



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023 AT 12:00 P.M.

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## **ROLL CALL**

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

- 0445** Message disapproving a Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Reorganization of the Boston School Committee, amending Chapter 108 of the Acts of 1991, (Docket #0135), passed by the City Council February 15, 2023.
- 0446** Message and order approving a supplemental appropriation for the Public Health Commission for FY23 in the amount of Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$50,850.00) to cover the FY23 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Public Health Commission and the SEIU Local 888 (Coordinators/Assistant Coordinators Unit). The terms of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% in October 2020, 1.5% in October of 2021, and 2% in October 2022.
- 0447** Message and order to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$50,850.00) to provide funding for the Public Health Commission for the FY23 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Public Health Commission and the SEIU Local 888 (Coordinator/Assistant Coordinators Unit).

- 0448** Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: Relative to Chronic Absenteeism in BPS for the School Years 2021-22 and 2022-23, Docket 0419, passed by the Council on February 15, 2023.
- 0449** Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: Relative to BPS sexual assault and misconduct data for school year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, Docket 0420 passed by the Council on February 15, 2023.
- 0450** Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: Relative to Bus Drop-Off for English High School Students, Docket 0444, passed by the Council on February 15, 2023.

## **PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

- 0451** Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of The Richards Building, Downtown Boston, MA, as a Landmark (In effect after March 19, 2023 if not acted upon).

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

- 0117** The Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks, to which was referred on January 11, 2023, Docket #0117, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$870,000.00) in the form of a grant, for Climate Resilience, awarded by the Barr Foundation to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund the continued implementation of Climate Ready Boston initiatives. This includes advancing coastal resilience and heat resilience strategies, prioritizing equitable electrification and creating a community tree care program, submits a report recommending that the docket ought to pass.

- 0116** The Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks to which was referred on January 11, 2023, Docket #0116, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,633,500.00) in the form of a grant, for the Resilient Moakley Connectors, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund pre-construction planning and design activities in the northern and southern areas adjacent to Moakley Park, located along the waterfront of Dorchester and South Boston neighborhoods. The project is separate but complementary to the flood mitigation project within Moakley Park, submits a report recommending that the docket ought to pass.
- 0407** The Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology, to which was referred on February 15, 2023, Docket #0407, Message and order for your approval an order at the recommendation of the Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners, I hereby transmit for the approval of your Honorable Body an Order Fixing the date of the Preliminary Election for this Municipal Year as September 12, 2023, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass in a new draft.

#### **MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- 0151** Order for a hearing to address contaminated beverages in clubs and bars.
- 0118** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$297,200.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhance the quality of life in our city.
- 0323** Message and order for your approval a proposed Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston.

#### **MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- 0452** **Councilor Breadon and Louijeune offered the following:** Ordinance providing remote access to meetings of municipal public bodies.

- 0453 Councilor Bok and Flynn offered the following:** Ordinance Amending the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 7-3, Bay Village Historic District.
- 0454 Councilor Arroyo and Coletta offered the following:** Ordinance formally creating the Office of Food Justice and establishing a food recovery program in the City of Boston.
- 0455 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Ordinance amending the City of Boston code relating to the study and report on the trafficking of illegal firearms.
- 0456 Councilor Fernandes Anderson and Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing to restrict up-front rental costs for tenants.
- 0457 Councilor Arroyo and Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' lack of religious and dietary requirements for Jewish, Muslim and plant based students.
- 0458 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to assess expanded hospital & community centric violence prevention and intervention.
- 0459 Councilor Arroyo offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss challenges Latino owned businesses and entrepreneurs face when accessing government and corporate contracts.
- 0460 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution to explore a need for a Senior Recreational Center In Roxbury.
- 0461 Councilor Fernandes Anderson and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution honoring The Legacy of MLK and Mrs. King Through The Establishment of King's Heritage Trail.
- 0462 Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Irish-American Heritage Month.
- 0463 Councilor Bok and Breadon offered the following:** Resolution supporting of the residence life workers at Boston University.
- 0464 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: BPS Transportation follow-up on a previous request.

## **PERSONNEL ORDERS:**

- 0465** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Lorraine Payne Wheeler in City Council, effective February 25, 2023.
- 0466** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Arshneel Kaur in City Council, effective March 4, 2023.
- 0467** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Thomas Mannion, David Mareira and Lisa Searcy in City Council, effective February 25, 2023.
- 0468** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Clare Brooks, Tricia A. Kalayjian, Mary Karski and Paul Sullivan in City Council, effective February 25, 2022.
- 0469** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Lindsay Dieudonne in City Council, effective March 1, 2023.

## **GREEN SHEETS:**

- 1/23** Legislative Calendar for March 1, 2023.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 0470** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Rolyn Maynard Freeman.
- 0471** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Jean Fabrice Eliacin.
- 0472** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Donald French.
- 0473** Councilor Coletta offered the following: Resolution recognizing Rocco Addesa.
- 0474** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Boston Police Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1018.
- 0475** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Haley House.

- 0476** Councilor Lara offered the following: Resolution recognizing Bashier Kayou.
- 0477** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Kwok "Peter" Wong.
- 0478** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Carol Ann (Mahoney) Moore.
- 0479** Councilor Arroyo offered the following: Resolution recognizing Imari Paris Jeffries.
- 0480** Councilor Flynn and Flaherty offered the following: Resolution in memory of Theresa J. "Chickie" (Provenzano) Pacitti.
- 0481** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Shirley Shillingford.
- 0482** Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Wilbur Brown.
- 0483** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jean McGuire.
- 0484** Councilor Baker offered the following: Resolution recognizing Devon McNeil.
- 0485** Councilor Lara offered the following: Resolution recognizing Carole White.
- 0486** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Terrance Williams.
- 0487** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing the National GET LIT literacy project.
- 0488** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Beulah Fagan Providence.
- 0489** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing eleven people for their work celebrating the Caribbean American community at the 10th anniversary of the Afro-Caribbean Black History Gala & Awards.
- 0490** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

- 0491** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Francis J. Daly, JR.
- 0492** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Anna (Collins, Plunkett) Irving.
- 0493** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Joyce King.
- 0494** Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing Karen Wespice.
- 0495** Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing Najma Nazy'at.
- 0496** Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing Kevin Odell.
- 0497** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Rile Rhodes.





City of Boston, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
**MICHELLE WU**

February 17, 2023

## TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I return herewith unsigned and disapproved Docket #0135, Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Reorganization of the Boston School Committee, amending Chapter 108 of the Acts of 1991. I deeply respect that the proponents of this proposal are motivated by a commitment to supporting Boston's young people—a commitment I share with urgency. Respectfully, I cannot support legislative changes that would compromise our ability to stabilize and support the Boston Public Schools during this critical period.

My foremost focus as Mayor of Boston is to ensure that every one of our young people has access to all of the opportunities our City has to offer. I am confident that BPS is on the cusp of the kind of transformative change that our students, families, and educators have been demanding for decades. Superintendent Mary Skipper brings incomparable leadership and experience with BPS to her role, positioning our district and City to tangibly improve our school system together. From reimagining academics, to investing in early college and career pipelines, social and emotional supports, after school programming, arts, and youth sports, we are orienting every aspect of City government around supporting BPS' day-to-day operations, so that our dedicated educators can focus on educating, nurturing, and inspiring our young people. Across all our neighborhoods, Boston's business community, institutions of higher education, health care providers, and community-based organizations have raised their hands in partnership, ready to serve our young people both inside and outside of school.

BPS is entering a new era—one where every student can develop a love of learning that will last long after they graduate. Of course, there is much work to do together. We're working alongside our educators to reshape access and services for students with disabilities. We are significantly expanding dual language education, which decades of research shows is critical to improving outcomes for multilingual students. We have launched a new era of school construction under the Green New Deal for BPS, with two projects breaking ground this summer, and more than a dozen soon to follow. And in preparation for the end of federal ESSER funding, we are carefully



planning to shift to an updated funding model—one that finally delivers a holistic foundation for all our students, creating a sustainable and healthy baseline for every school community in every neighborhood. I am determined to sustain this momentum, and I believe that a dramatic overhaul of our selection process for the Boston School Committee would detract from the essential work ahead.

Every day, as I prepare my two boys for school, I am reminded of our collective responsibility to our next generation of residents and leaders. There is nothing more pressing in my mind than our charge to educate and nurture our young people for the challenges and opportunities that tomorrow will bring. I am committed to deploying every available resource to support our Boston Public Schools and school communities in partnership with Superintendent Skipper, School Committee members, City Councilors, and all our school communities. And I am excited about what we can achieve together. Thank you for your continued partnership for our young people and our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Wu', with a stylized, cursive-like flow.

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston



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

February 27, 2023

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation Order for the Public Health Commission for FY23 in the amount of fifty thousand, eight hundred fifty dollars (\$50,850) to cover the FY23 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Public Health Commission and the SEIU Local 888 (Coordinators/Assistant Coordinators Unit). The terms of the contract are July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% in October 2020, 1.5% in October of 2021, and 2% in October 2022.

As originally presented to you, the FY23 budget request included a Reserve for Collective Bargaining - a separate appropriation to fund projected collective bargaining increases. A separate order has been filed to reduce that appropriation to support this supplemental request.

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FIFTY THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50,850) TO COVER THE FY23 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AND THE SEIU LOCAL 888 (COORDINATORS/ASSISTANT COORDINATORS UNITS).**

**ORDERED:** That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50,850) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws: -

Boston Public Health Commission

\$50,850

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

**BY** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADAM FERNSTADT  
CORPORATION COUNSEL** TJB



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

February 27, 2023

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by fifty thousand, eight hundred fifty dollars (\$50,850) to provide funding for the Public Health Commission for the FY23 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Public Health Commission and the SEIU Local 888 (Coordinators/Assistant Coordinators Unit).

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

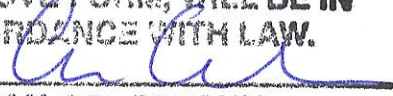
**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDERED:** That the appropriation heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 for the Public Health Commission, be reduced by the following amount to fund the FY23 collective bargaining increases for the SEIU Local 888 (Coordinators/Assistant Coordinators Unit):

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$50,850

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

**BY**

  
**ADAM CEDERBAUM  
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

TJB



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

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear City Councilors:

In Response to a 17F request filed by your Honorable Body on February 13, 2023, Docket 0419.  
Re: Relative to Chronic Absenteeism in BPS for School Years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston



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

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear City Councilors:

In Response to a 17F request filed by your Honorable Body on February 13, 2023, Docket 0419.  
Re: Relative to Chronic Absenteeism in BPS for School Years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston





**BPS Office of Equity**

Rebecca Shuster, Assistant Superintendent of Equity

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February 27, 2023

Boston City Council  
One City Hall Square, 5th floor  
Boston City Hall  
Boston, MA 02201

Re: 17F

Dear City Councilors,

Attached please find responses to Docket 0420: *Order requesting certain information under 17F re: BPS sexual assault and misconduct data for school year 2021-22 and 2022-23* filed by City Councilor Erin Murphy and passed by the City Council on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Shuster".

Rebecca Shuster  
Assistant Superintendent of Equity  
Boston Public Schools



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TO: Boston City Council  
FROM: Rebecca Shuster, Assistant Superintendent of Equity  
DATE: February 27, 2023  
SUBJECT: 17F Responses

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The following responses are from the Boston Public Schools (BPS) to a 17F filed by At-Large Boston City Councilor Erin Murphy. The 17F passed the City Council on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

### **17F Questions and Responses**

*The BPS Office of Equity investigates allegations of possible violations of the District's Superintendent Circular EQT-3, Sexual Misconduct Toward Students, which defines "sexual misconduct" broadly as "any sexually inappropriate comments and/or behaviors of any kind." EQT-3 and the related protocols are consistent with the District's obligation to investigate and address allegations of sexual misconduct, including possible sexual harassment, sexual violence, or sexual assault, under state and federal law.*

**Sexual violence** may include criminal acts, such as indecent assault and battery, rape, abuse, or assault with intent to rape. Any acts that may be criminal are referred to law enforcement. Examples of sexual violence may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unwelcome sexual touching,
- Non-consensual sexual contact that occurs during school or non-school hours, on or off school grounds, including dating violence, or
- Recruiting, transporting, obtaining, or providing a student of any gender for the purpose of sex.

**Sexual misconduct** includes unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that denies or limits, on the basis of sex, a student's ability to participate in or to receive benefits, services, or opportunities in the school's program or activities. Examples of behavior that may constitute sexual misconduct depending upon the totality of the circumstances, the ages of the student or other individuals involved, and the severity and pervasiveness of the conduct, include but are not limited to:

- Sexual advances, whether or not they involve touching,

- *Requests for sexual favors,*
- *Making an educational decision or benefit contingent upon a student's submission to unwelcome sexual conduct,*
- *Offensive public sexual display of affection, including groping, fondling, gestures, or inappropriate touching of one's self or others,*
- *Consensual groping, fondling, sexual touching, or sex on school property or at any school-sponsored activity,*
- *Sexual jokes or references,*
- *Comments regarding a student's body or a student's sexual activity or orientation*
- *Offensive name calling or profanity that is sexually suggestive, sexually degrading, or based on sexual stereotypes or sexual orientation,*
- *Different treatment because of pregnancy status,*
- *Displaying or distributing sexually explicit drawings, pictures, or other materials in any form (such as sexting),*
- *Trafficking of youth for sexual purposes, such as recruiting, transporting, or otherwise exploiting a minor in exchange for money, shelter, or food,*
- *Sexual advances or contact, whether or not they are consensual, between a student and employee, contractor, or community partner,*
- *Sexual activity between students in a school, or any building where BPS business is conducted, or*
- *Other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.*

1. *Breakdown of data on Superintendent Circular EQT-3 for the School Year 2021-22 and 2022-23 for those behaviors defined as Sexual Assault and not considered a Sexual Misconduct.*

Each year, the Boston Public Schools receives reports of possible "sexual violence" toward a student. "Sexual violence" is defined as physical acts of a sexual nature without the consent of the student or when the student is unable to give consent due to their age and/or disability. Sexual violence may include physical force, threats, intimidation, coercion or dating violence. Any report that may constitute sexual violence is immediately reported to the appropriate authorities (see below).

Concerns regarding other forms of sexual misconduct– that are **not** considered possible sexual violence– may include inappropriate comments in-person, by text, or on social media; sharing of sexual images; or inappropriate touching that could be considered sexual in nature, such as a student hitting another student's buttocks during a game at recess or gym.

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When the Office of Equity receives an allegation of sexual violence that could rise to the level of criminal conduct, whether the incident is alleged to have occurred on school grounds, on a BPS bus, or outside of school, they are reported to the Boston Police Department (BPD) and referred to the Suffolk County District Attorney's (DA's) office to review for potential criminal prosecution for sexual assault. The Office of Equity takes immediate steps such as development of a safety plan for the student(s) involved, and launches its internal investigation as soon as authorized by law enforcement.

Since the Office of Equity assumed responsibility for tracking sexual violence cases, we have received the following allegations:

FY22<sup>1</sup> total sexual violence allegations that required referral to law enforcement: 32

FY23 (YTD) total sexual violence allegations that required referral to law enforcement: 13

While the DA's office reviews all of these reports in detail in partnership with BPD, to date, the DA's office has **never pursued criminal charges against a BPS student for sexual assault** in any of these reported cases.

After the DA completes their review in partnership with BPD, the Office of Equity partners with school administrators to investigate the allegations and take any further needed action under BPS policies and protocols as required by state and federal law.

2. *Breakdown of Data on Superintendent Circular EQT-3 for the School Year 2021-22 and 2022-23 for those behaviors defined as Sexual Misconduct and not considered a Sexual Assault.*

BPS does not make sexual assault findings, as such determinations are of a criminal nature, and are made by law enforcement officials. BPS reports allegations regarding sexual misconduct to the Department of Children and Families and Boston Police as appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the Office of Equity tracks data based on each fiscal year (July 1 to June 30), which encompasses reports received during a given school year *and* during BPS summer programming offered just prior to the start of each school year.



The BPS Office of Equity investigates allegations of possible violations of Superintendent Circular EQT-3, Sexual Misconduct Toward Students. EQT-3 defines "sexual misconduct" broadly as "any sexually inappropriate comments and/or behaviors of any kind." EQT-3 and the related protocols are consistent with the District's obligations to investigate and address allegations of sexual misconduct, including possible sexual harassment or sexual assault, under state and federal law.

The overwhelming majority of findings of EQT-3 violations are related to student-to-student incidents that are not serious in nature. During the COVID school closures and hybrid learning, reports went down dramatically given the lack of or significant reduction in in-person instruction and interaction.

The Office of Equity makes every effort to maintain strict confidentiality regarding these reports due to student privacy and rape shield laws, and to avoid any chilling effect on victim or witness reporting. These incidents are generally addressed through counseling, coaching, and educational programming, including an innovative remedial program conducted by the Counseling and Intervention Center at Succeed Boston. Serious violations are addressed through the BPS Student Code of Conduct and employee discipline procedures.

FY22 total sexual misconduct allegations that did not require referral for possible criminal prosecution: 712

FY23 (YTD) total sexual misconduct allegations that did not require referral for possible criminal prosecution: 525





## Superintendent's Circular

School Year 2021-2022

NUMBER:  
EQT-03

DATE:  
September 9, 2021

### SEXUAL MISCONDUCT TOWARD STUDENTS<sup>12</sup>

*This policy circular only applies to School Year 2021-2022.*

#### INTRODUCTION

The Boston Public Schools is committed to ensuring that students learn in an environment free of sexual misconduct. Sexual misconduct committed against a BPS student will not be tolerated. In addition, acts of retaliation against an individual who reports an allegation of sexual misconduct or cooperates with a related investigation are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Students participating in the academic, educational, extracurricular, athletic, and school programs or activities are protected from sexual misconduct by other students, parents, BPS employees, and third parties (e.g., visitors). In addition, BPS students may be protected from sexual misconduct that occurs outside the context of a school's education program, activity, or school property, if the behavior was in connection with a school program or activity which includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the district exercised substantial control over both the person accused of the conduct and the context in which the sexual misconduct occurred.

The Boston Public Schools treats reports of sexual misconduct with the utmost seriousness. We will address any sexually inappropriate communication or behavior directed toward students, regardless of whether that conduct is unlawful. This policy is neither designed nor intended to limit the district's authority to discipline or take remedial action for conduct that the Boston Public Schools deems unacceptable.

#### DEFINITION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

For the purposes of this policy, sexual misconduct constitutes sexually inappropriate comments and/or behaviors of any kind. Below are examples of sexual misconduct:

##### Sexual violence

Sexual violence is broadly defined as any sexual activity that is forced, coerced, or unwanted. It also includes any sexual act against another person who is incapable of giving consent, either because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity, or because they are a minor.

Consent is defined as clear, active agreement and permission to engage in any form of verbal or nonverbal sexual communication or activity with another person. The initiator of the sexual contact is responsible for obtaining consent before engaging in any sexual contact. Consent can be withdrawn by either party at any point. Consent must be voluntary, and may not be valid if a person is being subjected to an emotional, psychological, physical, reputational, or financial threat, intimidation, or coercion. Consent to engage in one sexual activity, or past agreement to engage in a particular sexual activity,

<sup>1</sup> This circular replaces Superintendent Circular LGL-13, "Sexual Assault Policy."

<sup>2</sup> This circular is consistent with the Title IX Rule effective August 14, 2020.

cannot be presumed to constitute consent to engage in a different sexual activity or to engage again in a sexual activity. Consent cannot be validly given by a person who is incapacitated or under the age of sixteen.

Sexual violence may include criminal acts, such as indecent assault and battery, rape, abuse, or assault with intent to rape. Any acts that may be criminal will be referred to law enforcement.

Examples of sexual violence may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unwelcome sexual touching;
- Non-consensual sexual contact that occurs during school or non-school hours, on or off school grounds, including dating violence; or
- Recruiting, transporting, obtaining, or providing a student of any gender for the purpose of sex.

#### Other forms of sexual misconduct

Sexual misconduct includes unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that denies or limits, on the basis of sex, a student's ability to participate in or to receive benefits, services, or opportunities in the school's program or activities.

Examples of behavior that may constitute sexual misconduct depending upon the totality of the circumstances, the ages of the student or other individuals involved, and the severity and pervasiveness of the conduct, include but are not limited to:

- Sexual advances, whether or not they involve touching;
- Requests for sexual favors;
- Making an educational decision or benefit contingent upon a student's submission to unwelcome sexual conduct;
- Offensive public sexual display of affection, including groping, fondling, gestures, or inappropriate touching of one's self or others;
- Consensual groping, fondling, sexual touching, or sex on school property or at any school-sponsored activity;
- Sexual jokes or references;
- Comments regarding a student's body or a student's sexual activity or orientation;
- Offensive name calling or profanity that is sexually suggestive, sexually degrading, or based on sexual stereotypes or sexual orientation;
- Different treatment because of pregnancy status;
- Displaying or distributing sexually explicit drawings, pictures, or other materials in any form (such as sexting);
- Trafficking of youth for sexual purposes, such as recruiting, transporting, or otherwise exploiting a minor in exchange for money, shelter, or food;
- Sexual advances or contact, whether or not they are consensual, between a student and employee, contractor, or community partner;
- Sexual activity between students in a school, or any building where BPS business is conducted; or
- Other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Any student, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, can be a target of sexual misconduct, and the alleged targets and the subject of the concern can be of the same or different genders.

Employees of the Boston Public Schools who become aware of any possible sexual misconduct toward or involving students must report the incident or concern to their school leader, supervisor, and/or the Office of Equity as soon as practicable, generally within the same school day. The same reporting requirement applies to partners or contractors providing services to students in or under the auspices of the Boston Public Schools.



The above list of examples is not exhaustive. If you are unsure whether a student may have been a target of sexual misconduct or if you have knowledge of a possible incident of sexual misconduct involving a student, immediately contact your school principal/head of school, supervisor, or the Office of Equity at 617-635-9650 or [bpsequity@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:bpsequity@bostonpublicschools.org).

## REPORTING AND INVESTIGATING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

A student, parent, or other third party who believes that a student has been subjected to inappropriate sexual conduct may report the incident to the principal/head of school or the Office of Equity.

The Boston Public Schools will promptly investigate allegations of sexual misconduct even when the incident is being investigated by law enforcement or another entity. Our obligation is to determine if there has been a violation of a BPS circular and/or the BPS Code of Conduct. The investigation will be conducted in a manner maintaining confidentiality to the extent practicable under the circumstances. Incidents that a BPS employee becomes aware of directly or indirectly, such as from a note or an overheard conversation, will also be investigated.

Interim measures for the safety of the students involved must be taken upon receipt of the report to ensure equal access to educational programs and activities.

If the investigation results in a finding of a violation of this policy, Boston Public Schools will take steps to end the misconduct, prevent any further misconduct, remedy its effects where appropriate, and take disciplinary action, as deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

## REPORTING PROCEDURES (see Appendix A checklist):

These instructions assume that the Office of Equity has already been informed of an incident as required, and that a school administrator has been instructed to follow this protocol.

After receiving a report of sexual misconduct, the building administrator must immediately (within the same school day, with rare exceptions):

1. **Ensure that a student who discloses sexual misconduct is not interviewed by any other BPS employee subsequent to the initial disclosure**, unless otherwise specifically directed by law enforcement, the state Department of Children and Families (DCF), or the Office of Equity. To minimize the alleged target's emotional distress and to preserve the integrity and reliability of any investigation, the initial disclosure conversation should be limited to the essential facts. The BPS staff member who first receives the report must document the conversation as thoroughly as possible.
2. **Assess the need for emergency interim safety measures** to prevent any additional incidents and ensure that the target is able to fully engage in the school's programs and activities. Implement any plan as appropriate.
3. **Report the incident to Safety Services at 617-635-8000 if the allegation involves sexual assault or violence**, such as physical contact or threats. Call Safety Services even if you are not sure if the alleged incident constitutes sexual violence. Inform the School Nurse if medical care is needed.

If Safety Services are not available, call 911.

Depending on the nature of the allegations, the Office of Safety Services may work directly with the Boston Police Department School Unit. Thereafter, the Boston Police Crimes Against Children Unit may conduct the investigation. A team investigation may include other agency involvement. By law, the Police cannot provide the Boston Public Schools with a written report regarding an incident of sexual violence.

4. **Contact the Department of Children and Families (DCF)** to file a 51A Report if the allegation warrants. As mandated reporters, employees of the Boston Public Schools are required to report situations when there is reasonable cause to believe a student is suffering from physical or emotional injury that causes harm or a substantial risk of harm to the student's health or welfare.

Questions related to school employees' obligation to file a 51A report with DCF should be directed to the Office of Legal Advisor. Please also refer to Superintendent's Circular SSS-17 on Child Abuse and Neglect.

If the alleged subject is over 18 years old, under 7 years old, or has a disability that might manifest as inappropriate sexual conduct, please call the Office of Equity prior to filing a 51A.

5. **Upon request of the Office of Equity, alert the school's Elementary or Secondary School Superintendent, Elementary or Secondary School Assistant Superintendent, and/or Operational Leader.** The Office of Equity will instruct the administrator to contact the School Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, or Operational Leader depending on the severity and complexity of the allegations and on the building administrator's past experience addressing similar allegations. The School Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, or Operational Leader will then partner with the building administrator to complete the internal investigation.
6. **Submit the confidential log** to the Office of Equity at [bpsequity@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:bpsequity@bostonpublicschools.org) or 617-635-7940 (fax). The Office of Equity and the Office of Legal Advisor will determine when a health or safety emergency exists, such that sharing the confidential log with Safety Services, local law enforcement, or others is appropriate.
7. **Notify the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the reporter or alleged victim**, if a minor, unless the parent/legal guardian is the subject of the concern and/or such notification will create a substantial risk to the student's health, safety, or welfare.
8. **If the subject of the concern is a minor, the building administrator (or other Office of Equity Designee) should notify the subject's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).** For reasons of confidentiality, do not inform the subject's family of the alleged target's identity or gender.
9. **Investigate and document the allegation.** If it is determined by a preponderance of the evidence that inappropriate conduct occurred, the Boston Public Schools will take such actions as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. For students, such actions will be consistent with the Code of Conduct, and may also include training, mediation, or restorative justice. For employees, such actions will be consistent with the district's labor practices, and may include training and/or discipline.
10. **Submit the Equity investigation summary.** When completing the narrative, staff should document witness statements and the subject's response to the allegation. Additionally, staff should document the investigatory findings and any remedial action taken, if any. These documents should be treated as confidential and sent to the Office of Equity only. It may be necessary to share these documents with the Office of the Legal Advisor or appropriate school department personnel and law enforcement authorities or as otherwise provided by law. The summary can be submitted digitally via this [link](#).

The alleged target should not discuss the incident with the subject of the concern present at any time or under any circumstances.

For detailed guidance on investigating and documenting allegations of sexual misconduct, please follow the Boston Public Schools Protocols for Sexual Misconduct Investigations Conducted by School Leaders and Central Office Managers.

## **PROHIBITION OF RETALIATION**

Retaliation against an individual who reports sexual misconduct and retaliation against individuals for cooperating with a related investigation is unlawful and will not be tolerated by the Boston Public Schools.

Reports of retaliation should be brought to the building administrator or the person who is conducting the investigation. A student who feels there has been retaliation following a complaint may also call the Office of Equity at 617-635-9650.

## **BPS TITLE IX COORDINATOR**

The Boston Public Schools' Title IX Coordinator is responsible for ensuring compliance with the investigatory process outlined in EQT-3, and tracking incidents across the district. Any parent or employee who raises concerns regarding the investigatory process and/or outcomes may contact the district's Title IX Coordinator:

Quinnelle Gomez  
Boston Public Schools  
2300 Washington Street  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
Phone: 617-635-9650, Fax: 617-635-7940  
Email: [qgomez@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:qgomez@bostonpublicschools.org)

## **OTHER RESOURCES**

United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR)  
5 Post Office Square, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02109  
(617) 289-0111

### **Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD)**

Boston Office:  
One Ashburton Place, Room 601  
Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 994-6000

Springfield Office:  
436 Dwight Street, Suite 220  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413) 739-2145

New Bedford Office:  
800 Purchase Street, Room 501  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
(508) 990-2390

Worcester Office:  
484 Main Street, Room 320  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 453-9630

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Program Quality Assurance  
75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148-4906  
(781) 338-3700

For more information about this circular, contact:

<b>Name:</b>	Quinnelle Gomez
<b>Department:</b>	Office of Equity
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	2300 Washington St., Roxbury, MA 02119
<b>Phone:</b>	617-635-9650
<b>Fax:</b>	617-635-7940
<b>E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:qgomez@bostonpublicschools.org">qgomez@bostonpublicschools.org</a>

For matters involving DCF, contact:

<b>Department:</b>	Office of Legal Advisor
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	2300 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02119
<b>Phone:</b>	617-635-9320
<b>Fax:</b>	617-635-9327
<b>E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:legal@bostonpublicschools.org">legal@bostonpublicschools.org</a>

Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Superintendent

**APPENDIX A:  
CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

These instructions assume that the Office of Equity has already been informed of an incident as required, and that a school administrator has been instructed to follow this protocol.

After receiving a report of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment and sexual violence, the school or central office administrator (**or the Elementary or Secondary School Superintendent, Elementary or Secondary School Assistant Superintendent, and/or Operational Leader** if the complaint is against the school or central office administrator) must immediately:

1. **Receive a disclosure of sexual misconduct.** Whoever the students report to first must document the following:

1. Who is the subject of the concern?
2. What did the subject say or do?
3. If physical contact was made, where did the subject touch you (clarify if contact was made above clothing or directly on the student's skin)?
4. Is this the first time something like this happened?
5. Was anyone else there when it happened?
6. Did you tell anyone else what happened?

Students cannot be interviewed more than once by a BPS employee, and should only be interviewed with one adult in the room.

2. **Assess the need for emergency interim measures**, and implement as appropriate.
3. **Report the incident to Safety Services at (617) 635-8000** if the allegation involves sexual violence, such as physical contact or threats. Call Safety Services even if you are not sure if the alleged incident constitutes sexual violence. If Safety Services are not available, call 911.
4. **Contact DCF** to file a 51A Report if the allegation warrants.
5. **Alert the school's Elementary or Secondary School Superintendent, Elementary or Secondary School Assistant Superintendent, and/or Operational Leader**, if directed by the Office of Equity to do so.
6. **Submit the confidential log to the Office of Equity** at [bpsequity@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:bpsequity@bostonpublicschools.org) or 617-635-7940 (fax) within the same school day that the report was made.
7. **Notify the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the alleged target**, unless the parent/legal guardian is the subject of the investigation and/or such notification will create a substantial risk to the student's health, safety, or welfare.
8. **Notify the subject's parent(s) or legal guardian(s)** if that individual is a minor.
9. **Investigate and document the allegations** consistent with the Office of Equity Protocols to determine if a violation of the circular has occurred. If a Code of Conduct violation is found, conduct disciplinary proceedings.
10. **Submit the investigation summary to the Office of Equity within 10 days of the incident.**



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

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear City Councilors:

In Response to a 17F request filed by your Honorable Body on February 13, 2023, Docket 0420.  
Re: Relative to BPS sexual assault and misconduct data for school year 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

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TO: Boston City Council  
FROM: Daniel Rosengard, Executive Director of Transportation  
DATE: February 27, 2023  
SUBJECT: 17F Responses

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The following responses are from the Boston Public Schools (BPS) to a 17F filed by At-Large Boston City Councilor Erin Murphy on February 15, 2023.

### **17F Questions**

1. Data on each bus that drops off students in the morning at English High School.
  - a. Bus number
  - b. Time of drop off
  - c. Location of drop off
  - d. Number of students on the bus
2. Data on each bus that drops off students in the afternoon at English High School.
  - a. Bus number
  - b. Time of drop off
  - c. Location of drop off
  - d. Number of students on the bus

### **Responses**

The attached spreadsheet provides the requested information, organized as follows:

- AM vs PM: Specifies morning vs afternoon buses
- Bus number: Specifies each bus number assigned to English High
- Scheduled arrival: Specifies the time the bus is scheduled to arrive at the school
- Location: All English High buses are scheduled to dropoff/pickup from 144 McBride St
- Number of students on the bus: Specifies the number of students assigned to the bus





**BPS Department of Transportation**

Daniel Rosengard, Executive Director

Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building  
2300 Washington Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Roxbury, Massachusetts 02119

617-635-9520

[schoolbus@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:schoolbus@bostonpublicschools.org)  
[bostonpublicschools.org/transportation](http://bostonpublicschools.org/transportation)

February 27, 2023

Boston City Council  
One City Hall Square, 5th floor  
Boston City Hall  
Boston, MA 02201

Re: 17F

Dear City Councilors,

Attached please find responses to Docket 0444: *Order requesting certain information under 17F regarding Boston Public School bus drop off and pick up at English High School*. Docket 0444 was passed by the City Council on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Sincerely,

Daniel Rosengard  
Executive Director  
Boston Public Schools Transportation Department



AM vs PM	Bus number	Scheduled Arrival	Location	Number of students
ENGLISH HS AM	HS215	7:05 AM	144 MCBRIDE ST	15
ENGLISH HS AM	HS394	7:05 AM	144 MCBRIDE ST	12
ENGLISH HS AM	HS428	7:05 AM	144 MCBRIDE ST	7
ENGLISH HS AM	HS485	7:05 AM	144 MCBRIDE ST	8
ENGLISH HS AM	MS245	6:49 AM	144 MCBRIDE ST	6
ENGLISH HS AM	WB940	7:05 AM	144 MCBRIDE ST	7
ENGLISH HS AM	WB942	7:05 AM	144 MCBRIDE ST	9
ENGLISH HS AM	WB943	7:03 AM	144 MCBRIDE ST	7
ENGLISH HS AM	WB948	7:07 AM	144 MCBRIDE ST	3
ENGLISH HS AM	WB953	7:05 AM	144 MCBRIDE ST	3
ENGLISH HS AM	WB958	7:05 AM	144 MCBRIDE ST	6
ENGLISH HS PM	HS212	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	3
ENGLISH HS PM	HS309	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	6
ENGLISH HS PM	HS347	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	6
ENGLISH HS PM	HS369	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	3
ENGLISH HS PM	HS372	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	7
ENGLISH HS PM	HS390	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	6
ENGLISH HS PM	HS396	2:26 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	2
ENGLISH HS PM	HS429	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	9
ENGLISH HS PM	HS517	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	7
ENGLISH HS PM	MS057	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	5
ENGLISH HS PM	MS240	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	3
ENGLISH HS PM	WB929	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	6
ENGLISH HS PM	WB950	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	2
ENGLISH HS PM	WB951	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	5
ENGLISH HS PM	WB953	2:18 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	6
ENGLISH HS PM	WB954	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	6
ENGLISH HS PM	WB955	2:30 PM	144 MCBRIDE ST	1



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

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear City Councilors:

In Response to a 17F request filed by your Honorable Body on February 13, 2023, Docket 0444.  
Re: Relative to bus drop off for English High School Students.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS  
City Clerk

February 23, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of The Richards Building, Downtown Boston, MA, as a Landmark.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on February 14, 2023 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed on February 17, 2023.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (March 19, 2023), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk

cc Rosanne Foley, Executive Director  
Boston Landmarks Commission

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Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk, City of Boston  
Boston City Hall - Room 601  
Boston, MA 02201

February 15, 2023

**RE: Petition #95 – The Richards Building, Downtown**

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

On February 14, 2023, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate the Richards Building in Downtown Boston as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

According to the Landmarks Commission's statute, a designation approved by the Commission is presented to the Mayor for signing. If the Mayor disapproves the designation, they file the designation form with the City Clerk with objections noted in writing. If no mayoral action is taken on a designation, it is deemed approved by the Mayor after fifteen days.

The statute states that within thirty days following mayoral approval, the City Council can override a designation by a two-thirds vote. In the absence of City Council action, the designation is approved after the thirty-first day.

I appreciate your supervision of this approval process. Please call me at (617) 635-2510 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Rosanne Foley  
Executive Director  
Boston Landmarks Commission



The Honorable Michelle Wu  
Mayor of the City of Boston  
Boston City Hall  
Boston, MA 02201

February 15, 2023

**RE: Petition #95 - The Richards Building, Downtown**

Dear Mayor Wu:

On February 14, 2023, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate the Richards Building in Downtown Boston as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

The ca. 1858 Richards Building at 112-116 State St. is the oldest remaining cast-iron-front structure in Boston's central business district. The Richards Building is architecturally significant as it is one of about six such façades in existence in the city. It is representative of an architectural design and construction style that became popular in the latter part of the 19th century (and was a precursor to the modern skyscraper). It is an outstanding example of early cast-iron architecture.

The Richards Building has local, state, and regional significance for its associations with the growth of real estate development and the expansion of the city's financial district. The building was originally known as the Shaw Building, having been commissioned by Boston merchant and shipowner Robert Gould Shaw on two parcels he acquired in 1811 and 1818. Shaw was the grandfather of Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, who commanded the all-Black 54th regiment of the Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. The design is attributed to architect Edward Cabot, who in 1857 became a charter member and later a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and was also president of the Boston Society of Architects from its founding in 1867 until 1900.

The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of the Richards Building in Downtown Boston as a Boston Landmark. Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 635-2510 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Rosanne Foley  
Executive Director  
Boston Landmarks Commission



**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE  
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**PROPERTY:** The Richards Building, 112-116 State Street, Boston, MA

**VOTED:** That on February 14, 2023, the Boston Landmarks Commission designates the Richards Building at 112-116 State Street as a Boston Landmark under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:**

John Amodeo  
Susan Goganian  
Jeffrey Gonyeau

Richard Henderson  
Kirsten Hoffman  
Thomas Hotaling

Justine Orlando  
Lynn Smiledge

**VOTING IN OPPOSITION:**

None.

**GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:**

The ca. 1858 Richards Building at 112-116 State St. is the oldest remaining cast-iron-front structure in Boston's central business district. The Richards Building has local, state, and regional significance for its associations with the growth of real estate development and investment by wealthy Boston business interests, as well as the expansion of the city's financial district.

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The building was originally known as the Shaw Building, having been commissioned by Boston merchant and shipowner Robert Gould Shaw (1776-1853) on two parcels he acquired in 1811 and 1818. Shaw was the grandfather of Colonel Robert Gould Shaw (d. 1863 at Fort Wagner, South Carolina), who commanded the all-Black 54th regiment of the Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. The design is attributed to architect Edward Cabot, who in 1857 became a charter member and later a fellow of the American Institute of Architects. Cabot was also president of the Boston Society of Architects from its founding in 1867 until 1900.





**City Of Boston • Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
Michelle Wu**

01-09-2023

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 EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$870,000.00)** in the form of a grant, Climate Resilience, awarded by the Barr Foundation to be administered by the Environment Department.

The grant would fund the continued implementation of Climate Ready Boston initiatives. This includes advancing coastal resilience and heat resilience strategies, prioritizing equitable electrification, and creating a community tree care program.

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  
Mayor of Boston



## City Council Order

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND** Climate Resilience FUNDS, AWARDED BY the Barr Foundation.

**WHEREAS**, the the Barr Foundation, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Environment Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$870,000.00) would fund the continued implementation of Climate Ready Boston initiatives. This includes advancing coastal resilience and heat resilience strategies, prioritizing equitable electrification, and creating a community tree care program. 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 the Barr Foundation, Climate Resilience award not to exceed the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$870,000.00).

**Docket #** \_\_\_\_\_

**In City Council  
Passed** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City Clerk**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor**

**Approved** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that  
the foregoing, if passed in  
the above form, will be in  
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum  
Corporation Counsel



# BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks  
Kendra Lara, Chair

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One City Hall Square ♦ 5<sup>th</sup> Floor ♦ Boston, MA 02201 ♦ Phone: (617) 635-3040 ♦ Fax: (617) 635-4203

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

March 1, 2023

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks was referred the following dockets:

*Docket #0116, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,633,500.00) in the form of a grant, for the Resilient Moakley Connectors, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund pre-construction planning and design activities in the northern and southern areas adjacent to Moakley Park, located along the waterfront of Dorchester and South Boston neighborhoods. The project is separate but complementary to the flood mitigation project within Moakley Park, and*

*Docket #0117, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$870,000.00) in the form of a grant, for Climate Resilience, awarded by the Barr Foundation to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund the continued implementation of Climate Ready Boston initiatives. This includes advancing coastal resilience and heat resilience strategies, prioritizing equitable electrification and creating a community tree care program.*

These matters were sponsored by the Administration and referred to the Committee on January 11, 2023.

### Summary of Legislation:

*Docket #0116* is a grant for \$1,633,500.00, awarded by FEMA, flowing through the Massachusetts Energy Management Agency to the City of Boston Environment Department to fund the pre-construction planning and design process for the Resilient Moakley Connectors project. This project which should take 2-3 years to complete, is separate but complementary to the existing flood mitigation project within Moakley Park. The pre-construction planning and design process will entail looking into how to expand upon the extensive work of the existing Moakley Park Project (MPP) by extending the line of flood protection slightly north and south of the park.

*Docket #0117* is a grant for \$870,000.00, awarded by the Barr Foundation to the City of Boston Environment Department, to fund the implementation of Climate Ready Boston initiatives over the next three years.

### Information Gathered at the Hearing:

The Committee held a hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2023. The Chair was joined by Councilor Michael Flaherty, At-Large, and received an absence letter from Councilor Erin Murphy, At-Large. Dr. Alison Brizius, Commissioner of the Environment Department, testified on behalf of the Administration.

The Administration testified that **Docket #0116** will build on a number of years of community engagement and work to help Boston prepare for the effects of climate change. It was confirmed that the planning and design process will be done not only in collaboration with community partners and neighborhood organizations but also with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and Massachusetts Water Resource Authority, as they are holders of critical infrastructure adjacent to Moakley Park.

The Administration testified that **Docket #0117** will support ongoing efforts to increase climate resilience across the city through funding increased staff capacity (hiring project managers) to advance and implement a number of resilience priorities across the city, identified through the Climate Ready Report, including coastal resilience, heat resilience, energy resilience, increasing tree canopy.

Questions were raised regarding tactical effectiveness and whether the grant could go towards doing more offensive flood mitigation projects rather than defensive ones. The Administration explained that as a part of the Climate Ready Boston study in 2016, they conducted a comprehensive study around a harbor wide barrier and concluded that while it may help during a storm, it will not solve the problems caused by sea level rise on the coast, but assured they would continue to revisit the idea while carrying out other projects, like those funded under the current grants.

At the request of the Committee, the Administration agreed to update the Council on community engagement initiatives and to keep District Councilors involved throughout the process.

#### **Recommended Action:**

The Chair of the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks, to which the following dockets were referred:

***Docket #0116, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,633,500.00) in the form of a grant, for the Resilient Moakley Connectors, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund pre-construction planning and design activities in the northern and southern areas adjacent to Moakley Park, located along the waterfront of Dorchester and South Boston neighborhoods. The project is separate but complementary to the flood mitigation project within Moakley Park, and***

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submits a report recommending that these dockets ought to pass.



Kendra Lara, Chair  
Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks.



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Office of the Mayor  
Michelle Wu**

01-09-2023

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 SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$1,633,500.00**) in the form of a grant, Resilient Moakley Connectors, awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by the Environment Department.

The grant would fund pre-construction planning and design activities in the northern and southern areas adjacent to Moakley Park, located along the waterfront of the Dorchester and South Boston neighborhoods. This project is separate but complementary to the flood mitigation project within Moakley Park.

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  
Mayor of Boston



## City Council Order

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND** Resilient Moakley Connectors FUNDS, AWARDED BY Federal Emergency Management Agency AND Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Environment Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds in the amount of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$1,633,500.00**) would fund pre-construction planning and design activities in the northern and southern areas adjacent to Moakley Park, located along the waterfront of the Dorchester and South Boston neighborhoods. This project is separate but complementary to the flood mitigation project within Moakley Park. 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 Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency' Resilient Moakley Connectors award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (**\$1,633,500.00**).

**Docket #**

**In City Council  
Passed**

**City Clerk**

**Mayor**

**Approved**

I hereby certify that  
the foregoing, if passed in  
the above form, will be in  
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum  
Adam Cederbaum  
Corporation Counsel





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*Docket #0117, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$870,000.00) in the form of a grant, for Climate Resilience, awarded by the Barr Foundation to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund the continued implementation of Climate Ready Boston initiatives. This includes advancing coastal resilience and heat resilience strategies, prioritizing equitable electrification and creating a community tree care program.*

These matters were sponsored by the Administration and referred to the Committee on January 11, 2023.

### Summary of Legislation:

*Docket #0116* is a grant for \$1,633,500.00, awarded by FEMA, flowing through the Massachusetts Energy Management Agency to the City of Boston Environment Department to fund the pre-construction planning and design process for the Resilient Moakley Connectors project. This project which should take 2-3 years to complete, is separate but complementary to the existing flood mitigation project within Moakley Park. The pre-construction planning and design process will entail looking into how to expand upon the extensive work of the existing Moakley Park Project (MPP) by extending the line of flood protection slightly north and south of the park.

*Docket #0117* is a grant for \$870,000.00, awarded by the Barr Foundation to the City of Boston Environment Department, to fund the implementation of Climate Ready Boston initiatives over the next three years.

### Information Gathered at the Hearing:

The Committee held a hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2023. The Chair was joined by Councilor Michael Flaherty, At-Large, and received an absence letter from Councilor Erin Murphy, At-Large. Dr. Alison Brizius, Commissioner of the Environment Department, testified on behalf of the Administration.

The Administration testified that **Docket #0116** will build on a number of years of community engagement and work to help Boston prepare for the effects of climate change. It was confirmed that the planning and design process will be done not only in collaboration with community partners and neighborhood organizations but also with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and Massachusetts Water Resource Authority, as they are holders of critical infrastructure adjacent to Moakley Park.

The Administration testified that **Docket #0117** will support ongoing efforts to increase climate resilience across the city through funding increased staff capacity (hiring project managers) to advance and implement a number of resilience priorities across the city, identified through the Climate Ready Report, including coastal resilience, heat resilience, energy resilience, increasing tree canopy.

Questions were raised regarding tactical effectiveness and whether the grant could go towards doing more offensive flood mitigation projects rather than defensive ones. The Administration explained that as a part of the Climate Ready Boston study in 2016, they conducted a comprehensive study around a harbor wide barrier and concluded that while it may help during a storm, it will not solve the problems caused by sea level rise on the coast, but assured they would continue to revisit the idea while carrying out other projects, like those funded under the current grants.

At the request of the Committee, the Administration agreed to update the Council on community engagement initiatives and to keep District Councilors involved throughout the process.

### **Recommended Action:**

The Chair of the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks, to which the following dockets were referred:

***Docket #0116, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,633,500.00) in the form of a grant, for the Resilient Moakley Connectors, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund pre-construction planning and design activities in the northern and southern areas adjacent to Moakley Park, located along the waterfront of Dorchester and South Boston neighborhoods. The project is separate but complementary to the flood mitigation project within Moakley Park, and***

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submits a report recommending that these dockets ought to pass.



Kendra Lara, Chair  
Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks.



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

February 13, 2023

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Dear Councilors:

At the recommendation of the Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners, I hereby transmit for the approval of your Honorable Body an Order Fixing the date of the Preliminary Election for this Municipal Year as September 12, 2023.

Pursuant to the City Charter, the Preliminary Municipal Election occurs on the sixth Tuesday preceding the General Election. This year, due to the recently-enacted state law, G. L. c. 54. S. 25B, which provides for early in-person voting and for mail voting for municipal elections, and the additional time it will take for the Elections department staff to process those ballots, it would be prudent to provide the Elections department staff additional time between the preliminary and general elections to properly mail and process mail ballots and conduct early in-person voting. The Chair recommends moving the preliminary election to the eighth Tuesday preceding the general election, namely, September 12.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order fixing the date of the 2023 Preliminary Election as Tuesday, September 12, 2023 as soon as possible, so that voters and candidates both will be aware of the date as soon as possible,

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDERED:**

That pursuant to G. L. c. 54, § 103P, the date of the Preliminary Municipal Election in 2023 is fixed as Tuesday, September 12, 2023. All deadlines relating to filing nomination papers and certifying names thereon related to the 2023 Municipal Election shall remain unchanged.

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

**BY**

  
**ADAM CEDERBAUM**  
**CORPORATION COUNSEL**



# BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology  
Kenzie Bok, Chair

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

February 24, 2023

Dear Councilors:

The Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology was referred the following docket for consideration:

***Docket #0407, Message and order for your approval an order at the recommendation of the Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners, I hereby transmit for the approval of your Honorable Body an Order Fixing the date of the Preliminary Election for this Municipal Year as September 12, 2023.***

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and was referred to the Committee on February 15, 2023.

### ***Summary of Legislation***

**Docket #0407** is an Order fixing the date of the 2023 Preliminary Election as Tuesday, September 12, 2023. All deadlines relating to filing nomination papers and certifying names thereon related to the 2023 Municipal Election shall remain unchanged.

### ***Information Received at Hearing***

A public hearing was held on this docket on Friday, February 24, 2023. Enedia Tavares, Commissioner of the Election Department, and Sabino Piemonte, Head Assistant Registrar of Voters at the Election Department testified on behalf of the Administration.

Commissioner Tavares stated that according to the City Charter, the preliminary municipal election would fall on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, and the general election would take place six weeks later on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. In 2022, legislation was passed to make vote-by-mail a permanent measure in the Commonwealth and provide municipalities with the option to provide in-person early voting in municipal elections. Commissioner Tavares stated that the City of Boston will be making both of these options available to voters in the Fall 2023 elections.

Commissioner Tavares stated that if the preliminary election is held on September 26, ballot preparation for the November election can not begin until after the certification of election results, which would take place on October 3, 2023. This would then be followed by a ballot position drawing before the City can submit names to a vendor to begin printing ballots. Given

this, it is estimated that the earliest the City would receive ballots would be during the week of October 16, 2023. This would only leave three weeks before the November election.

Commissioner Tavares stated that once the City receives the ballots they still need to be examined and time is needed to prepare the ballot mail-kits. She added that moving the Preliminary Election to an earlier date would ensure that the Department has ample time in between elections to make these preparations.

The Chair put forward language amending the Order. The current Order states that all deadlines relating to filing nomination papers and certifying names will remain unchanged, so as not to force potential candidates to have to submit these documents earlier than usual. However, there could be confusion based on the original order language as to the true dates of these deadlines, since the statutes that form the Charter describe those deadlines only by virtue of their relationship to the date of the preliminary election.

The Chair proposed adding clarifying language which emphasizes that all deadlines relating to submitting statements of candidacy, distributing and filing nomination papers, certifying names, and withdrawing or substituting nominations related to the 2023 Municipal Election shall remain unchanged as though the preliminary election date were still on the sixth Tuesday preceding the regular election.

Commissioner Tavares, Mr. Piemonte, the Chair, and other Councilors present discussed the need to amend the statute in the future to better permanently accommodate mail-in voting and to update several outdated aspects of the filing process. They also discussed the two upcoming special elections for state representative, and expressed the hope that they would be scheduled on the same date for ease of administration by the Elections Department.

### ***Summary of Amendments***

Based upon information gathered at the hearing, the Committee is recommending language changes to provide clarity. The Committee is amending the second sentence of the Order as follows:

“All deadlines relating to submitting statements of candidacy, distributing and filing nomination papers, certifying names thereon, and withdrawing or substituting nominations related to the 2023 Municipal Election shall remain unchanged as though the preliminary election date were still on the sixth Tuesday preceding the regular election.”

### ***Committee Chair Recommended Action***

As Chair of the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology, 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 the matter **OUGHT TO PASS IN A NEW DRAFT**.



Kenzie Bok, Chair  
Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology

**Docket #0407 - Amended**

ORDERED That pursuant to G.L. C. 54 § 103P, the date of the Preliminary Municipal Election in 2023 is fixed as Tuesday, September 12, 2023. All deadlines relating to submitting statements of candidacy, distributing and filing nomination papers, certifying names thereon, and withdrawing or substituting nominations related to the 2023 Municipal Election shall remain unchanged as though the preliminary election date were still on the sixth Tuesday preceding the regular election.



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS CONTAMINATED BEVERAGES IN CLUBS AND BARS

**WHEREAS,** Over the past year, countless Boston residents, particularly women, have reported experiencing emergency-related issues connected with contaminated drinks served at Boston establishments; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In May of 2022, the Boston Police Department issued a community alert urging victims of drink spiking to come forward and report their suspicions to police. Boston police received nearly a dozen reports with allegations of drugged drinks at clubs and bars between April 10th, 2022 and June 4th 2022 ; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In late April, the Boston Licensing Board reviewed four incidents in which women reported getting sick from spiked drinks at local bars but determined that the bars' staffs did not commit any violations ; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Medical professionals and experts state that it is difficult for date rape drugs, like GHB, Rohypnol, and ketamine, are hard to detect, so allegations of drink spiking are almost impossible to prove ; *and*

**WHEREAS,** However, establishments can and have been able to implement safety measures such as safety awareness signage, and lidded cups to help create awareness and prevent contamination ; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss prevention awareness and action on contaminated drinks and that the Boston Public Health and Human Services departments, and other relevant departments be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 11, 2023





City Of Boston • Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
Michelle Wu

01-09-2023

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 TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS **(\$297,200.00)** in the form of a grant, FY23 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Office of Arts & Culture.

The grant would fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhances the quality of life in our city.

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  
Mayor of Boston



## City Council Order

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**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY23 Local Cultural Council Program FUNDS, AWARDED BY Massachusetts Cultural Council.**

**WHEREAS**, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Arts & Culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS **(\$297,200.00)** would fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhances the quality of life in our city. 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 Massachusetts Cultural Council, FY23 Local Cultural Council Program award not to exceed the amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS **(\$297,200.00)**.

**Docket #** \_\_\_\_\_

**In City Council  
Passed** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City Clerk**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor**

**Approved** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that  
the foregoing, if passed in  
the above form, will be in  
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum  
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
**MICHELLE WU**

January 30, 2023

## TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit two pieces of legislation for your consideration and approval: *Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston*; and *Order Temporarily Extending Urban Renewal Until March 31, 2025 or Passage of a Proposed Relevant Home Rule Petition*.

As we chart the future of the Boston Planning and Development Agency, we must update our state laws to reflect today's needs. This home rule petition will formally end the decades-old urban renewal mission of eradicating so-called "blight and urban decay," and rededicate our resources toward Boston's urgent needs: resiliency, affordability, and equity. Establishing these tenets as the guiding principles for planning decisions—while jettisoning the outdated notion of improvement through Urban Renewal—will enhance the safety, health, and quality of life of our residents and the opportunities for companies doing business in the city. We are also seeking an interim extension of the current urban renewal zones to allow for passage of the home rule petition at the state house and ensure that current affordable housing, open spaces and other land uses for civic benefit do not lapse.

## AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND MODERNIZE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Major provisions of the Act include:

*Creation of the Boston Planning and Development Agency.* This Act formally abolishes the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC) of Boston. This Act transfers the powers and duties of those entities to an agency newly created by this Act, and adopts as its formal name the Boston Planning & Development Agency ("the agency"). This action modernizes the agency while setting up the



further actions below. Consolidating the agency will also assist with current and future efforts to administratively align and integrate the agency with the City of Boston.

*End of Urban Renewal.* This Act terminates and sunsets Urban Renewal powers by, in part, eliminating the legal authority for the agency to adopt any new Urban Renewal plans or to make new findings or takings pertaining to blighted, decadent, or substandard conditions in the city. It also entitles the agency, notwithstanding the termination of any urban renewal plan, to enforce any conditions and restrictions in existing plans that protect important community benefits such as affordable housing, open space, and community uses.

*Scope of the New Boston Planning & Development Agency.* The Act directs the agency to prepare and implement plans that address three key planning principles: 1) resiliency, including climate change mitigation and adaptation; 2) affordability, including the creation and retention of affordable housing and support for local businesses; and 3) equity, in the form of community development plans that ensure the equitable distribution of benefits derived from development in the city, and redress historical inequitable policies that may have led to inequities in the city's growth. The Act requires that all plans be approved by the mayor, subject to the requirements of the Act. The Act also authorizes the agency to act as a public economic development agency, to fund worthy projects, to make confirmatory eminent domain takings, and to manage related property matters so long as they are in accordance with these new overarching principles.

## **AN ORDER TEMPORARILY EXTENDING URBAN RENEWAL PLANS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON UNTIL MARCH 31, 2025 OR PASSAGE OF A PROPOSED RELEVANT HOME RULE PETITION**

With this proposed Order, I am requesting a two-year extension of the remaining Urban Renewal plans in alignment with the timeline for legislative consideration of the Home Rule Petition. I am requesting that the extension be granted for the shorter of either (a) two (2) additional years (i.e., to March 31, 2025), or (b) until such time that the Home Rule petition passes.

In April 2016, the City Council granted approval of a six (6) year extension of Boston's fourteen (14) Urban Renewal plans, which was subsequently approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development. In March 2022, the BPDA, Council and DHCD sunset two (2) additional Urban Renewal plans.

An expiration of the twelve active Urban Renewal plans before the home rule petition is adopted with protections for transferring existing land use protections would risk dissolution of the affordable housing, open space, and other community-oriented land use restrictions currently enforced under the plans. In seeking this temporary extension, the BPDA shall focus its Urban Renewal-related efforts solely on (a) enforcing existing land use restrictions that protect

community values (e.g., income restrictions, elderly preferences, open space, and other community uses) and (b) advancing the resiliency, affordability, and equity goals of the city.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the two proposals, the Act and the Order, to improve and modernize planning and community development in the City of Boston while working to advance resiliency, affordability, and equity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Wu', with a stylized, flowing script.

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

# **CITY OF BOSTON**

## **IN CITY COUNCIL**

### **AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND MODERNIZE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

*WHEREAS, the City of Boston is committed to seeking and obtaining every means available to improve and modernize comprehensive, city-wide planning and community development in a manner that advances today's challenges of climate resiliency, affordability, and equity;*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED*

That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

#### **PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:**

### **AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND MODERNIZE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:*

Section 1.     Statement of Purpose. It is the intent and purpose of this act to provide the city of Boston, in this act called the city, with the tools and powers necessary to guide certain public and private investments, and to otherwise address the issues and achieve the goals expressed further in this act, all of which are designed to make the city a more resilient, affordable and equitable community. It is further the intent of this act to encourage, to the maximum extent practicable, the increased cooperation and coordination between the city and the Boston Planning & Development Agency, in this act called the agency, through additional and comprehensive planning citywide, through increased transparency and public participation in the activities of the agency, and through the sharing, transfer and efficient deployment of personnel, funds, land and other resources. The powers and duties to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be carried out in a manner to promote equity amongst all, and that is, to the

maximum extent practicable, fair, and equitable to all of the city's residents and businesses.

Section 2. Declaration of Necessity. It is hereby declared that there exists in the city (a) areas that suffer disproportionately from historically inequitable treatment and lack of access to opportunities afforded to the city as a whole, creating wide disparities with respect to equality of economic opportunity, health, safety and quality of life; (b) a crisis created by the lack of affordability in the city for the city's businesses and residents measured against continual and high demand; and (c) threats to large areas of the city brought about by the effects of the changes to climate; that each of these issues has been extensively documented in studies and reports contributing to the passage of this act; that resiliency, affordability and equity are issues that require governmental intervention to be properly and comprehensively addressed; that each of these issues presents a threat, and contributes substantially, to the safety, health, and quality of life of the residents of and companies doing business in the city, necessitating excessive and disproportionate expenditure of public funds for the preservation of the public health and safety and quality of life and for the maintenance of adequate public spaces, services and facilities; that the city requires additional tools that are adaptable for today's economy and the economy of the future and the technology that is available today and that will be further advanced in the future; that these tools are necessary to create additional opportunities and guide the types of public and private investments deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of this act; that each of these issues constitute an economic and social liability which substantially impairs the city; that each of these issues decrease the value of private investments and threatens the sources of public revenue and the financial stability of communities within the city; that because of the economic and social interdependence of different communities and of different areas within the city and because of the critical need to address the needs of all of the city's citizens in an equitable manner, the redevelopment of land in accordance with one or more plans to address the issues that are the subject of this act are necessary; that, while some actions may be accomplished through existing means and law and through the operations of private action, through publicly initiated action, or through a combination of both private and public action, in cases where it is found that private actions taken alone are unlikely to remedy the conditions that lead to these issues, the actions authorized by this act, including but not limited to, the construction, financing, restoration, renovation, rehabilitation, preservation, or removal of structures and the acquisition and disposition of property as circumstances may warrant, and the general improvement of sites for these purposes is necessary to accomplish these objectives; the disposition of the

property for the purpose of the foregoing, the exercise of powers consistent with this act and any assistance which may be given by the city and the agency created by this act are public uses and purposes for which public money may be expended and the power of eminent domain exercised; and that the acquisition, planning, clearance, conservation, restoration, renovation, rehabilitation, preservation or rebuilding of such areas for such purposes, including the provision of multi-modal and complete streets, enhancements and improved access to transit facilities, parks, flood control structures, greenways, technological infrastructure, recreational areas and other spaces and improvements in housing and commercial properties, are public uses and benefits for which private property may be acquired by eminent domain or regulated by reasonable orders, laws and directions and for which public funds may be expended for the betterment of the city.

It is hereby further declared that there is a serious issue of affordability in the city, including a shortage of housing in the city that can be afforded by persons and families of low and moderate income and including other issues of affordability in many forms including the ability for Bostonians to incubate, launch and grow businesses; that it is in the best interest of the commonwealth to encourage programs to provide jobs, opportunities, housing and other assistance for such persons without imposing on them undue financial hardship; and that in undertaking such programs and assistance using the tools and the powers set forth in this act, the agency will be able to promote the health and prosperity of all citizens of the city, and thereby serve a public purpose for the benefit of the general public.

It is hereby further found that there is a need in the city to improve energy and water efficiency in both new and existing buildings, to enhance indoor air quality and sustainability, to facilitate the implementation of zero-emission electricity generation, to further the use and proliferation of electric and other vehicles fueled by alternatives to fossil fuels, to further the use of low-emission and/or sustainable building materials and processes, to promote, support, and incentivize energy storage, building electrification, adaptive reuse of existing structures, urban cooling strategies, the conservation, restoration, and protection of coastal and marine habitats, greenhouse gas emission reduction activities, and to advance other projects in the city that address and implement climate resilience strategies, and that in undertaking such programs and assistance using the tools and the authorities set forth in this act the agency will promote the health and prosperity of all citizens of the city and thereby serve a public purpose for the benefit of the general public.



The provisions of this act relating to the issues addressed in this act are hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination.

Section 3.     Definitions.

As used in this act, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:—

“agency,” the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

“authority,” the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

“affordable” or “affordability,” the ability of persons and families of low and moderate income to procure and retain within the city safe and secure housing that provides reasonable access to transportation, employment, and educational opportunities without the imposition of undue financial hardship, and the ability of persons seeking to incubate, launch and grow businesses within the city to pursue such opportunities without the imposition of undue financial hardship.

“affordable housing” the same meaning as set forth in section 17 of the boston zoning enabling act.

“boston zoning enabling act,” chapter 665 of the acts of 1956, as most recently amended by chapter 365 of the acts of 2020, and as may be further amended from time to time.

“city,” the city of Boston.

“community development,” actions, projects, or activities that develop and improve the city or its neighborhoods in ways consistent with the powers and duties of the agency and the objectives of this act, including but not limited to (i) creating or expanding economic, educational, transportation, or housing opportunities for low and moderate income people; (ii) creating or expanding economic opportunities for new or existing local businesses; (iii) establishing, improving, or enhancing public facilities, public social services, or physical or technological infrastructure; or (iv) improving, revitalizing, preserving, conserving, or rehabilitating the built environment or the natural environment.

“corporation,” the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston.

“department,” the Department of Housing and Community Development or its successor.

“effective date,” the date set forth in section 4 of this act.

“resilient” or “resiliency,” actions, projects, or activities that anticipate, assess, prepare for, respond to, reduce, mitigate, manage, or adapt to either the risks or the adverse impacts of climate change (including but not limited to extreme weather events, drought, coastal and inland flooding, sea level rise and increased storm surge, wildfires, and extreme temperatures), as such risks or adverse impacts may affect the city’s natural environment, the city’s built environment, the city’s economy, the city’s populace, or any combination thereof.

“zoning commission,” the Boston Zoning Commission.

Section 4.     Effective Date. In order to provide the necessary time to plan for the implementation of this act, the provisions of this act shall be effective on a date that is one hundred eighty days from the date it is approved by the Governor.

Section 5.     Abolition of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The Boston Redevelopment Authority, doing business as the Boston Planning & Development Agency, referred to in this act as the authority, is hereby abolished.

Section 6.     Abolition of the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston. The Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston, referred to in this act as the corporation, is hereby abolished.

Section 7.     Creation of the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

- (a) There shall be a public body politic and corporate to be known as the Boston Planning & Development Agency, in this act called the agency. The agency is hereby constituted as a public instrumentality of the city and the exercise by the agency of the powers conferred by this act shall be considered to be the performance of an essential governmental function.
- (b) Subject to the limitations set forth in this act, the agency is hereby constituted as a redevelopment authority of the city, and shall have all of the powers and duties conferred on redevelopment authorities pursuant to chapter 121B.

- (c) The agency shall also have all of the powers and duties of the Boston Redevelopment Authority as set forth in chapter 652 of the acts of 1960, as amended.
- (d) The agency shall also have all of the powers and duties of the economic development and industrial corporation of Boston as set forth in chapter 1097 of the acts of 1971, as amended, and all of the powers and duties conferred on economic development and industrial corporations pursuant to chapter 121C.
- (e) The agency shall be managed, controlled and governed by a board of five members who shall be appointed and shall serve in accordance with the requirements of chapter 121B.
- (f) Until such time as the authority and the corporation are abolished pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of this act, the agency shall work with the authority and the corporation toward the completion of an orderly transition of all matters detailed in section 15 of this act.

Section 8. Planning and Zoning Functions in the City of Boston.

- (a) Section 12 of chapter 652 of the acts of 1960, as most recently amended by section one of chapter 341 of the acts of 1993, is hereby amended by deleting the final paragraph.
- (b) Section 3 of the boston zoning enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the second sentence of that section and replacing it with the following:-

“No zoning regulation originally establishing the boundaries of a district or the regulations and restrictions to be enforced therein, and no such regulation amending the same as aforesaid, shall be adopted until the Boston Planning & Development Agency shall have submitted a report with recommendations concerning such regulation or amendment or allowed twenty days to elapse after receipt from the zoning commission of a request for such a report without making such a report, nor until after the zoning commission shall have given notice and held public hearing with respect to such regulation or amendment.”

- (c) Section 8 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the words “Boston Redevelopment Authority” where they appear in the seventh and

ninth paragraphs of that section and replacing them with the words:- “Boston Planning & Development Agency.”

- (d) Section 16 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the words “Boston Redevelopment Authority hereinafter referred to as BRA,” as they appear in the second paragraph of that section and replacing them with the words:- Boston Planning & Development Agency hereinafter referred to as the BPDA.”
- (e) Sections 16, 17, 18, 21 and 22 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by replacing the letters “BRA” each time they appear in said sections with:- “BPDA.”
- (f) Section 21 of said enabling act is hereby further amended by striking the words “Boston Redevelopment Authority” as they appear in said section and replacing them with:- “Boston Planning & Development Agency.”

Section 9. Cooperation Between Agency and City.

- (a) To the maximum extent determined to be practicable by the agency and the city:
  - (i) the agency shall make use of the services of the agencies, officers and employees of the city and the city shall, if requested, make available such services, all in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of chapter 121B;
  - (ii) the city shall make use of the services of the agency and the agency shall, if requested, make available such services;
  - (iii) property owned by the agency determined by the agency to be no longer necessary in undertaking its statutory and other responsibilities may be transferred to the city, provided that the city shall accept such property subject to any existing lease.

Section 10. Additional Powers and Duties of the Agency. The agency shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes of relevant provisions of the General Laws, and shall have the following powers in addition to those specifically granted in this act:—

- (a) To prepare and implement plans to address issues pertaining to affordability in the entire city or in such areas of the city as it determines to be necessary, including the creation of new affordable housing and retention of existing affordable housing, and the development of methods to address business incubation and affordability in the city, subject, however, to the requirements of section 11 of this act;
- (b) To prepare and implement plans to provide for resiliency and to combat the impacts of climate change in the entire city or in such areas of the city as it determines to be necessary, subject, however, to the requirements of section 11 of this act;
- (c) To prepare and implement community development plans in the entire city or in such areas of the city as it determines to be necessary, subject, however, to the requirements of section 11 of this act;
- (d) To take necessary action and create policies and programs as needed to ensure the equitable distribution across the city of benefits from development.
- (e) To create and implement programs to address any historically inequitable distribution of agency resources or historically inequitable policies that may have led to inequities in the growth of the city.
- (f) To prepare plans to develop and test methods and techniques and to carry out demonstrations to implement projects and programs in furtherance of the objectives of this act;
- (g) To provide recommendations, advice, technical assistance and staffing to the zoning commission as may be requested by the director from time to time;
- (h) To create such internal offices, divisions, or departments as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this act;
- (i) To act as a public economic development agency for the purposes of chapter 30B and to dispose of by sale or lease or to acquire by purchase, lease, eminent domain or otherwise residential, institutional, industrial or commercial real property for purposes in furtherance of this act in accordance with a plan approved by the members of the agency;
- (j) To enter into, administer, extend, amend and enforce cooperation and other agreements with the city, state and federal agencies and other public and

private organizations and persons to further the objectives of this act, subject, however, to the provisions of applicable law;

- (k) To conduct research, issue reports and engage in similar activities consistent with its powers as detailed in this act; and
- (l) To perform any of the following acts in any location in the city irrespective of whether such location is included within an area covered by a plan adopted in accordance with this act: to make confirmatory eminent domain takings in order to confirm title to real estate; to make and receive loans to or from any party, to receive gifts from any party, and to make investments all for purposes consistent with this act; to acquire and transfer property discontinued by the public improvement commission or other city entity; to grant or receive utility easements; and to acquire or transfer a property interest to or from another public entity.

Section 11. Additional Requirements for Resiliency, Affordability, and Community Development Plans.

The following requirements shall apply to plans proposed pursuant to sections 10(a), 10(b) and 10(c) of this act.

- (a) Whenever the agency determines that such a plan should be implemented, it shall first submit said plan to the mayor of the city for approval. Such application shall be accompanied by the plan, a statement of the proposed method for financing the activities contemplated in the plan, and any such other information as the agency in its discretion deems advisable.
- (b) Whenever a public hearing on a plan is held, notice thereof shall be sent to the Boston Landmarks Commission together with a map indicating the area included in such plan.
- (c) No such plan shall be implemented until a public hearing on such plan has been held after notice provided in the manner required by section 20 of chapter 30A before the agency and the plan has been approved by the members of the agency and the mayor.
- (d) Every plan submitted to the mayor for approval shall include a description of the goals of the plan, the areas to be impacted by the plan and a statement describing how the plan is consistent with the planning conducted in those

areas, the proposed public and private improvements proposed as a part of the plan, and a financial plan associated with the plan together with findings by the members of the agency that the plan is consistent with this act and will further the agency's public purposes, and shall include a relocation plan prepared in accordance with the requirements of chapter seventy-nine A to the extent required by applicable law.

- (e) The mayor shall not approve any such plan except upon a determination that the plan will further the purposes of this act, giving due consideration to the findings of the members of the agency set forth in Section 11(d) above.
- (f) Every plan approved by the mayor that seeks financial assistance from any agency or authority of the commonwealth shall be subject to the further approval of the department and shall be submitted to the department together with such other material as the department may require.
  - (i) The department shall not approve any such plan unless the agency has made the findings required by this section, the mayor has approved the plan, and the department concurs in the findings made by the agency.
  - (ii) Within sixty days after submission of the plan, the department shall give written notice to the agency of its decision with respect to the plan. If the department disapproves any such plan, it shall state in writing in such notice its reasons for disapproval. A plan which has not been approved by the department when submitted may be submitted to the department again with such modifications, supporting data or arguments as are necessary to meet the department's objections. The department may hold a public hearing upon any plan submitted to it and shall do so if requested in writing within ten days after submission of the plan by the agency, the mayor, or twenty-five or more residents of the city.
  - (iii) Any provision in this subsection to the contrary notwithstanding, when the location of a proposed plan has been determined, the agency may, without awaiting the approval of the department, proceed to acquire or otherwise obtain control of such property within the plan area as is necessary to carry out the objectives of the plan; but it shall not, without the approval of the department if such approval is required by this subsection, unconditionally obligate itself to purchase or otherwise acquire any such property except as provided in section forty-seven of chapter 121B.

- (g) When the plan has been approved by the mayor, and to the extent required by this act, the department, and notice of such approvals has been given to the agency, the agency may proceed at once to take any and all actions to implement the plan including, without limitation, to acquire and dispose of real estate within the location of the plan area, either by eminent domain or by sale, grant, purchase, lease, gift, exchange or otherwise.

Section 12. Termination and Sunsetting of Urban Renewal Powers.

- (a) From and after the effective date, notwithstanding any provisions of chapter 121B to the contrary, the agency shall not be authorized to adopt any new urban renewal plan, nor to make any findings pertaining to blighted open, decadent or substandard conditions in the city, but shall, to the extent determined to be necessary or convenient for the agency as determined by its members, remain obligated to perform such actions, to enforce such conditions or to benefit from any restrictions or other provisions as such actions, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions are set forth in any contract or plan in effect as of the effective date
- (b) To the extent necessary to take an action, to enforce a condition, or to benefit from a restriction or other provision in such plan, the agency is hereby authorized to extend, terminate or amend such urban renewal and other plans that may be in existence as of the effective date subject to the requirements of applicable law and this section, and such additional terms as it may determine to be appropriate.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, contract or urban renewal plan to the contrary, prior to and upon the termination of any urban renewal plan, the agency shall be entitled to continue to enforce such conditions or to benefit from any restrictions or other provisions, as such actions, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions are set forth in any contract or plan in effect as of the effective date provided that the agency shall be authorized to terminate, extend, modify or amend any such condition, restriction or other provision by agreement.
- (d) In preparing, adopting and implementing any resiliency, affordability, community development or other plans authorized by this act, the agency shall, except as modified by the provisions of this act, be subject to the requirements and shall have all of the powers set forth in chapter 121B.



Section 13. Cooperation With Local, State and Federal Agencies and Programs.

The agency is authorized, with the approval of the mayor of the city, to enter into loans, grants, contracts and other agreements with the local, state, federal, or other government entity relative to the acceptance or borrowing of funds or other assistance for any project it is authorized to undertake in accordance with this act and to secure such local, state, federal and other funds and assistance as may be available, including, without limitation, funding and other assistance made available through chapters 43D and 40R of the general laws, the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000, the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and other laws or programs providing funding or other assistance consistent with the provisions of this act, as those laws and programs may be amended and revised from time to time, which loans, grants, contracts and other agreements shall contain such covenants, terms and conditions as the agency and such agency of the government may deem desirable.

Section 14. Matters Pertaining to Urban Redevelopment Corporations.

- (a) Projects undertaken by any entity approved under chapter 652 of the acts of 1960, as amended, and chapter 121A of the general laws shall, in addition to the types of projects authorized by said laws, also include projects authorized under section 10 of this act; provided, that each such project shall be accompanied by a plan and shall be otherwise subject to the requirements of section 11 of this act.
- (b) The agency shall be authorized to review, improve, approve and monitor any such project or plan in the same manner as provided by chapter 652, as amended, and said chapter 121A.

Section 15. Transfer of Personnel and Obligations.

- (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, as of the effective date: -
  - (i) all personnel employed by the authority or the corporation shall become employees of the agency consistent with and subject to the requirements of this act;

(ii) all assets, accounts, liabilities, obligations, real and personal property and debt of the authority and the corporation are hereby transferred to the agency, and, without further conveyance or other act, all the assets, accounts liabilities, obligations, real and personal property and debt, as well as all rights, powers and duties of the authority and the corporation shall be transferred to, and assumed by, the agency;

(iii) ownership, possession and control of all personal property, including, but without limitation, all equipment, books, maps, papers, plans, records and documents of whatever description then belonging to the authority and the corporation shall pass to, and be vested in, the agency without consideration or further evidence of transfer and shall thereafter be in the possession and control of the agency;

(iv) ownership, possession and control of all real property, including, without limitation, all land, buildings, easement, restrictions and other interests in land and other property that are owned or held by the authority or the corporation shall pass to, and be vested in, the agency without consideration or further evidence of transfer and shall thereafter be in the possession and control of the agency; and

(v) all duly existing contracts, leases, land disposition agreements, collective bargaining agreements and obligations of the authority and the corporation which are in force immediately before the effective date shall be deemed to be the obligations of the agency but shall otherwise be unaffected by this act, and no existing right or remedy with respect to any such matter shall be lost, impaired or affected by this act.

(b) The agency shall be authorized to establish such bylaws, systems, procedures, accounts, and processes as it determines to be necessary or desirable in connection with the assumption, management, operation and administration of the personnel, assets, accounts, liabilities, obligations, real and personal property and debt of the authority and the corporation.

(c) The agency shall have authority to exercise all rights and enjoy all interests conferred upon the authority and the corporation by any such contracts, leases, land disposition agreement or other obligation, including any collective bargaining agreement in existence as of the effective date.

- (d) The transfer provided by this act shall be effective upon the effective date and shall bind the agency and all other persons with or without notice and without any further action or documentation.
- (e) Without derogating from the foregoing, the agency may, from time to time, execute and record and file for registration with any registry of deeds or the land court or with the secretary of the commonwealth, as appropriate, a certificate confirming the agency's ownership of any interest in real or personal property formerly held by the authority or the corporation and transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act and establishing and confirming the rights so transferred.
- (f) This act shall not limit or impair the rights, remedies, or defenses of the agency, the authority or the corporation in or to any such action including, without limitation, chapter 258 of the General Laws; provided, however, that from and after the effective date any action pending related to such rights, remedies or defenses shall continue unabated and may be completed against or by the agency.
- (g) No existing rights of the holders of the bonds issued by the authority or the corporation shall be impaired, and the agency, as successor in interest to the authority and the corporation, shall maintain the covenants of the trust indentures pertaining to such bonds so long as such bonds shall remain outstanding.

Section 16.    Survival of Existing Rules and Matters. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any order, rule, or regulation duly promulgated, or any license, permit, certificate, right or approval duly granted or held, by or on behalf of the authority or the corporation shall continue in effect from and after the effective date and shall be enforced by the agency until superseded, revised, rescinded or cancelled. Any proceeding before the authority or the corporation pending as of the effective date shall be assumed by the agency and shall continue unaffected and without need to be re-noticed or recommenced.

Section 17.    Other Personnel Matters Related to Transfer of Employees.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the agency may enter into contracts to create and permit employee contributions to individual retirement accounts for employees of the agency pursuant to sections 64A to 64C, inclusive, of chapter 29 of the General Laws.

- (b) The provisions of section 52 of chapter 121B shall not apply to employees of the agency; provided, however, that such section shall continue to apply to any employee of the authority subject to the requirements of such section as of the effective date.
- (c) All members, officers and employees of the authority and the corporation transferred to the service of the agency shall be transferred without impairment of seniority, retirement or other statutory rights of employees, without loss of accrued rights to benefits, holidays, sick leave, vacation pension, and all other benefits, except as otherwise provided in this act. All employees of the agency shall be eligible for group insurance benefits provided by the group insurance commission or otherwise. Terms of service of employees of the authority and the corporation shall not be deemed to be interrupted by virtue of transfer to the agency.
- (d) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, retired employees of the authority and the corporation and the surviving spouses of active or retired employees who are eligible for group insurance coverage pursuant to this section and said chapter 32A shall have said eligibility and coverage transferred to the group insurance commission and shall receive the full extent of benefits provided to employees of the agency. Such persons shall cease to be eligible or insured by the authority or corporation, as applicable. The commission shall provide uninterrupted coverage for group life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance and group general or blanket insurance providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance benefits to the extent authorized under said chapter 32A. All questions relating to group insurance rights, obligations, costs and payments shall be determined solely by the group insurance commission, and shall include the manner and method for the payment of all required premiums applicable to all such coverage.
- (e) Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the eligibility and coverage of retired authority or corporation employees and the surviving spouses of active or retired employees who are eligible for group insurance coverage under a plan offered by the authority or corporation or who are insured under a plan offered by the authority or the corporation.
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, employees of the agency shall be eligible to become members of the Boston

retirement system, and notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary including, but not limited to, paragraph (c) of subdivision (8) of section 3 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, said system shall be responsible for all liability attributable to the service of such employees. The liabilities attributable to the service of such employees shall be recoverable by the city pursuant to the terms of said section 8.

- (g) Any employee of the corporation on the effective date may elect: (i) to join the Boston retirement system by written notification to the system of his or her intention in a manner according to a process adopted by the system and otherwise consistent with applicable law; and (ii) to increase his or her years of creditable service in the system by purchasing time up to an amount represented by his or her years of creditable service with the corporation according to a payment schedule and process adopted by the system and otherwise consistent with applicable law.
- (h) The agency, in cooperation with the city, shall complete a study of job titles in the authority and the corporation and shall determine the appropriate job titles for employees transferred to the agency and the appropriate job titles for employees to be transferred to the city. Employees transferred to the agency shall be placed in job titles as determined by the agency, in consultation with the city, and shall be paid wages and receive benefits consistent with the collective bargaining agreement governing such job title(s) (if any) or if no collective bargaining agreement exists for such employees, then consistent with the existing pay and benefits governing such job title(s). Employees transferred to the city shall be placed in job titles as determined by the city, in consultation with the agency, and shall be paid wages and receive benefits consistent with the collective bargaining agreement governing such job title(s) (if any) or if no collective bargaining agreement exists for such employees, then consistent with the existing pay and benefits governing such job title(s).

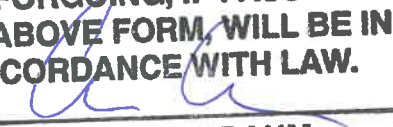
Section 18.     Requirement for Audit. Not later than one year from the effective date, the city auditor shall complete and file with the agency, city council, mayor, and office of the state auditor a closeout audit of the authority and the corporation. The audit shall include a catalogue of the status of the authority's and corporation's finances, operations, revenues, debt structure, and internal policies and procedures and the transfer of such matters to the agency.

Section 19.     Relationship to Other Laws. This act shall provide additional, alternative and complete methods for accomplishing the purpose of this act and shall be construed to be supplemental and additional to, and not in derogation of any powers conferred upon the agency by law; provided, however, that insofar as the provisions of this act are inconsistent with any general or special law, administrative order or regulation, the provisions of this act shall be controlling.

Section 20.     Evidence of Abolition of Authority and Corporation. Sections 5 and 6 of this act shall be effective as of a date that is not more than ninety days from the effective date, and shall be evidenced by the filing of a certificate with the secretary of the commonwealth executed by authority and the corporation and acknowledged by the agency as the successor to the authority and the corporation.

Section 21.     Severability. The provisions of this act are hereby declared to be severable and if any such provision or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any of the remaining provisions of said chapter or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that said chapter would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not been included therein.

Filed in Council: January 30, 2023

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

Offered by Councilors Liz Breadon and Ruthzee Louijeune



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING REMOTE ACCESS TO MEETINGS OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC BODIES

- WHEREAS,* At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic Governor Baker issued an Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law which enabled public bodies to hold meetings remotely without a quorum of members physically present at a meeting location, while also providing the public with “adequate, alternative” access to remote meetings; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Upon termination of the state of emergency in June 2021, the Massachusetts Legislature enacted and the Governor approved several special acts temporarily extending suspensions of Open Meeting Law provisions to April 1, 2022, July 15, 2022, and March 31, 2023 [*St. 2021, ch. 20, § 20; St. 2022, ch. 22, § 8-10*]; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives in February 2023 adopted rules for their respective bodies for the two-year legislative session which include a new hybrid committee hearing structure to allow both in-person and remote participation from legislators and the public; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The provision of remote access to meetings of public bodies by virtual means have allowed real-time public access to the activities of public bodies for nearly the past three years, ensuring active public engagement with, contribution to, and continued oversight of the functions of government; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Since prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings of certain public bodies in the City of Boston have already been broadcast live on Comcast Xfinity, RCN, Verizon Fios, and online, yet such provisions alone do not allow remote access to offering public testimony; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Remote access is the latest instance of universal design—alongside curb cuts, elevators, closed captioning, audiobooks, and other features—that began as accommodations and expanded to universal popularity as permanent features eliminating hindrances; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Ensuring remote access to public meetings advances the public good by removing barriers to participation in policymaking for all residents, particularly residents with disabilities, seniors, those with limited transit mobility, and those with work and family obligations making it difficult to commute to a meeting location; *and*

- WHEREAS*, While the suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law are due to expire on March 31, 2023, the City of Boston may codify policies ensuring permanent remote access for members of the public to attend and testify at meetings of its several boards and commissions; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Many boards and commissions are subject to the Open Meeting Law as municipal public bodies of the City of Boston, including those which regularly conduct official City business, such as reviewing applications for permits or periodically convening in an advisory capacity, with certain bodies meeting several times per month and others only holding annual or quarterly meetings; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Permanent amendments to the Open Meeting Law would be required to continue allowing members of public bodies to participate in meetings remotely, whether in a hybrid format or with all members meeting remotely by virtual means, and several such proposals have been filed in the Legislature; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Remote access provisions initiated as byproducts of the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrate the potential for the future of government functions to become more equitably accessible through virtual access in a 21st century democracy; *and*
- WHEREAS*, For some, remote access is a matter of convenience, but for too many, such options opened the door to meaningful engagement for the first time, and it is imperative to codify remote access provisions beyond the March 31, 2023 expiration, particularly for those previously left out; *NOW, THEREFORE*

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

**SECTION 1.**

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter I, General Provisions, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 1-7, the following new section: –

**Section 1-8 Remote Access to Meetings of Municipal Public Bodies.**

**Section 1-8.1 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this section the following words shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

- a. *Remote access* means measures that ensure public access to the deliberations and proceedings of a public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means, other than physical presence, which may include providing public access through telephone, internet, or satellite-enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow and participate in the proceedings of the public body as they are occurring, without subscription, toll, or similar charge.



- b. *Public body* and *Municipal public body* shall have the meanings consistent with that of G.L. c. 30A § 18, namely, a multiple-member body of the City or Commonwealth subject to enforcement of the Open Meeting Law by the Division of Open Government of the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General, however created, elected, appointed or otherwise constituted, established to serve a public purpose relating to or on behalf of the City of Boston, regardless of whether the body is under the direct oversight of a cabinet or department chief or officer.
- c. *Public comment* or *Public testimony* shall mean oral, recorded, or written input submitted by members of the public to a public body; provided, however, that such public comment occurs at the appropriately designated time, if any, of a public meeting as determined by the presiding officer.

#### Section 1-8.2 *Applicability.*

- a. The provisions of this section shall apply to a municipal public body which regularly conducts five or more public meetings in a given calendar year;
- b. A municipal public body which regularly conducts fewer than five public meetings in a given calendar year may elect to conform to the provisions of this section;
- c. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require conformity of a committee or subcommittee created to advise or make recommendations to a municipal public body; provided, however, that a public body may elect to adopt the provisions of this section for the proceedings of its committees or subcommittees.
- d. The provisions of subsection 1-8.5(a) relative to notices of public meetings shall apply to all municipal public bodies.

#### Section 1-8.3 *Provision of Remote Access to Members of the Public.*

- a. All meetings, including executive sessions, of public bodies shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law relative to the physical location of members of a multiple-member body in attendance. The presiding officer of a public body and adequate personnel shall be physically present at a meeting or hearing location where in-person public testimony is offered.
- b. A municipal public body, in the conduct of its meetings, shall utilize to the extent practicable online platforms or systems that allow for synchronous, audio-visual communication between the presiding officer and individuals offering testimony remotely. The technology employed for remote access shall provide equal opportunity and reasonable access to persons with disabilities and persons requiring language interpretation or translation services.

- c. The presiding officer of any municipal public body conducting a meeting shall use best efforts to prioritize the testimony of those physically present at the hearing location and may, in their discretion, allow individuals participating in-person a greater amount of time to testify than those participating remotely. This section shall not impose on any public body a general requirement to allow the public to speak or to participate in the deliberations of a public body without being recognized by the presiding officer.
- d. Meetings shall be publicly live-streamed on or through the City website and shall display and transmit, in real time, the audio-visual attributes of public testimony offered remotely.
- e. A municipal public body that for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts is unable to provide adequate, alternative means of public access that will enable the public to follow the proceedings of the municipal public body as those activities are occurring in real time may instead post on its municipal website a full and complete transcript, recording or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as practicable upon conclusion of the proceedings; provided, however, that a municipal public body consult the Division of Open Government of the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General prior to determining that it is unable to provide the public with real time access to a meeting.

Section 1-8.4 *Adoption and Promulgation of Remote Access Provisions.*

- a. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this act, a municipal public body subject to the provisions of this section shall, and a municipal public body electing to conform to the provisions of this section at any time may, adopt bylaws or establish administrative policies or procedures providing for remote access to its public meetings.
- b. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act, Corporation Counsel, or their designee, shall draft, approve as to form, and promulgate model language in the form of a vote to be taken by municipal public bodies to order to conform to the provisions of this section by establishing, or directing appropriate City personnel to establish, bylaws, rules, policies, or procedures for providing remote access to meetings of the public body.

Section 1-8.5 *Standards, Technical Assistance, and Implementation.*

- a. All notices of public meetings shall:
  - i. Specify whether there is a remote access component;
  - ii. Specify whether public testimony will be taken, and if it is to be taken, include instructions on how to offer public testimony whether in-person, remotely, in writing, or otherwise;

- iii. Include instructions on how to request disability or language access accommodations; and
  - iv. Specify whether a video recording, minutes, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings will be made available upon conclusion of the public meeting, and include information on how to locate or request the record.
- b. The Commission for Persons with Disabilities and the Office of Language and Communications Access may respectively establish and promulgate standards and guidelines to ensure equitable remote access to meetings of municipal public bodies.
  - c. The Chief Information Officer, Property Management Board, and Chief of Community Engagement may respectively establish and promulgate standards and guidelines for acquiring and installing necessary technological improvements, arrange training for City personnel, and widely promote to City residents the availability of remote access options for meetings of municipal public bodies.

## SECTION 2.

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

## SECTION 3.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Filed in City Council: February 24, 2023

Offered by Councilors Kenzie Bok and Edward Flynn



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BOSTON CODE, ORDINANCES, SECTION 7-3, BAY VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

- WHEREAS:* Bay Village was one of the first neighborhoods of Boston created on landfill in the 1820s and 1830s, prior to the Back Bay and South End, including many brick structures in Federal Period, Greek Revival, and Victorian styles that were later raised, alongside the streets, to a greater height above the water table in 1868; *and*
- WHEREAS:* The Bay Village Historic District was established by the Boston City Council in 1983, under the provisions of the Historic District Act, General Laws, Chapter 40C and Chapter 772, Acts of 1975; *and*
- WHEREAS:* Since 1983, the Bay Village Historic District Commission has stewarded the history of this treasured neighborhood, with its longstanding artisan tradition and its important role in the development of Boston's movie distribution industry; *and*
- WHEREAS:* The members of the Bay Village Historic District Commission and the Bay Village Neighborhood Association have jointly endorsed the following small updates to the ordinance, to allow for more cohesive review; *and*
- WHEREAS:* Preserving and celebrating Boston's rich history as embodied in the built environment of its neighborhoods is important to the city's unique identity for both visitors and residents alike; **NOW**

### ***THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSTON, AS FOLLOWS:***

City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 7-3.5, is hereby amended by striking said section and inserting in place thereof the following section:

**Section 7-3.5 Exemptions to Review:** The Authority of the Commission is not extended to the review of the following:

1. Temporary structures or signs, subject however, to such conditions as to the duration of use, location, lighting, removal and similar matters as the Commission may reasonably specify in the standards and criteria.
2. Ordinary maintenance or repair of an architectural feature which involves no change in design, material or outward appearance thereof.
3. Construction, reconstruction, alteration or demolition of any such feature which the Building Commissioner shall certify is required by the public safety because of an unsafe or dangerous condition.
4. The Boston Redevelopment Authority shall administer the development of Urban Renewal Parcel R-7 in accordance with the September, 1980 Developers Kit (The Guidelines) for this parcel, whose guidelines are incorporated herein by this reference. This exemption shall terminate upon completion of development, and the completed building and associated property shall then be subject to the Commission's jurisdiction in all respects.

Offered by Councilors Ricardo Arroyo and Gabriela Coletta



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDINANCE FORMALLY CREATING THE OFFICE OF FOOD JUSTICE AND ESTABLISHING A FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

**WHEREAS:** In 2020, the United States Department of Agriculture found that 10.5% of U.S. households were food insecure with higher rates among low-income households, Black and Hispanic households, and households headed by a single parent; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the existing food insecurity gap, especially for Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and other communities who already faced health and wealth disparities before the pandemic due to systemic racism; *and*

**WHEREAS:** During the initial surge of the pandemic in 2020, calls for food assistance to Project Bread's Food Source Hotline in Boston increased by 262%, while the Greater Boston Food Bank saw an increase of 2,554% in their distribution of food from 2019 to 2020; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has found that poor nutrition can lead to serious health problems such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and some cancers; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Access to nutritious food is a critical social determinant of health that has a direct impact on the well-being and lifespans of Boston residents; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The availability of food through supermarkets and convenience stores varies across the City of Boston, and sections of Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, and Hyde Park have no grocery stores within half a mile; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible, low-income individuals and families, but there is a significant gap between the amount of people eligible for SNAP and the number of people enrolled in the program; *and*

**WHEREAS:** In 2020, the SNAP gap was estimated to be 68,705 people or 39% citywide in Boston, but neighborhoods like East Boston had SNAP gaps closer to 68%; *and*

**WHEREAS:** A municipal program requiring food generators in the City of Boston to donate a portion of their edible food that would otherwise be disposed would help address food insecurity for residents; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection estimates that food represents more than 25% of overall solid waste in Massachusetts after recycling, with one million tons of food thrown in the trash each year; *and*

**WHEREAS:** A food recycling program would also prevent food fit for human consumption from being disposed of in landfills, reducing the generation of methane emissions, and alleviating the negative impact on the environment; *and*

**WHEREAS:** On February 24, 2022, the Mayor announced that the Office of Food Access would be renamed the Office of Food Justice, with a commitment to making nutritious, affordable, and culturally relevant food accessible to all Boston residents; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Successful food recovery programs have been implemented in France, Poland, the Czech Republic, Belgium, California, and New York; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The City of Boston has the opportunity to be the first municipality in the country with a program that will directly increase accessibility to healthy and nutritious food for residents, while taking meaningful steps toward environmental sustainability; **NOW THEREFORE**

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

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances be amended in Chapter VI by adding the following after 6-12:

**6-13: Ordinance Formally Creating the Office of Food Justice and Establishing a Food Recovery Program in the City of Boston**

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to formally create the Office of Food Justice, which will work to improve accessibility and affordability of healthy food in Boston, and create a food recovery program to be administered by the Office of Food Justice.

Section 2. Definitions

“Allergen disclaimer” means a written statement placed on excess edible food that includes language noting the potential presence of major food allergens in a food (as defined by 21 U.S.C. 321(qq), pursuant to the federal Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004 (FALCPA).

“Commercial edible food generators” means tier I and tier II commercial edible food generators, as defined in this section. For the purpose of this ordinance, food recovery organizations are not commercial edible food generators:

1. Tier I commercial edible food generators are supermarkets, grocery stores with a total facility size equal to or greater than ten thousand (10,000) square feet, food service providers, food distributors, wholesale food vendors, large restaurants with two hundred fifty (250) or more seats or a total facility size equal to or greater than five thousand (5,000) square feet, hotels with an on-site food facility and one hundred (100) or more beds, large venues and large events, colleges or universities, local or state agencies with large cafeterias, and any public or private school grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) with on-site food facilities that generate excess edible food.
2. Tier II commercial edible food generators are all other commercial edible food generators that generate excess edible food.

“Excess edible food” means edible food that is not sold or used by a commercial edible food generator and is still safe to be consumed but is being disposed of by the generator. Excess edible food shall not include unpackaged fresh meat, fish or poultry, food damaged by pests, mold, bacteria or other contamination, and food subject to governmental or producer recall due to food safety.

“Food recovery organization” means a not-for-profit organization that provides food without charge or at a charge sufficient only to cover the cost of handling such food to food-insecure individuals, including but not limited to, a food pantry, food bank, soup kitchen, shelter or other community-based organization.

### Section 3. Office of Food Justice

1. Purpose: Every resident in the City should have access to nutritious food, and that food should be affordable, easy to find, and reflect the many cultures of the City of Boston. The Office of Food Justice shall create food-secure communities with vibrant and inclusive food cultures to reflect the diversity of Boston residents.
2. Leadership: The Mayor shall appoint a Director to oversee the Office of Food Justice. The Director or designee shall administer all food security and nutrition programs.
3. The Office of Food Justice shall implement and administer programs and projects related to its purpose, and shall promulgate all rules necessary to effectuate the purposes of this legislation. Such programs shall include, but are not limited to:
  - a. The Food Recycling Program, as outlined in this ordinance
  - b. BosFoodLoveBoston Double Up Food Bucks
  - c. Boston Farmers Market
  - d. Community Fridges
  - e. Farmers Market Coupon Program
  - f. Food Forests
  - g. Summer Eats
  - h. Urban Farming in Boston



4. The Office of Food Justice is authorized to enter into agreements necessary to effectuate programs and projects related to its purpose, and, in connection with agreements entered into under this Ordinance, to enter into and execute all such other instruments and to perform any and all acts, including the allocation and expenditure of duly appropriated funds, as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of such agreements and any renewals thereto.

#### Section 4. The Food Recovery Program

1. The Office of Food Justice shall be responsible for the creation and administration of a City of Boston Food Recovery Program.
2. The Food Recovery Program shall require that all commercial edible food generators, to the maximum extent practicable, separate and donate their excess edible food fit for human consumption that would otherwise be disposed of, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations related to food donation.
3. The Office of Food Justice shall have the following responsibilities related to the Food Recovery Program:
  - a. Publish and maintain on its website: a list of all commercial edible food generators, a list of all food recovery organizations, a model contract between commercial edible food generators and food recovery organizations, procedures for the waiver process, and educational materials.
  - b. Develop and make available educational materials to assist designated commercial edible food generators with compliance with this section. The Office of Food Justice shall also develop educational materials on food waste prevention and minimization.
  - c. Create and administer a process to adjudicate hardship waiver requests.
  - d. Work with Inspectional Services Department to develop, publish, and distribute guidance around food safety requirements for food donation pursuant to 105 CMR 590.000.
  - e. Facilitate contractual relationships between commercial edible food generators and food recovery organizations.
  - f. Work to increase the capacity of food recovery organizations as needed.
  - g. No later than January 1, 2025 and on a quarterly basis thereafter, submit a report in writing to the Mayor and the Clerk and the Clerk shall docket the report and include the docket on the agenda of the next-occurring meeting of the Boston City Council. Such a report shall describe the operation of the Food Recovery Program including, but not limited to, the amount of food donated, sample educational materials, and the number of waivers provided.

4. Tier I commercial edible food generators shall comply with the requirements of this section commencing January 1, 2025. Tier II commercial edible food generators shall comply with the requirements of this section commencing January 1, 2026.
5. Commercial edible food generators shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this section through maintaining a contract or written agreement with a food recovery organization for regular food donations to be picked up or dropped off.
6. Commercial edible food generators donating excess edible foods containing more than one ingredient that are not commercially packaged shall include a list of any major food allergen pursuant to the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004 (FALCPA) contained within the excess edible food to the maximum practicable or if not possible, an allergen disclaimer.
7. A designated commercial edible food generator may petition the Office of Food Justice for a temporary waiver from some or all of the requirements of this section. The Office of Food Justice may grant temporary waivers upon proof that compliance with this section would cause undue economic hardship. A waiver shall be no longer than one year in duration; however, the Office of Food Justice may renew such waiver.
8. Commercial edible food generators shall comply with the requirements of this section unless the generator demonstrates the existence of extraordinary circumstances beyond its control that make such compliance impracticable. For the purposes of this section, extraordinary circumstances include earthquakes, wildfires, flooding, and other emergencies and natural disasters.
9. Nothing in this section shall require or authorize a commercial edible food generator to donate food that does not meet the food safety requirements of 105 CMR 590.000.
10. To the maximum extent allowable under state law, donations made pursuant to this section shall be covered by M.G.L. Chapter 94, s. 328, which protects eligible food donors that donate and food recovery organizations that distribute wholesome food to nonprofits for distribution for free or at a charge sufficient only to cover the cost of handling from civil and criminal liability.
11. Food recovery organizations shall submit a report to the Office of Food Justice within one year of implementation of this ordinance, and no less than annually thereafter in an electronic format. The report must summarize the amount of excess edible food received from commercial edible food generators in the City of Boston throughout the year, the

amount received from each commercial edible food generator, and any other information as required by the Office of Food Justice. Food recovery organizations may report the required information in the format used by the food recovery organization to track donations in the normal course of business.

#### Section 5. Enforcement

1. The Office of Food Justice shall have enforcement powers hereunder.
2. The enforcement process shall begin on January 1, 2026.
3. Any commercial edible food generator found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance after January 1, 2026 shall be punished by a warning and education with ninety (90) days' notice to fix the violation (which can be extended to 180 days) for the first offense and two hundred (\$200.00) for the second offense. For the third and subsequent offense, if the violation is ongoing, each day that the violation persists will constitute a separate violation for which an additional three hundred (\$300.00) dollar fine will be imposed.
4. If an enforcement action is commenced against a commercial edible food generator for noncompliance, the burden of proof shall be upon the commercial food generator to demonstrate extraordinary circumstances.

#### Section 6. Severability

The provisions in this ordinance are severable. If any part or provision of this ordinance, or the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstance, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such holding and shall continue to have full force and effect.

#### Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and approval. Upon becoming effective, the Office of Food Justice is authorized to implement the Program in a graduated manner, with full implementation for Tier I commercial edible food generators to be achieved by January 1, 2025, and Tier II commercial edible food generators to be achieved by January 1, 2026.

**Filed in Council: March 1, 2023**



Offered by Councilor Ed Flynn

## CITY OF BOSTON

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BOSTON CODE RELATING TO THE STUDY AND REPORT ON THE TRAFFICKING OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS

**WHEREAS:** Gun violence is a leading cause of death and injuries in this country, causing harm to not only the individual, but also to communities that experience gun violence in their neighborhoods; *and*

**WHEREAS:** In October of 2022, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution declaring gun violence as a public health emergency; *and*

**WHEREAS:** There has been more than 1,700 shootings recorded in the City since 2015, with more than 170 shootings in 2022; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Gun trafficking and illegal flow of firearms is a major contributor to gun violence, with the Boston Police recovering more than 900 firearms in 2022. In 2021, of the firearms recovered at crime scenes that were traced using the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network, only 10 percent were purchased in Massachusetts, while the rest were brought into Massachusetts from 18 other states; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The Boston Police, the Suffolk District Attorney's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives have partnered together last year on a program called "Boston Firearm Intelligence Review Shooting and Trafficking" (Boston FIRST) to focus on the issue of illegal gun trafficking, and to investigate, identify, and prosecute gun traffickers; *and*

**WHEREAS:** A comprehensive study and review of the flow of firearms into the City of Boston would help law enforcement and policymakers better understand the impact of illegal gun trafficking, and this data will help craft strategies to reduce gun violence; **AND NOW THEREFORE,**

***Be it Ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:***

That the City of Boston Municipal Code, Ordinances, Chapter 11-1 shall be amended by adding at the end thereof, the following new sections and subsections:

## **Section 11-1.11 REPORT ON GUN TRAFFICKING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.**

### **Section 1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this ordinance is to create an annual study and report from the Boston Police Department with data on the flow of firearms and review of ways that illegal firearms are transported into the City, which will help law enforcement and policymakers in determining action in stemming the flow of illegal firearms.

### **Section 2. Reporting.**

The Boston Police Department shall coordinate with Massachusetts State Police, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, and all other relevant municipal agencies to conduct a study on reducing the flow of firearms into the city and shall submit a report to the Mayor and the Boston City Council no later than three months after passage and annually thereafter. Such study and report shall include the following information for the preceding calendar year:

1. For each firearm seized or surrendered in the city and obtained by the police department:
  - (a) Whether the firearm was connected to a crime;
  - (b) Where the firearm originated, including where it was first sold, manufactured, imported or assembled;
  - (c) The date such firearm was seized or surrendered and the date such firearm was last sold legally;
  - (d) The location of such seizure, including latitude and longitude if available, but in all cases at least as specific as the nearest intersection;
  - (e) The make, model, type and serial number of such firearm;
  - (f) The manufacturer or importer of such firearm;
  - (g) Whether the firearm was a ghost gun or a firearm created using a three-dimensional printer, and if so, the entities that produced such firearm or parts thereof;
  - (h) The dealer of such firearm and whether such dealer was licensed; and
  - (i) Whether the firearm was registered in any state or federal database, including the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.
2. A review of the ways firearms are illegally transported into the city, including through roadways on and connected to the interstate and sea ports or bodies of water;
3. Limitations on disclosure. If disclosure of any information specified in paragraph one of subdivision a of this section is prohibited by law, such study and report shall identify the information being withheld and the reason therefore, and shall, instead of such withheld information, include aggregate data to the extent available. Such study and report need not include information about any firearm obtained through a gun buy-back program or where

disclosure would compromise the safety of the public or police officers or could otherwise compromise ongoing law enforcement investigations or operations. Such reports shall include the total number of seizures for which reporting was withheld due to a pending criminal investigation, and upon completion of such investigations the information relating to such seizures shall be reflected in a subsequent report.

**Section 3. Implementation.**

This ordinance takes effect immediately after passage.

**Section 4. Severability.**

If any provision of this section shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Filed in Council: March 1, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON AND RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO RESTRICT UP-FRONT RENTAL COSTS FOR TENANTS

**WHEREAS,** Boston is one of the most expensive cities in the world to live in, with an average monthly rent of \$3,894; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The cost of two-bedroom apartments has risen almost 20 percent from 2021 to 2022, with 98 percent of all apartments in Boston costing over \$2,000 a month; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The least expensive neighborhoods in Boston are Mattapan, with an average rent of \$2,100 and Hyde Park, with an average rent of \$2,000; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Many tenants in Boston are required to pay an upfront cost of the first month's rent, last month's rent, a security deposit, and the broker's fee which is typically equivalent to one month's rent; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston and New York City are the only two major cities in the country allowing landlords to pass on broker fees to tenants, even though broker fees were historically paid by landlords who hire the brokers; *and*

**WHEREAS,** However, while New York City is the only other city that allows broker fees for tenants, New York state has eliminated costs above the amount of one month's rent for tenants by landlords; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The upfront costs tenants have to pay, add up to at least \$8,000 in the cheapest apartments in Boston, and over \$15,000 on average; *and*

**WHEREAS,** According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, white Bostonians have average liquid assets (money in savings and checking accounts, stocks, money market, and government bonds) valued at \$25,000, compared to an average liquid asset value of \$1,668 for non-white Bostonians; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The average tenant in Boston does not have the savings to pay three or four months rent up front to a lessor, while disproportionately impacting non-white residents of Boston; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The groundbreaking 2020 study, Qualified Renters Need Not Apply, showed that race and class played a major role in how one is treated when seeking housing; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The same 2020 study demonstrated that real estate brokers play an outsized role in discrimination in the rental housing market, of the 200 testers in the study, 182 had contact exclusively with real estate brokers; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Black residents of Boston have been declining since 2000, with over 10,000 Black residents leaving the city; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Half of all Boston's rental units are owned by corporations, with 32 percent of rental units being owned by very large corporations that represent 0.46 percent of landlords; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Individual owners of rental properties, make on average 45 percent more than the area median income; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston needs to do everything in its power to make housing accessible to historically disenfranchised communities who have low savings due to systemic inequities; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss limiting the amount of fees lessors, landlords, and brokers can charge tenants within the city, and that representatives from the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet, the Boston Redevelopment Agency, and community leaders, real-estate experts, and other relevant stakeholders be invited to attend.

Filed: March 1, 2023



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RICARDO ARROYO AND TANIA FERNANDES  
ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS' (BPS) LACK OF RELIGIOUS AND DIETARY  
REQUIREMENTS FOR JEWISH, MUSLIM, AND PLANT  
BASED STUDENTS

- WHEREAS,** Correctional facilities in Massachusetts serve their inmates halal and kosher food options, which is a right that should be afforded to Boston Public School (BPS) students; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In Chicago only 13 schools have provided kosher or halal food options for the students, in comparison to BPS who have no kosher and halal food options; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In New York City they have allotted \$1 million into the FY 2019 budget pilot program to provide kosher and halal meals to students in NYC public schools; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In 2023 the New York State Legislature proposed Senate Bill A3923: An act to amend the education law, requiring public schools to offer a plant-based food option, a halal food option and a kosher food option as an alternative to every meal or snack offered in food service to any student who chooses such alternative meal or snack as an option; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On Thursday, May 12th, 2022 Mayor Michelle Wu and BPS announced a \$17 million contract with City Fresh Foods, a minority-owned business, to provide meals during the school year and summer programs to BPS students; *and*
- WHEREAS** As BPS makes new strides in contracting with minority owned businesses they should also make sure that within that contract they are including all minorities, including students who eat kosher and halal meals or prescribe to a plant based diet; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston should take the appropriate steps to give access to nutritious kosher and halal meals to meet the dietary requirements of all students during the school day; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** *That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the implementation of kosher halal, and plant based meals; and that the representatives from the Administration, City Fresh Foods and Boston Public Schools be invited*

Filed in Council: March 1, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ASSESS EXPANDED HOSPITAL- & COMMUNITY-CENTRIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION & INTERVENTION

- WHEREAS,** Violence prevention and intervention programs are most effective when they have adequate financial support; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston is home to globally-recognized research, medical, and community organizations working to reduce violence, prevent recidivism, and build community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston receives invaluable services and expertise while providing limited support in return; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Intervening in, disrupting, and ending cycles of violence requires collaborative, coordinated, community-based action; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Both City and community resources exist in fragmented, siloed systems; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Organizations throughout the City of Boston have worked to build communication structures to support collaboration; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City has the resources and convening power to bolster these efforts; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Hartford, CT has worked to empower hospitals and community organizations by implementing a system funded by the city and driven by community leaders to increase available resources while formalizing communication structures; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Hartford was able to double the number of violence prevention professionals in hospitals as well as expand the number of social workers, street workers, case managers, and other social support professionals throughout their community organizational partners; *and*
- WHEREAS,** These organizations collaborated to coordinate responses to emergent issues on a daily basis, ensuring effective and efficient responses utilizing all available tools; *and*

**WHEREAS,** This program has rapidly gained buy-in from rival stakeholders and community members; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston recognizes the need to develop and use all tools at our disposal in a coordinated manner to intervene in violence, prevent recidivism, build community ties, encourage community healing, and build safe, resilient, and collaborative neighborhoods; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss enhanced support for hospital- and community-based violence intervention and prevention programs, and that representatives from BPHC, Public Safety, Civic Engagement, and other relevant and interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: February 23, 2023

Offered by Councilor Ricardo Arroyo



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS CHALLENGES LATINO OWNED BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS FACE WHEN ACCESSING GOVERNMENT AND CORPORATE CONTRACTS

- WHEREAS,** In 2022, the Stanford Business School Latino Entrepreneurship Initiative released “2022 State of Latino Entrepreneurship” a study documenting the disparities that exist between white and Latino-owned businesses when it comes to securing corporate and government contracts despite the rate in which these businesses are growing; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The 2022 State of Latino Entrepreneurship study surveyed 10,000 companies with at least one employee on the payroll and found that it took more than a year for 37% of those businesses surveyed to secure a contract compared to 27% of white-owned businesses; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The same study found that the average federal and state contract won by Latino-owned businesses nationwide are valued at half a million dollars compared to \$14.8 million and \$20.5 million from federal and state contracts awarded to white-owned businesses; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In 2022, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office released a report that found that Black and Latino-owned businesses receive a tiny fraction of the state’s contracting dollars compared to white-owned companies to the tune of \$49 million in 2021 and \$20 million in 2021 out of \$5.7 billion awarded; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In 2020 the “Disparity Study” commissioned by the City of Boston found that out of the \$2.1 billion contracts awarded between 2014 - 2019 only \$18.2 million or 0.8 percent were awarded to Latino-owned businesses; *and*
- WHEREAS,** From 2017 to 2019, Latino-owned businesses are growing faster with annual payrolls rising at twice the rate of white-owned businesses, which remained true during the COVID-19 pandemic but minority entrepreneurs keep facing systemic disparities that impact their growth particularly access to government and corporate contracts; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the challenges that Latino entrepreneurs face when trying to access government and corporate contracts and what actions the City of Boston can take to ensure these minority-owned companies have greater access to these contracts.

Filed in Boston City Council on: March 1, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION TO EXPLORE A NEED FOR A SENIOR RECREATIONAL CENTER IN ROXBURY

**WHEREAS,** The city of Boston is made stronger by the contributions and wisdom from the generations that helped build this city; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In Roxbury every elderly person, has contributed to the growth and success of ; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Our seniors have served this city for decades and many taken care of us and assumed the roles of aunts, uncles, mentors and in some cases parents; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Now it is time to take care of our seniors by providing them with the resources and facilities that allow for senior-specific recreational use; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Roxbury needs a senior recreational center that has state of the art facilities and programs that meet the holistic needs of our seniors; *and*

**WHEREAS,** While also providing activities that promote fun and leisure, this recreational center will not only sustain our seniors, but beautify our neighborhood; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Cities like North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Rockville, Maryland have dedicated spaces for senior recreational centers outside of community centers; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Prior to 2020, Roxbury's BYCF Shelbourne provided senior programming twice a week, however, since the COVID-19 pandemic, there are no senior programs or services available; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council should explore the need for a senior-specific recreational center for the community of Roxbury to cater to the holistic health and leisure of seniors.

Filed on: March 1, 2023

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON AND BRIAN  
WORRELL



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEGACY OF MLK AND MRS. KING THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF KING'S HERITAGE TRAIL

- WHEREAS,** Boston has been home to many civil rights activists, welcoming them from different walks of life and backgrounds, where the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of those figures as he made Boston part of his history; *and*
- WHEREAS,** King came to Boston and enrolled in the illustrious Boston University graduate school in 1951, lived in the multicultural community of the South end, and fell in love with the city and its people; *and*
- WHEREAS,** What's more is that his activism did not stop where his education started, in 1965 he returned to Boston to deliver a powerful speech at the Massachusetts State House with former Governor Dukakis present. Moreover, King led 22,000 people to participate in a civil rights march from Roxbury to Boston Common; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Delivering a speech with a majority focus on school desegregation at Patrick T. Cambell school, which is now named after Dr. King, he led the crowd for three and a half miles in the rain in the name of justice; *and*
- WHEREAS,** MLK's legacy continued with his relationship with his wife Coretta Scott King, whom he met here in Boston while she was pursuing her career at New England Conservatory of Music;; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. King and her husband's legacy bolstered Boston and their love story which originated in this city only continued to influence their involvement and activism; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Eight cities have already dedicated a heritage trail to Dr. King's legacy across twenty-eight attraction, however, Boston is not listed; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This city played an integral role in their relationships and in their dedication to social justice and civil rights; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Thus both his and Mrs. King's story will be remembered and celebrated throughout this city for generations through the establishment of the King's Heritage Trail Now therefore be it that; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council moves to commemorate the lives and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King through establishing the King's Heritage Trail across the notable addresses in the city of Boston where Dr. King and Mrs. King experienced, learned from and contributed to the history of this city. The addresses are listed as follows:

- 860 Shawmut Avenue
- 170 St. Botolph Street
- 1 Chestnut Street
- 417 Massachusetts Avenue
- 24 Beacon Street
- 14 Wabon Street
- 22 Whittier Street
- 9 Greenwich Street
- 290 Huntington Avenue
- 187 Massachusetts Avenue
- 301 Massachusetts Avenue
- 397 Massachusetts Avenue
- 558 Massachusetts Avenue
- 396 Northampton Street
- Public Garden
- 14 Crawford Street
- 29 Hazelwood Street (formerly 29 Monroe Street)
- 77 Lawrence Avenue
- 288 Blue Hill Avenue
- William E. Carter Park

Filed on: March 1, 2023



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS,** Over the last two centuries, Irish immigrants made great contributions to our city and country, while generations of Irish American residents have enriched all aspects of our city and Nation's history; *and*

**WHEREAS,** When Irish immigrants first arrived in Boston during the Great Famine (An Gorta Mor) in the 1840s, they were not welcomed and faced many struggles, including poverty, prejudice, and discrimination in jobs and housing. In spite of the hardship and challenges, they worked hard at often unsafe, dangerous and low paying jobs; *and*

**WHEREAS,** As the Irish population expanded and new generations were born, Irish Americans entered into the workforce and helped build the social, economic and industrial engine of America. Many became teachers, firefighters, lawyers, police officers, politicians, construction workers, business owners and they contributed significantly to the American Labor movement, advocating for safe working conditions, fighting against racial discrimination and income inequality; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Today, Irish Americans continue to contribute to our city and country in business, government, politics, religion, the U.S. military, building trades, and organized labor. They also contribute immensely to our arts and culture, as well as sports. Many of America's Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning poets and authors, award-winning musicians, actors, artists and athletes are Irish Americans; *and*

**WHEREAS,** During this month, we celebrate and honor the remarkable achievements and contributions of Irish Americans. Their resiliency and perseverance, commitment to social and economic justice, strong sense of community, and proud immigrant heritage have helped shaped our city and our Nation's identity and made us a stronger people;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:** That the Boston City Council recognizes March as Irish-American Heritage Month in the City of Boston, and pays tribute to the wonderful contributions of the Irish American community. In recognition of Irish-American Heritage Month, the Boston City Council orders the Property Management Department to raise the Irish flag on March 17th, 2023.

Filed on: March 1, 2023



OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BOK AND BREADON



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RESIDENCE LIFE WORKERS AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

- WHEREAS,** As of February 13, 2023, a majority of Boston University Residence Life workers signed authorization cards indicating intent to unionize with SEIU Local 509; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The union would comprise 280 undergraduate and graduate student workers responsible for caring for and responding to the needs of students living in on-campus housing and for building residential community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Residence Life workers at Boston University host events, hold office hours, and run on-call offices in residence halls, including some 24-hour on-call shifts; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Resident Assistants (RAs) and Graduate RAs are paid in-kind with housing from the University, but receive no monetary compensation, yet must obtain University permission to take second jobs to pay for food and other necessities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** These workers are often approached by students in need of major mental health support or difficult dispute resolution, and are seeking paid training in crisis management and mediation rather than the current limited unpaid training; *and*
- WHEREAS,** These workers have no access to a formal accommodation process for illness or medical leave, nor formal policies or protections related to discipline or termination, leaving them vulnerable to losing their housing without recourse; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Residence Life workers across the country are winning significant improvements to their working conditions by organizing together, including for better wages at UMass Amherst, and through recently-formed unions at Wesleyan University, Barnard College, and Tufts University, which have won enhanced meal support and fairer disciplinary processes; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston University workers have been energized by the recent victory of the BU Graduate Workers, who won their union election by a margin of 1414 to 28; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Residence Life workers at Boston University are seeking what every worker needs: reasonable compensation and protections, a fair way to address issues in the workplace without fear of retaliation, and a voice in the decisions that affect their work and their lives; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council supports the BU Residence Life Workers Union and calls upon Boston University to ensure a fair and accessible union election process.

Filed on: February 27, 2022

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE

### ORDER OF COUNCILOR MURPHY

**ORDERED:** That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, Her Honor, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information:

We are aware that on-time AM bus arrival data BPS submits to DESE omits a large portion of data for planned arrival routes. 25% of routes are missing data. Of the 75% of data that BPS does share, we request the following information.

Based on the responses from my previous 17F that asked:

- 1: The number of students each day that did not get picked up by their assigned school bus
- 2: The number of times a backup bus needed to be sent out

We calculated that on average, 51.7 students are on uncovered buses each day, and an average of 5.6 students per day have a backup bus sent to them, this means the Boston Public Schools do not pick up 46.1 students per day via the bus that is assigned to transport them safely, and on time, to school. Many of these students arrive very late, or not make it to school at all. A high percentage of students assigned to school buses are on IEPs, which means many of our special education students are missing critical specialized services and therapies.

We are still waiting on the responses to the following questions and despite BPS telling us that they do not have data on bus student arrival times available by student or by school, we know that BPS utilizes Aspen, which is the district's student information tracking system, and each school is required to record absences and time of tardies for each student, each day.

1. The actual time the students arrived at school if there bus was late, a backup bus was sent, or a bus did not pick them up at all
  - a. The number of students across the system this happens to on a daily basis since September 9, 2022
  - b. The number of students by school this happens to on a daily basis since September 9, 2022

2. How many of these students miss an entire day of school because of our unreliable bus system
  - a. The number of students across the system since September 9, 2022
  - b. The number of students by school since September 9, 2022

Requesting that Boston Public School's, through the Mayor, provide any and all information that is available regarding this matter.

Filed in Council: March 1, 2023

**BOSTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

February 16, 2023

Councilor Flynn  
(Councilor Fernandes Anderson)

**ORDERED:** That effective Saturday, February 25, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 17, 2023.

BiWeekly Payroll

Lorraine Payne Wheeler	Secretary	\$1,750.00	part time
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**BOSTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

February 27, 2023

Councilor Flynn  
(Councilor Fernandes Anderson)

**ORDERED:** That effective Saturday, March 4, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 17, 2023.

BiWeekly Payroll

Arshneel Kaur	Secretary	\$2,615.40	full time
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# **BOSTON CITY COUNCIL**

## **CITY COUNCIL**

February 21, 2023

Councilor Flynn  
(Councilor Fernandes Murphy)

**ORDERED:** That effective Saturday, February 25, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 17, 2023.

### BiWeekly Payroll

Thomas Mannion	Administrative Asst.	\$1,846.16	full time
David Mareira	Administrative Asst.	\$3,461.54	full time
Lisa Searcy	Secretary	\$200.00	part time

# **BOSTON CITY COUNCIL**

## **CITY COUNCIL**

February 21, 2023

Councilor Flynn  
(Councilor Murphy)

**ORDERED:** That effective Saturday, February 25, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 17, 2023.

### BiWeekly Payroll

Clare Brooks	Secretary	\$2,115.40	full time
Tricia A. Kalayjian	Administrative Asst.	\$1,000.00	part time
Mary Karski	Administrative Asst	\$2,115.40	full time
Paul Sullivan	Secretary	\$3,653.86	full time

# **BOSTON CITY COUNCIL**

## **CITY COUNCIL**

February 27, 2023

Councilor Flynn  
(Councilor Fernandes Anderson)

**ORDERED:** That effective Wednesday, March 1, 2023 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, March 17, 2023.

### BiWeekly Payroll

Lindsay Dieudonne	Administrative Asst.	\$2,230.78	full time
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# Boston City Council

## *Legislative Calendar for the March 1, 2023 Session*

### **Sixty Day Orders**

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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>

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**<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.*

**Assigned for Further Action**

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

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Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: the Boston Public Health Commission. (Docket #0418)

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: Chronic Absenteeism in BPS for School Years 2021-22 and 2022-23. (Docket #0419)

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: BPS sexual assault and misconduct data for school year 2021-22 and 2022-23. (Docket #0420)

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: bus drop off for English High School Students. (Docket #0444)

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### 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.*

## ***Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor<sup>3</sup>***

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### ***<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*

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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.

## 2023 MATTERS IN COMMITTEE

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture & Special Events	0335	Worrell	Flynn, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring the 2026 NBA All-Star Weekend to Boston.	2 /1 /2023		
Arts, Culture & Special Events	0118	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$297,200.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhance the quality of life in our city.	1 /11/2023	2/27/23	
Arts, Culture & Special Events	0334	Lara		Order for a hearing regarding winter placemaking and Boston as a 'Winter City'.	2 /1 /2023	3/21/23	
Arts, Culture, & Special Events	0260	Coletta	Breadon, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to address the loss of rehearsal spaces for musicians in the City of Boston.	1 /25/2023	3/7/23	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0159	Bok	Breadon, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 recovery funds.	1 /11/2023	3/6/23	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0162	Bok	Worrell, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding enhancing Boston's COVID recovery via competitive federal grants provided by the B.I.L. and I.R.A.	1 /11/2023	4/14/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0144	Flynn	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss pest control in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/11/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0145	Flynn	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to discuss the safety of light poles, bridges, and other public infrastructure in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/4/23	

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services & Innovation Technology	0146	Coletta	Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding the coordination of construction and utility permits.	1 /11/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0154	Louijeune	Flaherty, Breadon	Order for a hearing on fire and emergency disaster relief services in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/3/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0160	Bok	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding the supplemental sidewalk clearance program during snowstorms in Boston.	1 /11/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0258	Fernandes Anderson	Arroyo, Worrell	Order for a hearing to explore a digital marketplace pilot program.	1 /25/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0259	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss renaming the Roxbury branch of the Boston Public Library to the Nubian Library.	1 /25/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0340	Lara		Order for a hearing to discuss the rise in public consumer energy costs.	2 /1 /2023	3/28/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0378	Fernandes Anderson	Flaherty, Flynn	Order for a hearing to increase the pay for Municipal Officers.	2 /8 /2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0407	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an order at the recommendation of the Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners, I hereby transmit for the approval of your Honorable Body an Order Fixing the date of the Preliminary Election for this Municipal Year as September 12, 2023.	2 /15/2023	2/24/23	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0416	Bok	Breadon, Lara	Order for a hearing to discuss city services in regard to composting and the need of composting capacity in new construction and large buildings in Boston.	2 /15/2023		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0417	Bok	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss digital equity and municipal broadband in relation to affordable housing in the City of Boston.	2 /15/2023	3/31/23	



Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
<b>City Services &amp; Innovation Technology</b>	0443	Bok	Louijeune, Flaherty	Order for hearing to discuss trash contracts and procedures in Boston.	2 /15/2023		
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Immigrant Advancement</b>	0120	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Immigrant Advancement Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Advancement. The grant will fund programs, initiatives, events and small grants that enable immigrants to play an active role in the economic, civic, social and cultural life of the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Immigrant Advancement</b>	0155	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.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Immigrant Advancement</b>	0158	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for migrant populations.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Immigrant Advancement</b>	0164	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson, Bok	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1 /11/2023	3/23/23	
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Immigrant Advancement</b>	0168	Louijeune	Worrell, Fernandes	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Education</b>	0142	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding a cradle-to-career educational data tracking system.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Education</b>	0147	Coletta	Lara, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	3/14/23	
<b>Education</b>	0163	Mejia	Worrell	Order for a hearing addressing sexual harassment in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023		

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Education	0167	Mejia		Order for hearing on government transparency and accountability towards COVID safety in Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	2/14/23	2/15/2023 Remains in Committee
Education	0173	Mejia	Lara	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.	1 /11/2023		
Education	0244	Mejia		Order for a hearing on establishing a mental health curriculum in Boston Public Schools.	1 /25/2023	3/21/23	
Education	0245	Mejia	Lara, Arroyo	Order for a hearing examining the implementation and outcomes of restorative justice practices in the Boston Public Schools	1 /25/2023	2/16/23	
Education	0247	Lara	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the Academic Performance and Social-Emotional Well-Being of LGBTQ+ Students in Boston Public Schools.	1 /25/2023	3/16/23	
Education	0254	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss how the Boston Public Schools can more effectively support the needs of its Muslim students.	1 /25/2023		
Education	0255	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools are addressing the needs of the parents of English language learner students.	1 /25/2023		
Education	0380	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to address the mental health needs of our students with a focus on guidance counselors.	2 /8 /2023		

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
<b>Environmental Justice, Resiliency &amp; Parks</b>	0116	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,633,500.00) in the form of a grant, for the Resilient Moakley Connectors, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund pre-construction planning and design activities in the northern and southern areas adjacent to Moakley Park, located along the waterfront of Dorchester and South Boston neighborhoods. The project is separate but complementary to the flood mitigation project within Moakley Park.	1 /11/2023	2/23/23	
<b>Environmental Justice, Resiliency &amp; Parks</b>	0117	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$870,000.00) in the form of a grant, for Climate Resilience, awarded by the Barr Foundation to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund the continued implementation of Climate Ready Boston initiatives. This includes advancing coastal resilience and heat resilience strategies, prioritizing equitable electrification and creating a community tree care program.	1 /11/2023	2/23/23	
<b>Environmental Justice, Resiliency &amp; Parks</b>	0149	Coletta	Bok, Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding a tree mitigation fund for the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	3/10/23	
<b>Environmental Justice, Resiliency &amp; Parks</b>	0250	Lara	Arroyo, Fernandes	Order for a hearing on Installing Adjustable Height Basketball Hoops in the City of Boston Parks.	1 /25/2023	3/23/23	
<b>Environmental Justice, Resiliency &amp; Parks</b>	0251	Lara	Bok, Coletta	Order for a hearing to Discuss Establishing A Walking City Trail Connecting Urban Green Spaces Across Boston Neighborhoods.	1 /25/2023	3/2/23	
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	0165	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards service provision and spending on ELL students.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Government Accountability, Transparency, &amp;</b>	0169	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision-making protocols in city government.	1 /11/2023		

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Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0170	Mejia	Coletta, Louijeune	Order for a hearing on government accountability and transparency around the Clougherty Pool closure in Charlestown.	1 /11/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0241	Mejia	Lara	Order for a hearing regarding the Boston Public Schools Transportation system.	1 /25/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0242	Mejia	Lara, Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on an audit for Boston Public School's Special Education services and return on investment.	1 /25/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0243	Mejia	Arroyo	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1 /25/2023		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0253	Mejia	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress.	1 /25/2023		2/23/23 Hearing Postponed
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0341	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the payroll concerns of many of our Boston Public School teachers who are owed back pay.	2 /1 /2023		
Government Accountabiliy, Transparency, &	0238	Mejia	Flynn, Arroyo	Order for a hearing on accountability and acessibility of language access services in the City of Boston.	1 /25/2023		
Government Operations	0100	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance establishing the Office of Participatory Budgeting, amending the City of Boston Code V, with the insertion of a new Section 5-1.11.	12/14/2022	1/30/23	2022-1520, 2/7/23 working session, 2/8/23 Not Passed
Government Operations	0133	Worrell	Louijeune, Arroyo	Home Rule Petition Authorizing Additional Restricted Liquor Licenses.	1 /11/2023	3/9/23	
Government Operations	0135	Arroyo	Mejia	A Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1 /11/2023		1/24/23 working session, 1/25/23 Remains in Committee, 2/6/2023 working session, 2/8/23 Remains in Committee

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Government Operations	0136	Arroyo		An Ordinance Creating a Municipal Identification Card in the City of Boston	1 /11/2023	4/3/23	
Government Operations	0137	Arroyo	Breadon, Lara	An Ordinance Establishing Protections for the City of Boston Tree Canopy.	1 /11/2023	3/13/23	
Government Operations	0138	Louijeune	Arroyo, Bok	An Ordinance regulation and enforcement of keeping honey bees.	1 /11/2023	3/20/23	
Government Operations	0139	Louijeune	Bok, Arroyo	Text amendment to the Boston zoning code with respect to honey bees.	1 /11/2023	3/20/23	
Government Operations	0237	Fernandes Anderson		Ordinance and Amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in Regard to Measuring Racial Equity in Affordable Housing.	1 /25/2023		
Government Operations	0319	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Vivian Leonard as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	
Government Operations	0320	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Sammy Nabulsi as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	
Government Operations	0321	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Vivien Li as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission.	1 /25/2023	3/9/23	
Government Operations	0323	Mayor		Message and order for your approval a proposed Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston.	2 /1 /2023	3/3/23	
Government Operations	0369	Mayor		Message and orders for your approval an acceptance of Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Relative to Cost-Of-Living Adjustments for Retirees.	2 /8 /2023	4/28/23	

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
<b>Government Operations</b>	0408	Mayor		Message and order for your approval, a home rule petition to the General Court RE: A Special Law Authorizing the City of Boston to Implement Rent Stabilization and Tenant Eviction Protections.	2 /15/2023	2/22/23, 3/2/23	3/6/23 -WS, 3/13/23-WS
<b>Government Operations</b>	0410	Breadon	Louijeune, Bok	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances and authorizing the City of Boston to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the City of Boston for nonpayment of any local charges, fees or fines.	2 /15/2023		
<b>Housing &amp; Community Development</b>	0157	Louijeune	Bok, Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1 /11/2023	2/9/23	
<b>Housing &amp; Community Development</b>	0161	Bok		Order for a hearing regarding increasing public housing in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Housing &amp; Community Development</b>	0240	Mejia	Lara, Worrell	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	1 /25/2023		
<b>Housing &amp; Community Development</b>	0249	Lara	Fernandes Anderson	Oder for a hearing to discuss the Impact Of Inequitable Housing Code Enforcement of Boston's Proactive Rental Inspection Program.	1 /25/2023	3/14/23	
<b>Housing &amp; Community Development</b>	0337	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding efforts to increase housing affordability for long-term residents.	2 /1 /2023		
<b>Housing &amp; Community Development</b>	0412	Lara		Order for a hearing to create a Renters' Bill of Rights for the City of Boston.	2 /15/2023	3/14/23	
<b>Labor, Workforce, &amp; Economic Development</b>	0153	Louijeune	Worrell, Fernandes	Order or a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	1 /11/2023	4/7/23	
<b>Labor, Workforce, &amp; Economic Development</b>	0338	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	2 /1 /2023		

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
<b>PILOT Agreements, Institutional &amp; Intergovernmental</b>	0256	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss ways of creating a partnership between colleges and high schools to create jobs and academic support for children.	1 /25/2023		
<b>PILOT Agreements, Institutional &amp; Intergovernmental</b>	0414	Breadon	Bok, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding targeted coordination of community benefits in the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program.	2 /15/2023		
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0101	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 Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297.00) for the costs related to transportation improvement projects.	8 /10/2022		2022-0930
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0102	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		2022-1166
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0104	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		2022-1174
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0105	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		2022-1175
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0150	Coletta		Order for a hearing regarding a comprehensive, district-wide planning process for Boston's waterfront.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Planning, Development &amp; Transportation</b>	0216	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Edward Bredenberg, as a member of the Aberdeen Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.	1 /25/2023		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0217	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Shelburne, as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.	1 /25/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0218	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Ernest Coston, as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation Dirstict Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2024.	1 /25/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0220	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Suleman Gajere, as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2024.	1 /25/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0221	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Dr. Angela Paige Cook, as a member of the Highland Park Archiectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	1 /25/2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0342	Lara	Baker	Order for a hearing to discuss the recovery and revitalization of the taxi industry.	2 /1 /2023	3/16/23	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0343	Fernandes Anderson	Lara	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.	2 /1 /2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0376	Mayor		Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of Tremont Temple, Downtown Boston, MA, as a Landmark (In effect after February 22, 2023 if not acted upon).	2 /8 /2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0379	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing calling for District Increment Financing (DIF) to be Utilized in District Seven.	2 /8 /2023		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0413	Baker		Order for a hearing to discuss District Improvement Financing (DIF) from Kosciuszko Circle through Morrissey Boulevard Corridor.	2 /15/2023		



Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0119	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$235,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Food, Fuel and Shelter grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered b the Office of Human Services. The grant will fund the City's effort to expand its mobile outreach to connect people more equitably and effectively to housing, treatment and other services.	1 /11/2023		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0148	Coletta	Louijeune, Arroyo	Order for a hearing regarding contraception and menstrual product vending machines in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/4/23	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0156	Louijeune	Mejia, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss regulation of limited service pregnancy centers and crisis pregnancy centers in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023	4/13/23	
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0248	Lara	Arroyo	Order for a hearing to discuss the Disproportionate Criminalization of the LGBTQ+ Community and Their Health And Well-Being While Incarcerated.	1 /25/2023		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0257	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss the need for a health center in Nubian Square.	1 /25/2023		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0151	Coletta	Louijeune, Bok	Order for a hearing to address contaminated beverages in clubs and bars.	1 /11/2023		3/7/23 WS Canceled, Rescheduled for 2/28/23 WS
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0140	Murphy		Order for a hearing on efforts to proactively combat summer violence in the City of Boston.	1 /11/2023		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0143	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson,	Order for a hearing to address gun violence	1 /11/2023		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0166	Murphy	Flaherty	Order for a hearing to ensure that the Boston Police and Schools Safety officers work together to ensure a safe environment for all our students and staff in the Boston Public Schools.	1 /11/2023	3/30/23	2/7/23 Hearing Canceled, 2/8/23 Remains in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
<b>Public Safety &amp; Criminal Justice</b>	0252	Flaherty	Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding public safety measure recommendations for Boston Public Schools and Boston Police.	1 /25/2023	3/30/23	
<b>Rules &amp; Administration</b>	0339	Flynn		Order for a meeting to review he Boston City Council rules.	2 /1 /2023		
<b>Rules &amp; Administration</b>	0405	Fernandes Anderson		Order for an Ordinance to increase the Allocated Budget for City Council Staff.	2 /8 /2023		
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0141	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to small businesses.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0171	Mejia		Order for a hearing diversifying cannabis business models.	1 /11/2023	4/20/23	
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0239	Mejia	Arroyo	Order for a hearing on expanding access for minority business enterprises into high volume commercial centers.	1 /25/2023		
<b>Small Business &amp; Professional Licensure</b>	0263	Fernandes Anderson	Worrell	Resolution to request Walgreens to postpone all closures of Boston locations.	1 /25/2023		
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	0122	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Age Strong Universal Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund senior center programs and services for older adults in Boston through small contributions from various donors in the amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).	1 /11/2023		
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	0246	Lara	Flaherty, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to assess the need for a Senior Center in the neighborhood of West Roxbury.	1 /25/2023	2/2/23	

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	0377	Flynn	Lara	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to swimming lessons and awareness of water safety.	2 /8 /2023		
<b>Strong Women, Families &amp; Communities</b>	0415	Murphy	Baker	Order for a hearing for the possible closing of several Boston public schools and BCYF community centers this summer.	2 /15/2023	3/7/23	
<b>Strong Women, Families, &amp; Communities</b>	0261	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss the results of last year's youth summer jobs programs and the social emotional benefits of summer employment.	1 /25/2023	3/27/23	
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	0152	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson, Bok	Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing and community investments.	1 /11/2023		
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	0322	Fernandes Anderson	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding the City Budget.	1 /25/2023	3/28/23	4/10/23-WS (10am & 2pm) 4/13/23-WS

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## In Tribute

Presented by

**Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louiseune**

The Boston City Council Extends Its Deepest Sympathy To You and Your Family in the  
Passing of Your Loved One

**Rolyn Maynard Freeman**

In Whose Memory All Members Stood In Tribute and Reverence as The Council  
Adjourned its Meeting Of

**February 15, 2023**

Sincerely

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## In Tribute

Presented by

**Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louisjeune**

The Boston City Council Extends Its Deepest Sympathy To You and Your Family in the  
Passing of Your Loved One

**Jean Fabrice Eliacin**

In Whose Memory All Members Stood In Tribute and Reverence as The Council  
Adjourned its Meeting Of

**February 15, 2023**

Sincerely

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## In Tribute

Presented by

**Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louiseune**

The Boston City Council Extends Its Deepest Sympathy To You and Your Family in the  
Passing of Your Loved One

## Donald French

In Whose Memory All Members Stood In Tribute and Reverence as The Council  
Adjourned its Meeting Of

## February 15, 2023

Sincerely

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## Official Resolution

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
ROCCO ADDESA

In Recognition of:

HIS LONG SERVICE  
AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF BOSTON AND IT'S PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_; 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL  
EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**BOSTON POLICE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 1018**

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOSTON POLICE POST 1018, YOUR MEMBERS  
HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY, CITY, AND COMMUNITY WITH HONOR, YOUR  
SACRIFICE AND SERVICE ARE COMMENDABLE AND WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN;  
AND BE IT RESOLVED 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.**



By: Edward M. Flynn  
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guintas  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# City of Boston

IN

## CITY COUNCIL



### OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY

### CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL  
EXTENDS ITS APPRECIATION TO:

## HALEY HOUSE

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**THE 15TH ANNUAL HALEY HOUSE SOUPER BOWL, AS WELL AS HALEY  
HOUSE'S CONTINUAL SUPPORT FOR ITS COMMUNITY THROUGH FOOD,  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, DIRECT SERVICES, URBAN AGRICULTURE, AND  
EDUCATION; AND BE IT RESOLVED 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.**



By: Edward M. Flynn  
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Santos  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Bashier Kayou**

For his tireless work across the Jamaica Plain Community and for his efforts in youth safety, leadership, education, and workforce development.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kencha Juma". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kencha" and the last name "Juma" clearly distinguishable.

2/17/2023

City of Boston  
IN  
CITY COUNCIL



In Tribute  
presented by

Councilor Erin J. Murphy

The Boston City Council extends its deepest sympathy  
to you and your family in the passing of your loved one:

**Kwok “Peter” Wong**

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and  
reverence as the Council adjourned its meeting on

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Sincerely,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City Council

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

City of Boston  
IN  
CITY COUNCIL



In Tribute  
presented by

Councilor Erin J. Murphy

The Boston City Council extends its deepest sympathy  
to you and your family in the passing of your loved one:

**Carol Ann (Mahoney) Moore**

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and  
reverence as the Council adjourned its meeting on

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Sincerely,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City Council

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

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## Official Resolution of Councilor Ricardo Arroyo

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

**Imari Paris Jeffries**

In Recognition of:

### **Creating Milestones and Paving the Way**

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council recognizes Imari Paris Jeffries of Hyde Park, MA for his leadership and advocacy for a more just and equitable society and for his groundbreaking work as Executive Director of Embrace Boston. Be it further Resolved that the Council extends its best wishes for his 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: Alex Quintos  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: pa

Date: February 22, 2023

# City of Boston

## IN CITY COUNCIL



### IN TRIBUTE

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

**Theresa J. “Chickie” (Provenzano) Pacitti**

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

**March/1st/2023**

SINCERELY,

*Edward M. Flynn*  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Attest*

*Presented By*

*Michael P. Flaherty*

City of Boston  
IN  
CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution for  
**Ms. Shirley Shillingford**

**OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR ERIN J. MURPHY**

**WHEREAS:** Shirley Shillingford, AKA Ms. Shirley, has worked for the City of Boston for nearly 50 years and has been the manager at the food pantry in Mattapan for 20 years. The Pantry was named after her in 1993, changing the name to Shirley's Pantry; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Shirley's Pantry serves thousands of City residents a year with healthy food and much needed supports in Mattapan, which has some of the highest rates of food insecurity in the City; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Shirley Shillingford is the President of the Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston (CACAB) since 1990, which celebrates the beautiful culture of our Caribbean residents; *and*

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council sends its warm wishes to Shirley Shillingford, AKA Ms. Shirley, and thanks her for her wholehearted advocacy for all of the residents of Boston.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City Council

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Offered by

**Councilor At-Large Michael J Flaherty**

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

**WILLIAM BROWN**

In Recognition of:

Your years of service to the City of Boston through your support for neighbors  
and the community experiencing trauma and transition as a true cultivator who  
has paved the way for the betterment of others

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: Ally Givens  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Will Brown

Date: February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023



# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## Official Resolution

Presented by

**Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louisjenne**

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

**Jean McGuire**

In Recognition of:

A lifetime of dedicated service as an educator and civil rights activist, blazing trails as the first woman of color elected city wide, and a relentless commitment to education equity for all Boston students. Our community is forever changed by your enduring effort to remind us,  
"We all have the ability to do something good."

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**  
**of Councilor Frank Baker**

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

**Devon McNeil**

**In Recognition of:**

**Celebrating Black History Month:**

**Milestones in Time: Cultivators Who Paved the Way  
& your dedication to the *Not On My Watch Mentorship***

**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.**

## **Carole White**

For her decades of community service and her dedication as a business leader in West Roxbury. Congratulations on reaching 90 years old!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kencha Jana". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kencha" and the last name "Jana" clearly distinguishable.

2/24/2023

**City of Boston**  
IN  
**CITY COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL RESOLUTION**

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

**BRIAN WORRELL**

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

***Terrance Williams***

in

**Celebration of your 54th birthday and dedicated service throughout our community. The  
entire City Council extends its best wishes and hope for a long future of continued  
commitment to the betterment of our City.**

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.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

## OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

**BRIAN WORRELL**

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

***National GET LIT***

in

**Honor of the launch of the National GET LIT literacy project. GET LIT urges Americans to ignite their light to read and write with a specific focus on children. On tour, their guest book authors read excerpts and sign books, facilitating breakout sessions to discuss current events. With books, art and merchandise vendors, products and services—it's a festival of ideas and innovation from BIPOC Authors.**

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.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Boston IN

## CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

**BRIAN WORRELL**

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

***Beulah Fagan Providence***

for

Her decades of work at the Caribbean Foundation of Boston. Ms. Providence has been widely recognized for her significant contribution to the betterment of people's lives in our community. She has received the "Hometown Hero Award" from WHDH-TV, the "Through the Ages Award" from the Eldercare Charitable Foundation and Ethos, and recognition from the Bay State Dominica Association, Inc. Ms. Providence is a shining example of what it means to serve one's community.

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.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

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


Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**City of Boston**  
IN  
**CITY COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL RESOLUTION**

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

**BRIAN WORRELL**

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

***Dion Irish***

*for*

**Their work and commitment in celebration of the 10th anniversary of supporting the  
Caribbean American community at the Afro-Caribbean Black History Gala & Awards,  
hosted by the Authentic Caribbean Foundation Inc.**

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.

By: Edward M. Flynn  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Brian Worrell

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. ***Dr. Charmain Jackman, Ph.D.***
2. ***Maureen Prescod***
3. ***Dieufort J. Fleurissaint***
4. ***Lisa White***
5. ***Atiba Dalrymple***
6. ***Mary-dith Tuitt***
7. ***Janice Galloway***
- ✓ 8. ***Dion Irish***
9. ***Ketelie Altena***
10. ***Dr. Kerry-Ann Williams***
11. ***Karren Dunkley***



# City of Boston

IN

## CITY COUNCIL

### Official Resolution

presented by

**Council President Ed Flynn**

**Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
Extends its Recognition to**

### **Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company**

In recognition of:

Your distinguished service to our city and country for over 250 years. We commend your dedicated mission in preserving the historic and patriotic traditions of our City, Commonwealth and Nation. We applaud your participation at our City's national holiday celebrations and your steadfast support for our Armed Forces and Veterans. Thank you for instilling a strong sense of pride and patriotism in our community.

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: Edward M. Flynn

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of Boston

## IN CITY COUNCIL



## IN TRIBUTE

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

**Francis J. Daly, JR.**

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

**03/01/2023**

SINCERELY,

*Edward M. Flynn*

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Attest*

*Presented By*

*Edward M. Flynn*

# City of Boston

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## IN TRIBUTE

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FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

**Anna (Collins, Plunkett) Irving**

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

**03/01/2023**

SINCERELY,

Edward M. Tully  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Attest*

*Presented By*

Edward M. Tully

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



## OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL  
EXTENDS ITS APPRECIATION TO:

**JOYCE KING**

IN RECOGNITION OF:

YOUR PASSION FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE, AS WELL AS YOUR  
INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE YOUTH AND RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTH END AND BEYOND,  
YOUR WORK LED THE WAY FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE ADVOCATES WHO FOLLOW YOUR  
FOOTSTEPS; AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZE YOU AS A  
CULTIVATORS WHO PAVED THE WAY, AND 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.

By: Edward M. Flynn  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: February 22, 2023,

# City of Boston

IN  
CITY COUNCIL



## IN TRIBUTE

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

## KAREN WEPSIC

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2023**



SINCERELY,

*Edward M. Flynn*

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

*Alex Gonsky*  
City Clerk

Presented By

*[Signature]*

# City of Boston

IN  
CITY COUNCIL



## IN TRIBUTE

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

## NAJMA NAZY'AT

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2023**



SINCERELY,

Edward M. Flynn  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Alex Guintas  
City Clerk

Presented By

[Signature]

# City of Boston

IN  
CITY COUNCIL



## IN TRIBUTE

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

## KEVIN ODELL

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023**

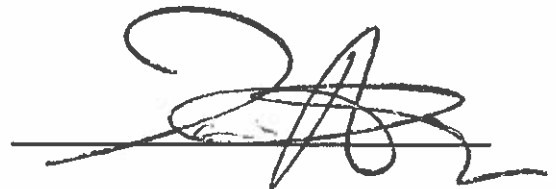
SINCERELY,

  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

  
  
City Clerk

Presented By



City of Boston  
IN  
CITY COUNCIL



In Tribute

presented by

Councilor Erin J. Murphy

The Boston City Council extends its deepest sympathy to you  
and your family in the passing of your loved one:

**Rile Rhodes**

In whose memory all members stood in tribute and reverence  
as the Council adjourned its meeting on

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Sincerely,

By: Edward M. Flynn

President of the City Council

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

Clerk of the City Council

Offered by: Erin J. Murphy

Michael P. DeBartolo  
Frank Baker