precincts numbered one through nine of Ward Twelve; and precincts numbered one, two, and four of Ward Thirteen.

*District Eight*. A total of twenty-six precincts, consisting of precincts numbered five, nine, ten, and seventeen of Ward Three; precincts numbered seven, ten, and twelve of Ward Four; precincts numbered two through twelve and fifteen of Ward Five; precincts numbered one through five of Ward Ten; and precincts numbered one and two of Ward Twenty-One.

*District Nine*. A total of twenty-seven precincts, consisting of precincts numbered three through sixteen of Ward Twenty-One; and, precincts numbered one through thirteen of Ward Twenty-Two.

### SECTION 2.

Chapter 4 of the Ordinances of 1993, Chapter 7 of the Ordinances of 2002, and Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 2012 are hereby severally repealed.

### SECTION 3.

The districts drawn under this ordinance shall take effect on the first Monday in January following the next regular municipal election to be held in the municipal year 2023 and shall continue in force until redrawn by the City Council.

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# **BOSTON CITY COUNCIL**

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# **REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR**

October 31, 2022

Dear Councilors:

After an intensive redistricting process given the constrained circumstances, the Committee on Redistricting recommends that the City Council pass *Docket* #1275, *Ordinance Amending City Council Electoral Districts*, in a new draft. The matter was sponsored by Councilors Liz Breadon and Ricardo Arroyo and was referred to the Committee on October 19, 2022. The docket, both as filed and as recommended in a new draft, is an iterative reflection of various feedback and proposed redistricting plans submitted by Councilors and members of the public.

The new draft reflects several changes discussed at Committee working sessions and testimony received at public hearings, as well as population requirements, measuring the effectiveness for voters to elect their candidate of choice, while balancing priorities to maintain neighborhoods and communities of interest where possible.

In particular, the new draft of *Docket #1275* being recommended for passage makes the following four changes from the language as originally filed: moving Ward 6, Precinct 2 from its present location in District 2 into District 3; returning Ward 16, Precinct 9 from District 4 back to its present location in District 3; and returning Ward 17, Precincts 2 and 6 from District 3 back to their present location in District 4. (See attached map, ordinance, and data).

### Introduction

The City Council is the legislative body of the City of Boston and its members are elected every two years by the residents of Boston. For the past forty years, the Council has been composed of thirteen members—four elected at-large citywide, and nine elected by district.

Prior to 1909, the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council were made up of three representatives from each of the 25 wards of the City. In 1909, the City Charter was rewritten to replace the Board of Aldermen and Common Council with a nine-member City Council elected at-large. Chapter 479 of the Acts of 1924 provided for the election of 22 City Councilors, each representing one ward, beginning with the municipal election of 1925. This procedure was altered by chapter 356 of the Acts of 1951 to again provide for the election of nine City Councilors elected at-large for two-year terms. In 1977, the Massachusetts Legislature enacted chapter 549 of the Acts of 1977 which inserted sections 128-134 of chapter 43 of the General Laws to create an option, by municipal referendum, for voters of certain large cities to amend their present form of municipal government as follows

"An optional plan of a city council and a school committee organization in certain large cities", a legislative body, to be known as the city council, composed of at least nine members or a school committee composed of at least nine members, or both, elected from equally populous districts and one member of the city council or of the school committee elected at large for every one hundred and twenty thousand residents of the city in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand residents, notwithstanding its plan of government or charter.<sup>1</sup>

The binding referendum to change the structure of the City Council to provide for district representation, as provided for in section 128, appeared on the municipal election ballot of November 8, 1977, ultimately being rejected by a vote of 27,011 for and 30,821 against, with the 22 wards evenly split.<sup>2</sup> The binding referendum again appeared on the November 3, 1981 municipal election ballot, this time being approved by a vote of 41,973 in support and 34,623 against, winning all but six of the 22 wards.<sup>3</sup>

With the approval of the electorate to change the structure of the legislative body, the Legislature enacted chapter 605 of the Acts of 1982, later amended by chapter 343 of the Acts of 1986, as the enabling statute establishing procedures for drawing the boundaries of Boston City Council electoral districts. It is under this authority that the City Council electoral district boundaries were created and revised in 1983, 1987, 1993, 2002, 2012, and are currently being redrawn.

### 2020 Census Enumeration for the City of Boston

The federal decennial census is conducted every ten years by the U.S. Census Bureau to establish an official enumeration of the entire U.S. population. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March 2020 severely impacted efforts to ensure a complete count of all individuals at their place of residence as of April 1, 2020. The first round of limited data for the 2020 Census, Public Law (P.L.) 94-171 Redistricting Data, was released several months behind schedule on August 12, 2021 and was used for state legislative and congressional redistricting and reapportionment.

Shortly after the release of 2020 Census redistricting data, the Research Division of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), which acts as the planning board for the City of Boston, digitally published several research publications. These include a 30-page presentation entitled "2020 Census Redistricting Data Analysis for Boston,"<sup>4</sup> published on August 13, 2021; a 34-page presentation of data tables entitled "2020 Census Redistricting Data Tables for Boston,"<sup>5</sup> published on August 13, 2021; and a 28-page presentation entitled "Further Insights from 2020 Census Redistricting Data,"<sup>6</sup> published August 20, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An Act Providing for an Optional Plan of City Council and School Committee Organization in Certain Large Cities. 1977 Mass. Acts ch. 549. https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/28851.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annual Report of the Board of Election Commissioners, City Document no. 10 of 1978. City of Boston, https://archive.org/details/annualreportofbo1977bost/page/93/mode/1up.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Annual Report of the Board of Election Commissioners, City Document no. 10 of 1982. City of Boston, https://archive.org/details/annualreportofbo1981bost/page/83/mode/1up.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "2020 Census Redistricting Data for Boston," Boston Planning & Development Agency Research Division, August 2021. https://www.bostonplans.org/getattachment/2ccd9839-27d5-475a-8359-888cdda0371f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> "2020 Census Redistricting Data Tables for Boston," Boston Planning & Development Agency Research Division, August 2021. https://www.bostonplans.org/getattachment/c55502f3-3a70-4772-a894-0c51c325b216.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "Further Insights from 2020 Census Redistricting Data," Boston Planning & Development Agency Research Division, August 2021. https://www.bostonplans.org/getattachment/8818db70-f9ca-4f48-944a-83f8a32c2cd1.

It should be noted that the BPDA, legally known as the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), has consistently studied and published reports on the City's demographic statistics since as early as its inception. These include detailed demographic analyses and forecasts for citywide and neighborhood statistical area profiles using population data products reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is an essential function of a proper municipal planning agency.

To place demographic data into local context, the BPDA presented 2020 Census data for Boston neighborhoods approximated by 2020 Census block groups, as described below with a neighborhood map posted September 24, 2021 on Analyze Boston, the City's open data hub:

The Census Bureau does not recognize or release data for Boston neighborhoods. However, Census block groups can be aggregated to approximate Boston neighborhood boundaries to allow for reporting and visualization of Census data at the neighborhood level. Census block groups are created by the U.S. Census Bureau as statistical geographic subdivisions of a census tract defined for the tabulation and presentation of data from the decennial census and the American Community Survey.<sup>7</sup>

According to the BPDA's publication of redistricting data tables, Boston's population grew 9.4 percent from 2010 to 2020, reaching a total population of 675,647, a growth rate exceeding that of the Commonwealth and the nation.<sup>8</sup> The following are the neighborhoods–as identified by the BPDA for zoning, planning, and research purposes–with the top ten highest population and housing unit growth rates in the City from 2010 to 2020:

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Neighborhood	2010	2020	2010 to 20	20 Change
South Boston Waterfront	1,889	5,579	3,690	195.3%
Chinatown	4,810	7,143	2,333	48.5%
West End	5,423	7,705	2,282	42.1%
Downtown	10,145	13,451	3,306	32.6%
South Boston	31,785	37,917	6,132	19.3%
Charlestown	16,439	19,120	2,681	16.3%
Longwood	3,566	4,096	530	14.9%
South End	26,039	29,373	3,334	12.8%
Mission Hill	16,034	17,886	1,852	11.6%
Roxbury	49,857	54,905	5,048	10.1%
Boston	617,594	675,647	58,053	9.4%

#### Top 10 Neighborhood Population Growth Rates by Percentage

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> "Boston Neighborhood Boundaries Approximated by 2020 Census Block Groups." Analyze Boston. City of Boston, September 24, 2021. https://data.boston.gov/dataset/census-2020-block-group-neighborhoods.
 <sup>8</sup> "2020 Census Redistricting Data Tables for Boston," BPDA.

Neighborhood	2010	2020	2010 to 20	20 Change
South Boston Waterfront	1,214	4,622	3,408	280.7%
West End	3,261	5,243	1,982	60.8%
Chinatown	2,439	3,644	1,205	49.4%
Downtown	5,077	6,654	1,577	31.1%
Longwood	389	456	67	17.2%
South Boston	16,402	19,140	2,738	16.7%
South End	14,570	16,619	2,049	14.1%
East Boston	15,854	18,016	2,162	13.6%
Jamaica Plain	16,767	18,891	2,124	12.7%
Charlestown	8,648	9,525	877	10.1%
Boston	272,481	301,702	29,221	10.7%

Top 10 Neighborhood Housing Unit Growth Rates by Percentage

The above ten-year population and housing unit growth rates should also be viewed with the context of 2000 to 2010 neighborhood data, as reported by the BRA Research Division following the 2010 Census. Twenty-year data comparisons are not directly incorporated into the tables above because the geographic boundaries of neighborhoods used may not be identical. For reference, the top five neighborhoods with the highest population growth rates from 2000 to 2010 were reported as the South Boston Waterfront (271.1%), the Leather District (191.8%), Downtown (55.7%), Chinatown (24.9%), and the West End (17.3%).<sup>9</sup> Likewise, the top five neighborhoods with the highest from 2000 to 2010 were reported as the South Boston Waterfront (140.1%), Chinatown (54.6%), Downtown (52.6%), and the West End (27.0%).<sup>10</sup>

BPDA analysis further highlighted that Boston's 2020 Hispanic population grew 16.9 percent since 2010, making up 18.7 percent of the total population in 2020. Meanwhile, Boston's Asian population grew 37.8 percent since 2010, making up 11.2 percent of Boston's population in 2020. The non-Hispanic White population grew 3.8 percent since 2010 and the population share fell to 44.6 percent. The non-Hispanic Black or African American population fell by 6.4 percent since 2010, with the population share decreasing to 19.1 percent.<sup>11</sup>

It is important to recognize the significant undercount and challenges to the 2020 Census. For example, the Allston neighborhood's population fell by 5.9 percent, with a 40 percent decline in the group quarters population, underscoring concerns that the college dormitory population of Allston may not have been accurately counted amid the onset of the pandemic evacuation.

On October 12, 2021, Mayor Kim Janey submitted a letter notifying the Census Bureau of the City of Boston's intention to challenge its 2020 Census enumeration based on concerns related to group quarters and foreign-born populations. Mayor Janey's letter stated that, "Data collected by Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development from colleges and universities under the

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "Boston 2010 Census Population: Neighborhood Comparison," Boston Redevelopment Authority/Research
 Division, September 2014. https://www.bostonplans.org/getattachment/1a0e7160-9d67-4e8c-97b9-24f1d42ee1b9.
 <sup>10</sup> "Boston 2010 Census Population: Neighborhood Comparison," BRA/Research Division, September 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> "2020 Census Redistricting Data Tables for Boston," BPDA.

University Accountability Ordinance for Fall 2019 show approximately 5,000 additional students not enumerated by the 2020 Census redistricting data,"<sup>12</sup> validating concerns of an undercount particularly in the Allston neighborhood. An undercount of 500 residents in two Suffolk County correctional facilities was also raised as a concern.

On September 13, 2022, the City announced that Mayor Michelle Wu formally initiated the City's challenge to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 Census population count through the Post-Census Group Quarters Review program.<sup>13</sup> Staff of the UMass Amherst Donahue Institute, serving as the Massachusetts liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau's Federal-State Cooperative for Population Estimates, reviewed the City's University Accountability Ordinance data, and reported an undercount of 6,026 for the college or university student group quarter population and an undercount of 403 for correctional facilities.

The Mayor's letter also raised count coverage issues of the household population in census tracts with lower response rates than in the 2010 Census, particularly tracts with large numbers of off-campus students who temporarily left the city amid the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, the Census Bureau does not currently plan to accept challenges based on low self-response rates, as the Count Question Resolution Program only accepts challenges for boundary issues and census processing errors which excluded valid housing and associated population data, and provides no mechanism to review an increase in housing unit vacancies.

Objections were also raised to changes made to the collection and processing of race and ethnicity data which have led to large increases in the "some other race" and "two or more races" categories independent of actual demographic or cultural changes in the population. Following prescribed definitions developed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in 1997, the Census Bureau collects, and in some cases recategorized, self-reported data for the population's race and Hispanic origin. According to the Mayor's letter,

As a result of this Census coding, 76 percent of the Hispanics in Boston chose (or were assigned) the "some other race" category, either by itself or in addition to other racial categories, up from 45 percent of Hispanics in 2010. Respondents listing a Brazilian or Cape Verdean origin were also assigned by the U.S. Census Bureau to the "some other race" category regardless of the respondents' self-identification. Respondents listing a Middle Eastern or North African origin were assigned to the White category regardless of their self-identification.

The City recommended methodological changes and expressed its support for the Bureau's consideration of a single race/ethnicity question. Despite pending challenges and any potential adjustments for future Census Bureau products, no changes can be made to official 2020 Census counts or data products, including for the purposes of redistricting.

### Census Demographic Data for Redistricting Purposes

On September 1, 2021, the U.S. Department of Justice released a guidance document to ensure state and local governments comply with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) with respect

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Janey, Kim. Mayor Janey's letter to the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the 2020 Census, October 12, 2021. https://bpda.app.box.com/v/2020CensusChallenge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> "Mayor Wu Challenges 2020 U.S. Census Count of Boston." City of Boston, September 13, 2022. City of Boston. https://www.boston.gov/news/mayor-wu-challenges-2020-us-census-count-boston.

to redistricting and methods of electing governmental bodies.<sup>14</sup> The guide noted that 2020 Census P.L. 94-171 data includes counts of persons identified with more than one racial category, reflecting OMB decisions and bulletins pertaining to multiple-race reporting and aggregation of data on race for use in civil rights monitoring and enforcement.

The Committee used the Esri Redistricting web-based software, following conventions in the Department of Justice guidance. This differs from other commonly reported race and ethnicity groupings, such as those used by demographers at the BPDA, in that it groups those reporting two races, one White and one non-White, as being members of the non-White race reported. Thus a person reporting White and Black would be categorized as Black. All residents of Hispanic or Latino origin, regardless of reported race, are grouped together.

The Committee also used Districtr, a free browser-based interactive tool for drawing electoral districts developed by the MGGG Redistricting Lab, a research group based at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life of Tufts University. Districtr allowed for the convenient sharing of conceptual draft maps, while their racial demographic breakdowns displayed were referred to as rough estimates due to differing methodology in the aggregation of race and ethnicity categories. Official analysis of demographic breakdowns for consideration of redistricting plans relied on data presented through Esri products using Department of Justice criteria.

The availability of 2020 Census demographic data aggregated to present City Council districts and voting precinct boundaries impacted the timeliness of the Committee's work. Summary reports of Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data on the present City Council districts were generated by the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Team of the Department of Innovation and Technology and were presented to the City Council in March 2022. The 2020 Census population data for the current City Council districts adopted in 2012 are as follows:

2020 Census Data on Current Districts				
District	Total Population	<i>Deviation from</i> <i>Average of 75,072</i>		
1	74,051	-1,021	-1.4%	
2	88,553	+13,481	+18.0%	
3	68,561	-6,511	-8.7%	
4	71,811	-3,261	-4.3%	
5	75,245	+173	+0.2%	
6	74,914	-158	-0.2%	
7	72,829	-2,243	-3.0%	
8	75,010	-62	-0.1%	
9	74,673	-399	-0.5%	
Boston	675,647	Dev. Range	26.6%	

#### 2020 Census Data on Current Districts

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> "Justice Department Issues Guidance on Federal Statutes Regarding Redistricting and Methods for Electing Public Officials." U.S. Department of Justice, September 1, 2021.

https://justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-issues-guidance-federal-statutes-regarding-redistricting-and-methods.

The Census Bureau also released 2020 Census P.L. 94-171 Summary File data tabulated by various geographies established and recognized by the Census Bureau, including by census tracts, block groups, individual blocks, and Voting Districts (VTD).

The Voting District Project of the Census Bureau's Redistricting Data Program allows states to submit specifications on their voting district boundaries, such as wards and precincts, to include in the 2020 Census Redistricting Data tabulations. The Secretary of the Commonwealth is the statewide liaison for municipalities to submit details on precinct geographies for which they would like to receive data tabulations. VTD data for the City of Boston released by the Census Bureau in August 2021 were rendered obsolete for City Council redistricting purposes, given that the data reflected the 255 voting precinct boundaries existing at the time of the 2020 Census.

### **Reprecincting and Split Precincts**

The Boston Board of Election Commissioners adjusted select voting precinct boundaries in conjunction with state legislative and congressional redistricting beginning in 2021, increasing the total number of precincts in the City from 255 to 275. As precincts are the building blocks of City Council districts, the redistricting process is inextricably contingent upon the reprecincting process which concluded in April 2022. The City Council did not receive 2020 Census P.L. 94-171 redistricting data for Boston aggregated to the new precinct boundaries until July 2022.<sup>15</sup>

The reprecincting process is long overdue. Only the Board of Election Commissioners is authorized to redraw Boston's voting precincts within ward lines, whenever in its judgment such "a new division of precincts is necessary for the proper conduct of primaries and elections" St. 1918 ch. 74, as amended by St. 1920 ch. 636. However, Boston's enabling statute for drawing City Council electoral districts also exempts it from decennial reprecincting as mandated by M.G.L. ch.54 §2. In contrast, nearly all other municipalities of the Commonwealth have wards and precincts redrawn by their legislative bodies. Further, Boston's current ward boundaries have been in effect since 1925 after being redrawn by a commission, but the Legislature provided no statutory authority for any future redivision of the wards. St. 1924 ch. 410.

Boston's exemption from mandatory decennial reprecincting has long exacerbated tensions in cycles of both City Council and state legislative redistricting. This is evident in the 2002 report of the City Council's Committee on Census and Redistricting [emphasis added]:

Added to the challenge is that when the precinct lines were drawn, they had ties to the community structure, neighborhood boundaries, and commonalities present at that time. Since then, housing patterns, neighborhood or community composition, definitions, and characteristics have changed radically. However, since the state has already completed its redistricting process, it is impossible for Boston to go back and re-precinct. Even if it were done, it would only be effective for the City elections, and voters would have to go back to the "old" precincts for state and federal elections – causing even greater confusion. The Committee hopes that in the future, we can re-visit the re-precincting issue to explore options available before the next re-districting process.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Precinct-level data has since been published on the Analyze Boston open data hub as of October 20, 2022 at https://data.boston.gov/dataset/census-data-for-2022-redistricting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Report of the Committee on Census and Redistricting, Docket #2002-0903. Boston City Council, October 2, 2002. https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/22278991-20021002\_0903\_ordc7-redistricting-ordinance-passed-with-a ddenda.

The issue was again raised in the initial 2012 Committee report, with the Chair noting that, "The Mayor and City Council have passed a Home Rule Petition to require decennial re-precincting beginning in 2020, which is awaiting action by the legislature."<sup>17</sup> That petition to remove Boston's reprecincting exemption ahead of the 2020 Census was passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor in 2011. However, as it turns out, it was refiled five times<sup>18,19,20,21,22</sup> in every biennial session of the Legislature without being passed in time for the 2020 Census.

The 2012 Report from the Chairs of the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting of the Legislature explicitly references Boston in discussing the impact that municipalities exempt from reprecincting have on state redistricting [emphasis added]:

These exemptions have the potential to negatively impact the creation of future district boundaries when applying traditional redistricting principles due to the unequal sizes of the exempt precincts within the borders of the city or town and also relative to precinct sizes of neighboring communities. The idea that communities are exempt from reprecincting in perpetuity runs counter to the legislative intent of creating relatively equal population standards for each precinct within a municipality. For example, the City of Boston has not gone through the reprecincting process in several decades and the city precincts now range in size from 535 to 8,557 people. Over that time the racial and ethnic make-up of those precincts has also changed; yet, the boundaries remain the same. This population disparity and static boundaries could potentially impact the ability of future sessions of the General Court to adequately balance federal and state redistricting case law, equal voting opportunities established by the Voting Rights Act, the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the Massachusetts Constitution and traditional redistricting principles when creating new districts.<sup>23</sup>

The City Council eventually passed, and the Mayor approved, chapter 2 of the Ordinances of 2019 to amend City of Boston Code, Ordinances, section 2-9.2 in order to provide that

The appropriate committee of the City Council and the Commissioner of the Election Department or designee shall conduct a review of city precincts every five years beginning in the year immediately following passage of this ordinance. The committee and the Commissioner's review shall include the following: population shifts; development in neighborhoods; impact of precinct size on

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Committee on Census and Redistricting Report, Docket #2012-0985. Boston City Council, August 20, 2012.
 https://documentcloud.org/documents/22309672-20120822\_0985\_redistricting\_ordinance\_passed\_7-6\_disapproved.
 <sup>18</sup> An Act regarding Decennial division of wards and precincts in the city of Boston, H.3819, 187th General Court of

the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (2011). https://malegislature.gov/Bills/187/H3819.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> An Act regarding Decennial division of wards and precincts in the city of Boston, H.612, 188th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (2013). https://malegislature.gov/Bills/188/H612.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> An Act regarding Decennial division of wards and precincts in the city of Boston, H.3321, 189th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (2015). https://malegislature.gov/Bills/189/H3321.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> An Act regarding decennial division of wards and precincts in the city of Boston, HD.2379, 190th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (2017). https://malegislature.gov/Bills/190/HD2379.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> An Act regarding decennial division of wards and precincts, HD.2318, 191st General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (2019). https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/HD2318.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Special Joint Committee on Redistricting. Massachusetts General Court, December 12, 2012.

https://malegislature.gov/assets/redistricting/ChairFinalReport.pdf.

polling locations, staffing, and election day operations; and other factors as necessary. The committee shall issue a report on its findings.

However, no Committee of the City Council appears to have initiated or conducted a review of precincts in conjunction with the Commissioner of Elections as referenced in the ordinance as intended. Rather, the Board of Election Commissioners engaged in reprecincting in coordination with the state redistricting process, which itself was also impacted by the Census Bureau's delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic. With chapter 59 of the Acts of 2021, the Legislature swapped the typical order to first draw new district boundaries, followed by municipalities drawing new precincts within 30 days. Usually, municipalities establish ward and precinct boundaries which the Legislature then uses to create congressional and legislative districts.

Guidelines used by the Board of Election Commissioners included identifying wards with precincts containing more than 3,000 registered voters; using census block groups within each ward to create precincts; aiming to keep precincts at 2,000 voters within a margin of 10 percent; adjusting to eliminate sub-precincts caused by state legislative redistricting; determining precinct boundaries using linear features such as roadways, railroads, waterways, and other easily identifiable features; and taking into consideration projected residential growth.<sup>24</sup>

Reprecincting resulted in 16 "split precincts" drawn such that they crossed the boundaries of multiple current Council districts. The affected precincts were in Wards 3, 4, 8, and 9, impacting current Districts 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8. At the September 20, 2022 working session, Councilors tentatively assigned each split precinct to an adjacent district based on general consensus. This established a "baseline" map to initiate the redistricting process. The split precincts were assigned on the "baseline" map as follows:

Precinct	Current districts split between	"Baseline" district assigned to	Neighborhood	2020 Census Population
3-6	1, 2	1	Downtown	1,844
3-10	1, 2, 8	8	West End	3,284
4-2	2, 7	2	Back Bay	1,964
4-4	2, 7	7	South End	2,360
4-6	2, 7	8	Back Bay	3,390
4-7	2, 7, 8	8	Fenway/Symphony	3,179
4-8	7, 8	7	Fenway/Symphony	5,832
4-9	7, 8	7	Mission Hill	4,863
4-10	7, 8	8	Longwood/Fenway	6,094
4-12	7, 8	8	Fenway	2,215
8-1	2, 3	3	South End	2,687
8-2	2, 3	3	South End	2,199

Adjusted Precincts Split by Current City Council Districts

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> "City of Boston 2022 Precinct Adjustments as amended by the Board of Election Commissioners on April 6, 2022," Boston Election Department.

https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/file/2022/07/Updated%202022%20Precinct%20Adjustments%20as%20A mended%20by%20the%20Board%20of%20Election%20Commissioners%20on%20April%206,%202022.pdf.

Precinct	Current districts split between	"Baseline" district assigned to	Neighborhood	2020 Census Population
8-4	3, 7	7	Roxbury	2,826
8-5	3, 7	7	Roxbury	3,091
8-6	2, 3, 7	3	Roxbury/South Bay	1,700
9-1	2, 7	7	South End	2,698

As a result of assigning the split precincts to "baseline" districts, the total population deviation range from the most to least populous current districts was significantly reduced from 26.6 percent to 13.5 percent:

District	trict Total Deviation from Population Average of 75,072		Change from Actual District		
1	75,117	+45	+0.1%	+1,066	+1.4%
2	76,706	+1,634	+2.2%	-11,847	-13.4%
3	69,638	-5,434	-7.2%	+1,077	+1.6%
4	71,811	-3,261	-4.3%	No change	
5	75,245	+173	+0.2%	No change	
6	74,914	-158	-0.2%	No change	
7	77,783	+2,711	+3.6%	+4,954	+6.8%
8	79,760	+4,688	+6.2%	+4,750	+6.3%
9	74,673	-399	-0.5%	No change	
Boston	675,647	Dev. Range	13.5%		

2020 Census Data on "Baseline" Districts

### <u>Subject Matter Experts</u>

Given that the Chair assumed the role of leading the Committee with less than two months until the intended November 2, 2022 deadline, the need for adequate capacity support became abundantly clear. Over the past several weeks, the Law Department has assisted the Chair to engage the occasional consultation of redistricting experts, Attorney Jeffrey Wice and Dr. Lisa Handley, who have both presented to the City Council. Additionally, the office of the Chair invited Dr. Moon Duchin to present at a Committee working session and review proposed redistricting plans. Assistance the experts provided to the Committee are discussed further below.

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# Principles and Criteria of Redistricting

On August 31, 2022, the Chair assumed leadership of the Committee and subsequently filed Docket #1098, Order for the adoption of City Council redistricting principles, informed in part by records of past redistricting cycles located with the assistance of the Office of the City Clerk and the City Archives.<sup>25</sup> These points included six areas of "basic agreement" and five subjects "deserving more investigation" referenced in a 1981 Interim Report of the Committee; four charges identified in the order establishing the Committee in 1991; five principles outlined in a resolution and an additional four principles identified by the Chair in 2002; and communications of Mayor Menino twice disapproving redistricting plans passed by the Council in 2012.

The Chair found it necessary for the Committee to gain clarity on the distinction between traditional redistricting principles and redistricting criteria under state and federal statute. Shortly after committees were readjusted, the office of the Chair identified and approached Attorney Wice to inquire about professional guidance and technical assistance in the redistricting process. Although in the 2002 and 2012 redistricting cycles the Committee expended funds to retain special outside counsel, such resources did not appear to have been available when the present Chair assumed the role. At the request of the Chair, Corporation Counsel expressed a willingness for the Law Department to retain Attorney Wice and answer questions of the Committee.

On October 11, 2022, at the request of the Chair, Corporation Counsel transmitted an informal memorandum prepared by Attorney Wice which briefly conveyed basic principles of redistricting criteria for consideration by the City Council. Attorney Wice appeared virtually at the Committee working session that day to provide a brief presentation on its content, covering five required criteria: population equality, minority voting rights, compactness, contiguity, and consideration toward the preservation of neighborhoods. Three additional non-required criteria, which can be considered but are not required by federal or local law, were also discussed: communities of interest, a ban on partisanship, and maintaining existing district boundaries.

In redistricting, a "community of interest" can be a neighborhood, community, or group of people with shared concerns, interests, and characteristics who would benefit from being in a single district. Considering communities of interest in the redistricting process is an important principle, particularly when taking into account communities traditionally disenfranchised or underserved by the political process. Definitions of communities of interest can be subjective and fluid, and their consideration should be balanced with other traditional districting principles.

Likewise, definitions of what constitutes a "neighborhood" does not always have broad consensus nor standardization in how their boundaries are identified. The City's enabling statute for drawing electoral district boundaries specifies that districts be "drawn with a view toward preserving the integrity of existing neighborhoods" St. 1982, ch. 605, s. 3. While the City has recognized named neighborhoods and smaller geographic communities within those neighborhoods, there are not formally standardized definitions of their boundaries. That there are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> The Committee made past redistricting records available through the Committee website at https://www.boston.gov/departments/city-council/2022-redistricting-boston#redistricting-records-.

many constructions of what defines a neighborhood, let alone the feasibility of keeping larger neighborhoods whole, is another consideration when weighing redistricting principles.

At the City Council meeting of October 19, 2022, the Council passed an amended version of Docket #1098, Order for the adoption of City Council redistricting principles, adopting a series of principles to guide and inform procedures led by the Committee on Redistricting. The principles, intended to be separate from criteria already established by statute or case law, generally covered Councilor decorum in debate and deliberation, public participation in and access to the redistricting process, compliance with the Voting Rights Act, and data necessary for comparison of proposed redistricting plans.

Boston is required by law to redistrict every 10 years following the release of the federal decennial census results. Judicial precedent has established that the acceptable population range to maintain "one person, one vote" is 10 percent, or 5 percent above or below the target population. Based on the 2020 Census figures reporting a total population of 675,647 in Boston, nine equally populous districts would ideally each have 75,071 residents. The acceptable variance range of 10 percent would then be from 71,318 to 78,825 residents. The Courts have used the term "substantial equality requirement" to allow for a total deviation of not more than 10 percent between the largest and smallest districts without constituting a Constitutional violation and requiring no justification. *Voinovich v. Quilter*, 507 U.S. 146 (1993); *White v. Regester*, 412 U.S. 755 (1973).

Districts must be reapportioned due to changes in population throughout the City of Boston. Thus, in order to comply with the "one person, one vote" standard articulated in *Reynolds* v. *Sims*, 377 U.S. 533 (1964), a redistricting plan must be recommended by the Committee and voted upon by the Council. In *Sims*, the Court determined that, under the Fourteenth Amendment's equal protection clause, a "one person, one vote" standard must be achieved in any redistricting plan. While the federal cases originally imposed such plans on congressional and state-elected representative districts, the same reasoning and law applies to a municipality when redistricting its legislative body. The *Sims* Court stated that

While we do not intend to indicate that decennial reapportionment is a constitutional requisite, compliance with such an approach would clearly meet the minimal requirements for maintaining a reasonably current scheme of legislative representation. at 588.

The Council not only must comply with federal standards governing "one person, one vote," it must also comply with similar standards imposed by the Massachusetts Constitution Amended Article 101 and section 3 of chapter 605 of the Acts of 1982. These provisions require that the electoral districts be as nearly equal in population as practical. Thus, an equal number of inhabitants as nearly as possible shall be composed of contiguous existing precincts, *Trustees of Boston University v. Board of Assessors of Brookline*, 11 Mass. App. Ct. 325, (importing "actual contact, something that adjoins... or touching along boundaries" at 328) and be drawn with a view toward preserving the integrity of existing neighborhoods (St. 1982, ch. 605, s. 3).

With respect to standards for local redistricting, it was stated above that the federal cases ought to be followed when determining "one person, one vote" principles and substantial equality. The Courts have stricken municipal plans with variances from one district to another including a maximum deviation of 132 percent. *Board of Estimate v. Morris*, 489 U.S. 688, 703 (1989) and upholding an 11.9 percent total maximum deviation for a county board of supervisors, *Abate v.* 

*Mundt*, 403 U.S. 182 (1971); and *Latino Political Action Committee, Inc, v. City of Boston*, 568 F.Supp. 1012 (1983) striking down a 23.6 percent total maximum deviation in Boston City Council districts. See also, *Black Political Task Force v. Connolly*, 679 F. Supp. 109, 114 (D. Mass. 1988, 3 Judge Court) where a plan that includes no districts with inhabitants no more nor less than 5 percent of the norm of inhabitants, the plan does not violate *Sims*.

# Voting Rights Act

The Committee reviewed the guidance under the Voting Rights Act published by the Department of Justice on September 1, 2021. Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10301, prohibits discrimination in voting on the basis of race, color, or membership in a language minority group. This permanent, nationwide prohibition applies to any voting qualification or prerequisite to voting or standard, practice, or procedure, including districting plans and methods of election for governmental bodies. *Growe v. Emison*, 507 U.S. 25, 39-40 (1993).

Analysis begins by considering whether three Gingles preconditions exist. First, the minority group must be sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute a majority of the voting-age population in a single-member district. Second, the minority group must be politically cohesive. And third, the majority must vote sufficiently as a bloc to enable it—in the absence of special circumstances, such as the minority candidate running unopposed—usually to defeat the minority group's preferred candidate.

If all three Gingles preconditions are present, consideration proceeds to an analysis of the totality of the circumstances in a jurisdiction. This analysis incorporates factors enumerated in the Senate Report that accompanied the 1982 Voting Rights Act Amendments, S. Rep. No. 97-417, at 28-29 (1982), which are generally known as the "Senate Factors" and are set forth in *Latino*, including:

- 1. the extent of any history of official discrimination in the state or political subdivision that touched the right of the members of the minority group to register, to vote, or otherwise to participate in the democratic process;
- 2. the extent to which voting in the elections of the state or political subdivision is racially polarized;
- 3. the extent to which the state or political subdivision has used unusually large election districts, majority vote requirements, anti-single shot provisions, or other voting practices or procedures that may enhance the opportunity for discrimination against the minority group;
- 4. if there is a candidate slating process, whether the members of the minority group have been denied access to that process;
- 5. the extent to which members of the minority group in the state or political subdivision bear the effects of discrimination in such areas as education, employment and health, which hinder their ability to participate effectively in the political process;
- 6. whether political campaigns have been characterized by overt or subtle racial appeals; and
- 7. the extent to which members of the minority group have been elected to public office in the jurisdiction.

Gingles describes a review of the totality of the circumstances that requires a "searching practical evaluation of the past and present reality" of a jurisdiction's electoral system that is "intensely local," "fact-intensive," and "functional" in nature. 478 U.S. at 45-46, 62-63, 79. Liability depends on the unique factual circumstances of each case and the totality of the circumstances in the particular jurisdiction in question.

On October 19, 2022, the Committee received a response from Corporation Counsel responding to a set of questions. The following response was to a question seeking clarification on requirements of the Voting Rights Act:

The VRA requires the creation of an effective minority district where it can be demonstrated that the minority community (1) comprises at least 50% of an ideal, contiguous and reasonably compact district's voting age population; (2) minority voters vote cohesively for the same candidates; and (3) there is a significantly high level of racially polarized voting where the majority votes sufficiently as a bloc to prevent minority voters from electing their preferred candidates of choice.

In seeking compliance with the Voting Rights Act, the City Council should pay attention to ensuring that districts do not have the effect of creating unequal opportunity based on race, color, or language minority groups of American Indians, Asian Americans, Alaskan Natives, and Spanish-heritage populations.

# Racial Bloc Voting Analysis

According to the presentation provided by Dr. Lisa Handley at the Committee working session of October 25, 2022, there are several statistical methods used to analyze voting patterns in order to determine whether electoral districts comply with the Voting Rights Act. District plans are in violation if the effect denies or dilutes minority voting strength.

A racial bloc voting analysis uses aggregate data of precinct election results and demographic composition for those precincts by voting age population in order to identify patterns. The patterns across precincts are then used to estimate White, Black, Hispanic, and Asian voter support for each of the candidates competing in an election contest. Due to the limited number of demographically homogeneous precincts in Boston, homogeneous precinct analysis is difficult to conduct. Instead, two statistical methods called ecological regression analysis (ER) and ecological inference analysis (EI) are used.

Dr. Handley discussed that Boston's 2020 Census enumeration for Black, Hispanic, and Asian populations are sizable enough to conduct a racial bloc voting analysis. As a result, Dr. Handley analyzed the voting patterns for White, Black, Hispanic, and Asian voters for all contested citywide preliminary and municipal elections from 2015 to 2021. EI and ER estimates were presented for each of the candidates in the 2021 Boston mayoral election.

Dr. Handley explained that while the September 2021 mayoral preliminary election was polarized between White voters and Black voters, it was not polarized between White voters and Hispanic or Asian voters. Further, minority groups were not cohesive in preferring the same candidate in the preliminary election. Meanwhile, in the November 2021 mayoral municipal election, the contest was no longer polarized as White, Black, Hispanic, and Asian voters preferred the same candidate, and minority groups were cohesive.

The summary table presented by Dr. Handley for each municipal election from 2015 to 2021 represented a district-specific, functional analysis demonstrating whether or not vote polarization existed. Dr. Handley's analysis found that voting is polarized in Boston, but the amount of polarized voting varies by district; some areas are more polarized than others. The polarization between White and Black voters with White and Hispanic voters are comparable, while there is less polarization between White and Asian voters. In the six municipal elections analyzed that demonstrated polarization, the candidate preferred by Black or Hispanic voters lost four contests. It is also important to note that when voting is polarized, Black, Hispanic, and Asian minority voters are not always cohesive, particularly in preliminary elections.

Dr. Handley's presentation concluded that, "Because voting is often polarized, districts that offer minority voters an opportunity to elect their candidates of choice must be drawn or, if they already exist, these districts must be maintained in a manner that continues to provide minority voters with an opportunity to elect their preferred candidates," while exercising caution if combining Black, Hispanic, and Asian voters to create a "minority" district because the three groups of voters are not always cohesive in their voting patterns.

## **Target Date for Action**

In order for an individual to run for a District City Council seat, they must have resided in the district for 12 months prior to the date of the upcoming municipal election. The next regular municipal election will be on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Therefore, it would be ideal for the City Council to pass and for the Mayor to approve an ordinance before November 7, 2022. Failure to do so could result in a Court challenge based on any changes made to Council districts. By Charter, the Mayor has 15 days to review and sign or disapprove of ordinances passed by the City Council. In actuality, it would have been ideal for the Mayor to have received it earlier to provide for as much notice to residents contemplating running for office in the next municipal election, and time for the Council to make revisions in the event of the Mayor's disapproval.

On October 19, 2022, the Committee received a response from Corporation Counsel responding to a set of questions. The following response was to a question requesting clarification on the City Council's deadline for action [**emphasis added**]:

There is some ambiguity concerning the City Council's deadline for action because it involves the interplay of special acts related to Boston redistricting that were modified by the legislature without any systematic effort to address deadlines in the special acts related to Boston ... The City Council is appropriately engaged in redistricting in 2022 based on the 2020 federal census. Past redistricting has been conducted by the Council in 2002 and 2012, and not conducting redistricting within ten years would be constitutionally suspect because of the need to maintain approximately equal population in districts. Reynolds v. Sims, 377 U.S. 533, 584 (1964). Although there is no express statutory deadline in 2022, past redistricting has been completed prior to one year before the next municipal election, and the special law creating Boston's redistricting process may be read to contemplate that redistricting should be accomplished by then because it provides that "every city councilor... who is elected to represent an individual district shall have been an inhabitant of a place within the district ... for at least one year immediately preceding" the election. [St. 1982, c. 605, s. 6.] These contemplated timeframes avoid risking the type of informational problems that will increasingly burden candidates, voters, and

election officials as the municipal election approaches. At this time, therefore, it remains prudent for the City Council to diligently continue its work toward drawing electoral districts with mayoral approval keeping the November 7, 2022 date for one year of candidate residency in mind.

Despite assuming the responsibility of facilitating the remainder of the redistricting process in two months, the Chair and staff were determined to work with the given constraints to prevent further undue burdens which would arise by prolonging the already imperfect process.

## Committee Process in 2021 and 2022

On September 28, 2021, the Committee on Census and Redistricting held a virtual hearing chaired by Councilor Ricardo Arroyo on Docket #0860 to discuss the redistricting process in the City of Boston. Mr. Tom Mortan, Assistant Chief of the Census Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office for the U.S. Census Bureau, joined the hearing to present as an invited panelist.

The Committee was reestablished by the adoption of City Council rules for the municipal years 2022-2023 through a vote of the City Council on January 26, 2022, with the charge that the Committee "shall concern itself with issues relevant to city, state and federal redistricting of Boston. The committee shall concern itself with the redistricting for city council districts, including creating and facilitating process for community outreach; as well as assessing and selecting technology to be used to support city council redistricting efforts."

The Committee held an initial series of virtual public meetings to hear testimony regarding redistricting from residents. On March 24, 2022, the virtual meeting was dedicated for residents of Districts 3, 7, and 8, and attendees offering public testimony included residents of Mission Hill and Dorchester. On March 31, 2022, the virtual meeting was dedicated for residents of Districts 4, 5, and 6, and attendees offering public testimony included residents of Hyde Park. On April 7, 2022, the virtual meeting was dedicated for residents 1, 2, and 9, and attendees offering public testimony included residents 1, 2, and 9, and attendees offering public testimony included residents 1, 2, and 9, and attendees offering public testimony included residents of Chinatown and Fort Point.

On August 4, 2022, the Committee held a public hearing in the Iannella Chamber to discuss the redistricting process. Councilors were joined by representatives of the Board of Election Commissioners and the Election Department, with particular attention paid to the reprecincting process. On August 29, 2022, communication (Docket #1021) was received from the Council President notifying the City Clerk of the temporary readjustment of committee assignments, including the Committee on Redistricting.

On September 14, 2022, the City Council voted for the passage of a Section 17F order under the City Charter requesting to receive demographic data from the BPDA in its capacity as planning board for the City of Boston. Until this point, detailed demographic data for the 2020 Census presented by current City Council district or new precinct boundaries had not been made publicly available through official reports, presentations, or datasets.

On September 16, 2022, the Committee held a virtual working session where the Chair and Vice Chair discussed the anticipated redistricting timeline and process. Given the abbreviated time remaining, Councilors were requested to assist in reaching out to community stakeholders and provide suggestions to the Chair for particular community organizations to reach out to directly.

On September 20, 2022, the Committee held a working session in the Piemonte Room focused on new precincts split between multiple current districts, coming to consensus on the assignment of each precinct so that they are entirely within a single district on a "baseline" map.

On September 23, 2022, a virtual working session was held. The Chair reviewed maps of past redistricting plans dating back from 1983 to 2012, as well as the "baseline" map with split precincts reconciled. Councilors discussed centers of population growth and took into consideration further growth to be anticipated. Councilors discussed various communities of interest they would like to focus on–including residents in Chinatown and the South End with residents of the Cathedral and Villa Victoria housing developments. The Vietnamese community in Fields Corner was also identified as a community of interest to unify. The Chair and Vice Chair stressed the importance of outreach and community engagement, requesting that all Councilors assist in disseminating information to the public given the intended November 2, 2022 target deadline for final Council action on this matter.

On September 26, 2022, a working session was held in the Piemonte Room. District Councilors discussed their suggestions for communities of interest to be mindful of. Topics raised included residents in public housing, residents with disabilities, and the LGBTQ+ community. Particular neighborhoods were discussed, including Chinatown, the South End, Beacon Hill, Fields Corner, Mattapan, Mission Hill, Roslindale, and Grove Hall. Certain district Councilors announced their intentions to hold listening sessions with constituents through their respective offices.

On September 27, 2022, a working session was held in the Piemonte Room. The Chair reviewed the redistricting process thus far. Representatives of the BPDA were in attendance to answer questions about demographic data. The discussion turned toward precincts 8-1 and 9-1, which include the Villa Victoria and Cathedral housing developments and are presently in District 2 but were respectively allocated to District 3 and District 7 on the "baseline" map. Councilors discussed whether splitting the precincts into two separate districts would have a negative impact on the community, or if they should be paired together, and if so, which district they should be in. The consensus of the Councilors was that the two precincts should remain together. It was expressed that the Dorchester-based District 3 would no longer be considered "compact" if it were to extend further into the South End. Another sentiment expressed was that the Council should focus on shifting district boundaries northward where further population growth is anticipated, such as in Districts 1, 2, and 3, and that the districts in the southern part of the City should "absorb" more precincts, or more drastic changes would need to be made in ten years. Councilors discussed redistricting principles and the Chair requested the assistance of all Councilors to maximize public awareness and participation in the process. A request was made for future working sessions to be held in the Iannella Chamber and livestreamed.

A public hearing was held in the Iannella Chamber on September 29, 2022 to hear testimony from members of the public. Testimony generally focused on redistricting principles which residents would like to see reflected in maps to be proposed. Testimony also stressed transparency in order to ensure public confidence in the process and encourage community engagement. Testimony was received from residents who requested that attention be paid to their neighborhoods so as to not be split among districts–these included Chinatown, Fields Corner, Mission Hill, Roslindale, the South End, and the West End.

A working session was held in the Iannella Chamber on September 30, 2022, where Councilors presented and reviewed details for each of the maps filed and referred to the Committee thus far. On October 7, 2022, a working session was held in the Iannella Chamber to review three

proposed redistricting plans filed and referred to the Committee. On October 11, 2022, a public meeting was held in the Iannella Chamber to hear public testimony regarding redistricting from residents, and a memorandum was received through the Law Department from Attorney Jeffrey Wice. Public testimony was received from residents of Dorchester in response to proposed redistricting plans, expressing their wishes for their community boundaries to be respected and maintained as whole.

On October 17, 2022, a working session was held in the Iannella Chamber, followed by the Council's adoption of City Council redistricting principles in Docket #1098 at its meeting of October 19, 2022. On the evening of October 20, 2022, the Committee held an off-site meeting in the Fields Corner area of Dorchester to hear public testimony on the redistricting process and on the proposed redistricting plans.

A working session was held in the Curley Room on October 21, 2022 where Dr. Moon Duchin presented a general overview of core and contested traditional districting principles. Dr. Duchin also reviewed various metrics to measure the contiguity and compactness of proposed district plans, which include the Polsby-Popper, Reock, and Cut Edges measures for compactness. Dr Duchin discussed the concept of core retention as it relates to displacement, or the share of the population that would be moved to a different district under a proposed plan. Dr. Duchin discussed the nuance of balancing core retention with other optional or mandated redistricting principles. Dr. Duchin then provided a general overview of metrics for the five proposed redistricting plans, stating that all meet the standards of compactness and contiguity. Voting history was discussed as a measure for the ability of districts as drawn to allow voters to elect the candidates of their choice. The 2021 mayoral preliminary election results were used to demonstrate how the results may have changed per district under each of the proposals. Dr. Duchin stressed that demographic targets should not be relied on, but that effectiveness analyses should be conducted using the locality's electoral history to determine what is needed to draw effective districts for qualifying minorities to be provided an effective opportunity to elect their candidates of choice. The nuance of coalitional claims requiring cohesion among minority groups sharing their preferred candidates was also discussed.

A working session was held in the Piemonte Room on October 24, 2022 where Councilors discussed potential shifts to the district plans as proposed, as well as a general discussion on the use of electoral history to measure impacts of proposed districts. A public hearing was held in the Iannella Chamber later in the afternoon of October 24, 2022.

A final working session was held in the Iannella Chamber on October 25, 2022 where the Committee was joined virtually by Attorney Jeffrey Wice and Dr. Lisa Handley. Dr. Handley presented an overview of racial bloc voting analysis for the 2015 to 2021 Boston municipal election results, and reported her findings that voting is polarized in Boston, but the amount of polarization varies by district. Further, when polarized voting exists, Black, Hispanic, and Asian voters are not always cohesive in their voting patterns. Due to voting being polarized, districts which offer minority voters an opportunity to elect their candidates of choice must be drawn or maintained if they already exist.

In response to a question of whether the present District 4 is violative of the Voting Rights Act, Dr. Handley stated that the district as currently configured provides Black voters with an opportunity to elect their candidates of choice, and continuing to draw the district such as to provide Black voters with the opportunity to elect their candidates of choice would be in compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

Attorney Wice reminded Councilors to be sure not to violate the Voting Rights Act by diluting or packing minority voting strength among districts, and that how one community is configured within a district should also be viewed in relation to a neighboring district.

# **Overview of Submitted Plans**

Information and feedback received from Councilors and members of the public through hearings, meetings, and working sessions informed the direction and multiple iterations of maps referred to the Committee. Below are the different plans that have been formally offered by Councilors and referred to the Committee on Redistricting:

- **Docket #1186** was sponsored by Councilors Ricardo Arroyo and Tania Fernandes Anderson, and was referred to the Committee on September 28, 2022;
- *Docket #1215* was sponsored by Councilor Erin Murphy and referred to the Committee on October 5, 2022;
- *Docket* #1216 was sponsored by Councilors Liz Breadon and Brian Worrell, and was referred to the Committee on October 5, 2022;
- *Docket #1273* was sponsored by Councilor Frank Baker, and was referred to the Committee on October 19, 2022;
- **Docket #1275** was sponsored by Councilors Liz Breadon and Ricardo Arroyo, and was referred to the Committee on October 19, 2022.

In *Docket #1186* as filed, District 1 would pick up precinct 3-10, a split precinct which had otherwise been allocated to District 8 in the "baseline" map; District 2 would maintain precinct 3-6, a split precinct which had otherwise been allocated to District 1 in the "baseline" map, while picking up precinct 7-7 from District 3; District 3 would pick up precincts 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 5-14, 8-1, 8-2, 8-6, 9-1, and 9-2, inclusive of split precincts allocated to Districts 2 and 7 or maintained in District 3 in the "baseline" map, as well as pick up precinct 16-1 from District 4; District 4 would pick up precincts 15-7, 16-11, and 17-13 from District 3, and precincts 14-5 and 18-2 from District 5; District 5 would pick up precincts 14-8, 18-7, and 19-12 from District 4, and precinct 20-1 from District 6; District 6 would pick up precinct 20-8 from District 5; District 7 would pick up precincts 7-10, 13-5, and 15-1 from District 3; District 8 would pick up precinct 3-17 from District 2 and maintain precinct 4-6, both of which it had been allocated on the "baseline" map; and no changes would be made to District 9 from the "baseline" map.

In *Docket #1215* as filed, District 1 would maintain precinct 3-6 which had been allocated to it from District 2 on the "baseline" map; District 2 would retain precinct 8-1, a split precinct which had otherwise been allocated to District 3 in the "baseline" map; District 3 would maintain precincts 8-2 and 8-6, both of which it had been allocated on the "baseline" map, pick up precincts 7-5 and 7-6 from District 2, and precincts 16-1 and 17-14 from District 4; District 4 would pick up precincts 14-5, 14-14, and 18-2 from District 5, and precincts 13-1, 13-2, and 13-4 from District 7; District 5 would pick up precincts 14-8, 18-7, and 19-12 from District 4, and precinct 19-7 from District 6; District 6 would pick up precincts which had been allocated to it on the "baseline" map, and pick up precinct 4-7, a split precinct which had been allocated to it on the "baseline" map, and pick up precinct 4-6, both of which it had been allocated on the "baseline" map; and no changes would be made to District 9 from the "baseline" map.

In *Docket #1216* as filed, District 1 would maintain precinct 3-6 which had been allocated to it from District 2 on the "baseline" map, and pick up precinct 3-10, a split precinct which had otherwise been allocated to District 8 in the "baseline" map; District 2 would retain precincts 8-1 and 9-1, split precincts which had otherwise been allocated to Districts 3 and 7 on the "baseline" map, respectively; District 3 would maintain precincts 8-2 and 8-6, both of which it had been allocated on the "baseline" map, pick up precinct 7-6 from District 2, and precincts 16-1, 16-3, 17-2, 17-9, and 17-11 from District 4; District 4 would pick up precincts 16-8, 16-11, and 17-13 from District 3, and precincts 14-5 and 14-14 from District 5; District 5 would pick up precinct 19-12 from District 7 would maintain precinct 4-4, a split precinct allocated to it on the "baseline" map; District 8 would pick up precinct 3-17 from District 2 and maintain precinct 4-6, both of which it had been allocated on the "baseline" map; District 8 would pick up precinct 3-17 from District 2 and maintain precinct 4-6, both of which it had been allocated on the "baseline" map; District 8 would pick up precinct 3-17 from District 2 and maintain precinct 4-6, both of which it had been allocated on the "baseline" map, as well as pick up precinct 4-2 from District 2; and no changes would be made to District 9 from the "baseline" map.

In *Docket #1273* as filed, District 1 would maintain precinct 3-6 which had been allocated to it from District 2 on the "baseline" map, and would pick up precinct 3-10, a split precinct which had otherwise been allocated to District 8 in the "baseline" map; District 2 would retain precincts 8-1 and 9-1, split precincts which had otherwise been allocated to Districts 3 and 7 on the "baseline" map, respectively; District 3 would maintain precincts 8-2 and 8-6, both of which it had been allocated on the "baseline" map, and pick up precincts 16-1 and 16-3 from District 4; District 6; District 5 would pick up precinct 20-1 from District 5, and precinct 19-7 from District 6; District 5; District 7 would maintain precinct 4-4, a split precinct which had been allocated to District 5; District 7 would maintain precinct 4-7, a split precinct which had been allocated to District 8 on the "baseline" map; District 8 would pick up precinct 3-17 from District 2 and maintain precinct 4-6, both of which it had been allocated on the "baseline" map, in addition to picking up precincts 4-2 and 5-13 from District 2; and no changes would be made to District 9 from the "baseline" map.

In *Docket #1275* as filed, District 1 would maintain precinct 3-6 which had been allocated to it from District 2 on the "baseline" map, as well as pick up precinct 3-13 from District 2; District 2 would retain precincts 8-1 and 9-1, split precincts which had otherwise been allocated to Districts 3 and 7 on the "baseline" map, respectively, and District 2 would also pick up precinct 4-5 from District 7 and precinct 4-6 from District 8; District 3 would maintain precincts 8-2 and 8-6, both of which it had been allocated on the "baseline" map, and pick up precincts 6-1, 6-3, 7-5, and 7-6 from District 2, and precincts 16-1, 16-3, 17-2, and 17-6 from District 4; District 4 would pick up precincts 16-8, 16-9, 16-11, 16-12, and 17-13 from District 3, and pick up precinct 14-5 from District 5; District 5 would pick up precincts 18-7 and 19-12 from District 4; District 6 would pick up precinct 20-8 from District 5; District 7 would maintain precinct 4-4, a split precinct which had been allocated to it on the "baseline" map; District 8 would pick up precinct 3-17 from District 2, which it had been allocated on the "baseline" map; and no changes would be made to District 9 from the "baseline" map.

## **Context of Submitted Plans**

Several precinct changes were common across most, if not all, of the proposed redistricting plans. Precinct 3-17 in Beacon Hill was newly created as a separation from the former precinct 3-6 through the reprecincting process. The allocation of the adjusted precinct 3-6 to District 1 on the "baseline" map required precinct 3-17 to be moved to either District 1 or District 8 in order to maintain the contiguity of District 2. All five proposals allocate precinct 3-17 to District 8,

maintaining the cohesion of the Beacon Hill neighborhood. Additionally, four proposals maintain precinct 3-6 in District 1 as in the "baseline" map, and three proposals move precinct 3-10 in the West End from its location in District 8 on the "baseline" map to District 1. Early public testimony drew resident concerns of splitting the West End should precinct 3-10 be moved from District 8 to District 1.

At the September 20, 2022 working session where Councilors discussed the sixteen split precincts, particular consideration was paid to precincts 8-1 and 9-1 in the South End, both of which were split precincts mostly located in the present District 2. Precinct 8-1 largely contains the Villa Victoria affordable housing community with roots in the Puerto Rican and Latino communities, while precinct 9-1 contains the Cathedral (Ruth Barkley) public housing complex. Given that the population of the present District 2 is 13,481 residents (18.0%) over the ideal average population, Councilors agreed to tentatively place precinct 8-1 in District 3 and precinct 9-1 in District 7 for the purpose of establishing the "baseline" map, with the intention of further discussion on whether the two precincts should remain paired together. However, subsequent public testimony received from Chinatown and South End residents and community organizations, as well as review of Committee records containing written testimony received in 2012 redistricting, stressed the importance of pairing and maintaining these communities in District 2. As a result, despite its overpopulation, District 2 maintains precinct 8-1 in four of the proposed plans, as well as precinct 9-1 in three of the plans.

Discussion among Councilors in working sessions and testimony received at public hearings raised the desire to join precinct 16-1 in Fields Corner in Dorchester with the precincts presently in District 3 which have sizable concentrations of Asian residents and the Vietnamese American community comprising the Boston Little Saigon cultural district. This is reflected in all five proposals shifting precinct 16-1 from District 4 to District 3. Three of the plans also move precinct 16-3 together with precinct 16-1 from District 4 to District 3, which was the location of both precincts in the district plans of 1983, 1993, and 2002, prior to both being relocated to District 4 in the 2012 district plan.

There is a clear interest to reconfigure the southwest section of the City where the boundaries of Districts 4, 5, and 6 converge. In particular, all five proposed plans make an effort to more cohesively unite the Roslindale neighborhood, whether in whole or in part, but each varies in its approach. That Roslindale has been perennially split between City Council districts through the past several redistricting cycles—and is now split between the 6th Suffolk, 10th Suffolk, 14th Suffolk, and 15th Suffolk State Representative districts—a clear case is made to unite the neighborhood as much as possible in a single City Council electoral district. Four of the five proposed plans shift from District 4 to District 5 precinct 19-12; a precinct which was located in District 5 in the plans of 1983, 1987, and 1993, until it shifted to District 6 in 2002 and to District 4 in 2012. Three of the proposed plans also shift precinct 18-7 from District 4 to District 5; which was its prior location in the district plans of 1983, 1987, 1993, and 2002. Similarly, three of the proposed plans also shift precinct 20-1 from District 6 to District 5; which was its prior location in the district plans of 1983, 1987, 1993, and 2002. To balance the population shift of the aforementioned precincts, however configured, all five proposed plans would move precinct 20-8 from District 5 to District 6.

The configuration of precincts and Council districts in the southwest section of the City tended to trigger further shifts to adjacent districts in a counterclockwise direction. With the shifts made to Districts 5 and 6 intended to provide greater neighborhood cohesion in Roslindale by picking up precincts from District 4, several scenarios make up for the resulting population deficit in

District 4. The precinct change common across all five proposed plans is shifting precinct 14-5 in Mattapan from District 5 back to District 4, where it was located in every district plan until 2012. Three of the plans would also shift precinct 14-14 in Mattapan from District 5 back to District 4, where it was also located until 2012. Another shift present in two plans is moving precinct 18-2 from District 5 to District 4, which was also its prior location until 2012.

If District 5 were not drawn with a view toward uniting more of Roslindale, District 4 could move northwestward to pick up precinct 19-7 in Jamaica Plain from District 6, as is the case in one proposed plan. Aside from picking up additional precincts in Mattapan, and refraining from moving westward in order to achieve a cohesive Roslindale, District 4 could shift northward or eastward. Such a northward shift into District 7 is proposed in one plan, with District 4 picking up precincts 13-1, 13-2, and 13-4 in Roxbury.

Alternatively, the resulting population deficit of District 4 could be addressed by picking up adjacent precincts to the east from District 3, as is the case to varying degrees in three of the five proposed plans. One plan has District 4 pick up precincts 16-11 and 17-13 in Dorchester from District 3, as is the case in a second plan, but with the addition of precinct 16-8. Both proposals generated public testimony regarding neighborhood cohesion should the two or three impacted precincts be moved from District 3 to District 4 as initially proposed. A third such plan sought to address concerns of maintaining neighborhood cohesion, as well as local historic and cultural affinity by identifying adjacent precincts from District 3: 16-8, 16-9, 16-11, 16-12, and 17-13.

The boundaries of District 3 would then shift northward to pick up precincts from District 2, given its excess population above the ideal norm. The consensus to maintain precincts 8-1 and 9-1 in the South End limit alternatives for District 3 to pick up population from District 2 other than from South Boston, as three of the proposed plans do. One plan has District 3 pick up precinct 7-6; another plan picks up precincts 7-5 and 7-6; and the third plan picks up precincts 6-1, 6-3, 7-5, and 7-6. Excessive precinct sizes along the boundaries of districts at or near their population capacity, such as Districts 1 and 8, also jeopardize the extent to which other traditional redistricting principles such as neighborhood cohesion are weighed.

# Analysis of Current and Proposed Districts

Compactness and contiguity are standard principles of redistricting. All districts in the proposed plans are contiguous, and two compactness measures demonstrate that the boundaries across the proposed districts are more alike than they are different.

Polsby-Popper score<sup>26</sup> is the ratio of the district area to the area of a circle with the same circumference as the perimeter of the district. The measure is always between 0 and 1, with 1 being the most compact. The Reock score<sup>27</sup> is the ratio of the area of the district to the area of the smallest circle that entirely encloses the district. The measure is always between 0 and 1, with 1 being the most compact. The Polsby-Popper and Reock scores for the proposed plans follow.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Polsby, D. D., and R. D. Popper, 1991, The Third Criterion: Compactness as a Procedural Safeguard against Partisan Gerrymandering. *Yale Law and Policy Review*, 1991.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Reock, E. C., Jr. Measuring Compactness as a Requirement of Legislative Apportionment. *Midwest Journal of Political Science*, 1961.

	Baseline Map		Docket #1186		Docket	Docket #1215		#1216	Docket	#1273	Docket	#1275
District	Polsby- Popper	Reock	Polsby- Popper	Reock	Polsby- Popper	Reock	Polsby- Popper	Reock	Polsby- Popper	Reock	Polsby- Popper	Reock
1	0.29	0.36	0.29	0.36	0.29	0.36	0.29	0.37	0.29	0.37	0.28	0.37
2	0.33	0.31	0.35	0.37	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.32	0.30	0.32	0.25	0.27
3	0.16	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.14	0.17	0.15
4	0.20	0.47	0.30	0.46	0.30	0.34	0.20	0.43	0.24	0.52	0.19	0.47
5	0.26	0.43	0.30	0.45	0.35	0.42	0.25	0.41	0.27	0.40	0.29	0.46
6	0.27	0.34	0.25	0.34	0.29	0.33	0.25	0.34	0.26	0.32	0.27	0.34
7	0.35	0.34	0.33	0.38	0.31	0.31	0.36	0.33	0.34	0.32	0.35	0.33
8	0.24	0.27	0.25	0.30	0.23	0.27	0.25	0.31	0.23	0.32	0.23	0.26
9	0.54	0.46	0.54	0.46	0.54	0.46	0.54	0.46	0.54	0.46	0.54	0.46
Avg.	0.29	0.35	0.31	0.36	0.31	0.33	0.29	0.35	0.29	0.35	0.29	0.35

**Compactness Scores for All Plans** 

Additionally, Dr. Duchin's lab used precinct-level results of past elections–approximated to the new precinct boundaries–in order to compare results of the mayoral and at-large preliminary elections from 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2021 if the elections were held in the new districts as proposed on the five plans presently before the Committee. For most of the elections, the results were close to identical on the proposed districts compared to the results on the "baseline" map, with only a few instances where the order of candidate ballot counts in the at-large races were slightly shuffled.

Finally, Dr. Duchin's lab also assisted by generating the approximate total population which would be relocated to a new district under each of the five proposed plans. Across all five plans, the approximate average population that would move between districts would be 50,070 residents, or 7.4 percent of the City's total population.

# Summary of New Draft

*Docket* #1275 as recommended in its new draft makes four changes from the language initially filed, in large part due to feedback received from community members, neighborhood residents and organizations, and the respective District Councilors. Precinct 6-2, which contains the second half of the West Broadway (D Street) public housing complex, would join the South Boston precincts of 6-1, 6-3, 7-5, and 7-6 in moving from District 2 to District 3. Precinct 16-9, originally proposed to be moved to District 4 with precincts 16-8, 16-11, 16-12, and 17-13, would remain in District 3. Precincts 17-2 and 17-3, originally proposed to be moved to District 4.

This configuration of District 3 and District 4 results in South Dorchester maintaining its representation in two districts. Due consideration was contemplated in response to requests of community residents, civic associations, and Councilors representing the neighborhood who called for the six precincts of 16-8, 16-9, 16-10, 16-11, 16-12, and 17-13 to remain in District 3 or move in whole into District 4. The dilemma of long overdue reprecincting is demonstrated here as the population sizes for these six precincts range from 1,138 to 3,042, and the total population is 11,876 residents. Although this move results in the unification of Lower Mills, it

does relocate Ashmont/Adams and Cedar Grove into District 4, while resulting in Adams Village spanning two Council districts. However, this change is proposed with a view toward generally maintaining the historic Neponset/Port Norfolk and St. Ann's communities intact in District 3 by retaining precinct 16-9 together with precincts 16-5, 16-7, and 16-10.

The desire to unite long-splintered neighborhoods to the west of Dorchester, in tandem with the mandate to equalize excessive population deviation to the north, leave limited alternatives to entirely maintain precincts 16-8, 16-9, 16-10, 16-11, 16-12, and 17-13 together. In the new draft, District 3 has a population of 75,839 residents, while District 4 has a population of 72,917. Adding both precincts 16-9 and 16-10 to District 4 with precincts 16-8, 16-11, 16-12, and 17-13 would then prompt District 3 to gain population by moving even further into South Boston than is already proposed. With unresolved excess population in District 2 and limited options for the other adjacent districts to pick up precincts outside of South Boston, the most feasible option is for District 3's boundaries to shift further northward.

District 2 began the redistricting process with an excess population of 13,481 residents (18.0 percent) above the ideal average per district. Its population managed to be reduced by 11,847 residents (13.4 percent) on the "baseline" map. However, the clear consensus among Councilors and community members to maintain the South End housing developments of Villa Victoria and Cathedral of precincts 8-1 and 9-1 resulted in the return of 5,385 residents to District 2, bringing the district total up to 82,091 residents. The frustrating reality of overdue reprecincting has led to bloated precinct populations, essentially creating a deadlocked buffer of large precincts on the border between districts which cannot be moved without causing excessive deviation.

Further, it must be noted that of the top ten neighborhoods which experienced the largest population growth from 2010 to 2020, half are generally located in District 2. While District 2 has a population of 13,481 above the ideal size, that growth is not proportional across the District's neighborhoods. The South Boston Waterfront grew by 3,690 residents (195.3 percent) and South Boston increased by 6,132 residents (19.3 percent), a combined population of 9,822 residents, or 72.9 percent, of District 2's excess population. In the 2012 cycle of redistricting, precincts 7-7, 7-8, 7-9, and 8-2 shifted to District 3 from District 2, where they had been since the first districts were drawn in 1983. This reflects the trajectory of district boundaries needing to shift toward centers of population growth. Recognizing and addressing this now will help limit the impact of future more drastic changes between districts in the next decade.

## **Recommendations for Future Redistricting Processes**

Redistricting is a response to a decade of population change, and our building blocks for new districts should adjust with that change. The City's exemption from the decennial division of wards and precincts should be repealed. Being confined to outdated and overgrown precincts is unsustainable and adversely impacts the entire process by jeopardizing other traditional redistricting principles. Lack of comprehensive reprecincting has been raised as an issue in multiple cycles of redistricting, and the Chair recommends that tangible solutions be pursued without waiting until the next decennial census. The City could petition the Legislature to authorize the Election Commissioners to draw new precincts without conflicting with state legislative and congressional district boundaries. The City could work with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to incorporate the new precincts into the Voter Registry Information System to avoid discrepancies between precincts for municipal and statewide elections. It is the Chair's belief that more manageable precinct sizes would allow for less strenuous redistricting processes.

During the redistricting process, Councilors have pondered the necessity of creating additional district seats in future decades. However, altering the composition of the City's legislative body would possibly require the election of a Charter commission under the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution. Boston continues to operate under the Charter established in 1951 without having exercised the home rule power to define its own governance. As the constitutional amendment passed in 1966, before district-based elections came into place for legislative bodies, the Charter commission process still requires the uncertainty of placing the responsibility to craft the City's entire government structure in the hands of a 13-member commission elected entirely at-large. If there is an interest in potentially expanding the size of the City Council, research should be conducted to identify the proper steps.

The Committee engaged the expertise of redistricting professionals too late in the process. Future redistricting cycles should involve City demographers and cartographers shortly after census results become available. Funds should also be appropriated to ensure outside legal counsel and election data analysts conduct racially polarized voting analysis to assess compliance with the Voting Rights Act prior to any proposed plans being drawn. Since this analysis requires the use of voting data, past election results should be approximated to the new precinct boundaries and all election data should be published in machine-readable formats.

Finally, sufficient and meaningful community engagement in the redistricting process is essential, and even this year's accelerated timeline is no exception. That is why an independent advisory commission representative of the City's residents should be established to support, inform, and monitor the Council through redistricting. Standards should be put in place to ensure that the future City Council tasked with drawing electoral district boundaries begins preparation for the community engagement process well in advance, shortly after the release of 2030 Census results in 2031. Many jurisdictions across the country begin their redistricting processes with a community of interest mapping drive, with resident input being taken into account and overlaid onto current and proposed districts. These recommendations would ensure that future redistricting processes are equitable and inclusive of all residents and communities in the City.

## **Committee Chair Recommended Action**

As Chair of the Committee on Redistricting, I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At that time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS IN A NEW DRAFT**.

For the Committee:

Inabeth Breadon

Liz Breadon, Chair Committee on Redistricting

Attachments

# All Districts Summary Report October 31 2022

# District<br/>No.D1Total Population 76,830Total Population 84,257Deviation1,758Dev. %2,342

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic	Total	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Non-Hispanic American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	some other race	Non-Hispanic two or more minority race
Total	24,552	52,278	76,830	41,564	3,108	339	5,030	30	1,662	545
Total%	31.96	68.04	100.00	54.10	4.05	0.44	6.55	0.04	2.16	0.71
Total18+	18,296	45,961	76,830	37,306	2,366	287	4,334	24	1,272	372
Total18+	28.47	71.53	119.57	58.06	3.68	0.45	6.74	0.04	1.98	0.58

District No.	D2
Total Population	74,912
Total Population 18+	68,225
Deviation	-160
Dev. %	-0.213

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic	Total	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Non-Hispanic American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic Asian		some other race	Non-Hispanic two or more minority race
Total	5,887	69,025	74,912	50,086	3,869	173	13,575	31	885	406
Total%	7.86	92.14	100.00	66.86	5.16	0.23	18.12	0.04	1.18	0.54
Total18+	4,857	63,368	74,912	46,700	3,280	145	12,127	29	775	312
Total18+	7.12	92.88	109.80	68.45	4.81	0.21	17.78	0.04	1.14	0.46

District No.	D3
Total Population	75,839
Total Population 18+	62,792
Deviation	767
Dev. %	1.022

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic	Total	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Non-Hispanic American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Non-Hispanic some other race	Non-Hispanic two or more minority race
Total	12,651	63,188	75,839	29,477	13,884	254	13,082	40	2,592	3,859
Total%	16.68	83.32	100.00	38.87	18.31	0.33	17.25	0.05	3.42	5.09
Total18+	9,192	53,600	75,839	26,864	10,693	217	10,783	37	2,087	2,919
Total18+	14.64	85.36	120.78	42.78	17.03	0.35	17.17	0.06	3.32	4.65

District No.

D4

District No.	D4
Total Population	72,917
Total Population 18+	54,939
Deviation	-2,155
Dev. %	-2.871

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic	Total	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Non-Hispanic American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	some other race	Non-Hispanic two or more minority race
Total	17,409	55,508	72,917	9,190	37,534	332	3,005	25	1,642	3,780
Total%	23.88	76.12	100.00	12.60	51.47	0.46	4.12	0.03	2.25	5.18
Total18+	11,648	43,291	72,917	7,956	28,634	263	2,353	18	1,189	2,878
Total18+9	21.20	78.80	132.72	14.48	52.12	0.48	4.28	0.03	2.16	5.24

District No.	D5
Total Population	75,436
Total Population 18+	59,652
Deviation	364
Dev. %	0.485

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic		Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Non-Hispanic American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	some other race	Non-Hispanic two or more minority race
Total	18,191	57,245	75,436	18,543	33,775	224	1,975	29	1,097	1,602

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic		Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Non-Hispanic American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Non-Hispanic some other race	Non-Hispanic two or more minority race
Total%	24.11	75.89	100.00	24.58	44.77	0.30	2.62	0.04	1.45	2.12
Total18+	13,274	46,378	75,436	15,959	26,590	200	1,579	26	824	1,200
Total18+	22.25	77.75	126.46	26.75	44.58	0.34	2.65	0.04	1.38	2.01

District No.	D6
Total Population	76,523
Total Population 18+	64,286
Deviation	1,451
Dev. %	1.933

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic	Total	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Non-Hispanic American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	race	Non-Hispanic two or more minority race
Total	12,660	63,863	76,523	46,579	7,839	245	7,194	36	1,237	733
Total%	16.54	83.46	100.00	60.87	10.24	0.32	9.40	0.05	1.62	0.96
Total18+	9,805	54,481	76,523	40,532	6,319	224	5,932	23	935	516
Total18+	15.25	84.75	119.04	63.05	9.83	0.35	9.23	0.04	1.45	0.80

District	D7
No.	

Total Population 72,147

District No.	D7
Total Population 18+	59,234
Deviation	-2,925
Dev. %	-3.896

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic	Total	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Non-Hispanic American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Non-Hispanic some other race	Non-Hispanic two or more minority race
Total	18,703	53,444	72,147	16,551	25,657	245	6,491	54	1,673	2,773
Total%	25.92	74.08	100.00	22.94	35.56	0.34	9.00	0.07	2.32	3.84
Total18+	13,519	45,715	72,147	15,668	20,286	195	6,087	53	1,297	2,129
Total18+9	22.82	77.18	121.80	26.45	34.25	0.33	10.28	0.09	2.19	3.59

District No.	D8
Total Population	76,370
Total Population 18+	71,921
Deviation	1,298
Dev. %	1.729

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic		Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Non-Hispania American Indian/ Alaskan Native	: Non-Hispanic Asian		Non-Hispanic some other race	Non-Hispanic two or more minority race
Total	7,633	68,737	76,370	45,468	5,078	233	3 16,327	47	1,114	470
Total%	9.99	90.01	100.00	59.54	6.65	0.3	1 21.38	0.06	1.46	0.62

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic		Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Non-Hispanio American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	some other race	Non-Hispanic two or more minority race
Total18+	6,704	65,217	76,370	43,540	4,503	202	2 15,551	41	1,005	375
Total18+	9.32	90.68	106.19	60.54	6.26	0.28	3 21.62	0.06	1.40	0.52

District No.	D9
Total Population	74,673
Total Population 18+	68,530
Deviation	-399
Dev. %	-0.531

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic		Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	Non-Hispanic American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic Asian		Non-Hispanic some other race	Non-Hispanic two or more minority race
Total	8,427	66,246	74,673	44,006	4,092	314	15,324	59	1,905	546
Total%	11.29	88.71	100.00	58.93	5.48	0.42	20.52	0.08	2.55	0.73
Total18+	6,912	61,618	74,673	41,506	3,538	285	14,247	55	1,568	419
Total18+	10.09	89.91	108.96	60.57	5.16	0.42	20.79	0.08	2.29	0.61

# City Council Redistricting - Docket #1275 Committee Report October 31st, 2022





# CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

# IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

# Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter Two is hereby amended by striking Section 2-9.2, as amended by Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 2012, and inserting in its place the following: –

The districts redrawn under the authority of Chapter 605 of the Acts of 1982 as amended by Chapter 343 of the Actions of 1986 are hereby redrawn, as follows: –

*District One*. Consisting of precincts numbered one through fourteen of Ward One; precincts numbered one through eight of Ward Two; and precincts numbered one through four, six, eleven, and thirteen of Ward Three.

*District Two*. Consisting of precincts numbered seven, eight, twelve, and fourteen through sixteen of Ward Three; precincts numbered one through three, five, and six of Ward Four; precincts numbered one, thirteen, and fourteen of Ward Five; precincts numbered four through twelve of Ward Six; precincts numbered one through four of Ward Seven; precinct numbered one of Ward Eight; and precinct numbered one of Ward Nine.

*District Three.* Consisting of precinct numbered fifteen of Ward One; precincts numbered one through three of Ward Six; precincts numbered five through ten of Ward Seven; precincts numbered two and six of Ward Eight; precincts numbered three and five through ten of Ward Thirteen; precincts numbered one, three, four, and six through nine of Ward Fifteen; and precincts numbered one through seven, nine, and ten of Ward Sixteen.

*District Four*. Consisting of precincts numbered one through thirteen of Ward Fourteen; precincts numbered two and five of Ward Fifteen; precincts numbered eight, eleven, and twelve of Ward Sixteen; precincts numbered one through fourteen of Ward Seventeen; and precinct numbered one of Ward Eighteen.

*District Five*. Consisting of precinct numbered fourteen of Ward Fourteen; precincts numbered two through twenty-three of Ward Eighteen; precincts numbered ten through thirteen of Ward Nineteen; and precincts numbered two, four, and nine of Ward Twenty.

*District Six.* Consisting of precincts numbered six through nine of Ward Ten; precincts numbered four through ten of Ward Eleven; precincts numbered one through nine of Ward Nineteen; and precincts numbered one, three, five through eight, and ten through twenty-one of Ward Twenty.

*District Seven.* Consisting of precincts numbered four, eight, nine, and eleven of Ward Four; precincts numbered three through five of Ward Eight; precincts numbered two through seven of Ward Nine; precincts numbered one through three of Ward Eleven; precincts numbered one through nine of Ward Twelve; and precincts numbered one, two, and four of Ward Thirteen.

*District Eight*. Consisting of precincts numbered five, nine, ten, and seventeen of Ward Three; precincts numbered seven, ten, and twelve of Ward Four; precincts numbered two through twelve and fifteen of Ward Five; precincts numbered one through five of Ward Ten; and precincts numbered one and two of Ward Twenty-One.

*District Nine*. Consisting of precincts numbered three through sixteen of Ward Twenty-One; and, precincts numbered one through thirteen of Ward Twenty-Two.

Filed in City Council: October 31, 2022

Offered by Councilor Kenzie Bok, Worrell, Baker, Breadon, Mejia, Arroyo, Murphy, Flaherty, Lara, Louijeane, Fernandes-Anderson and Flynn



# CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

# ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING A SUPPLEMENTAL SIDEWALK CLEARANCE PROGRAM DURING SNOWSTORMS IN BOSTON

- *WHEREAS*: During snowstorms, the City of Boston is responsible for clearing the roadway while property owners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks, but often sections of sidewalk and crosswalks, including at busy intersections, go uncleared; *and*
- *WHEREAS:* During each snowfall, City Councilors, the Mayor's Office, and 311 receive countless calls, emails, and messages from concerned constituents detailing where lack of snow removal has made their ability to get back to their home, to work, or to the grocery store, dangerous, difficult, or impossible; *and*
- *WHEREAS*: Lack of proper snow clearance by property owners has a disproportionate impact on the disabled community, individuals with mobility challenges, elders, parents and guardians with children and strollers, and residents without a vehicle, even to the point of making it untenable for certain people to leave their homes in the days after a heavy storm; *and*
- *WHEREAS*: The prioritization of road access over pedestrian access in the wake of a snow storm does not reflect the needs of the many Bostonians who do not own vehicles or routinely travel by car; *and*
- *WHEREAS*: In the City of Rochester, New York, while property owners are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalk in front of their property, the City provides the low-cost supplemental service of plowing sidewalks when there are new snow accumulations of four inches or more; *and*
- *WHEREAS*: The City of Rochester clears 878 miles of sidewalk when four inches of snow has fallen, with the sidewalk divided into 15 mile "plow runs" that take approximately five hours to clear, in the morning and evening where there is minimal pedestrian traffic; *and*
- *WHEREAS*: The City of Syracuse, New York also has a Supplemental Sidewalk Snow Removal Program, which was recently doubled in size to include approximately 100 miles of city sidewalks; *and*

- *WHEREAS*: Following a 2021 Boston City Council hearing focused on sidewalk snow removal, Councilor Kenzie Bok, leadership at the Public Works Department, and the Mayor's administration have worked together to find solutions for clearing essential sidewalks, crosswalks, and intersections during snowstorms; *and*
- *WHEREAS:* On a trial basis this winter, the City of Boston has taken the important step of adding additional skid-steer loaders to clear crosswalks and ramps in areas with heavy pedestrian traffic, and is testing how much area each piece of such equipment can reasonably clear in the period immediately after a storm; *and*
- *WHEREAS*: The City of Boston should use the information gathered from this exciting pilot this snow season to continue to make progress towards providing a supplemental snow removal service on City sidewalks during winter snow storms above a certain level of severity and snow accumulation, which could also provide a local workforce development opportunity; *NOW THEREFORE BE IT*
- *ORDERED*: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss progress towards a supplemental sidewalk clearance program in the City of Boston, and that representatives from the Public Works Department, 311, the Office of Workforce Development, the Office of Budget Management, and the public be invited to testify.
- Filed on: January 28, 2022

# OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MICHAEL FLAHERTY



# CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

### Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter Two be amended by striking 2-9.2 in its entirety and replacing it with the following new language:

The districts redrawn under the authority of Chapter 605 of the Acts of 1982 as amended by Chapter 343 of the Actions of 1986 are hereby redrawn, as follows:

District One - Consisting of precinct numbered one through fourteen of Ward One; precincts one through eight of Ward Two; precincts numbered one through four and precinct eleven of Ward Three.

District Two - Consisting of precinct number fifteen in Ward One; precincts seven, eight, and twelve through sixteen in Ward Three; precinct numbered one in Ward Five; precincts numbered one through twelve in Ward Six; precincts numbered one through seven in Ward Seven; precincts numbered one and eight in Ward Eight; and precinct number one in Ward Nine.

District Three - Consisting of precincts numbered eight through ten in Ward Seven; precincts numbered three and five through ten in Ward Thirteen; precincts numbered one through nine in Ward Fifteen; precincts numbered one through twelve in Ward Sixteen; and precincts numbered six and thirteen in Ward Seventeen.

District Four - Consisting of precinct numbered eight in Ward Eleven; precincts numbered one through fourteen in Ward Fourteen; precinct numbered one through five, seven through twelve and fourteen in Ward Seventeen; precincts numbered one through four and twenty-one in Ward Eighteen; and precincts numbered seven and twelve in Ward Nineteen.

District Five - Consisting of precincts numbered nine and ten in Ward Eleven; precincts numbered five through twenty, twenty-one and twenty-two in Ward Eighteen; precincts numbered nine, ten, eleven and thirteen in Ward Nineteen; and precincts numbered one through four, seven through nine, fifteen and twenty-one in Ward Twenty.

District Six - Consisting of precinct number ten in Ward Four; precincts numbered one through nine in Ward Ten; precincts numbered four through seven in Ward Eleven; precincts numbered one through six and eight in Ward Nineteen; precincts numbered five through six, ten through fourteen and sixteen through twenty in Ward Twenty.

District Seven - Consisting of precincts numbered four, eight, nine, and eleven in Ward Four; precincts numbered two through five in Ward Eight; precincts numbered two through seven in Ward Nine; precincts numbered one through three in Ward Eleven; precincts numbered one through nine in Ward Twelve; and precincts numbered one, two and four in Ward Thirteen.

District Eight - Consisting of precincts numbered five, six, nine, ten and seventeen in Ward Three; precincts numbered one through three and five through seven in Ward Four; precincts numbered two through fifteen in Ward Five; and precincts numbered one and two in Ward Twenty-One.

District Nine - Consisting of precincts numbered three through sixteen in Ward Twenty-One; and precincts numbered one through thirteen in Ward Twenty-Two.

Filed in Council: October 31, 2022




















#### **Offered by Councilor Michael Flaherty**



### CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

# ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING DIVERSION SERVICES FOR TRASH AT LARGE BOSTON VENUES

- *WHEREAS,* Large venues within the City of Boston produce tons of trash during each event held at the venue; and,
- *WHEREAS,* Large venues do not have the time, capacity or resources to sort the trash produced at each event; and,
- *WHEREAS,* Current waste streams from venues are simply disposed of at landfills or incinerators; and,
- *WHEREAS,* There are important environmental and economic impacts for the sorting of waste items for recycling; and,
- *WHEREAS,* Landfill waste diversion services that recover high value recyclable commodities from trash at major venues are important for the City of Boston; and,
- *WHEREAS,* Conserving landfill space and reduce climate polluting gases are major environmental policy goals for the City of Boston.

#### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to examine the diversion of trash in the interest of recovering recyclables at large Boston venues. Representatives of the City of Boston Public Works Department Sanitary and Recycling Divisions, City of Boston Environment Department as well as representatives from the Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics, Boston Bruins, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, House of Blues Boston, MGM Music Hall at Fenway, Boch Wang Theater, Boston College, Boston University and Northeastern University along with advocates, residents of the city and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: October 28, 2022

#### **OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL**



### CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

#### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE

- *WHEREAS,* The City Council has voted unanimously to declare gun violence a public health emergency; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Boston has experienced over 150 shootings this year alone; and
- WHEREAS, Victims of gun violence are increasingly students and young people; and
- WHEREAS, More children have been shot so far this year than in all of 2021; and
- **WHEREAS,** Gun violence impacts marginalized communities significantly more often than White communities, with more than 80% of gun violence victims in 2022 being Black or Latinx; and
- *WHEREAS,* Gun violence is concentrated in neighborhoods that have consistently been underinvested in and lack the civic and social infrastructure of wealthier and Whiter neighborhoods; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, Three out of four shootings occur in either Dorchester or Roxbury, primarily within City Council District 4; *and*
- *WHEREAS,* More than 50% of Boston Public Schools have had a shooting within a 5-minute walking radius; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Criminal justice responses are best utilized to respond to violence after-the-fact and public health responses are best utilized to prevent violence in the first place; *and*
- WHEREAS, The burdens of gun violence impact families long after the headlines stop; and
- *WHEREAS,* The City of Boston has both the ability and the responsibility to protect and support families as they navigate their lives post-shooting; *and*

- **WHEREAS,** Families and friends of those involved in gun violence may continue to be under threat of retaliation and may require City support in finding safe and secure housing and educational opportunities; *and*
- *WHEREAS,* Intervening in, disrupting, and ending cycles of violence requires collaborative, coordinated, community-based action; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, The City of Boston has historically found success in reducing gun violence with programs like the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative and The Boston Miracle, *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- **ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss appropriate public health and safety responses in conjunction with the community to address gun violence throughout the City with particular attention paid to City Council District 4, and that representatives from BPD, BPHC, Neighborhood Services, and other relevant and interested parties be invited to attend.

### **OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY**



### **CITY OF BOSTON**

#### IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

ORDER FOR THE ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING PROTOCOLS

- *WHEREAS*, On October 19th, 2022, the Boston City Council voted to adopt the amended version of Docket #1098, "Order for the Adoption of City Council Redistricting Principles," which outlines four principles that guide the City Council's current redistricting process; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, The four principles include: decorum, public participation, legal review, and consideration of proposals. In addition, the memorandum sent by Corporation Counsel on October 11th, 2022, also included specific protocols that the City Council should consider when redrawing the Council districts; *and*
- *WHEREAS,* The memorandum was prepared by Professor Jeffrey Wice, Adjunct Professor/Senior Fellow at New York Law School, who is a specialist in redistricting and identified as a resource on the redistricting process and is contracted by Corporation Counsel; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, The memorandum listed Redistricting Protocols that the City Council should consider in redrawing Council districts; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, Redistricting Protocols include: population equality, minority voting rights, compactness, contiguity, and preservation of neighborhoods, communities of interest, ban on partisanship, and maintaining existing district boundaries; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, Professor Wice confirmed in his statement, "there is currently no risk of a Voting Rights Act violation under the current Council map enacted in 2012"; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, Historic context led the Boston City Council's Committee on Census and Redistricting to facilitate 2011-2012 redistricting processes by intentionally prioritizing meaningful engagement of residents from marginalized communities and neighborhoods historically split across district lines, with ample time to scrutinize proposals at dozens of public hearings and committee meetings spanning more than one year; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, The Council should offer public hearings in communities across the City, especially in those communities that will be most disrupted by precinct changes. Making sure to have a clear, transparent process with notices put out in native

languages. Sufficiently advertise the public hearings so residents are aware of the public hearings and can attend to have their voices heard. The translation must be provided for equitable access; *and* 

- *WHEREAS*, The Committee Chair must appropriate funds so the process of redistricting can ensure language access, legal support, facilitators, mediators, experts, and a budget to advertise the process to the residents so there is proper community engagement; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, These protocols have been adopted across the country and state, and offer clarity on how Council districts should be redrawn, and should also be adopted as part of the City Council redistricting process; *NOW*, *THEREFORE BE IT*
- **ORDERED:** That the Boston City Council adopt the following protocols in redrawing City Council districts, pursuant to chapter 605 of the Acts of 1982, as amended by chapter 343 of the Acts of 1986:

**Minority Voting Rights:** the voting rights of minority voters must be respected when developing a new map. In general, the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) prohibits the imposition of any voting qualification, practice, or procedure that results in the denial or abridgment of any citizen's right to vote on account of race, color, or status as a member of a language minority group. Covered language minorities include American Indians, Asian Americans, Alaskan Natives, and Spanish-heritage populations. Section 2 of the VRA specifically prohibits vote dilution when voters are dispersed ("cracked") among districts, making them an ineffective voting block, or if they are overly concentrated ("packed") in any one district creating an "excessive" majority.

The VRA requires the creation of an effective minority district where it can be demonstrated that the minority community (1) comprises at least 50% of an ideal, contiguous, and reasonably compact district's voting age population; (2) minority voters vote cohesively for the same candidates; and (3) there is a significantly high level of racially polarized voting where the majority votes sufficiently as a bloc to prevent minority voters from electing their preferred candidates of choice. The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prevents racial gerrymandering, prohibiting the drawing of maps that excessively segregates voters by race in a district.

It is necessary to comply with the 14th amendment and VRA requirements by avoiding discriminatory intent and the discriminatory effect of minimizing or canceling out the voting strength of members of racial or language minority groups in the voting population. Racial voting data analysis may be used to demonstrate that minority votes are not "diluted" and that race is not used as the predominant factor to draw districts (where vote dilution is not at issue). Each district must be evaluated based on local voting patterns and population data.

**Compactness:** districts should have a minimum distance between all parts of a district, subject to addressing other protocols. Several mathematical models have been developed to determine compactness that is used to compare competing plans.

**Contiguity:** all parts of a district should be connected geographically at some point with the rest of the district. In Boston, all districts must include contiguous precincts.

**Preservation of Neighborhoods:** Consideration must be given to drawing districts that respect the boundaries of Boston's recognized neighborhoods.

**Communities of Interest:** these districts include geographical areas where residents have common demographic interests that can include socio-economic, religious, academic, business, medical, or other recognizable characteristics. Communities of interest might not follow political subdivision boundaries.

Boston's City Charter prioritizes neighborhoods as required protocols, making other "communities of interest" a lesser priority in the redistricting process.

Ban on Partisanship: not favoring or disfavoring political parties, candidates, or incumbents.

**Maintaining Existing District Boundaries:** using current district boundaries as a determinant for making the least changes necessary.

Filed in Council: November 2nd, 2022

### BOSTON CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL

October 27, 2022

Councilor Flynn (Councilor Bok)

**ORDERED:** That effective Saturday, October 29, 2022 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, December 16, 2022.

**BiWeekly Payroll** 

Anthony Baez	Secretary	\$2,307.70	full time
Jacob Werner	Administrative Asst.	\$2,115.40	full time

### BOSTON CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL

October 28, 2022

Councilor Flynn

**ORDERED:** That effective Saturday, November 5, 2022 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, December 16, 2022.

**BiWeekly Payroll** 

Ethan Vara Television Operations & Technology Director \$3,076.94 full time

### BOSTON CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL

October 31, 2022

Councilor Flynn (Councilor Fernandes Anderson)

**ORDERED:** That effective Saturday, November 12, 2022 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, December 16, 2022.

**BiWeekly Payroll** 

James Lambert III

Secretary

\$3,461.54

full time



### **Boston City Council**

Legislative Calendar for the November 2, 2022 Session

### Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon<sup>1</sup>

#### <sup>1</sup>Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.

### On after November 6, 2022

City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #266.19, The Tileston House, Dorchester, MA. (Docket #1264)

### On after November 13, 2022

City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #274.21, Mt. Calvary Holy Church Congregation Shara Tfilo Synagogue, Roxbury, MA. (Docket #1265)

City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #214.05, Blessed Sacrament Complex, Jamaica Plain, MA. (Docket #1266)

### On after November 14, 2022

City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #269.21 Frederick Ayer Mansion Interior, Back Bay, MA. (Docket #1267)

City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #269.20 The Howe - Kingsley House Dorchester, MA. (Docket #1268)

On after December 17, 2022

Message and order for your approval an order amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances V, Section 5-5.10 regarding Salary Categories for Certain Offices, and City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter II, Section 2-8.1, Salary of City Councilors, and Section 2-7.11, Salary of the Mayor. (Docket #1243)

### **Assigned for Further Action**

Message and order for an appropriation order in the amount of Thirty Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$30,300.000.00) to cover the cost designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new building for the Josiah Quincy Upper School. (Docket#1210)

Message disapproving an ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances V, Section 5-5.10 regarding Salary Categories for Certain Offices, and City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter II, Section 2-8.1, Salary of the Mayor, (Docket #0920), passed by the City Council October 6, 2022. (Docket #1242)

On the Table

#### **Unanswered Section 17F Orders**<sup>2</sup>

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: relative to the COVID-19 vaccination mandate for City of Boston employees. (Docket #0156)

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: relative to the Best Western Roundhouse Hotel. (Docket #0157)

Order requesting certain information under section 17F re: to the Boston Police Department's roster, unit assignments, complaints history, individual overtime records, and revenue sources. (Docket #0892)

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F: relative to census demographic data. (Docket #1107)

2 - Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.

#### <sup>3</sup>Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:

Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.

### Matters in Committee

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

Ordinances:	Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
Loan Orders:	Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
Orders:	Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
Home Rule Petitions:	Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
Order for a Hearing:	A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.

*Legislative Resolution*: A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

## 2022 MATTERS IN COMMITTEE

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture & Special Events	1246	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Boston Planning and Development Agency in an amount not to exceed Four Million Six Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Nine Dollars (\$4,601,589.00) which will be allocated to the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture for its work on public arts and culture efforts.	10/19/2022	11/15/22	
Arts, Culture, & Special Events	0799	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston Red Sox Arts Fund, awarded by the Boston Red Sox to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund programs supported by the Boston Cultural Council, with a portion directed specifically to Fenway-area groups or artists.	6 /29/2022	11/15/22	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0194	Bok	Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 recovery funds.	1 /26/2022	3/4/22	6/22/22 Working Session
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0436	Breadon		Order for a hearing on the state of Boston's non- governmental, nonprofit social sector and charting a post- pandemic recovery.	3 /30/2022	5/3/22, 5/27/22	5/4/22 Remains in committee
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0511	Bok	Baker	Order for a hearing to utilize federal COVID recovery funds to construct municipal composting infrastructure.	4 /13/2022	6/3/22	5/20/22 Working Session
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0512	Worrell	Flaherty, Bok	Order for a hearing regarding allocating ARPA funds to a homeownership voucher program.	4 /13/2022	6/1/22	5/20/22 Working Session
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0547	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing to utilize American Resue Plan Act federal and state Covid recovery funds to create housing options for returning citizens.	4 /27/2022	6/1/22	5/20/22 Working Session

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0590	Fernandes Anderson	Murphy, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss ways in which ARPA funding can support an ecosystem of non-profit holistic wraparound health services for disenfranchised populations.	5 /4 /2022	6/3/22	5/20/22 Working Session
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0638	Flynn	Flaherty, Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss the possibility of allocating ARPA fund for the expansion of South Boston Community Health Center.	5 /18/2022	6/3/22	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0640	Breadon		Order for a hearing on appropriating federal relief funds to stabilize and expand public sector personnel capacity beyond pre-pandemic levels.	5 /18/2022	6/3/22	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0652	Bok	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funding to improve digital equity in the City of Boston.	5 /18/2022	6/3/22	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0767	Lara	Baker, Flaherty	Order for a hearing to utilize American Rescue Plan Act federal and state COVID recovery funds to buy-back Hackney Carriage Medallions.	6 /15/2022		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0963	Bok	Worrell, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding enhancing Boston's COVID recovery via grants provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.	8 /10/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0196	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding municipal broadband for the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0202	Breadon		Order for a hearing regarding the BCYF Jackson Mann Community Center and services in Allston-Brighton.	1 /26/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0241	Bok	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding a supplemental sidewalk clearance program during snowstorms in Boston.	2 /2 /2022	11/1/22	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0242	Bok	Breadon, Flaherty	Order for a hearing regarding recycling, compost, and waste services in the City of Boston.	2 /2 /2022	3/28/22	3/30/22 Remains in committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services & Innovation Technology	0246	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address the changes to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that the Vaccine Mandate Created.	2 /2 /2022	2/11/22	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0290	Flynn	Mejia, Bok	Order for a hearing to discuss ways for the city to increase communications access for people with disabilities to public-facing televisions.	2 /16/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0292	Breadon		Order for a hearing regarding access to low-cost veterinary care.	2 /16/2022	9/13/22	9/14/22 Remains in committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0293	Breadon	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding transparency and publication of the Organization of City Government, the City Charter, and City Ordinances.	2 /16/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0311	Flaherty	Breadon, Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the safety of construction sites in the City of Boston.	2 /16/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0382	Breadon		Order for a hearing on the importance of census and demographic data and the consequences of an undercount.	3 /16/2022	9/13/22	9/14/22 Remains in committee
City Services & Innovation Technology	0439	Fernandes Anderson	Arroyo	Order for a hearing to explore a digital marketplace pilot program.	3 /30/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0467	Flynn	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss pest control in the City of Boston.	4 /6 /2022	8/1/22	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0587	Lara	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of inequitable housing code enforcement and Boston's proactive rental insepction program.	5 /4 /2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0634	Lara		Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a civilian construction details program.	5 /18/2022		

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services & Innovation Technology	0636	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the initiation of a study that assesses life insurance need for low-income residents.	5 /18/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0637	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss reinforcing fines or implementing funding for distressed provately owned buildings and vacant lots.	5 /18/2022		8/30/22 Hearing canceled
City Services & Innovation Technology	0723	Louijeune	Flaherty, Beadon	Order for a hearing on fire and emergency disaster relief services in the City of Boston.	6 /8 /2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0922	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Public Schools for FY23 in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,510,820.00) to cover the FY23 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% in the second and third year of the contract; increases to the report rate and other reforms.	8 /10/2022	9/27/22	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0923	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Five Hundred Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,510,820.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for the FY23 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev.	8 /10/2022	9/27/22	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0924	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Public Schools for FY23 in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$13,767.00) to cover the FY23 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Teamsters Local 25. The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2%, 1.5% and 2%, to be given in October of each fiscal year of the contract terms.	8 /10/2022	9/27/22	

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services & Innovation Technology	0925	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty- Seven Dollars (\$13,767.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for the FY23 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and Teamsters, Local 25.	8 /10/2022	9/27/22	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0965	Bok	Breadon, Coletta	Order for a hearing on increasing Green Stormwater Infrastructure Capacity at Boston Water & Sewer and the City of Boston.	8 /10/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0966	Coletta	Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding the coordination of construction and utility permits.	8 /10/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1144	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address the facility conditions of all BCYF's pools to ensure city services to all residents.	9 /21/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1145	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address the current lifeguard shortage affecting the BCYF's pools.	9 /21/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1188	Lara	Arroyo	Order for a hearing to discuss the BPPA contract timeline, community process and prioities.	9 /28/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1218	Flynn		Order for a Hearing to Discuss the Safety of Light Poles, Bridges, and Other Public Infrastructure in the City of Boston.	10/5 /2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	1328	Bok	Louijeune, Flynn	Order for a Hearing to discuss trash containerization in Boston.	10/26/2022		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0197	Mejia		Order for a hearing addressing civil rights in the creation of sanctuary safe spaces in Boston.	1 /26/2022		

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Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0323	Lara		Order for a hearing to discuss restoring municipal voting rights to immigrants with legal status.	3 /2 /2022		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0324	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	3 /2 /2022	4/20/22	
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0885	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss an increase in racist incidents in Boston and the Human Rights Commission's role in tracking, reporting, and addressing discrimination and civil rights violations.	7 /13/2022		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	1148	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on the needs and services for migrant populations.	9 /21/2022		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	1276	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on Discrimination in Lending and Appraisals.	10/19/2022		
Education	0198	Mejia		Order for a hearing addressing sexual assault and harassment in Boston Public Schools.	1 /26/2022	6/16/22	
Education	0199	Mejia		Order for a hearing on state receivership for Boston Public Schools.	1 /26/2022	4/11/22	4/13/22 Remains in committee
Education	0201	Breadon		Order for a hearing regarding the Jackson/Mann and Horace Mann BPS school communities.	1 /26/2022		
Education	0261	Flaherty	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss declining enrollment at Boston Public Schools.	2 /9 /2022		
Education	0294	Worrell	Murphy, Flaherty	Order for a hearing regarding a cradle to career tracking system.	2 /16/2022	3/21/22	3/23/22 Remains in committee, 8/11/22 Working Session

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Education	0440	Murphy	Louijeune, Breadon	Order for a hearing to address the lack of athletic opportunities for our students.	3 /30/2022		
Education	0468	Mejia		Order for a hearing on Establishing a Mental Health Curriculum in Boston Public Schools.	4 /6 /2022		7/11/22 Hearing canceled
Education	0884	Lara	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the academic performance and social-emotional well-being of LGBTQ+ students in Boston Public Schools.	7 /13/2022		
Education	1240	Mejia		Order for a hearing on "Green New Deal For BPS" plans, specifically the plan to merge six schools into three and split each of them onto two campuses.	10/5 /2022		
Education	1279	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune, Mejia Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss how the Boston Public Schools can more effectively support the needs of its Muslim students.	10/19/2022		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	0195	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding a city-level Conservation Corps for Boston.	1 /26/2022	3/29/22	3/30/22 Remains in committee
Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	0243	Bok	Breadon, Flaherty	Order for a hearing regarding gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment.	2 /2 /2022		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	0588	Lara	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss the Malcolm X Park renovation.	5 /4 /2022	5/13/22	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	0965	Bok	Breadon, Coletta	Order for a hearing on increasing Green Stormwater Infrastructure Capacity at Boston Water & Sewer and the City of Boston.	8 /10/2022		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	1032	Murphy	Baker	Order for a hearing to discuss the cleanliness and safety conditions at Clifford Park.	8 /31/2022	10/14/22	

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	1105	Coletta	Bok, Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding a Tree Mitigation Fund for the City of Boston.	9 /14/2022		
Government Accountability, Transparency, & Access	0617	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards service provision and spending on ELL students.	5 /11/2022		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0200	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment	1 /26/2022	3/22/22	3/23/22 Remains in committee
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0642	Mejia		Oder for a hearing on Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility of of decision-making protocols in city government.	5 /18/2022		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0684	Mejia	Flynn, Arroyo	Order for a hearing on accountability and accessibility of language access services in the City of Boston.	5 /25/2022		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0724	Mejia	Lara, Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on an Audit for Boston Public Schools Special Education services and return on investment.	6 /8 /2022		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0725	Mejia	Lara, Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding the Boston Public Schools Transportation System.	6 /8 /2022	11/10/22	
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	1034	Mejia	Coletta	Order for a hearing on Government Accountability and Transparency Around The Clougherty Pool Closure in Charlestown.	8 /31/2022	10/12/22	
Government Operations	0185	Mejia	Bok	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Granting the City of Boston the Authority to Provide Legal Voting Rights in Municipal Elections for City of Boston Residents Aged 16 and 17 Years Old.	1 /26/2022	3/15/22	3/16/22 Remains in committee, 6/13/22 Working Session, 6/15/22 Remains in committee
Government Operations	0187	Arroyo	Mejia	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1 /26/2022	4/11/22	3/7/22 Hearing postponed, 4/14/22 Working Session, 4/13/22 Remains in committee

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Government Operations	0188	Arroyo	Mejia	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022	3/31/22	4/8/22 Working Session, 4/20/22 Working Session postponed
Government Operations	0189	Arroyo	Breadon	Ordinance establishing protections for the City of Boston Tree Canopy.	1 /26/2022		
Government Operations	0239	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson, Worrell	An Ordinance Creating a Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans.	2 /2 /2022	3/28/22	3/30/22 Remains in committee, 11/3/22 Working Session
Government Operations	0247	Mejia		Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to establish formula retail uses.	2 /2 /2022		
Government Operations	0322	Murphy		Home rule petition to address Public Health Reform.	3 /2 /2022		
Government Operations	0465	Worrell	Louijeune, Arroyo	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Authorizing Additional Licenses for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages to be Drunk on the Premises in Boston.	4 /6 /2022	6/16/22	
Government Operations	0466	Arroyo		Ordinance Creating a Municipal Identification Card in the City of Boston.	4 /6 /2022		
Government Operations	0545	Breadon	Louijeune, Mejia	Ordinance providing for remote participation inmeetings of public bodies.	4 /27/2022		7/6/22 Hearing postponed
Government Operations	0639	Bok	Flynn	Petition for a special law regarding an act to make certain changes in the law relative to the Historic Beacon Hill District.	5 /18/2022		
Government Operations	1147	Louijeune	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss City of Boston Code Chapter 12 Section 16 Safe Sharps Disposal Program.	9 /21/2022		

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Government Operations	1214	Louijeune	Arroyo, Bok	Ordinance and Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to Honey Bees.	10/5 /2022		
Government Operations	1242	Mayor		Message disapproving an ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances V, Section 5-5.10 regarding Salary Categories for Certain Offices, and City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter II, Section 2-8.1, , Salary of the Mayor, (Docket #0920), passed by the City Council October 6, 2022. Salary of City Councilors, and Section 2-7.11, Salary of the Mayor, (Docket #0920), passed by the City Council October 6, 2022.	10/19/2022		Assigned for further action
Government Operations	1243	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances V, Section 5-5.10 regarding Salary Categories for Certain Offices, and City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter II, Section 2-8.1, Salary of City Councilors, and Section 2-7.11, Salary of the Mayor. Filed in Office of the City Clerk on October 17, 2022.	10/19/2022		
Government Operations	1324	Baker		Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Directing the City of Boston Police Department to Waive the Maximum Age Requirement for Police Officers for Wan Pierre-Louis.	10/26/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0190	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding increasing public housing in the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0193	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding reducing barriers to securing rental housing in Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0204	Bok	Breadon, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding homeownership assistance including for first-generation homebuyers.	1 /26/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0244	Breadon	Bok, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to review affirmative marketing practices for re-leasing existing affordable rental units generated by the Inclusionary Development Policy.	2 /2 /2022		

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Housing & Community Development	0357	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to explore a Rent-to-Own Pilot Program.	3 /9 /2022	8/23/22	
Housing & Community Development	0461	Lara	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding the State of Affordable Housing and Boston's Inclusionary Development Policy.	3 /30/2022	4/22/22	
Housing & Community Development	0616	Mejia	Lara, Worrell	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	5 /11/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0887	Louijeune	Bok, Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	7 /13/2022		
Housing & Community Development	1327	Lara	Coletta	Order for a Hearing Assessing the Need for a Text Amendment for the Boston Zoning Code Relative to Special Protection Zones.	10/26/2022		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0291	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	2 /16/2022	3/25/22	3/15/22 Hearing canceled
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0296	Louijeune		Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	2 /16/2022	4/29/22	
PILOT Agreements, Institutional, & Intergovernmental	0635	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss ways of creating a partnership between colleges and high schools that will create jobs and academic support for students.	5 /18/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0191	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding zoning relief for affordable projects.	1 /26/2022	11/10/22	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0192	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding using planning and land-use tools for public good.	1 /26/2022	3/22/22	3/3/22 Hearing postponed, 3/23/22 Remains in committee

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0381	Edwards		Order for a hearing to discuss the regulation and siting of cannabis establishments in the City of Boston and the Zoning Board of Appeals.	3 /16/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0722	Coletta		Order for a hearing regarding a comprehensive, district- wide planning process for Boston's Waterfront.	6 /8 /2022	9/22/22	8/11/22 Hearing postponed
Planning, Development & Transportation	0917	Flaherty	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the South Boston Waterfront strategic transit plan.	7 /13/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0930	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Planning and Development Agency in the amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-Two, Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297.00) for the costs related to transportation improvement projects.	8 /10/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0962	Flynn		Order for hearing to discuss safety concerns associated with Double-Decker Sightseeing Buses and requirement of Double Decker Bus Public Saefty Measures in the City of Boston.	8 /10/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1012	Murphy	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to discuss the strategy to prepare residents for a month long shutdown of the MBTA.	8 /10/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1166	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Million Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7,501,200.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal Highway Administration Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Works Department. The grant will fund a portion of the design cost for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue project.	9 /28/2022		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	1168	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the 2022 Transportation Planning Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department. The grant will fund a portion of the design costs for the Sullivan/Rutherford Avenue project.	9 /28/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1169	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of David Aiken as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2023.	9 /28/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1170	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Raheem Shepard as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2023.	9 /28/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1171	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the re- appointment of Sherry Dong as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2023.	9 /28/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1172	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the re- appointment of Hansy Better Barraza as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2024.	9 /28/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1173	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Giovanny Valencia as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2024.	9 /28/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1174	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Alaa Mukahhal as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2024.	9 /28/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1175	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Theodora Massouh as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2024.	9 /28/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1176	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Alan E. Langham as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2025.	9 /28/2022		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	1177	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Norm Stembridge as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2025.	9 /28/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1178	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Shavel'le Olivier as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2025.	9 /28/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1179	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of David Collins as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2025.	9 /28/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1212	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Katie Whewell as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2024.	10/5 /2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1213	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the re- appointment of Jeanne Pinado as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2024.	10/5 /2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1214	Louijeune	Arroyo, Bok	Ordinance and Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to Honey Bees.	10/5 /2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1219	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing regarding calling for a moratorium on all development on all city-owned land in District Seven prior to the Request for Proposal Process.	10/5 /2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1249	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars (\$167,104.00) in the form of a Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program grant, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund the procurement and deployment of Level III DC Fast Charge Electric Vehicle charging stations in Allston, Dorchester, Hyde Park and Roslindale, be available to the general public for 24 hours a day.	10/19/2022		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	1257	Mayor		Petition of WeDriveU, for a license to operate motor vehicles for the carriage of passengers for hire over certain streets in Boston.	10/19/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1264	Mayor		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #266.19, The Tileston House, Dorchester, MA. (In effect after November 6, 2022 if not acted upon).	10/19/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1265	Mayor		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a	10/19/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1266	Mayor		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #214.05, Blessed Sacrament Complex, Jamaica Plain, MA. (In effect after November 13, 2022 if not acted upon).	10/19/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1267	Mayor		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #269.21 Frederick Ayer Mansion Interior, Back Bay, Ma. (In effect after November 14, 2022 if not acted upon).	10/19/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	1268	Mayor		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #269.20. the Howe - Kingsley House Dorchester, Ma. (In effect after November 14, 2022 if not acted upon).	10/19/2022		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	1326	Coletta		Order for a Hearing on the Review of the Zoning Board of Appeal Executive Order.	10/26/2022		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	1278	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the need for a health center in Nubian Square.	10/19/2022		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	1280	Flaherty		Order for a hearing regarding the distribution of drug paraphernalia in the Newmarket Area of Boston.	10/19/2022		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0245	Murphy		Order for a hearing to address the youth mental health crisis in our city.	2 /2 /2022	5/6/22	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0263	Baker	Murphy	Order for a hearing to address the public health declaration of 2020.	2 /9 /2022	2/24/22	2/17/22 Hearing rescheduled
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0409	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss developing an app to support parental involvement and support.	3 /23/2022	9/22/22	8/22/22 Hearing canceled
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0882	Lara	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's plan to eradicate youth and young adult homelessness, receive updates on implementation and progress specific to LGBTQ+ youth.	7 /13/2022		10/17/22 Hearing Canceled
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0883	Lara	Arroyo	Order for a hearing to discuss the disproportionate criminalization of the LGBTQ+ community and their health and well-being while incarcerated.	7 /13/2022		10/20/22 Hearing Canceled
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0886	Louijeune	Мејіа	Order for a hearing to discuss regulation of limited service pregnancy centers and crisis pregnancy centers in the City of Boston.	7 /13/2022		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0915	Coletta	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding contraception and Menstrual Product Vending Machines in the City of Boston.	7 /13/2022		

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0964	Murphy	Baker	Order for a heaaring to address the Monkeypox virus and the City's strategy for the breakout.	8 /10/2022	10/13/22	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	1033	Murphy	Baker	Order for a hearing to address the humanitarian crisis at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard and Section 35 as a treatment option.	8 /31/2022	12/1/22	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0880	Arroyo		Order for a hearing to discuss the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) and Boston Police Department (BPD) response to the escalation of white supremacist groups in Boston.	7 /13/2022		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0888	Murphy	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to ensure that all incidents of bullying and violence are properly reported to ensure a safe environment for all students and staff in the Boston Public Schools.	7 /13/2022	9/15/22, 9/19/22, 10/18/22	9/21/22 Remains in Committee, 10/19/2022 Remains in Committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0921	Mayor		Message and order for your review the Surveillance Use Policies from each City department or agency subject to the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63 (the "Ordinance).	8 /10/2022		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1104	Coletta	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to address contaminated beverages in clubs and bars.	9 /14/2022	10/28/2022	
Public Safety and Criminal Justice	1247	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$441,825.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY22 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant-Local Allocation, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Domestic Violence Management Analyst at the Family Justice Center, a Hub & Center of Responsibility Coordinator and a Technology Coordinator for multiple data collection, reporting and records management systems.	10/19/2022		

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Public Safety and Criminal Justice	1248	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$315,365.00) in the form of a grant for the FY2022 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two Criminalist positions, lab supplies, equipment and continuing education expenses.	10/19/2022		
Redistricting	0881	Arroyo		Order for a hearing to discuss the results of the 2020 census and redistricting process for the City of Boston.	7 /13/2022	8/4/22	8/16/22 Working Session postponed
Redistricting	1186	Arroyo	Fernandes Anderson	An Ordinance Amending City Council Electoral Districts.	9 /28/2022	10/7/22, 10/24/22	10/21/2022 Working Session, 10/24/2022 Working Session, 10/25/2022 Working Session, 10/26/2022 Remains in Committee
Redistricting	1215	Murphy		Ordinance Amending City Council Electoral Districts.	10/5 /2022	10/7/22, 10/24/22	10/21/2022 Working Session, 10/24/2022 Working Session, 10/25/2022 Working Session, 10/26/2022 Remains in Committee
Redistricting	1216	Breadon	Worrell	Ordinance Amending City Council Electoral Districts.	10/5 /2022	10/7/22, 10/24/22	10/21/2022 Working Session, 10/24/2022 Working Session, 10/25/2022 Working Session, 10/26/2022 Remains in Committee
Redistricting	1273	Baker		Ordinance Amending City Council Electoral Districts.	10/19/2022	10/7/22, 10/24/22	10/21/2022 Working Session, 10/24/2022 Working Session, 10/25/2022 Working Session, 10/26/2022 Remains in Committee
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Redistricting	1275	Breadon	Аггоуо	Ordinance Amending City Council Electoral Districts.	10/19/2022	10/7/22, 10/24/22	10/21/2022 Working Session, 10/24/2022 Working Session, 10/25/2022 Working Session, 10/26/2022 Remains in Committee
Rules & Administration	1106	Flynn		Order for a meeting to review the Boston City Council Rules.	9 /14/2022		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0469	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	4 /6 /2022	8/29/22	8/2/22 Hearing postponed, 8/15/22 Hearing postponed, 8/31/22 Remains in committee
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0589	Mejia		Order for a hearing on diversifying cannabis business models.	5 /4 /2022		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0768	Mejia	Arroyo	Order for a hearing on expanding access for minority business enterprises into high volume commercial centers.	6 /15/2022		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0866	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY23 Local Consumer Program, awarded by the MA Attorney General to be administered by Consumer Affairs and Licensing. The grant will fund staff cost and operational expenses.	7 /13/2022		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	0546	Flynn	Lara	Order or a hearing to discuss increasing access to swimming lessons and awareness of water safety.	4 /27/2022		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	0931	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Sixty Eight Cents (\$2,299,117.68) in the form of a grant for the FY23 State Elder Lunch Program, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston, at the rate of \$7.39 per meal for up to 311,112 meals.	8 /10/2022		

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Strong Women, Families & Communities	1134	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Sixty Six Dollars (\$1,969,066.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY23 Title III-C Nutrition Services Program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston. These services are enhanced by Federal Nutrition Services Incentive Program and the State Elder Lunch Program grants.	9 /21/2022		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	1135	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$1,006,875.00) in the form of a grant for the FY23 Title III-B Supportive Services, awarded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund home-based support services for older adults in the City of Boston.	9 /21/2022		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	1136	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Two Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$987,452.44) in the form of a grant, from the Federal FY22 Nutrition Services Incentive Program, awarded by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed though the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.	9 /21/2022		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	1137	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$524,287.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY23 Title III-E Family Caregiver Support Program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund Caregiver Services for older adults in the City of Boston.	9 /21/2022		

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Strong Women, Families & Communities	1138	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$424,821.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY23 Title III-A, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund cost for administration of Title-III programs.	9 /21/2022		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	1139	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$177,271.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY23 Title III-Ombudsman Program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund consumer protection programs to improve long- term services for older adults in the City of Boston.	9 /21/2022		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	1140	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy Eight Thousand Sixty Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$78,695.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY23 Title III-D Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund services that assist older adults in Boston to prevent illness and manage chronic conditions.	9 /21/2022		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	1187	Lara	Flaherty	Order for a Hearing to Assess the Need for a Senior Center in the Neighborhood of West Roxbury.	9 /28/2022		
Ways & Means	0262	Flaherty		Order for a hearing to discuss offering property tax abatements to property owners in the Newmarket area.	2 /9 /2022		
Ways & Means	0295	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing and community investments.	2 /16/2022	4/5/22	4/6/22 Remains in committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Ways & Means	0400	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss how the City budget is addressing equity.	3 /16/2022	4/1/22	9/6/22 Hearing canceled
Ways & Means	0683	Breadon	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss solutions to historic and disproportionate state disinvestment in the City of Boston.	5 /25/2022		
Ways & Means	1210	Mayor		Message and order for an appropriation order in the amount of Thirty Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$30,300.000.00) to cover the cost designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new building for the Josiah Quincy Upper School.	10/5 /2022	10/17/22	Read for the first time. Assigned for futher action. 10/19/2022
Whole	0325	Breadon	Flynn	Order for a Committee Meeting to discuss the organization of quasi-public and semi-independent entities related to the City of Boston.	3 /2 /2022		





Official Resolution Offered by Councilor At-Large Michael J Flaherty

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations

to:

## John Linehan

In Recognition of:

His thirty years of dedicated service to the Boston Public Schools, the City of Boston and it's residents.

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

Edward M. Lynn

President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the City of Boston

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Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Official Resolution Presented by Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

## **Pasteur Bob Deschamps**

In Recognition of:

A deep devotion to serve the Haitian Community through the Association and in celebrating of your investiture to the Executive Committee of the Fellowship of the Haitian Evangelical pastors of New England

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

> By: \_\_\_\_\_ President of the City Council Attest: Clerk of the City of Boston Offered hy: Date:





Official Resolution Presented by **Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune** Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to **Pasteur Lucien Myrthil** 

In Recognition of:

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By: \_\_\_\_\_\_President of the City Council
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_\_
Date:





Official Resolution Presented by **Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune** Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to **Dr. Soliny Vedrine** 

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In Recognition of:

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_\_
Date:





Official Resolution Presented by **Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune** Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

### **Pasteur Varnel Antoine**

In Recognition of:

A deep devotion to serve the Haitian Community through the Association and in celebrating of your investiture to the Executive Committee of the Fellowship of the Haitian Evangelical pastors of New England

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Date: \_\_\_\_\_





Official Resolution Presented by **Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune** Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

## **Dr. Willguymps Charles**

In Recognition of:

A deep devotion to serve the Haitian Community through the Association and in celebrating of your investiture to the Executive Committee of the Fellowship of the Haitian Evangelical pastors of New England

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_\_
Date:





Official Resolution Presented by **Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune** Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to **Pasteur Jean Marie Clerveau** 

In Recognition of:

A deep devotion to serve the Haitian Community through the Association and in celebrating of your investiture to the Executive Committee of the Fellowship of the Haitian Evangelical pastors of New England

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ President of the City Council
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_\_
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# **Official Resolution**

Presented by Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to

# **Greg Larson**

On the Occasion of:

Your 40th birthday. May love, curiosity, health, & happiness continue to be your bedfellows for all the years to come





Official Resolution Offered by Councilor At-Large Michael F Flaherty

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations

to:

#### Candace Morales

In Recognition of:

Black History Month and her many artistic talents and hard work as the Founder of Six Stones Productions Company

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

Edward M. Flynn

President of the City Council

Attest:

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by:

Date: February 23, 2022





Official Resolution Offered by **Councilor At-Large Michael F Flaherty** 

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations

to:

#### Winston Lloyd

In Recognition of:

His recent receipt of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Builder Award for his continuing service and dedication to his community, Thank you for all you do!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By:	President of the City Council
Attest:	Clerk of the City of Boston
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## **IN TRIBUTE**

#### THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

#### Isabel Domeniconi

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

SINCERELY,

Edward M. Flynn

**CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT** 

Presented By Michael P. Elaherty

Attest





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#### THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Darryl Alphonso Rowell

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

SINCERELY,

Edward M. Flynn

**CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT** 

Presented By

Michael F. Elaherty

Attest





## **IN TRIBUTE**

#### THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

#### FRANK L. SKELTON

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

WEDNESDAY JUNE 15, 2022

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Edward M. Teyn

CITY COUNCIL PRÉSIDENT

Presented By Hichael F. Elaberty

Attest





#### Official Resolution Offered by **Councilor At-Large Mlichael F Flaherty**

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to:

### María Theodore 2022 Ministry Award Recipient

#### In Recognition of:

Your unwavering dedication and outstanding service to your church the Annunciation Cathedral of Boston, to your community and your family

By:	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by:	
Date:	





#### Official Resolution Offered by **Councilor At-Large Michael F Flaherty**

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations

to:

## LAURER SHURTLEFF

#### In Recognition of:

Her 15 years of public service at the City of Boston, serving under four different Mayoral administrations. As Director of the Boston Planning & Development Agency, she had a diverse staff of 60 responsible for planning in the City of Boston bettering the lives of all Bostonians

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof

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President of the City Council Attest: Øffered hu:

Date:





Official Resolution Offered by **Councilor At-Large Michael J Flaherty** 

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations

to:

### George Papadopoulos

#### In Recognition of:

The 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Sons and Daughters of Alexander the Great Dance Group and for your unwavering commitment and hard work in promoting Greek culture, history and traditions throughout the world.

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: Edward M. Flynn

President of the City Council

Attest:

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_





Official Resolution Offered by **Councilor At-Large Mlichael J Flaherty** 

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to:

# Kenny Gregorio Jr.

In Recognition of:

Dedicated service to the City of Boston and Department of Public Works for 36 years

By:	President of the City Council
Attest:	Clerk of the City of Boston
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Official Resolution Offered by **Councilor At-Large Michael F Flaherty** 

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations

to:

## Billie E. Hicks Sr.

#### In Recognition of:

His commitment and service at Hicks Auto Body, Inc. for 50 plus years to the City of Boston, Neighborhood of Dorchester and surrounding cities and towns

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

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Edward M. A Symm President of the City Council Bu: Attest: Offered bu: Date:

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#### Official Resolution Offered by **Councilor At-Large Michael F Flaherty**

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations

to:

# Stratos Efthymiou

#### Consul General of Greece in Boston

#### In Recognition of:

Your service and never-ending support of the Greek community here in Boston and throughout New England. Thank you and all the best in your new assignment

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

Bu: Colvers M.

President of the City Council

Attest:

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_





Official Resolution Offered by Councilor At-Large Michael F Flaherty

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations

to:

## BORRIC MCGILPIR

#### In Recognition of:

Serving over 14 years of public service in Massachusetts, under Senator Cynthia Stone Creem, Governor Deval Patrick, Martha Coakley, and three Mayoral administrations, bettering the lives of the people of Massachusetts and the City of Boston.

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

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President of the City Council

Attest:

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#### Official Resolution Offered by Councilor At-Large Michael J Flaherty

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations

to:

## HEATHER CAMPISARD

#### In Recognition of:

Her 20 years of public service at the City of Boston, serving under four different Mayoral administrations. As Chief of Staff of the Boston Planning & Development Agency she had a diverse staff of 250 responsible for economic developments and planning in the City of Boston. She guided the development of policies and initiatives to better the lives of all Bostonians

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof

transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston. Eduard M.

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Attest:

Clerk of the City of Boston Offered bu

President of the City Council





Official Resolution Offered by Councilor At-Large Michael F Flaherty

Be it resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to:

## Richolas Muldowney

In Recognition of:

His Impressive Dedication and Determination on Becoming an Eagle Scout

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: Edward M. F.

President of the City Council

Attest:

Clerk of the Citch f Offered by:

Date:





# Official Resolution of Councilor Ricardo Arroyo

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to:

# **The Switch Co-Op**

In Recognition of:

#### **Five Years of Creative Art**

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council recognizes The Switch Co-Op for their continued efforts in creating space dedicated to promoting the work of local artists in multiple mediums in Boston. Be it further Resolved that the Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to, and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: 6 Juend m Bresident of the City Council

Attest:

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by:

Date: October 28,2027





## Official Resolution of Councilor Ricardo Arroyo

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extends its Congratulations to:

# Leah Arteaga

In Recognition of:

#### Receiving the 2022 Hermena Clark Community Service Award

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council recognizes Leah Arteaga for her fierce advocacy and leadership in being the recipient of the 2022 Hermena Clark Community Service Award. Be it further Resolved that the Council extends its congratulations and best wishes for her continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to, and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

Edward M. Alynn Bu:

President of the City Council

Attest:

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by:

Date: October 27, 2022

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## **OFFICIAL RESOLUTION**

#### OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR Brian Worrell

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its Commendation and Recognition to:

# Codman Academy Charter Public School

for

The opening of the Codman Academy's Healing Microforest on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Once a vacant lot, this now serves as a refuge in Codman Square as a place of healing and learning. Codman Academy continues their legacy of building up the next generation through meaningful and well rounded education with initiatives like their microforest.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of City of Boston.

Date:



By: Edward M. Flynn

President of the City Council

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Offered by:		<u>R</u>	41-	st



# Official Resolution

### presented by

Councilor Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

# **Boston Collegiate Charter School**

In Recognition of:

The BCCS 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration Anniversary

and be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



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Attest: May Duntas

Clerk of the City Council Offered by:

Date: October 26th 2022



# Official Resolution

## presented by

# Councilor Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

# **Jeff Hampton**

### In Recognition of:

Years of commitment and leadership serving our youth as the President of Dorchester Youth Hockey



Bp: Edward W President of the City Council Attest: Clerk of the City Council

Offered by:

Date: October 28th



# Official Resolution

## presented by

# Councilor Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

# **Dennis McLaughlin**

In Recognition of Being Named:

The Recipient of the James F. Gavin Award

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President of the City Council Attest:

Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: (

Date: October 28th, 2020





# Official Resolution

## presented by

Councilor Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

# **Coleman Nee**

In Recognition of Being Named:

The Recipient of the James F. Gavin Award



The Eduard m. 3 President of the City Council

Attest: Clerk of the City Council

Offered by:

Date: October 28th



# Official Resolution

### presented by

# Councilor Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

# Jerry York

In Recognition of Being Named: The 2022 Boston Irish Honoree

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City Council
Offered by:	Sin J. Murphy
Date:	October 28th 2022



# Official Resolution

# presented by

# Councilor Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

# **Mary Swanton**

In Recognition of Being Named: The 2022 Boston Irish Honoree

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	<b>Clerk of the City Council</b>
Offered by:	Sin J. Murphy
Date:	October 28th, 2022



# Official Resolution

### presented by

Councilor Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

# Jon Cronin

In Recognition of Being Mamed: The 2022 Boston Irish Honoree

By:	
	President of the City Council
Attest:	
	Clerk of the City Council
Offered by:	Sin J. Murphy
<b>Bate</b> :	October 28th, 2022



#### **OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN**

#### CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

#### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 6-12 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

- **WHEREAS:** The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people every year. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** One in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** Founded nearly thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. and Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Boston Children's Hospital, Tufts Children's Hospital, Shriners Children's Boston, Dana Farber Children's Cancer Center, MassGeneral Hospital for Children, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; *and*
- **WHEREAS:** The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, Laughternoon Laughter is Healing, positive appearance programs, pet-assisted therapy, KCC Supercar Experience, educational programs and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer; *and*

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council and the City of Boston recognize November 6-12 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week, and join in support of raising awareness and cheering those who are battling childhood cancer and wishing them a full recovery.

Filed on: November 2, 2022