



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- 0448** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fourteen Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,400,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Safe Street and Roads for All, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, passed through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund systemic safety improvements to traffic signals at 50 locations across the City of Boston.
- 0449** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$2,294,289.00) in the form of a grant for the WIOA Youth Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a comprehensive youth employment program to serve eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.

- 0450** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twelve Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$1,761,212.70) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Adult Activities, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund services to help job seekers access employment, education, skills training, apprenticeships and support services.
- 0451** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$1,076,177.00) in the form of a grant, for the Wagner Peyser Program, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs.
- 0452** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$983,445.30) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Dislocated Workers Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a program to help dislocated workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment.
- 0453** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Childcare Entrepreneur Fund Grant, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund charitable and educational activities related to Childcare.
- 0454** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$43,312.50) in the form of a grant for the FYOB MLK Scholars Program Grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation, passed through the Philanthropic Initiative, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund summer jobs, financial education, and professional development opportunities for Boston youth.

- 0455** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Carry-In Regional Planning Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund regional planning efforts to address the creation of regional pipeline programming for high demand industries and occupations in alignment with regional planning priorities.
- 0456** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the VBS-Horrigan Stock Donations, awarded by John Horrigan, passed through the City of Boston Trust Funds, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund various expenses at the Veronica B. Smith Senior Center in Brighton.
- 0457** WITHDRAWN
- 0458** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School pursuant to M.G.L. c. 70B, § 5. The Statement of Interest describes and explains the deficiencies within the school facility that prevents Boston Public Schools (BPS) from delivering their desired educational program.
- 0459** Message and order authorizing for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statements of Interest for their Accelerated Repair Program for the following schools: Boston Adult Technical Academy, Hurley K-8 School, Mildred Avenue K-8 School, Mendell Elementary School, Mary Lyon Pilot High School, Joyce Kilmer Lower School, Margarita Muñiz Academy, Orchard Gardens K-8 School, Trotter K-6 Elementary School. The Statements of Interest describe and explain the deficiencies and the priority category for which the City of Boston may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: Priority 5 - Replacement, renovation or modernization of the school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.
- 0460** Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Dr. Guale Valdez as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health, for a term expiring January 15, 2028.

- [0461](#) Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jessica Boatright as a member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) Review Board, for a term expiring April 24, 2026.
- [0462](#) Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Lawrence DiCara as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2026.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

- [0463](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Jerica Bradley as First Assistant Collector-Treasurer, effective November 30, 2024.
- [0464](#) Communication was received from Councilor Murphy and Councilor Flynn regarding a "Request to Implement a Citywide Ban on Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment Matters."
- [0465](#) Communication was received from Council President Ruthzee Louijeune calling for the election of City Clerk for the City of Boston on February 12, 2025, and ending on February 3, 2028.
President Louijeune nominates Alex Geourntas.
- [0466](#) Communication was received from Council President Ruthzee Louijeune calling for the election of Assistant City Clerk for the City of Boston on February 12, 2025, and ending on February 3, 2028.
President Louijeune nominates Dassie Bheecham.
- [0467](#) Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding Eve Griffin of the Boston Public Library.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- [0236](#) The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on January 15, 2025, Docket #0236, Message and order for your approval a new home rule petition to the General Court, "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Residential Tax Relief in the City of Boston, submits a report recommending that the docket ought to pass in a new draft.

0293 The Committee on Strong Women and Families and Communities, to which was referred on January 29, 2025, Docket #0293, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$145,687.72) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Violence Against Women’s Act, a STOP Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provide services for victims in Jamaica Plain, as well as for Spanish-speaking victims citywide and also supporting overtime for all Civilian Domestic Violence Advocates citywide, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

0135 Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston.

0325 Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY26 budget.

0241 Message and order temporarily extending Urban Renewal Plans in the City of Boston until March 31, 2027 or passage of a proposed relevant Home Rule Petition.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

0468 **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance to Establish RISE: Reshaping Inequities through Systematic Empowerment.

0469 **Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law Re: The Use of Nondisclosure, Confidentiality, and Other Employment Agreements in the City of Boston

0470 **Councilor Breadon and Louijeune offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act requiring that broker fees in the City of Boston be paid by the party who solicits a licensed broker.

0471 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss requiring all micro-mobility devices to be licensed, registered and insured.

0472 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the PILOT program in the City of Boston.

- 0473 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and the Boston Residents Jobs Policy.
- 0474 Councilor Durkan and Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing to assess the efficacy of the City of Boston Municipal Code's University Accountability Ordinance.
- 0475 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review and evaluate the Boston City Council's legislative impact on District 7 residents and its collaboration with the administration on projects in District 7 to identify areas for improvement.
- 0476 Councilor Durkan and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing on Boston's distribution and implementation of COVID-19 relief funding and programs.
- 0477 Councilor Durkan and FitzGerald offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss contractor parking regulations, permitting, and enforcement in Boston.
- 0478 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing to evaluate alternative options for the center running bus lane on Blue Hill Avenue and Columbus Avenue.
- 0479 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing to update and replace Black Heritage Trail signage.
- 0480 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order for a hearing to evaluate the year-to-date financial performance of the FY2025 operating budget.
- 0481 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order for a hearing to audit the financial impact of the Boston Police Department's compliance with City of Boston code section 11-1.1.
- 0482 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine the impact of expiring COVID-related grant funding and other expenditures on City programs and staffing.
- 0483 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution to support a study to evaluate feasibility of establishing an electric shuttle bus program to connect business districts across Boston.

- 0484 Councilor Louijeune and Durkan offered the following:** Resolution in support of the Mass General Brigham primary care physicians.
- 0485 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution to support and create a small business Trust Cooperative in the City of Boston.
- 0486 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution calling on the Administration to provide constituent service software to improve City Council constituent services advocacy and follow-up.
- 0487 Councilor Worrell and Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Black History Month in the City of Boston.
- 0488 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution in support of establishing a community preference policy for affordable housing development to mitigate displacement in Boston neighborhoods.
- 0489 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding Boston Public Schools (BPS) Code of Conduct Violations.
- 0490 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under section 17F re: vehicles owned, leased, or otherwise utilized by the City of Boston.

GREEN SHEETS:

12/25 Legislative Calendar for February 12, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 0491 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing VietAid.
- 0492 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Tree of Life Behavioral Health Services & Parents Universal Institute.
- 0493 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing First Class Beauty Bar.
- 0494 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Josh Schmidt.
- 0495 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Elba Portillo.

- 0496** Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing The JP Recovery Center.
- 0497** Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale.
- 0498** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing four individuals upon Grenada Independence Day.
- 0499** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ms. Shirley Jones.
- 0500** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Josiah Quincy Elementary School.
- 0501** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Peter O'Malley.
- 0502** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Dr. Esther St Louis.
- 0503** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Dr. Thomas St Louis.
- 0504** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Bishop Gregory Toussaint.
- 0505** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Stephen Pina.
- 0506** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating ChamSuze & Yves St Pierre.
- 0507** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Professor Théophile Pierre.
- 0508** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Eliot School.
- 0509** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England.
- 0510** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Chinese Merchants Association.

- 0511** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ni Lun Welfare Association.
- 0512** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Gee How Oak Tin.
- 0513** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Tufts Medical Center.
- 0514** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Leung Family Association.
- 0515** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ukraine Forward.
- 0516** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ukrainian American Educational Center of Boston.
- 0517** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Wang YMCA of Chinatown.



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02-07-2025

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 FOURTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$14,400,000.00)** in the form of a grant, Safe Streets and Roads for all, awarded by US DOT- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, passed through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, to be administered by the Transportation Department.

The grant would fund systemic safety improvements to traffic signals at 50 locations across the 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

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Safe Streets and Roads for all FUNDS, AWARDED BY US DOT-National Highway Traffic Safety Administration AND Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, the US DOT-National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Massachusetts Department of Transportation, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Transportation Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FOURTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$14,400,000.00**) would fund systemic safety improvements to traffic signals at 50 locations across the 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 US DOT-National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Massachusetts Department of Transportation' Safe Streets and Roads for all award not to exceed the amount of FOURTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$14,400,000.00**).

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The grant would fund a comprehensive youth employment program to serve eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.

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The grant would fund charitable and educational activities related to Childcare.

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WHEREAS, the Donor Group, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Early Childhood; and

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02-07-2025

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 TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$10,000.00)** in the form of a grant, VBS - Horiggan Stock Donations, awarded by John Horiggan, passed through the City of Boston Trust Funds, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission.

The grant would fund various expenses at the Veronica B. Smith Senior Center in Brighton

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 VBS - Horiggan Stock Donations FUNDS, AWARDED BY John Horiggan AND City of Boston Trust Funds.

WHEREAS, the John Horiggan and City of Boston Trust Funds, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Age Strong Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$10,000.00**) would fund various expenses at the Veronica B. Smith Senior Center in Brighton 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 John Horiggan, and City of Boston Trust Funds' VBS - Horiggan Stock Donations award not to exceed the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$10,000.00**).

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



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

February 10, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School pursuant to G.L. c. 70B, § 5. The Statement of Interest describes and explains the deficiencies within the school facility that prevents Madison Park and Boston Public Schools (BPS) from delivering a high-quality, comprehensive Career and Technical Educational Program.

Madison Park Technical Vocational High School will be submitted for improvements under MSBA Priorities #4, #5 and #7 in the MSBA Core Program. Priority #4 focuses on the prevention of severe overcrowding due to anticipated increased enrollments. Priority #5 is for facilities where the necessary work includes the replacement, renovation, or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility. Priority #7 is for facilities where the necessary work includes the replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements

The MSBA Core Program is an opportunity to construct a new or renovated school facility for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, delivering the full vision of a redesigned school that Madison Park community members have been advocating for for decades. Redesigning Madison Park is a critical investment for the City of Boston, better preparing BPS students for good jobs in every sector of Boston's economy. Submitting the Statement of Interest is the first step in the MSBA process, building on the community feedback received through the previous Programming and Feasibility Study, and requires a vote of the City Council as part of the submission.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may submit the Statement of Interest expeditiously and continue the process of seeking funds for the improvement of school facilities within the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

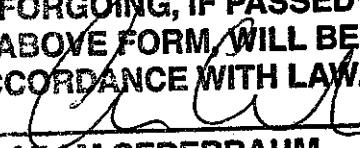

ORDERED: Having convened in an open meeting prior to April 11, 2025 the Boston City Council, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statements of Interest dated on or before April 11, 2025 for the following school:

Schools	Address	City	State	Zip
Madison Park Technical Vocational High School	75 Malcom X Blvd	Roxbury	MA	02120

The Statement of Interest for the facility listed above describes deficiencies submitted under Priority #4: Prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments; Priority #5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; and Priority #7: Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

The City Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting the Statement of Interest Forms, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Boston to file an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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

BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL 



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

February 10, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statements of Interest for their Accelerated Repair Program for the following schools: Boston Adult Technical Academy, Hurley K-8 School, Mildred Avenue K-8 School, Mendell Elementary School, Mary Lyon Pilot High School, Joyce Kilmer Lower School, Margarita Muñiz Academy, Orchard Gardens K-8 School, Trotter K-6 Elementary School. The Statements of Interest describe and explain the deficiencies and the priority category for which the City of Boston may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority 5 - Replacement, renovation or modernization of the school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may submit the Statement of Interest expeditiously and continue the process of seeking funds for the improvement of school facilities within the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

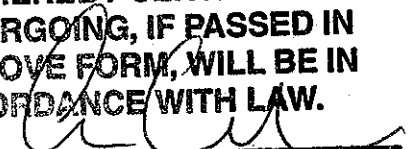
ORDERED: Having convened in an open meeting prior to March 21, 2025 the City Council of the City of Boston, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statements of Interest dated on or before March 21, 2025 for the following schools:

Schools	Address	City	State	Scope
Boston Adult Tech Academy	20 Church Street	Boston	MA	Roof
Hurley K-8 School	70 Worcester Street	South End	MA	Roof
Mildred Ave K-8 School	5 Mildred Ave	Mattapan	MA	Roof
Mendell Elementary School	164 School Street	Roxbury	MA	Windows/Doors
Mary Lyon Pilot High School	95 Beechcroft Street	Brighton	MA	Windows/Doors
Joyce Kilmer Lower School	35 Baker Street	West Roxbury	MA	Windows/Doors
Margarita Muniz Academy	20 Child Street	Jamaica Plain	MA	Heat Pumps
Orchard Gardens K-8 School	906 Albany Street	Roxbury	MA	Heat Pump and Roof
Trotter K-6 Elementary School	135 Humboldt Ave	Dorchester	MA	Heat Pump

The Statement of Interest for the facility listed above describes deficiencies submitted under Priority #5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility

The City Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting the Statement of Interest Forms, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Boston to file an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL *Kmw*



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 3, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Chapter 147, Section 3(b) of the Acts of 1995, I transmit herewith for your approval an Order confirming the reappointment of Dr. Guale Valdez of 589 Tremont Street, Unit 3, Boston, MA 02118, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health. I am reappointing Dr. Guale Valdez for a term expiring on January 15, 2028. Dr. Guale Valdez is a neighborhood health center appointee of the Mayor.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of Dr. Guale Valdez as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GUALE VALDEZ AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the Boston Public Health Act of 1995, Chapter 147, Section 3(b) of the Acts of 1995, the reappointment of Guale Valdez of 589 Tremont Street, Unit 3, Boston, MA 02118, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission for a term expiring January 15, 2028, be and hereby is, approved.

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

BY _____

ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL

Kmw



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 10, 2025

TO CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Jessica Boatright of 35 Coniston Road, Boston, MA 02131 as a Member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Review Board, for a term expiring on April 24, 2026. I am appointing Jessica Boatright pursuant to the authority vested in me by City of Boston Municipal Code Chapter 7.2.2, and subject to your confirmation. Several Community Based Organizations nominated Jessica Boatright to serve as a Member.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Jessica Boatright as a Member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Review Board. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA BOATRIGHT AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE BUILDING EMISSIONS REDUCTION AND DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE REVIEW BOARD.

ORDERED: That pursuant to the City of Boston Municipal Code Chapter 7.2.2, the appointment of Jessica Boatright of 35 Coniston Road, Boston, MA 02131, as a Member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Review Board for a term expiring April 24, 2026, be, and hereby is, approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
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BY Adam Cederbaum
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL *KMW*



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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 10, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the reappointment of Lawrence DiCara of 35 Burroughs Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring on November 9, 2026. I am reappointing Lawrence DiCara pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Chapter 190, Section 14 of the Acts of 1982, as restated in Section 55 of the City Charter and subject to your confirmation.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of Lawrence DiCara as a member of the Audit Committee. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LAWRENCE DICARA TO THE
AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to Chapter 190, Section 14 of the Acts of 1982, as restated in Section 55 of the City Charter, the appointment of Lawrence DiCara of 35 Burroughs Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 as a member of the Audit Committee of the City of Boston, for a term ending November 9, 2026, be, and hereby is, approved.

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

BY _____

ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL

Kmw



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 7, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the City of Boston Municipal Code, Chapter 6-3.2, I hereby appoint Jerica Bradley as First Assistant Collector-Treasurer for the Treasury Division, effective November 30, 2024.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



Boston City Council
Erin J. Murphy
Councilor At-Large



Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

February 6, 2025

RE: Request to Implement a Citywide Ban on Non-Disclosure Agreements in Employment Matters

Dear Mayor Wu,

We write to urge your administration to take decisive action in aligning the City of Boston with the highest standards of transparency and accountability by implementing a ban on the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs), confidentiality clauses, and other restrictive employment agreements within city government.

In light of the recent findings by Massachusetts State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, which highlighted concerns about the use of NDAs in government settings, Governor Maura Healey took the important step of banning these agreements within the Commonwealth's executive branch. The City of Boston should follow suit and ensure that municipal government operates with the same level of openness and integrity that our residents expect and deserve.

NDAs, while originally designed to protect sensitive information, have too often been used to shield workplace misconduct, discrimination, and other harmful practices from public scrutiny. In a government setting, this not only erodes public trust but also creates an environment where employees may feel unable to speak out about wrongdoing.

As you know, we have taken legislative steps to address this issue by filing a Home Rule Petition that would prohibit the use of NDAs and similar agreements in employment matters across all city departments. However, your administration has the authority to enact this policy immediately for the executive branch, including the Mayor's Office and all city agencies, setting an example for ethical governance and reinforcing Boston's commitment to transparency and ethics reform.

By instituting this ban, Boston can ensure that city employees are not silenced by restrictive agreements and that our municipal government remains a leader in fairness, accountability, and good governance. We look forward to working with you to advance this policy and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further.

Thank you for your leadership and your ongoing commitment to an open and accountable city government.

Sincerely,

Erin J. Murphy
Boston City Councilor
At Large

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor
District 2



RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk
One City Hall Square, Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

February 10, 2025

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

I am writing to let you know we will be calling for the election of City Clerk for the City of Boston on February 12, 2025.

Sincerely,

Ruthzee Louijeune
Boston City Council President
Boston City Councilor At-Large

BOSTON CITY HALL, ONE CITY HALL SQUARE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, 02201
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RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk
One City Hall Square, Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

February 10, 2025

Dear Clerk Geourntas,

I am writing to let you know we will be calling for the election of Assistant City Clerk for the City of Boston on February 12, 2025.

Sincerely,

Ruthzee Louijeune
Boston City Council President
Boston City Councilor At-Large

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Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

February 10, 2025

David Leonard, President
Board of Trustees
Boston Public Library
700 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

RE: Granting the use of sick bank hours for Eve Griffin

Dear President Leonard and the Board of Trustees,

I'm writing today to advocate for Eve Griffin, a long-time Boston Public Library staff member, to be granted additional sick leave through the Boston Public Library Professional Staff Association (PSA) sick bank. Eve is currently suffering from stage 4 metastatic breast cancer - a terminal diagnosis, and has had to take unpaid time off to continue treatment as she had already used up her sick days and leave.

As leaders of this City, it is important that we lead with compassion and be understanding of the needs of our workers who are battling a terminal illness. It is my understanding that the Boston Public Library Employees do not receive long-term disability benefits, and in instances such as Eve's, the ability to rely on the PSA sick bank can help alleviate some of the financial burden to treatment. Fighting terminal cancer is already stressful enough, our staff should not have to be concerned about the potential of being terminated from employment due to increased absences from work from using up all sick leave days to treat her illness.

Eve has worked in the Boston Public Library for over 12 years and has shown a deep commitment to her work as the curator of Fine Arts in the Special Collections Department and serving the mission of the Library of providing cultural and educational needs to the people of Boston. I respectfully ask that you consider granting Eve's request for additional sick leave through the PSA sick bank. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov, or at 617-635-3203.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Council Councilor, District 2



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 13, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval a new home rule petition to the General Court, "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Residential Tax Relief in the City of Boston."

Thank you for your leadership over the last year to advance legislation to stabilize tax bills and protect residents from significant property tax increases through multiple rounds of approvals. As you know, the consensus legislation passed twice by the Boston City Council and the MA House of Representatives did not receive a vote before the MA Senate after a single senator exercised a procedural block three times during the legislature's informal session last month. In ending the session without a vote on this measure, members of the Senate and business groups walked away from the agreed upon compromise legislation that had been advanced a second time through the Council and House at their direction, suggesting that the final property valuation numbers were not as dire as the worst case scenarios outlined, so residents should absorb the impending tax increases.

Since then, residents across Boston have received their Fiscal Year 2025 third quarter tax bills, reflecting very significant increases. We continue to hear from residents across the city who have been shocked at the jump in taxes they now owe due to the divergence in residential and commercial property values. The taxes for the average single family home receiving a residential exemption increased 10.4%, which is nearly \$575 for the year and a 21% bill-to-bill increase. When expanded to include additional residential property types—not only single family homes but also duplexes, condos, and standalone apartments without commercial components—average annual taxes increased 14.9%, around \$833 for the year, or a 30% bill-to-bill jump.

These averages mask the variation across different neighborhoods and properties, and it has been widely documented that many residential taxpayers received a significantly higher increase due to a combination of regular market value changes and the added impact of the commercial tax responsibility shift that the administration sought to avoid through legislation. While individual value changes vary by neighborhood and individual property, the overall shift of commercial responsibility increases the burden on residents across all residential property types and neighborhoods.

More than 55% of all residential property owners received a bill with an annual increase greater than 9% (or quarter-to-quarter bill jump of more than 18%). Had the compromise legislation

been approved by the State Senate last month, this would have been reduced to 21.5% of residential properties with such a significant increase. With these January bills, the average commercial property received a 3.4% reduction in taxes—about \$7,745 dollars less than the previous year. For office buildings, the tax decrease was even larger: a 7% drop.

As our administration reiterated for months, in FY25, the split between residential and commercial taxpayers now puts the burden on residential taxpayers for a 44.07% total share of the property tax levy, up from 41.67% in FY24. This is the single largest year-over-year shift since 2007, and is exactly the dynamic our legislation sought to avoid.

Now that the scale of tax increases is documented and clear, this refiled home rule petition proposes to provide immediate needed relief to residential taxpayers this year through the same compromise tax rate agreed upon after months of negotiations and legislative process, as well as adopting the multiyear rates agreed upon for tax stability over the next two years. Additionally, this legislation has been updated to include new provisions that address specific concerns raised through that legislative process. In sum, this new legislation:

1. Sets the FY25 tax rate to levels which were agreed upon by business groups and previously voted on by the Boston City Council and the House of Representatives. This would allow for relief by adjusting the final quarterly property tax bill for the fiscal year in April 2025. The legislation would need to be passed by March 2025 in order to operationalize this measure.
2. Establishes tax classification levels between residential and commercial property in Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, consistent with the levels that were previously agreed to in the October 2024 compromise legislation, in order to provide future stability for residential and commercial taxpayers through this period of economic transition.
3. As included in earlier compromise legislation, this gives the City the authority to appropriate up to \$15 million for any years that the commercial portion of the levy is greater than the amount currently allowed to offset potential impacts on small businesses due to the shift.
4. Expands property tax relief for low-income seniors by modifying the eligibility criteria for the 41C senior tax relief program, as well as increasing the amount of the exemption. These changes will modernize the dated criteria which has shrunk the pool of eligible applicants in recent years and will provide much needed financial assistance to a group of residents most impacted by property tax increases.
5. As included in earlier compromise legislation, increases the exemption for small businesses on personal property to \$30,000 so any neighborhood business with less than that amount in personal property would not be taxed. This increase would expand the number of small businesses across Boston exempt from personal property tax under this exemption provision from approximately 2,500 to 5,000.
6. In the event the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025 does not change as outlined above, it gives the City of Boston the legal authority to issue some degree of residential tax rebates from surplus funds. The amount of money and the rebate shall be determined by the City of Boston and will be subject to an appropriation reviewed and approved by the Council.

Earlier this month, the City developed a tax calculator so residents can see how much they would have saved if the earlier compromise legislation were in effect. The tax calculator can be found here: boston.gov/tax-calculator.

I urge your Honorable Body to advance this special act and the consensus incorporated to deliver stability for all Boston taxpayers and excellent City services for all residents and stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to regulate property taxes in the City of Boston beginning in fiscal year 2025, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience;

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 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment 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 RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION, THE SENIOR HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION 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: Notwithstanding section 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025 the tax rates in the City of Boston shall be the rates that would have occurred were a 181.5% shift in place at the time of their setting. The residential tax rate for property in the City of Boston, which applies to residential real property and open space, shall be \$11.03 per \$1,000 of value, and the commercial tax rate for property in the City of Boston, which applies to commercial real property, industrial real property, and personal property, shall be \$26.92 per \$1,000 of value. In order to go into effect, this section must be enacted by the General Court prior to March 1, 2025.

SECTION 2: Notwithstanding section 1A of chapter 58 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of revenue shall further adjust the minimum residential factor of the City of Boston determined under said section 1A of said chapter 58 for fiscal years 2026, and 2027, if adoption of such factor for any such year would result in the residential property class bearing a higher percentage of the total property tax levy than the percentage of the total

property tax levy imposed on the residential property class in fiscal year 2024. The new minimum residential factor for such year shall be (a) for fiscal year 2026, 50 per cent subject to such adjustment upward as may be required to provide that the percentage of the total tax levy imposed on any class of real or personal property shall not exceed 180 per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of the taxable property of the class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, (b) in fiscal year 2027, 50 per cent subject to such adjustment upward as may be required to provide that the percentage of the total tax levy imposed on any class of real or personal property shall not exceed 178 per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of the taxable property of the class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, (c) in fiscal year 2028 and thereafter, the determination of the minimum residential factor shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions detailed in section 1A of chapter 58. Payments made under section 38H of chapter 59 of the General Laws, and similar provisions of special acts, that are included in the tax levy for purposes of determining the minimum residential factor under said section 1A of said chapter 58 shall be so included in the determination of any factor under this section.

SECTION 3: Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 30B of the General Laws, or any other general or special law, and subject to appropriation by the City of Boston, in each fiscal year in which the total tax levy imposed on the class of commercial property exceeds one hundred seventy five per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of that class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all the taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, the City of Boston is authorized to expend up to fifteen million dollars to make grants and provide programs for the purpose of supporting small businesses impacted by the shift of the tax levy beyond the aforementioned one hundred seventy five per cent. The term “small business” as used in this section shall mean a business with its principal place of business located in Boston, with fewer than fifty employees or less than five million dollars in annual revenue.

SECTION 4: Notwithstanding clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59 or any other general or special law to the contrary, with respect to real property in the City of Boston the following factors determining exemption for real property under clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59 shall be adjusted as follows: (1) increasing the sum of \$500 contained in the first sentence of clause 41C to \$1500; (2) increasing the amounts contained in subclause (B) of said first sentence whenever they appear in said subclause from \$13,000 dollars and from \$15,000 dollars to fifty percent of

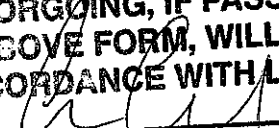
Area Median Income as adjusted for household size, as is published annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as required by Section 8 of the Federal Housing Act of 1937 (42 USC Section 1437f), as amended, and the relevant year of the calculation shall be the most recent figure available as of July 1 of the start of the fiscal year to which the exemption is sought; and (3) increasing the amounts contained in subclause (C) of said first sentence whenever they appear in said subclause from \$28,000 dollars to not more than \$80,000 and from \$30,000 to not more than \$110,000. These adjustments shall not be further modified by the second sentence of clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59.

SECTION 5: (a) Notwithstanding section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the City of Boston shall be permitted to allow for an exemption from taxation of personal property not in excess of \$30,000 of value.

(b) The city council of the City of Boston, with the approval of the mayor, shall vote to establish a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation. Said value shall be subject to limitation pursuant to subsection (a).

SECTION 6: Only in the event that the tax rates for the City of Boston for fiscal year 2025 are not changed by March 1, 2025, pursuant to Section 1 of this act, from the tax rates certified in December of 2024, the City of Boston shall be authorized to issue rebates to those taxpayers who received the residential exemption in fiscal year 2025. These rebates shall be a uniform amount of money for each eligible taxpayer to be paid out of a pool of money appropriated by the City of Boston for this express purpose. The amount of the rebate shall be calculated by the Collector-Treasurer of the City of Boston with the approval of the mayor of the City of Boston. This rebate shall be in addition to any exemptions allowed under chapter 59; provided, however, that in no instance shall the taxable valuation of such property after all applicable exemptions and this rebate be reduced below ten per cent of its full and fair cash valuation, unless that is explicitly provided for in any specific section of chapter 59. In order to go into effect, this section must be enacted by the General Court prior to July 1, 2025.

SECTION 7: Effective Date. Sections 1, 2, 3 and 6 of this act shall take effect immediately upon passage. Sections 4 and 5 of this act shall take effect upon passage and be applicable to fiscal year 2026 and all following fiscal years.

**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 Government Operations
Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair

One City Hall Square 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02201 ♦ Phone: (617) 635-3040 ♦ city.council@boston.gov

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

February 12, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Government Operations was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0236, Message and order for your approval a new home rule petition to the General Court, "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Residential Tax Relief in the City of Boston."

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and referred to the Committee on January 15, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0236 is a Home Rule Petition that seeks permission from the State to, retroactively set tax rates for FY25; if and when necessary over the next 2 years, allow for an increase in the tax burden shifted from residential to commercial properties; increase relief for seniors and small businesses; and in the event the City is not approved to retroactively set tax rates for FY25, issue rebates to eligible resident homeowners.

Section 1 of the proposal seeks permission from the State to divert from the General Laws (M.G.L. c. 59 § 23) to set the tax rates for FY25 to the rates that would have occurred had a 181.5% shift been in place at the time of their setting, allowing for a change in the FY25 residential tax rates from \$11.58 to \$11.03 (per \$1,000 in assessed value) and commercial tax rates from \$25.96 to \$26.92 (per \$1,000 in assessed value). The current rates were set at a 175% shift, the shift currently allowable under law (M.G.L. c. 58 § 1A).

Section 2 requests the permission to, if and when necessary over the next 2 years, divert from the General Laws (M.G.L. c. 58 § 1A) when setting the minimum residential factor for the City of Boston, allowing for an increase in the tax burden shifted from residential to commercial properties. The proposal states that the temporary diversion would only be necessary if the standard and current minimum residential factor would result in residential class properties bearing a higher percentage of the total property tax levy than the year prior. The temporary diversion would follow a two-year schedule starting in FY26 and allow for an increase up to 180% in the first year, and up to 178% in the second and final year, after which the City will return to the currently utilized classification system provided for in the General Laws, which caps the commercial burden at 175%.

Section 3 seeks to authorize the City of Boston to expend up to \$15M to make grants and provide programs for any small business impacted by the shift in any year the shift is greater than 175%. Small business here shall mean a business with its principal place of business located in Boston, with fewer than fifty employees or less than \$5M in revenue.

Section 4 seeks to amend Clause 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws to increase the amount of the senior exemption and increase the income and asset limits for the senior exemption.



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Section 5 seeks to divert from the General Laws (M.G.L. c. 59 § 5) to increase the minimum value of personal property subject to taxation from \$10,000 to \$30,000 and states that the City Council, with the approval of the mayor, shall vote to establish a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation.

Section 6 requests that in the event the tax rates for FY25 are not changed by March 1, 2025, pursuant to **Section 1**, from the rates set in December of 2024 (\$11.58 for residential, \$25.96 for commercial), the City of Boston be authorized to issue rebates to those taxpayers who received the residential exemption in FY25. The rebates shall be a uniform amount of money for each eligible taxpayer to be paid out of a pool of money appropriated by the City of Boston for this express purpose. The amount of the rebate shall be calculated by the Collector-Treasurer of the City of Boston with the approval of the mayor. This rebate shall be in addition to any exemptions allowed under chapter 59, provided in no instance shall the taxable valuation of any property after all applicable exemptions (including the rebate) be reduced below 10% of its full and fair cash valuation, unless explicitly provided for in any specific section of chapter 59.

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee on Government Operations held a joint hearing with the Committee on Ways and Means on **Docket #0236** on January 27, 2025. Ashley Groffenberger, Chief Financial Officer, Nicholas Ariniello, Commissioner of Assessing, Raymond Boly, Director of Valuation, Assessing Department, and Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, testified on behalf of the administration.

The Administration explained that the newly proposed HRP aims to provide tax relief by adjusting property classification regulations. It was explained that the proposal would allow Boston to exceed the state-imposed limit on the commercial-to-residential tax rate ratio. The Administration emphasized that this shift is intended to provide immediate relief to residents while ensuring that commercial properties contribute a fairer share of the tax burden. The Administration acknowledged concerns that increasing commercial tax rates could impact small businesses but noted that safeguards, such as targeted exemptions, are included in the proposal.

The Administration also explained that the tax classification proposal is part of a comprehensive approach to address economic disparities in the City. The Administration highlighted that rising residential property assessments have disproportionately impacted certain neighborhoods, particularly in communities of color and among elderly homeowners. The Administration asserted that the proposed petition provides a mechanism to offset these rising costs while continuing to support the City's investment in public services, schools, and infrastructure. The Administration further stated that the proposed classification changes align with Boston's broader tax strategy, which prioritizes maintaining affordability for residents while ensuring a sustainable revenue structure. The Administration noted that other cities have implemented similar measures and observed that shifting a portion of the tax burden to commercial properties has historically provided relief to owner-occupants without negatively affecting business investment.

The Administration explained that Docket #0236 represents a revised approach to residential tax relief that differs significantly from the Mayor's previously filed home rule petitions, which did not pass at the State House. The Administration explained that earlier proposals primarily sought to increase the residential exemption and provide direct tax abatements. It was stated, however, that said efforts faced challenges due to concerns over revenue stability and their impact on the broader tax structure. Further,



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the Administration explained that earlier petitions lacked mechanisms to mitigate potential negative consequences for small businesses and that, in contrast, the newly proposed petition includes provisions to safeguard small commercial property owners by structuring the tax shift in a way that primarily impacts larger commercial properties. The Administration reiterated that the new approach was developed in response to feedback from legislators and stakeholders who expressed reservations about the broader impact of prior proposals.

The Administration also highlighted that the revised petition includes a sunset clause, meaning the tax classification change would be subject to periodic review, an element not included in earlier versions. It was explained that the provision was included to address concerns from state legislators regarding permanent tax shifts and to allow for adjustments based on economic conditions. The Administration stressed that the new petition aligns more closely with statewide tax policies, making it more likely to gain approval at the State House.

Councilors questioned the Administration about the long-term effects of shifting more tax burden onto commercial properties. The Administration responded that while the proposal temporarily increases the commercial tax rate, it does not fundamentally alter the City's long-term revenue structure, acknowledging that Boston remains heavily reliant on property taxes due to limited alternative revenue sources. Councilors also inquired into whether the increase in commercial property taxes could deter businesses from remaining in Boston. The Administration explained that commercial tax rates in Boston are competitive compared to other major cities, and the adjustment is designed to maintain that balance. Further, the Administration added that the City would monitor economic impacts to ensure that small businesses are not disproportionately affected.

During the hearing, Councilors proposed several amendments to provide additional tax relief for senior homeowners, small businesses, and low-income residents. Councilors suggested expanding the eligibility criteria for the senior tax exemption program, proposing that income thresholds be adjusted upward to reflect the rising cost of living, healthcare expenses, and inflation. Councilors recommended raising the income cap to between 60-80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) to ensure more seniors qualify for relief or to implement a "Long-Term Senior Homeowner Exemption," which would provide increased tax relief to seniors who have owned their homes for at least 20 years. In response to such suggestions, the Administration stated that separate proposals, including expanded exemptions for seniors and long-term homeowners, are under review and reiterated that Docket #0236 is part of a broader strategy to address rising property taxes while maintaining equitable revenue distribution.

Regarding small businesses, suggestions were made to increase the personal property tax exemption referred to in Section 5, to \$100K. The current exemption is set by state law at \$10,000 in Boston. The Administration informed the Committee that setting the number at \$30,000 will support over 5,500 small businesses across Boston, further that raising the exemption to \$100,000 would be a large increase relative to the programs offered by other cities. Cambridge is the highest in the state allowing up to \$20,000 therefore \$30,000 would be the highest cap in the state. Overall, this would reduce the tax liability of larger businesses, increasing costs on our residents through increased tax rates.



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Regarding rebates, Councilors further recommended streamlining the rebate application process by automating eligibility checks based on tax records, thereby reducing administrative barriers and ensuring that all eligible homeowners receive relief without unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles.

A proposal was also made to establish a property tax exemption for low-income municipal workers to provide relief to frontline essential city employees who face financial hardship. However, the amendment could not be included in the Chairs' recommended amended docket due to constitutional and legal constraints under Massachusetts tax law. The primary legal issue concerns Article 112 of the Massachusetts Constitution, which governs property taxation and mandates proportionality in taxation. This proportionality requirement dictates that all property within the same classification must be taxed uniformly, with limited exceptions allowed under state law.

In general, Councilors recommended that the City simplify the application process, provide multilingual resources, and conduct targeted outreach efforts to ensure that all eligible seniors are aware of and can easily access available exemptions and relief programs. Finally, Councilors advocated for increasing transparency in the assessment process to ensure residents understand how property values are determined and how relief measures are applied.

Summary of Amendments

The proposed Home Rule Petition was amended to include the following into a new draft:

“Section 6: Language was added to ensure a fiscally responsible approach to tax relief by specifying that the amount of the rebate shall be calculated, reviewed and approved by the City Council with the submission of an appropriation order; and by ensuring that rebates will not be issued should the appropriation cause the fiscal year’s Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) Unassigned Fund Balance to go below 15% of the fiscal year’s GAAP General Fund Operating Expenditures, and/or cause the City’s Statutory/Budgetary Unassigned Fund Balance go below 10% of the City’s Statutory/Budgetary Operating Expenses. (Boston’s GAAP Unassigned Fund Balance is the portion of the city’s general fund that is not classified as restricted, committed, assigned, or nonspendable. It is a residual classification that can be positive or negative. The city uses its fund balance to help manage current and future risks.)”

SECTION 6 as amended:

Only in the event that the tax rates for the City of Boston for fiscal year 2025 are not changed by March 1, 2025, pursuant to Section 1 of this act, from the tax rates certified in December of 2024, and due to the fact that the residential tax levy in fiscal year 2025 increased from 41.67% of the overall tax levy to 44.07% of the overall tax levy, the largest percentage increase since 2007, the last year the City was authorized by statute to have a classification shift exceeding 175%, the City of Boston shall be authorized to issue rebates to those taxpayers who received the residential exemption in fiscal year 2025. In no event shall these rebates be issued in fiscal year 2025 unless the following conditions are met: the appropriation for said rebates would not cause the fiscal year’s Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) Unassigned Fund Balance to go below 15% of the fiscal year’s GAAP General Fund Operating Expenditures, while maintaining a Statutory/Budgetary Unassigned Fund Balance at 10% or higher of Statutory/Budgetary



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Operating Expenses. These rebates shall be a uniform amount of money for each eligible taxpayer to be paid out of a pool of money appropriated by the City of Boston for this express purpose. The amount of the rebate shall be calculated, reviewed and approved by the City Council with the submission of an appropriation order, by the Collector-Treasurer of the City of Boston with the approval of the mayor of the City of Boston. This rebate shall be in addition to any exemptions allowed under chapter 59; provided, however, that in no instance shall the taxable valuation of such property after all applicable exemptions and this rebate be reduced below ten per cent of its full and fair cash valuation, unless that is explicitly provided for in any specific section of chapter 59. In order to go into effect, this section must be enacted by the General Court prior to July 1, 2025.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

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

Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair
Committee on Government Operations

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WHEREAS, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to get regulate property taxes in the City of Boston beginning in fiscal year 2025, therefore in is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience; *and*

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 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment 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 RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION, THE SENIOR HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

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

SECTION 1: Notwithstanding section 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025 the tax rates in the City of Boston shall be the rates that would have occurred were a 181.5% shift in place at the time of their setting. The residential tax rate for property in the City of Boston, which applies to residential real property and open space, shall be \$11.03 per \$1,000 of value, and the commercial tax rate for property in the City of Boston, which applies to commercial real property, industrial real property, and personal property, shall be \$26.92 per \$1,000 of value. In order to go into effect, this section must be enacted by the General Court prior to March 1, 2025.

SECTION 2: Notwithstanding section 1A of chapter 58 of the General Laws or any other general special law to the contrary, the commissioner of revenue shall further adjust the minimum residential factor of the City of Boston determined under said section 1A of said chapter 58 for fiscal years 2026, and 2027, if adoption of such factor for any such year would result in the residential property class bearing a higher percentage of the total property tax levy than the percentage of the total property tax levy imposed on the residential property class in fiscal year 2024. The new minimum residential factor for such a year shall be (a) for fiscal year 2026, 50 per cent subject to such adjustment upward as may be required to provide that the percentage of the total tax levy imposed on any class

of real or personal property shall not exceed 180 per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of the taxable property of the class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, (b) in fiscal year 2027, 50 per cent subject to such adjustment upward as may be required to provide that the percentage of the total tax levy imposed on any class of real or personal property shall not exceed 178 per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of the taxable property of the class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, (c) in fiscal year 2028 and thereafter, the determination of the minimum residential factor shall be conducted in accordance with the provision detailed in section 1A of chapter 58. Payments made under section 38H of chapter 59 of the General Laws, and similar provisions of special acts, that are included in the tax levy for purposes of determining the minimum residential factor under said section 1A of said chapter 58 shall be so included in the determination of any factor under this section.

SECTION 3: Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 30B of the General Laws, or any other general or special law, and subject to appropriation by the City of Boston, in each fiscal year in which the total tax levy imposed on the class of commercial property exceeds one hundred seventy five per cent of the full and fair cash valuation of that class divided by the full and fair cash valuation of all the taxable real and personal property in the City of Boston, the City of Boston is authorized to expend up to fifteen million dollars to make grants and provide programs for the purpose of supporting small businesses impacted by the shift of the tax levy beyond the aforementioned one hundred seventy five per cent. The term “small business” as used in this section shall mean a business with its principal place of business located in Boston, with fewer than fifty employees or less than five million dollars in annual revenue.

SECTION 4: Notwithstanding clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59 or any other general or special law to the contrary, with respect to real property in the City of Boston the following factors determining exemption for real property under clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59 shall be adjusted as follows: (1) increasing the sum of \$500 contained in the first sentence of clause 41C to \$1500; (2) increasing the amounts contained in subclause (B) of said first sentence whenever they appear in said subclause from \$13,000 dollars and from \$15,000 dollars to fifty percent of Area Median Income as adjusted for household size, as is published annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as required by Section 8 of the Federal Housing Act of 1937 (42 USC Section 1437f), as amended, and the relevant year of the calculation shall be the most recent figure available as of July 1 of the start of the fiscal year to which the exemption is sought; and (3) increasing the amounts contained in subclause (C) of said first sentence whenever they appear in said subclause from \$28,000 dollars to not more than \$80,000 and from \$30,000 to not more than \$110,000. These adjustments shall not be further modified by the second sentence of clause 41C of section 5 of chapter 59.

SECTION 5: (a) Notwithstanding section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the City of Boston shall be permitted to allow for an exemption from taxation of personal property not in excess of \$30,000 of value.

(b) The city council of the City of Boston, with the approval of the mayor, shall vote to establish a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation. Said value shall be subject to limitation pursuant to subsection (a).

SECTION 6: Only in the event that the tax rates for the City of Boston for fiscal year 2025 are not changed by March 1, 2025, pursuant to Section 1 of this act, from the tax rates certified in December of 2024, and due to the fact that the residential tax levy in fiscal year 2025 increased from 41.67% of the overall tax levy to 44.07% of the overall tax levy, the largest percentage increase since 2007, the last year the City was authorized by statute to have a classification shift exceeding 175%, the City of Boston shall be authorized to issue rebates to those taxpayers who received the residential exemption in fiscal year 2025. In no event shall these rebates be issued in fiscal year 2025 unless the following conditions are met: the appropriation for said rebates would not cause the fiscal year's Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) Unassigned Fund Balance to go below 15% of the fiscal year's GAAP General Fund Operating Expenditures, while maintaining a Statutory/Budgetary Unassigned Fund Balance at 10% or higher of Statutory/Budgetary Operating Expenses. These rebates shall be a uniform amount of money for each eligible taxpayer to be paid out of a pool of money appropriated by the City of Boston for this express purpose. The amount of the rebate shall be calculated, reviewed and approved by the City Council with the submission of an appropriation order, by the Collector-Treasurer of the City of Boston with the approval of the mayor of the City of Boston. This rebate shall be in addition to any exemptions allowed under chapter 59; provided, however, that in no instance shall the taxable valuation of such property after all applicable exemptions and this rebate be reduced below ten per cent of its full and fair cash valuation, unless that is explicitly provided for in any specific section of chapter 59. In order to go into effect, this section must be enacted by the General Court prior to July 1, 2025.

SECTION 7: Effective Date. Sections 1,2,3, and 6 of this act shall take effect immediately upon passage. Sections 4 and 5 of this act shall take effect upon passage and be applicable to fiscal year 2026 and all following fiscal years.



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Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

01-27-2025

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 HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-TWO CENTS **(\$145,687.72)** in the form of a grant, the FY24 Violence Against Women Act, a STOP Grant, awarded by United States Department Of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain, as well as for Spanish-speaking victims citywide and also supporting overtime for all Civilian Domestic Violence Advocates citywide.

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 the FY24 Violence Against Women Act, a STOP Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department Of Justice AND MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

WHEREAS, the United States Department Of Justice and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-TWO CENTS (**\$145,687.72**) would fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain, as well as for Spanish-speaking victims citywide and also supporting overtime for all Civilian Domestic Violence Advocates citywide. 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 United States Department Of Justice, and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security' the FY24 Violence Against Women Act, a STOP Grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-TWO CENTS (**\$145,687.72**).

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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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

February 6, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Strong Women, Families and Communities was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0293, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$145,687.72) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Violence Against Women's Act, a STOP Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to be administered by the Police Department.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and referred to the Committee on January 29, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0293 authorizes the City to accept and expend the amount of \$145,687.72 in the form of a grant (a STOP grant, awarded through the Violence Against Women Act) for a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain and Spanish-speaking victims citywide, and also supports overtime for all Civilian Domestic Violence Advocates citywide.

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee convened a hearing on Thursday, February 6, 2025 to discuss Docket #0293. Testimony was presented by representatives from the Administration: Jenna Savage, Deputy Director of Research and Development, Boston Police Department (BPD) and Nicole LaPointe, Lieutenant Detective, Boston Police Department. Representatives from BPD gave a comprehensive overview of how the funds will be utilized. They spoke on the collaborative effort between various community groups, the use of language line services for non-English speakers, and the ongoing work to ensure comprehensive support for all domestic violence victims in Boston. The grant will fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate to assist victims in Jamaica Plain, as well as Spanish-speaking victims citywide, while also supporting overtime for all Civilian Domestic Violence Advocates throughout the city. The panelists highlighted the significance of this grant and its positive impact on the department's efforts to support victims of domestic violence.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Strong Women, Families and Communities I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Erin Murphy, Chair
Committee on Strong Women, Families and Communities

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BENJAMIN J. WEBER, ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN, HENRY SANTANA, COLETTA ZAPATA, DURKAN, FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, MEJIA, WORRELL AND LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS AND INJURIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Global warming is contributing to extreme weather conditions, including record-breaking heat waves which have been known to be deadly; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston recently had a heat emergency, setting a record for the hottest day in June at 98 degrees Fahrenheit; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Currently there are no required, enforceable protections in Boston for employees who have to work during heat emergencies, leaving them vulnerable to unbearable and dangerous weather conditions that can negatively impact their health; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Workers are left to rely on their employers to allow for water breaks, access to shade, and essential rest periods during extreme heat. Often those without a union are unable to effectively advocate for and receive adequate access to water, reest, and shade; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Texas and Florida, despite their extreme heat waves, have gone so far as to pass laws banning municipalities and counties within their borders from requiring employers to provide water breaks to workers in extreme heat. It is, therefore, imperative that we as a city set an example by ensuring that our workers are entitled to accommodations during heat emergencies, like the one we experienced in Boston last week; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is projected that heat index values over 100 degrees will be three times more common in the Northeast by the middle of this century; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Although we are making strides to become a Green New Deal city and reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the state level it is projected that t heat emergencies will with increasing frequency and and will only get worse as time goes on;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

Ordained by the City of Boston, as follows:

That the City of Boston Municipal Code, Ordinances be amended by adding in Chapter IV, Section 4-10:

4-10 Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illnesses and injuries in the City of Boston

4-10.1 Definitions.

Acclimatization – temporary adaptation of the body to work in the heat that occurs gradually when a person is exposed to heat. Acclimatization peaks in most people within four to 14 days of regular work for at least two hours per day in the heat.

Contractor – any person or entity that is a party to a City contract, City lease, or City license.

Heat illness – any medical condition caused by high temperatures and humidity and resulting in, including but not limited to heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat syncope, heat stroke, and heat edema. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke result from the body’s inability to cope with a particular heat load and require immediate medical attention.

Heat mitigation – the implementation of preventive and proactive measures by contractors to provide protection and relief from heat hazards when working on City-owned, City-leased or City-licensed property including on any City streets or dedicated rights-of-way.

Heat stress – exposure to extreme heat in a work environment, which can result in illness, injury or death.

Heat wave - a period of unusually hot weather that lasts more than two days in which the predicted high temperature for each day will be at least 80 degrees Fahrenheit and at least ten degrees Fahrenheit higher than the average high daily temperature in the preceding five days.

Drinking water – cool or cold potable water that is suitable for human consumption and is maintained in safe and sanitary conditions to prevent contamination and illness where such is not supplied through plumbed fixtures or otherwise continuously supplied. The term also includes commercially available electrolyte-replenishing beverages that do not contain caffeine.

Environmental risk factors for heat illness – working conditions that create the possibility of heat illness, including high air temperature, relative humidity, radiant heat from the sun and other sources, conductive heat from sources such as the ground, low air movement, high physical workload intensity and duration, and protective clothing and equipment worn by an employee.

Recovery period – a cool-down period of reduced heat exposure and rest to aid in cooling down the human body and avoiding heat illness.

Shade – an area that is not in direct sunlight. Shade may be provided by any natural or artificial means, such as a tree, tarp, tent, canopy, or other similar structure.

Personal risk factors for heat illness – factors specific to an individual, including but not limited to age, health, pregnancy, degree of acclimatization, water consumption, alcohol consumption, or caffeine consumption, use of prescription medications that affect the body’s water retention, or other physiological responses to heat.

Rest break – a break of not less than ten (10) minutes from work within working hours, during which an employee may not work.

Subcontractors – a firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof having a direct contract with the contractor for all or any portion of their work that is the subject of the City contract.

4-10.2 Purpose and Scope.

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that all employees working for the City of Boston or under a City of Boston contract when the heat index is 80 degrees Fahrenheit or higher are afforded certain protections to include access to cool/cold drinking water, shade, rest breaks and other provisions necessary to cool down their bodies and prevent heat exhaustion and/or heat illness.

This Ordinance applies to all worksites identified by the City’s Office of Labor Compliance as likely to cause worker heat-related injuries and illness during a heat emergency and which are under the purview of the City of Boston or worksites that are run by an entity that is operating under a City contract.

4-10.4 Contract Language.

A. The following clause is required to appear in all contracts between the City and contractors as designated by the City’s Office of Labor Compliance and contracts between qualifying contractors and their subcontractors:

Any contractor whose employees and contract workers perform work in settings at risk of causing heat-related illnesses must keep on file a written Heat Illness Prevention Plan (“HIPP”) which must be made available to the City upon request, be posted where it is accessible to workers and be implemented when the heat index is 80 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. At a minimum, the HIPP shall include each of the following as it relates to heat safety and mitigation:

1. Availability of sanitized cool drinking water free of charge at locations that are readily accessible to all employees and contract workers and permission for workers to access the water anytime they have a need for hydration.
2. Specific to the worksite, location(s) with adequate shade or cooling where employees will have the ability to take rest and cooling breaks.

3. Permission for workers to take rest and cooling breaks when needed to prevent overheating.
4. Effective Work/Rest schedules designed to reduce the risk of heat illness and injury.
5. Access to shaded areas or enclosed spaces with air conditioning.
6. Effective acclimatization practices for workers newly assigned or reassigned to work in an environment identified by the Office of Labor Compliance as likely to cause a risk of heat-related illness.
7. Conduct training in a language understandable to all employees and contract workers on heat illness and injury that focuses on the environmental and personal risk factors, prevention, and how to recognize and report signs and symptoms of heat-related illness and injury, how to administer appropriate first aid, and how to report heat illness and injury to emergency medical personnel. Employers shall provide effective training/educational materials to each supervisory and non-supervisory employee before the employee begins work that should reasonably be anticipated to result in exposure to the risk of heat illness.

The contractor further agrees that this clause will be incorporated in all subcontracts with subcontractors, sublicensees or sublessees to include this clause in all contracts with any third party who is contracted to perform labor or services in connection with this contract. It is the obligation of the contractor to ensure compliance by its subcontractor.

B. *Documentation.* In addition to the documents required in subsection A of this section, upon request contractors shall provide additional documentation verifying that mitigation efforts against heat related illness or injury in the workplace are being utilized.

C. *Monitoring.* The department primarily responsible for managing any contract covered by this Ordinance shall monitor compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

4-10.5 Administrative Responsibility.

City departments shall include the requirements of this Ordinance in all bids, proposals, written quotes, contractual agreements, leases, licenses or requests for qualifications which are designated by the City's Office of Labor Compliance.

The Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections shall conduct at least two trainings annually on heat illness and protections for both indoor and outdoor workers or as much as necessary in order for employers to understand the requirements of this Ordinance. This training shall be offered to those who are found to be out of compliance with this Ordinance.

4-10.6 Failure of Contractors to Comply.

A contractor who fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance after receiving notice and an opportunity to cure shall be subject to those sanctions allowed by law including, but not limited to:

1. Fines up to \$100 per day after issuance of notice to cure up to date of full compliance;
2. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract or ineligibility for future contracts with the City until all fines have been paid in full.

The Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections is hereby authorized to investigate complaints and issue/enforce the above penalties against any person, corporation or business entity reported to be in violation of this Ordinance.

4-10.7 Preemption and Severability.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to relieve persons from complying with existing OSHA safety regulations or other applicable provisions of the law, nor is it intended to alter or diminish any obligation otherwise imposed by law.

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable by any court, such a holding does not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision of the Ordinance, and the rest of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

4-10.8 Exclusions

This ordinance does not apply to any City contract, City lease, or City license with any other governmental agency.

Filed in Council: January 8, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL, BENJAMIN WEBER, COLETTA ZAPATA, FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, MEJIA, MURPHY, PEPÉN, SANTANA, LOUIJEUNE AND DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON'S FY26 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Boston's Fiscal Year 2025 budget totals more than \$4.64 billion; *and*

WHEREAS, Mayor Michelle Wu is expected to announce the FY26 budget on April 9, and the Council is expected to take action on the FY26 budget on June 4, with final action on June 25; *and*

WHEREAS, For Fiscal Year 2025, the City Council focused on its priorities of housing, quality of life issues, community safety, and college and career readiness; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council successfully collaborated with Boston Public Schools earlier than usual during the FY25 budget process and is in the midst of earlier collaboration for BPS' FY26 budget, thus providing a blueprint for earlier collaboration with the entire administration; *and*

WHEREAS, In FY24, actual revenue collections exceeded budget by \$176 million, according to its year-end report, including \$133 million more in investment income, \$50 million more in room taxes, meal taxes, and jet-fuel taxes, \$20 million more in PILOT payments, and \$18 million more in motor vehicle excise taxes, thus showing the strength of the City's revenues and finances; *and*

WHEREAS, According to the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, FY25 marked the highest share of the property tax levy paid by residential property owners and the lowest share paid by business property owners in at least four decades; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should continue to invest in its residents, with schools, parks, streets, libraries, housing, climate resiliency, community safety, and more in its FY26 operating and capital budgets; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold multiple hearings and public testimony sessions regarding city revenues, the current status of the annual operating budget and preliminary plans for the upcoming budget, and that representatives of City of Boston and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 24, 2025



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 13, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your consideration and approval: *An Order Temporarily Extending Urban Renewal Until March 31, 2027.*

Two years ago we requested and your Honorable Body passed an extension to Urban Renewal “for the shorter of either (a) two (2) additional years (i.e., to March 31, 2027), or (b) until such time that the Home Rule petition passes.” This extension was vital, so as not to put at risk the important land use protections covered in the LDAs that Urban Renewal protects. Although passed by the House of Representatives in the last state legislative session, the home rule petition was not passed by the State Senate, and the deadline of March 31, 2025 is imminent. Therefore, we must return to the Council with a request to extend Urban Renewal and the protections embedded within it, as the City will once again pursue the necessary state legislative approvals in this next legislative session on Beacon Hill. This is necessary to ensure we have a legal mechanism to uphold the City’s protection of income restricted housing, senior-preference housing, open space, and community institutions without a lapse in protections while seeking state action.

We will refile a new home-rule petition before the Council at a later date to continue seeking state authorization to end Urban Renewal while retaining important protections, with full recognition of the City’s history. The use of urban renewal left scars on Boston’s communities, particularly the West End and Roxbury/South End, applied to eradicate what was then described as “blight and urban decay.” Today, the City uses our planning and development authority to deliver on much needed resiliency, affordability, and equity to address Boston’s housing crisis, improve the health and safety of Boston’s residents and businesses, and continue to make Boston a great place to live and work for all its residents. By passing this order, the Council will help protect more than 8,700 income-restricted units across the city.

AN ORDER TEMPORARILY EXTENDING URBAN RENEWAL PLANS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON UNTIL MARCH 31, 2027 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, 2027), or (b) until such time that the Home Rule petition passes and becomes effective.

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 ("DHCD"). In March 2022, the BPDA (now Planning Department), Council and DHCD sunset two (2) 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 Planning Department 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 proposal herein, to advance resiliency, affordability, and equity.

Sincerely,

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

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER TEMPORARILY EXTENDING URBAN RENEWAL PLANS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON UNTIL MARCH 31, 2027 OR PASSAGE OF A PROPOSED RELEVANT HOME RULE PETITION.

- WHEREAS: Urban Renewal was a federally established and state authorized set of planning tools and funding for municipalities to address blighted areas by acquiring property, relocating residents and businesses, and in some cases clearing away old buildings to make room for new development and uses; and
- WHEREAS: In practice, low-income communities were targeted for demolition, often then replaced with development of new residential and commercial uses benefiting wealthier residents; and
- WHEREAS: Early uses of Urban Renewal powers by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) caused harmful and unnecessary destruction of homes resulting in unjust social equity outcomes within the City of Boston, most notably in the West End where thousands of immigrant, low-income, and working-class residents were evicted; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Boston is working tirelessly to promote the sound and responsible growth of its neighborhoods and to provide places for Boston's residents to live, work, and recreate; and
- WHEREAS: The result of this activity has been the creation and preservation of homes and businesses, as well as parks, schools, libraries and other public facilities, playing a role in building Boston's reputation as one of the world's most vibrant and livable cities; and
- WHEREAS: The BRA currently maintains twelve (12) active Urban Renewal Plans originally approved by the BRA, the Boston City Council, the Mayor of Boston and the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which were most recently extended for two (2) years in January 2023, and before that were extended in 2022; and
- WHEREAS: The twelve Urban Renewal Plans scheduled to expire on March 31, 2025 utilize specific Urban Renewal tools and protections that maintain Land Disposition Agreements (LDAs) that protect existing affordable housing, open space, institutional and community uses, and senior housing; and
- WHEREAS: The Mayor has submitted to the City Council a Home Rule Petition entitled "An Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston," which, when passed by the Commonwealth's legislature, will

functionally terminate and sunset the Urban Renewal powers of the BRA and will extend the protections and enforcement rights (but not the BRA's other urban renewal powers) under the existing Urban Renewal Plans;

WHEREAS: Upon passage of the Home Rule Petition and its subsequent implementation, the extension of the Urban Renewal Plans shall be voided;

WHEREAS: By their provisions and previous extensions granted, the plans, the protections established and the powers conferred therein will terminate on March 31, 2025 unless so extended; and

WHEREAS: The BRA seeks a two (2) year extension for the twelve (12) active Urban Renewal Plans that are set to expire on March 31, 2025, or until passage by the state legislature and implementation of the proposed home rule petition terminating Urban Renewal Plans and transferring land use protections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED: That the City Council does hereby approve the extension of the term of the Urban Renewal Plans listed below, to the earlier of March 31, 2027, or until the passage by the state legislature and implementation of the proposed home rule petition entitled An Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston:

1. Brunswick-King Urban Renewal Plan
2. Campus High School Urban Renewal Plan
3. Central Business District South Station Urban Renewal Plan
4. Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan
5. Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan
6. Fenway Urban Renewal Plan
7. Government Center Urban Renewal Plan
8. Kittredge Square Urban Renewal Plan
9. Park Plaza Urban Renewal Plan
10. South Cove Urban Renewal Plan
11. South End Urban Renewal Plan
12. Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan

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

BY


**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

Ordinance to Establish RISE: Reshaping Inequities through Systematic Empowerment

WHEREAS: On June 12, 2020, the City of Boston declared racism a public health crisis and affirmed the need for proactive reinforcement of policies that promote a more equitable Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2021, President Biden, through Executive Order 13985, set a powerful example by charging the Federal Government with advancing equity for all, including underserved communities, addressing systemic racism, and supporting and empowering all Americans, thereby setting a precedent for local governments to follow; *and*

WHEREAS: Reflecting on past city policies, programming, investments, and instances of negligence, we recognize that Boston's communities of color have been consistently disadvantaged and disinvested in, leading to their further marginalization and dismantling; *and*

WHEREAS: In response, former Mayor Martin J. Walsh issued an executive order affirming the role of the Equity & Inclusion Cabinet to instill resilience and racial equity throughout city government, mandating data collection, outreach, inter-agency collaborations, and capacity building across all City departments; *and*

WHEREAS: Building on this foundation, the City launched significant initiatives, including the establishment of the Equity & Inclusion Cabinet, the creation of a racial equity fund, the implementation of new zoning amendments, the Office of Cultural Affairs, and the formation of the Reparations Commission Taskforce; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has continued to make substantial strides in promoting racial equity through various initiatives and policies, including the Pilot E+I Academy training and the REAL training series, aimed at building trust, fostering belonging, and equipping employees with tools to better serve diverse populations, reflecting a broader national movement toward systemic empowerment and equitable practices; *and*

WHEREAS: In this spirit of continuous improvement and alignment with best practices, the District of Columbia implemented the "Racial Equity Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2020," requiring the Mayor to include a summary of how each

year’s proposed budget “advances racial equity in the District, reduces disparate outcomes, and allocates resources to support equitable outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2021, the residents of Boston voted to give the City Council more budget oversight, empowering local governance to better address community needs and promote equity; *and*

WHEREAS: Recognizing this power, the government serves in the public’s interest and is uniquely positioned to address racial systemic inequity and bias; *and*

WHEREAS: Addressing racialized societal inequities is essential for developing safe, resilient, and collaborative communities, and for preventing crime, violence, homelessness, and poor health outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS: Proactively pursuing racial equity strengthens government-community relationships and ensures fair opportunities for all, particularly in Black and Brown communities; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston recognizes the need to implement clear, intentional strategies and practices to address racial disparities and promote equity in all aspects of city governance; *and*

WHEREAS: Including the employment of Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBs) in City contracting and promoting equity in public procurement is crucial, with regular reporting and disparity studies essential for monitoring and addressing inequities in city contracts;

WHEREAS: Through this Ordinance, the Boston City Council has made it a priority to examine how each department is addressing inequities; ***NOW THEREFORE***

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

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 2-12 shall be amended by adding the following new sections and subsections after 2-12.5

Section One.

Section 2-12.6 Equity in Action

Section 2-12.6.1 Purpose:

This legislation intends to establish protocols to ensure that all city ordinances and budgetary decisions are informed by and adhere to principles of racial and social equity with the goal of closing racial wellness and achievement gaps and improving health, educational, economic, and societal outcomes for all residents.

Section 2-12.6.2 Definitions:

For purposes of this section, the term:

- I. "Determinants of equity" refers to the social, economic, geographic, political, and physical environmental conditions in which people in the City of Boston are born

in, grow, live, work, and age that lead to the creation of a fair and just society. Access to the determinants of equity is necessary to have equity for all people regardless of race, class, ethnicity, religion, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, language spoken, or perceptions thereof. Inequities are created when barriers exist that prevent individuals and communities from accessing these conditions, thereby preventing them from reaching their full potential. The determinants of equity include, but are not limited to:

- A. Community economic development that supports local ownership of assets including homes & businesses and assures fair access to business development & business retention opportunities;
- B. Community & public safety including services such as fire, police, emergency medical services, and code enforcement that is responsive to feel safe to live, work, and play in any neighborhood;
- C. A law & justice system that provides equitable access and fair treatment for all;
- D. Early childhood development that supports nurturing relationships, high-quality, affordable child care & early learning opportunities that promote optimal early childhood development and school readiness for all children;
- E. Education that is high quality, accessible, and culturally appropriate;
- F. Equity in practices that address implicit bias and institutional racism to promote fair and inclusive treatment for all individuals engaging with city operations and services.
- G. Food systems that support local food production and provide access to affordable, healthy, and culturally appropriate foods for all people;
- H. Health & human services that are high quality, affordable, accessible, culturally appropriate, and support the optimal well-being of all people;
- I. Healthy and accessible built & natural environments for all people that include mixes of land use that support: jobs; housing; amenities & services; trees & forest canopy; and clean air, water, soil, & sediment;
- J. Housing for all people that is safe, affordable, high quality, and supportive of good health;
- K. Job training and quality jobs that provide all residents with the knowledge & skills required to support their ability to make sufficient income to support themselves and their families with a decent standard of living;
- L. Neighborhoods that support all communities & individuals through strong social networks, trust among neighbors, and the ability to work together to achieve common goals that improve the quality of life for everyone in the neighborhood;
- M. Parks and natural resources that provide access for all people to safe, accessible, clean, and high-quality outdoor spaces, facilities, and activities that appeal to the interests of all communities; and
- N. Transportation that provides everyone with safe, efficient, affordable, accessible, convenient, and reliable mobility options including public transit, walking, and biking.

- II. "Equity" refers to the elimination of disparities such that race, class, ethnicity, religion, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, language spoken, or perceptions thereof no longer predict opportunities, outcomes, or the distribution of resources for residents of the City.
- III. "Budget Amendment Packet" refers to the collection of all individual budget amendments proposed by the individual City Councilors.

Section 2-12.6.3 Council Central Staff Committee on Equity:

There shall be established an independent Council Central Staff Committee on Equity (C-COE), composed of a Director and the Central Staff legislative liaisons. These individuals shall serve as research & legislative consultants for the offices of the City Councilors.

Section 2-12.6.4 Equity in Action:

Ordinances and Home Rule Petitions proposed by the Mayor or the individual Councilors shall be accompanied by a written analysis of if and how the proposed ordinance:

- I. advances access to determinants of equity in the City;
- II. addresses disparities of access to the determinants of equity;
- III. analyzes any expected disparate impact on individual's or community's age, race, class, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, language spoken, or perception thereof;
- IV. and/or allocates resources to support improved individual and/or communal outcomes.

This analysis shall be created by the Mayor's Office or Primary Sponsor's Office with research support and in consultation with the Mayor's Office of Equity And Inclusion and C-COE, respectively, as requested.

This analysis shall be appended as a preamble, serving as a cover letter to accompany the legislation upon initial submission. It will outline how the proposed ordinance or home rule petition advances access to equity determinants, addresses disparities, analyzes potential disparate impacts across various demographics, and allocates resources to support improved outcomes, ensuring clarity and alignment with the City's equity goals.

Beginning in part in fiscal year 2027 and in each subsequent fiscal year, the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet will develop guidelines to aid policymakers in establishing a standardized framework for ensuring equity.

Section 2-12.6.5 Equity in Budgeting:

Section 2-12.6.5.1 Equity Analysis in Budget Submissions

Beginning in part in fiscal year 2027 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the Mayor's budget package to the Council and the Council's proposed Budget Amendment Packets shall be accompanied by a written analysis of if and how the proposed budget or amendment(s):

- I. Improves access to the determinants of equity in the City;
- II. Addresses disparities of access to the determinants of equity;

- III. Improves health, educational, economic, and societal outcomes for residents, particularly those from traditionally marginalized communities determined by an individual's or community's age, race, class, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, language spoken, or perception thereof;
- IV. Allocates resources to support equitable access and improved outcomes.

This analysis shall be created by the Mayor's Office or Primary Sponsor's Office with research support and in consultation with the Mayor's Office of Equity And Inclusion and C-COE, respectively, as requested. This analysis shall be included as a preamble to each Mayoral docket submission and each Council Amendment, in accordance with the process outlined by the chair.

Section 2-12.6.5.2 Departmental Equity Reports

Beginning in part in fiscal year 2027 and for each subsequent fiscal year as part of the annual budget process, the Office of Budget Management shall require each department to submit a written report that summarizes, at a minimum:

I. The budget book through an equity lens must, at a minimum, include detailed reports from each department addressing the following areas:

A. EMPLOYEES

1. Five-Year Analysis of Full-Time Employees (FTE's)
2. Five-Year Analysis of Total Number of Positions.
3. Five-Year Analysis of the total number of contract positions.
4. Four-Year Breakdown of employees on leave and average time spent on leave.
5. Breakdown of departmental employees by race and gender, and a breakdown of your top 10 wage earners by race and gender.
6. Breakdown of employees with language competency other than English.
7. Outline any hiring challenges encountered during the year.
 - a) Detail all vacancies in the department that have remained open for longer than six months.
8. Submit an organizational chart for the department, including accompanying salary information.
9. Five-year analysis of department overtime
 - a) Amount and Justifications for any overtime.

B. CONTRACTS

1. Overview of contracts entered into within the last four fiscal years
2. Breakdown of contractors by race and gender, with residential and business addresses.
3. Highlight MWBE contracts, including the vendor's location.
4. Identify and address any significant barriers to contractor diversity.
5. Evaluate the feasibility of bringing currently outsourced work in-house

C. PERFORMANCE

1. Please provide an overview of your current fiscal year performance measures including:
 - a) Any changes in targets from the past fiscal year's performance measures.
 - b) An overview of each measure with a narrative explaining its history and trends
2. For this upcoming fiscal year, please provide a narrative explaining any proposed new measurements or changes to the target levels of any existing performance measurements.

D. SPENDING

1. Please attach actual YTD spending.
2. Please explain any savings realized by the department YTD.
3. Please describe any areas where your department could find savings.
4. For prior three fiscal years, please describe how much in unused funds your department had.

E. REVOLVING FUNDS

1. Any and all information on revolving funds -
 - a) Name of revolving fund
 - b) The board, department, or officer authorized to expend from the fund
 - c) The annual cap (if any) on this fund.
 - d) The programs and purposes for which the revolving fund may be expended
 - e) The limit on the total amount which may be expended from such fund
 - f) Any restrictions on the expended funds
 - (1) For the previous fiscal year
 - (a) The revenue and expense details in checkbook form with beginning and ending balances.
 - (2) For the current fiscal year
 - (a) The anticipated revenue and expenses for the current fiscal year
 - (b) The actual-to-date revenue and expense detail in checkbook form with beginning and end-to-date balances.

(3) For the next fiscal year

- (a) Any proposed changes to the structure of the fund from previous years.
- (b) Any anticipated changes to the source of receipts for the fund from previous years.
- (c) Anticipated receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year.

- II. Assessment of departmental capacity to fulfill the requirements of this ordinance
- III. Assessment of adherence to policies and procedures implemented to fulfill the requirements of this ordinance
- IV. Assessments of progress and deficits relating to the achievement of annual equity goals laid out in the previous year
- V. Establishment of new equity goals and objectives
- VI. Plans to fulfill deficits & meet said goals.
- VII. Demographic data relating to:
 - A. Procurements
 - B. Staffing
 - C. Compensation
 - D. Capital expenditures
 - E. Leadership & advancement
 - F. Grant disbursements
 - G. Contracts

Starting in fiscal year 2027, the departments required to fulfill these duties will be the Top 5 departments by expenditure in the operating budget, with an expansion to the Top 10 by fiscal year 2028 and every department by fiscal year 2029.

These reports shall be included in budget materials to be shared with the Council and made available to the public for the purpose of identifying gaps and assessing the root causes of those gaps.

Section 2-12.6.5.3 Metrics and Reporting

Beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2027, the City's Equity & Inclusion Cabinet and the Office of Budget Management shall develop, establish, and track metrics to measure the overall development and implementation of this ordinance. The City's Equity & Inclusion Cabinet will report on established metrics on a semiannual basis. Such reports shall be submitted to the Clerk and the Clerk shall docket the report and include the docket on the agenda of the next occurring meeting of the City Council.

Beginning in fiscal year 2027 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the City's Equity & Inclusion Cabinet shall design and publish an annual report for elected leadership, employees, and the public on the status & trends in equity in the City, measures of accountability for work plans, and results related to implementation of this ordinance. The report shall be submitted to the Clerk and the Clerk shall docket the report and include the docket on the agenda of the next-occurring meeting of the City Council.

The Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion shall be empowered to establish and modify requirements and protocols for data collection relating to this ordinance in consultation with the Department of Innovation and Technology.

Section 2-12.6.6 Council Equity Task Force:

Upon passage and the swearing-in of the Boston City Council, a task force shall be convened consisting of the City Council President, the Chair of the City Council Committee on Government Operations, one representative from each of the remaining individual City Councilor offices, the C-COE Director (appointed by the Central Staff Director), representatives from the Mayor's Office of Equity and Inclusion. The Council Equity Task Force shall be facilitated by the C-COE Director and co-vice-chaired by the City Council President and the Chair of the City Council Committee on Government Operations.

The Council President shall call a meeting to confirm and deliberate on the guidelines developed by the task force. These guidelines shall be reported to the Council in the form of a communication and will not require a formal vote. The task force shall have the discretion to engage a third party to support the development of these guidelines if deemed necessary.

The purpose of the task force is to adopt appropriate standards and procedures to achieve the goals outlined in Section 2-12.6.5.1, with an emphasis on ensuring clarity, equity, and efficiency in implementation. These standards shall include, but not be limited to:

- I. **Formats and Expectations:** Define specific formats and expectations for Ordinance, Home Rule Petition, and Budget Amendment Packet equity analyses
- II. **Engagement with Marginalized Communities:** Establish methods, mechanisms, and strategies to actively engage with marginalized communities experiencing racial and other disparities, promoting inclusivity and representation and increasing the influence of such communities in decision-making.
- III. **Guidelines for Committee Hearings:** Set clear guidelines for conducting committee hearings, both in Chamber and remote, to ensure fairness, inclusivity, and the consideration of diverse perspectives.

These standards shall aim to create a structured framework for promoting equity within the Boston City Council's operations and decision-making processes and shall be adopted within 30 business days of the passage of this ordinance or within 30 business days of the opening of the legislative Council cycle, during which time the Council shall continue to operate under the rules adopted by the previous Council Equity Task Force.

Section 2-12.7 Equity in Implementation

Section 2-12.7.1 Development of Equity Toolkits:

By fiscal year 2027, the Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion and the Department of Innovation and Technology shall work in consultation with the Top 5 departments by expenditure in the operating budget (expanding to the Top 10 by fiscal year 2028, and all departments, boards, commissions, cabinets, and offices by fiscal year 2029) within the City of Boston to develop and design individual Equity Toolkits to, at a minimum:

- I. Identify clear strategic initiatives, objectives, and measurable outcomes;
- II. Develop metrics to measure progress in redressing disparate health, educational, economic, and societal outcomes in the City based on age, race, class, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, language spoken, or perception thereof;
 - A. Pay equity analysis to identify and address pay disparities based on the above listed categories
 - B. Workforce demographic analysis to identify and address disparities in employment and promotional practices and procedures based on the above listed categories
 - C. Professional development analysis to monitor and enhance access to training and advancement opportunities to ensure equitable access to opportunities for career advancement
 - D. Accessibility audits to assess the accessibility of City facilities and services for individuals with disabilities identifying areas for improvement
 - E. Complaints and grievance analysis to identify and address patterns and disparities based on the above listed categories
- III. Each Equity Toolkit shall include steps to assess and mitigate unintended negative impacts of policies or programs. Departments must conduct pre-implementation equity impact assessments to identify potential disparities and gather early community feedback to inform adjustments. If adverse effects are identified, an "Equity Adjustment Plan" must outline corrective actions, timelines, and accountability measures. Regular monitoring through quarterly reviews and post-implementation evaluations will ensure ongoing oversight, with reports submitted to the Council for transparency.
- IV. Track and measure how programmatic and policy decisions benefit or burden individuals and communities based on age, race, class, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, language spoken, or perception thereof; and
- V. Evaluate the efficacy of the City's strategic initiatives and programs aimed at reducing disparate outcomes resulting from an individual's or community's race, class, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, language spoken, or perception thereof

Equity Toolkits and initial reports shall be submitted by the relevant departments to the Clerk, who shall docket the report and include it on the agenda of the next City Council meeting.

The Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion, the Department of Innovation and Technology, and relevant departments shall revisit these Toolkits no sooner than 120 days before and no later than 60 days before the end of the Council term. A report detailing updates, improvements, and

changes shall be submitted to the Clerk, who shall docket the report and include it on the agenda of the next City Council meeting.

Section 2-12.7.2 Policy and Program Equity Review:

By the start of fiscal year 2026, the Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion and the Department of Innovation Technologies shall work in consultation with the individual Departments, Boards, Commissions, Cabinets, and Offices to establish appropriate standards by which to review policy and programmatic impacts upon equity. Policies and programs shall be reviewed by the individual Departments, Boards, Commissions, Cabinets, and Offices annually thereafter to establish efficacy and impact.

Starting in fiscal year 2027, the departments required to fulfill these duties will include the Top 5 departments by expenditure in the operating budget. This requirement will expand to the Top 10 departments by fiscal year 2028. By fiscal year 2029, these standards shall apply to every department, board, commission, cabinet, and office within the City of Boston.

Section 2-12.7.3 Council Equity Training:

The Staff Director and Council President shall schedule at least one annual training on Equity, Implicit Bias, and Operationalization of Equity Practices. Training shall be mandatory for all Council members, Council staff, & City Council Central Staff, and strongly encouraged for interns & volunteers. If a staff member misses a training, the Staff Director and Council President will determine an acceptable action plan to ensure that all staff understand the information presented in the training.

Section 2-12.7.4 Executive Offices Equity Training:

The Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion shall schedule an annual training on Equity, Implicit Bias, and Operationalization of Equity Practices. Training will be mandatory for all Department, Board, Commission, Cabinet, & Office Chiefs and Deputies, and shall be made available to all City employees. If a staff member misses a training, the Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion will determine an acceptable action plan to ensure that all staff understand the information presented in the training.

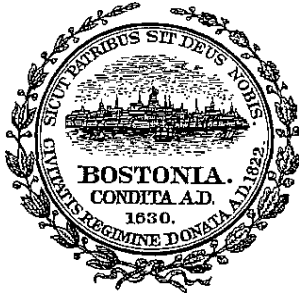
Section Two.

If any provision of this 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.

Section Three.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

Filed in City Council: February 7, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

HOME RULE PETITION

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF NONDISCLOSURE, CONFIDENTIALITY, AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, nondisclosure agreements (NDAs), confidentiality agreements, and similar employment contracts are intended to protect sensitive information but may, in certain contexts, hinder transparent government and a safe, equitable, and accountable workplace; and

WHEREAS, the use of NDAs and similar agreements within the executive branch of the City of Boston, including the Mayor's administration and all city departments, raises significant concerns about transparency, accountability, and the public's right to be informed about the actions and decisions of its government; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts State Auditor recently released findings highlighting the need for limits on NDAs in government, aligning with growing concerns at the state level about their misuse; and

WHEREAS, Governor Healey recently implemented a ban on NDAs within the executive branch of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, demonstrating a policy shift toward increased transparency and accountability in public service; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of NDAs and similar agreements in municipal government is not a common practice and may erode public trust, particularly when their purpose and scope are not fully understood or appear to conceal misconduct or lack of transparency; and

WHEREAS, a review of employment agreements in the City of Boston is necessary to ensure that policies and practices align with principles of good governance, public trust, and the rights of employees;

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, be filed with an attested copy of this Order and is hereby 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, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF
NONDISCLOSURE, CONFIDENTIALITY, AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

SECTION 1.

- (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the City of Boston, including the Mayor's administration and all city departments, shall be prohibited from requiring or entering into nondisclosure agreements, confidentiality agreements, or any other employment agreements with city employees or contractors that would restrict such individuals from disclosing information related to workplace misconduct, discrimination, harassment, or any violation of law, except as otherwise provided by state or federal law.
- (b) This prohibition shall apply to agreements entered into as a condition of employment, upon termination, or as part of any settlement agreement in legal or administrative matters involving the City of Boston.
- (c) Nothing in this act shall prohibit agreements that protect confidential city information related to financial, security, or operational matters, provided that such agreements do not limit an employee or contractor's ability to report misconduct, unlawful activity, or public safety concerns to law enforcement, oversight agencies, or the public.

SECTION 2.

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

SECTION 3.

This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Filed in the City Council on: February 15, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

HOME RULE PETITION

- WHEREAS*, Boston remains one of the last major rental markets where prospective tenants are commonly required to pay broker fees, in addition to first and last month's rent and a security deposit—costs that can be equivalent to four months' rent; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The shortage of housing stock in the Greater Boston area enables property owners to pass broker fees onto tenants, even when tenants did not solicit these services, worsening inequities in a market where renters face limited options; *and*
- WHEREAS*, According to The Boston Foundation's 2024 *Greater Boston Housing Report Card*, half of all renters in the region are cost-burdened, with increasing numbers of renter households spending over 30 percent of their income on rent; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Real estate brokers and salespersons who negotiate agreements for the sale, rental, or lease of property are regulated under sections 87PP to 87DDD1/2 of chapter 112 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 254 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR), which includes requirements for written disclosure of broker fees to prospective tenants under 254 CMR 7.00; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Studies continue to expose systemic housing discrimination by real estate brokers: *Qualified Renters Need Not Apply* (2020) by The Boston Foundation and Suffolk University Law School found brokers perpetuate inequities and recommended eliminating broker fees; the 2023 *Fair Housing Trends Report* by the National Fair Housing Alliance documented record housing discrimination complaints, including rental-related racial bias; and investigations by the Housing Rights Initiative revealed widespread discriminatory practices; *and*
- WHEREAS*, In February 2020, the Mayor of the City of Boston announced a working group to study the impact of broker fees on the Boston rental market; however, the COVID-19 pandemic prevented its appointment before its work began; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Recently proposed legislation in the 194th General Court presents varying approaches to prohibiting unsolicited tenant-paid broker fees, including Senate Docket Nos. 35 and 138, House Docket Nos. 157 and 238, and provisions in the Governor's Fiscal Year 2026 budget outlined in House Document No. 1; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Legislative proposals to prohibit tenant-paid broker fees for landlord-requested services emphasize affordability and flexibility by reducing upfront costs and alleviating financial barriers, while also promoting renter protections and equitable practices by requiring licensed brokers or salespersons to contract with only one party—either a tenant or a landlord—and ensuring broker fees are paid solely by the party engaging the broker, fostering transparency and fairness in rental housing transactions; *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 (1) of Section 8 of Article 2, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment 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 REQUIRING THAT BROKER FEES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON
BE PAID BY THE PARTY WHO SOLICITS A LICENSED BROKER**

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in the city of Boston, any person who performs real estate brokerage activities and is licensed or registered pursuant to sections 87PP to 87DDD1/2, inclusive, of chapter 112 of the General Laws may solely contract with a prospective tenant to find for rent residential or commercial real property for a tenant and present an offer to lease to the landlord or landlord's agent and negotiate on behalf of the tenant or may solely contract with a landlord or landlord's agent to find a tenant for a property. Any fee shall only be paid by the party, lessor or tenant who originally engaged and entered into a contract with the licensed broker or salesperson.
- SECTION 2. No licensed real estate broker or other person or entity engaged in the rental or leasing of residential real estate in the city of Boston as agent of the landowner, landlord, lessor, or sub-lessor shall demand, receive, or retain any payment, fee, commission or other charge from a tenant or prospective tenant for any services on behalf of such landowner, landlord, lessor, or sub-lessor for the listing, showing, qualifying of prospective tenants, preparation and execution of documents, or otherwise arising out of the leasing of a residential rental unit in said city.
- SECTION 3. No landowner, landlord, lessor, or sub-lessor shall demand or require that a tenant or prospective tenant retain, hire or engage a rental agent or broker and pay such agent or broker a fee or commission as a condition to applying for or leasing a residential rental unit in the city of Boston, and no such landowner, lessor, or sub-lessor shall demand or require that a tenant or prospective tenant make any payment in violation of section 2 of this act.
- SECTION 4. Violation of this act shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of a trade or commerce in violation of section 2 of chapter 93A.
- SECTION 5. The city of Boston may by ordinance impose a penalty for violation of this act, not to exceed the amount established by section 35 of chapter 448 of the acts of 1854, as most recently amended by chapter 360 of the acts of 2024.
- SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Filed on: February 12, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

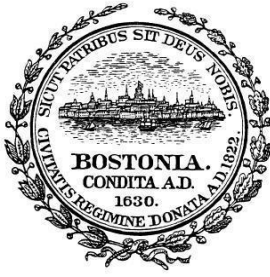
ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS REQUIRING ALL MICRO-MOBILITY DEVICES TO BE LICENSED, REGISTERED, AND INSURED

- WHEREAS:** Residents across Boston have witnessed speeding along our streets and sidewalks, frequent running of stop signs and red lights, going the wrong way on one-way streets, and navigating between vehicles either in traffic or at traffic lights by mopeds, scooters, electric bikes, bikes, and other micro-mobility devices; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Residents have consistently shared serious concerns about how these micro-mobility devices don't have a license, registration or liability insurance in the event of a crash, and that they pose a danger to pedestrian safety and make crossing the street and walking on sidewalks less safe. This new dynamic impacts road safety and can put pedestrians, drivers, cyclists, and users of micro-mobility devices in harm's way; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Last June, Boston Police Department and Boston Transportation Department issued a letter to third-party food delivery companies warning them about working with illegal mopeds, and State Police also impounded illegal mopeds and scooters; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Last week, the administration proposed a new ordinance that would require the largest third-party delivery providers such as DoorDash, UberEats and GrubHub to obtain a permit to operate within the city, which would require the companies to have liability insurance coverage for all drivers using their platform. However, this does not provide consistency in requiring all micro-mobility devices and users of the road, as well as those that can go 20 mph, to be licensed, registered, and insured; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Everyone using city roads needs to abide by the rules of the road, especially if a device's speed limit can go beyond 20 mph like a motor vehicle. There should be a license, registration, and liability insurance in the event of a serious accident and injury, as well as increased enforcement and stricter regulations on mopeds, scooters, electric bikes, bikes, and other micro-mobility transportation devices. Our residents, pedestrians, and all road users deserve to operate on safe streets with a predictable environment and minimal dangers to road safety; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss requiring all users of the road and micro-mobility devices to be licensed, registered and insured. Representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, Boston Police Department, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: February 12, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** Boston is a city with a large number of colleges, universities, hospitals, museums, and other cultural institutions, they are a critical part of our city's economy and character, but they are also tax-exempt, and represent over half of Boston's real estate property; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Our city provides critical services, such as public safety protection among others, to our tax-exempt, large nonprofit institutions, while our city remains largely reliant on property taxes for funding, with three quarters of the City's FY25 \$4.64 billion budget derived from property taxes; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program was established to allow these nonprofit institutions to make annual voluntary contributions in either funding or community benefits that would ease the financial burden of providing city services, as well as to benefit our residents; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City adopted new guidelines on its PILOT program recommended by the PILOT Task Force in 2011, with 45 private nonprofit institutions that own property valuing more than \$15 million identified as participants, and each institution encouraged to contribute 25% of what they would be expected to pay in real estate taxes if the exempt property were taxable, while also being eligible for a community benefits deduction generally limited to 50% of the PILOT contribution; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Aside from providing funding, institutions can provide PILOT Community Benefits, which are defined services that are above and beyond an institution's existing commitments and mission, and ones that would directly benefit the wellbeing of our residents; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to the City's report, in fiscal year 2023, 45 institutions provided \$35.7 million cash contributions, and 39 institutions submitted PILOT Community Benefits reports totalling \$219.8 million, of which \$183 million was considered eligible as PILOT benefits; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City Council held a hearing in 2023 to discuss targeted coordination of community benefits in the PILOT program; *and*

WHEREAS: It is important that we continue to work with our nonprofit institutions on providing services and benefits to our residents through the PILOT program, and continue to build a better framework for delivering community benefits for nonprofit institutions; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to review the PILOT program and discuss how we can further strengthen this program. Representatives from the Assessing Department, participating PILOT nonprofits, community groups, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: February 12, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BENJAMIN J. WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING BIANNUAL REVIEW OF THE BOSTON EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION AND THE BOSTON RESIDENTS JOBS POLICY

WHEREAS, Since 1983, the Boston Residents Jobs Policy (BRJP) has set employment standards for hiring on city-covered construction projects; *and*

WHEREAS, The BRJP called for the following on city-funded construction projects: at least 50% of total hours worked to be performed by Boston residents, 10% of the total hours worked to be performed by women, and at least 20% of total hours worked to be performed by people of color; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2017, the BRJP and the Boston Employment Commission ordinances were amended to update the employment standards so that it applied to both city-funded projects and major development projects spanning over 50,000 square feet and now called for 51% of total hours worked to be performed by Boston residents, 12% of total hours worked to be performed by women, and 40% of total hours worked to be performed by people of color; *and*

WHEREAS, Since 1983, the Boston Employment Commission has been convened to increase employment opportunities for Boston residents, women, and people of color in projects that receive city funds or state or federal funds that are administered by the City; *and*

WHEREAS, The ordinances were further amended to require a Boston Residents Jobs Bank referral program and to assign compliance monitors for all projects subject to the BRJP; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Employment Commission is authorized to review all projects subject to the BRJP and to impose sanctions on firms in violation of the BRJP; *and*

WHEREAS, The 2017 amended version of the ordinances further calls for the City Council to review the Boston Employment Commission's work by conducting biannual hearings in April and October. The ordinance states that these hearings be held "to review the work of the [Commission] during the proceeding six (6) months based on a report that itemizes the number of compliance determinations, the number of developers, General contractors/construction managers and subcontractors determined to be out of compliance..."; *and*

WHEREAS, Since 2017, the Council’s Committee on Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development has held a hearing in April and October on the Boston Employment Commission and the BRJP so that the data obtained at the hearings can “enable the [Council] to make a recommendation as to whether the goals for people of color or female worker hours should be raised.”;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing in April and October to review the work of the Boston Employment Commission in regards to goals laid out in the Boston Residents Jobs Policy. At the hearing, representatives from the Boston Employment Commission, the Worker Empower Cabinet, the Office of Workforce Development, Procurement and union representatives should be among those invited to attend.

Filed on: February 12, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN AND HENRY SANTANA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ASSESS THE EFFICACY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON MUNICIPAL CODE'S UNIVERSITY ACCOUNTABILITY ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, The City of Boston Code on University Accountability (10-10) was enacted to enhance the City of Boston's ability to more effectively provide requisite public services by requiring post-secondary institutions to collect and report comprehensive data on their locally residing off-campus student populations; *and*

WHEREAS, The ordinance aims to improve public safety, regulatory enforcement, and the quality of life in neighborhoods impacted by significant off-campus student populations; *and*

WHEREAS, The ordinance mandates that schools domiciled in Boston maintain a directory of student information, monitor compliance with zoning regulations, and report detailed statistics to the City annually by October 1; *and*

WHEREAS, District 8, home to numerous post-secondary institutions, experiences a unique and concentrated impact from off-campus student housing, necessitating a thorough review of the ordinance's effectiveness in addressing quality-of-life concerns, housing stability, and neighborhood cohesion; *and*

WHEREAS, Concerns remain regarding the adequacy of institutional compliance, the utility of reported data in addressing community concerns, and the sufficiency of enforcement mechanisms to ensure adherence to the ordinance; *and*

WHEREAS, Many Boston neighborhoods, including Fenway, Mission Hill, Audubon Circle, the West End, and Beacon Hill, experience a high density of off-campus students, affecting housing affordability, tenant protections, and local infrastructure demands; *and*

WHEREAS, In light of Boston's ongoing housing crisis, it is crucial to assess whether the ordinance is contributing to informed policymaking regarding student housing trends, short-term rental impacts, and potential displacement of long-term residents; *and*

WHEREAS, Strengthening partnerships between the City of Boston, higher education institutions, neighborhood associations, and advocacy groups will be essential to refining strategies that foster a balance between supporting students and protecting residential communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Measuring the efficacy of the ordinance is vital to ensure that the needs of Boston's residents and student populations are balanced and effectively addressed; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to evaluate the efficacy of City of Boston Code 10-10, University Accountability, with testimony invited from City of Boston representatives, academic institutions, housing advocates, neighborhood representatives, and other relevant stakeholders.

Filed on: February 7, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL'S LEGISLATIVE IMPACT ON DISTRICT 7 RESIDENTS AND ITS COLLABORATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION ON PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 7 TO IDENTIFY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, The residents of District 7, which includes Roxbury, the South End, Grove Hall, and part of Dorchester and the Fenway, are among the most vibrant and diverse in the city, but continue to face significant challenges in housing, environment, small business, education, workforce, and public safety; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council plays a crucial role in addressing these challenges through the passage of legislation, policy decisions, project decisions, and collaboration with the administration; *and*

WHEREAS, It is essential for the Boston City Council to ensure that its legislative work and projects align with the needs and aspirations of the residents of District 7 and that we maintain a constructive and effective partnership with the administration to address those needs; *and*

WHEREAS, It is necessary to review past and current legislative efforts to assess whether they have successfully addressed District 7's needs, whether they reflect collaboration with the administration, and whether the Council is filling the gaps that exist in the community; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the all City Councilors convene a hearing to review the legislative actions of the Boston City Council and their impact on the residents of District 7, to include:

1. A comprehensive review of legislation voted on by the Council that pertains to District 7, including any projects, decisions, or initiatives impacting the district;
2. An assessment of the collaboration between the City Council and the administration to address the needs of District 7, including any barriers or successes in working together;
3. An examination of whether the current legislative work of the City Council effectively addresses the needs of District 7 residents, or whether there are gaps in legislation that fail to meet these needs;

4. An evaluation of the effectiveness of policies filed by all Councilors as they relate to District 7, with a focus on whether At-Large Councilors actively participate in community meetings and collaborate with local stakeholders to gain a genuine understanding of the District's needs;
5. A discussion of how the Boston City Council can better support the needs of District 7, in collaboration with the administration, in the future.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That representatives from relevant City departments, including but not limited to the Mayor's Office Policy representative, the Mayor's Office of Housing or Planning and Development, the Department of Public Health, Mayor's Office of Economic, Opportunity, and Inclusion, Civic Groups/Associations, and community organizations serving District 7, be invited to provide testimony at the hearing.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That a report of the findings and any recommended actions be presented to the City Council for further discussion and potential legislative action.

Filed February 12, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN AND BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON BOSTON'S DISTRIBUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING AND PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program was authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in March 2021 to provide federal relief funding to state and local governments to address the economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston received \$558.7 million through ARPA-SLFRF, which has been used to fund various programs and initiatives, including housing, small business support, workforce development, public health, and infrastructure improvements; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston, compared to many other peer cities, has taken a strategic and proactive approach to utilizing ARPA-SLFRF, which includes transformative and sustainable investments in support of the recovery and growth of our city; *and*

WHEREAS, The federal deadline for obligating ARPA-SLFRF has now passed, all funds have been committed to designated programs and projects, and by December 31, 2026 all ARPA-SLFRF must be expended; *and*

WHEREAS, The lessons learned from Boston's use of ARPA-SLFRF can inform future federal, state, and municipal policies, guiding best practices for equitable economic recovery and long-term resilience planning; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has committed to transparency and public engagement in the implementation of ARPA-SLFRF programs and initiatives to ensure continued community input and oversight; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on ARPA-SLFRF obligated by the City of Boston and relevant stakeholders be invited to testify about the future plans for expenditure by December 2026.

Filed on: February 7, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS CONTRACTOR PARKING REGULATIONS, PERMITTING, AND ENFORCEMENT IN BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is experiencing ongoing challenges related to contractor parking, including unauthorized use of residential spaces, expired permits, and improper use of temporary 24-hour parking signs; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Current regulations under the Boston Municipal Code require contractors to obtain permits for occupying public spaces, including street parking and sidewalk access, yet enforcement remains inconsistent across neighborhoods; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Many contractors use temporary “No Parking” signage to reserve spaces for dumpsters or vehicles, but these signs are often misused or not renewed properly, leading to confusion and frustration among residents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Neighboring municipalities have implemented structured contractor parking policies, including designated contractor zones, time-limited permits, and fee-based structures that ensure fair usage of public spaces; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The lack of clear and enforceable contractor parking regulations disproportionately impacts residents, small businesses, and other stakeholders who rely on limited parking availability; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A thorough review of contractor parking policies—including potential reforms such as stricter enforcement, increased fines for misuse, clearer regulations on temporary signage, and potential revenue-generating mechanisms—would enhance the efficiency and fairness of Boston’s parking system; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED,** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine contractor parking regulations, permitting processes, and enforcement measures, with testimony from representatives of the Boston Transportation Department, Public Works Department, Code Enforcement, neighborhood leaders, and other relevant stakeholders to explore solutions that ensure fair access to public parking and improve accountability.

Filed on: February 7, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE
OPTIONS FOR THE CENTER RUNNING BUS LANE ON
BLUE HILL AVENUE AND COLUMBUS AVENUE**

- WHEREAS,** The residents of Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan and the South End are deeply invested in the welfare and prosperity of their communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The proposed addition of a middle lane on Blue Hill Ave and similar projects on Columbus Ave have raised concerns among residents and local businesses; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The proposed lane alterations have generated overwhelming opposition from the community, threatening to disrupt daily lives and economic stability; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Community members have expressed strong opposition to shutting down the street through Franklin Park and the prospect of shutting down Circuit Drive; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The reduction in parking availability for essential services, churches, small businesses, and challenges in parking for families with children and groceries are significant concerns; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The proposed changes may disproportionately affect vulnerable populations, including large families relying on cars for transportation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Roxbury and Mattapan are identified as Boston's most vulnerable neighborhoods, according to the Boston Public Health Commission; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The proposed projects do not address pressing issues such as affordable housing or quality education, further exacerbating existing challenges faced by the community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The community has urged city officials and planners to reconsider the proposed projects by changing the plan to the side bus lane as opposed to the center bus lane concept and prioritize initiatives that genuinely enhance quality of life, such as improving public transport accessibility and investing in education and green spaces; *and*

WHEREAS, The residents of Columbus Avenue, also in Roxbury, express similar concerns and advocate for dedicated side lanes as an alternative solution; *and*

WHEREAS, To address the concerns raised by the residents of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan regarding the proposed lane alterations on Blue Hill Ave. and Columbus Ave. respectively; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That city officials, planners, community representatives, and relevant stakeholders shall be invited to provide testimony and engage in dialogue regarding the proposed projects and alternative solutions. That research and evidence regarding the efficiency and impact of dedicated side lanes versus center running bus lanes relative to similar sized neighborhoods shall be presented and considered during the hearing. That the hearing held in community shall provide an opportunity for all voices to be heard and for equitable urban planning solutions to be explored. That the findings and recommendations from the hearing shall be considered by the relevant authorities in the decision-making process regarding the proposed lane alterations.

Filed on February 12, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO UPDATE AND REPLACE BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL SIGNAGE

WHEREAS, The Black Heritage Trail is a historical and cultural asset that commemorates the legacy and contributions of Boston's Black community, particularly during the fight for abolition and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, The signage along the Black Heritage Trail serves in educating the public, guiding visitors, and preserving historical narratives, but has suffered from wear and tear, inconsistent styling, outdated information, and inadequate accessibility; *and*

WHEREAS, Stakeholders, including the Museum of African American History, the National Park Service, the Boston Landmarks Commission, the Commemoration commission, and others have underscored the urgent need to update and maintain signage along the trail; *and*

WHEREAS, The Museum of African American History holds the intellectual property rights to the Black Heritage Trail, the National Park Service operates guided tours, and the City of Boston has signage installed on City-owned infrastructure, necessitating inter-agency coordination for updates and long-term maintenance; *and*

WHEREAS, Accessibility improvements, including uniform signage, clear wayfinding markers, and digital enhancements such as interactive maps, QR codes, and multilingual resources, are necessary to ensure broader engagement from residents, tourists, and students, and those with disabilities; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has an obligation to support the preservation and visibility of Black history within its public spaces, ensuring that the stories of resilience, activism, and community-building along the Black Heritage Trail remain accessible and engaging for future generations; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to explore opportunities for updating and replacing Black Heritage Trail signage, with a focus on interagency collaboration, funding mechanisms, long-term maintenance responsibilities, and accessibility improvements. Representatives from the Museum of African American History, National Park Service, Boston Landmarks Commission, the Commemoration Commission, and other relevant stakeholders shall be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-FIVE**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EVALUATE THE YEAR-TO-DATE
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE FY2025 OPERATING BUDGET**

- WHEREAS,** Reviewing the City’s financial performance for the first half of FY2025 provides a valuable opportunity to assess how past budgetary decisions have impacted city operations, programs, and services, offering insight into successes and areas requiring improvement; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Evaluating historical revenue and expenditure trends in comparison to projections allows for a deeper understanding of the accuracy of financial planning; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston’s FY2025 Operating Budget, totaling \$4.6 billion, represents a significant investment in city operations, programs, and services, requiring ongoing oversight to ensure fiscal responsibility and alignment with legislative intent; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Evaluating the efficiency, effectiveness, and accessibility of the city’s budget, operations, and programs is essential to ensuring public funds and assets are managed responsibly and effectively; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A review of year-to-date financial performance, including actual revenues compared to projections and actual expenditures versus budgeted amounts from July 1, 2024, through January 2025, provides an opportunity to assess fiscal alignment and identify areas for improvement; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Oversight of financial practices and internal controls strengthens public trust and ensures responsible stewardship of resources; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to audit and review the FY2025 budget financials, with a focus on actual revenues, expenditures, and projections for the period of July 1, 2024, to January 2025.

Filed in Council: February 12, 2025

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-FIVE**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO AUDIT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF
THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S COMPLIANCE WITH CITY OF
BOSTON CODE SECTION 11-1.1**

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department's compliance with Section 11-1.1 of the City of Boston Code has significant financial implications for the City, as the collection and reporting of public safety data influence resource allocation, officer deployment, and overall budgetary decisions; *and*

WHEREAS, Section 11-1.1 of the City of Boston Code requires the Police Commissioner to prepare and furnish weekly reports to the Boston City Council and the Mayor on key public safety metrics, including crimes involving minors, crime data by district, cumulative year-to-date totals, and the deployment of sworn officers by shift; *and*

WHEREAS, These reports are critical for ensuring transparency and accountability in the use of public funds for Boston Police Department operations; *and*

WHEREAS, An audit of compliance with Section 11-1.1 can identify gaps, inefficiencies, or inaccuracies in reporting that may impact financial decisions; *and*

WHEREAS, Improved compliance with reporting requirements could lead to enhanced fiscal oversight, data-driven resource distribution, and more equitable deployment of public safety resources; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to audit the Boston Police Department's compliance with Section 11-1.1, evaluate the financial impact of the timeliness and accuracy of the weekly reports, and explore recommendations for improving public safety reporting, accountability, and resource allocation.

Filed in Council: February 12, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

Hearing Order to Examine the Impact of Expiring Covid-Related Grant Funding and Other Expenditures on City Programs and Staffing

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has received significant COVID-related federal funding, which has supported various city programs, initiatives, and staffing across departments; and

WHEREAS, Under this administration, Boston has utilized once-in-a-lifetime federal funding through the American Rescue Plan (ARPA), as well as other sources, to support a wide range of programs and initiatives. These funds have been instrumental in addressing immediate needs, implementing innovative projects, and delivering relief to residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston received the following COVID-19-related federal funding:

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): \$558.7 million
- Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES Act): \$121 million
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) from CARES Act: \$5.2 million
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) from CARES Act: At least \$10 million

Total COVID-19 Federal Funding for Boston: Approximately \$695 million, which reflects direct federal funding and does not include any additional allocations from state or other federal programs that may have supported Boston during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, These funds have been instrumental in maintaining essential services, supporting city programs, and hiring additional staff; however, all these funds have been allocated and will run out soon, or in some cases, have already run out, raising concerns about the sustainability of the services and positions currently reliant on these funds; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive assessment of all city programs, initiatives, and staffing positions dependent on these expiring funding sources is necessary to ensure transparency and to plan for potential financial and operational impacts; and

WHEREAS, To highlight just a few examples, the expiration of funding may jeopardize critical programs such as:

- The Boston Police Department's Mental Health Crisis Response Pilot Program, which received \$18 million in ARPA funding to integrate trained mental health professionals into emergency response teams;

- The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) Healthy Public Housing Initiative, which received \$32 million in ARPA funds to improve health and safety conditions in public housing. This program included upgrades such as enhanced ventilation systems, air purifiers, and other health-related improvements. As these funds are expended, sustaining these health and safety enhancements may become difficult without alternative funding sources;
- The Boston Housing Authority Digital Equity program, which received \$1 million in ARPA funding to provide digital access and literacy to residents. This initiative is crucial for bridging the digital divide, but its continuation beyond the initial funding period may be uncertain without additional financial support.

WHEREAS, It is critical to explore strategies for sustaining these initiatives beyond the expiration of COVID-related funding, including identifying alternative funding sources, budget reallocations, or other fiscal strategies. Without a comprehensive understanding of how this funding has been spent across all programs and initiatives, we are unable to effectively advocate for continued funding or alternative ways to continue these important services;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the Boston City Council, in collaboration with the appropriate City departments, hold a hearing to review the full scope of funding currently supporting city programs, initiatives, and staffing, assess the potential impacts of the expiration of funding sources (including grants, staffing expenditures, and other program funding), and discuss plans to address any budgetary gaps to ensure the continuity of essential services.

Filed on the 12th day of February, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A STUDY TO EVALUATE FEASIBILITY OF
ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRIC SHUTTLE BUS PROGRAM TO CONNECT
BUSINESS DISTRICTS ACROSS BOSTON**

WHEREAS, Boston's diverse business districts uniquely contribute to the local economy and community well-being. With a rich mix of businesses, including clothing, cuisine, and various services, they play a vital role in fostering economic growth and enhancing residents' livelihoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Creating an electric shuttle bus program between districts can be a strategically advantageous initiative with multiple benefits for the economy, local businesses, and cultural integration; *and*

WHEREAS, Local shuttle bus programs that connect different business districts within a city or region are relatively common, and many cities have implemented such services to enhance local transportation options.

WHEREAS, There is a growing imperative to address environmental concerns and reduce carbon emissions within the city; *and*

WHEREAS, Recognizing the persistent challenges within Boston's transportation infrastructure, the implementation of an electric shuttle bus program between districts presents a viable solution to alleviate existing transportation issues, fostering a more sustainable and efficient urban mobility framework; *and*

WHEREAS, An electric shuttle bus program would improve accessibility between districts, making it easier for residents, tourists, and workers to move seamlessly between different business districts or squares. This increased mobility can lead to more foot traffic and potential customers for local businesses; *and*

WHEREAS, A shuttle bus program enhances cultural exchange by connecting diverse districts, allowing people from various backgrounds to explore and appreciate the city's cultural offerings, events, and businesses. This fosters unity and community while serving as a practical solution to support commerce by connecting consumers with a broader range of goods and services, promoting a dynamic marketplace that supports local businesses and entrepreneurs; *and*

WHEREAS, Said system of shuttles could become an opportunity to connect various communities that normally don't interact, allowing for forms of cultural and business exchange and commerce, hence acting as a bridge to mutual understanding and growth amongst all our people; *and*

WHEREAS, A system connecting patrons from Nubian Square to Beacon Hill and vice versa, allowing each community to partake in the businesses, restaurants, salons, and clothing stores of their respective districts alleviating traffic congestion and parking challenges in business districts, making it more convenient for customers to visit without the hassle of finding parking. This can contribute to a more enjoyable and stress-free shopping or dining experience; *and*

WHEREAS, Additionally, the possibility of patrons from Dorchester commuting to Chinatown to partake in a variety of cuisine encourages community engagement by bringing people together from different neighborhoods. Events and promotions can be organized around the shuttle service, fostering a sense of community and shared identity; *and*

WHEREAS, These examples speak to the essential possibilities for a shuttle bus program that can to positively impact the economy, support cultural integration, and benefit business owners by providing convenient transportation options, fostering economic growth, and creating a more connected and vibrant community; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: The Boston City Council hereby formally declares its support, on the record, for the initiation of a study aimed at evaluating the legal and operational feasibility of establishing shuttle bus routes connecting various business districts within the city.

Filed on February 12, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE AND SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MASS GENERAL BRIGHAM PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council recognizes the invaluable role that healthcare workers play in safeguarding the well-being of our communities, and has consistently affirmed the importance of their right to unionize for better working conditions; *and*

WHEREAS, Approximately 330 primary care physicians at Mass General Brigham (MGB) filed with the National Labor Relations Board to join the Doctors Council of the Service Employees International Union (Local 10MD) after signing union cards presented to MGB; *and*

WHEREAS, These physicians have expressed concerns regarding short staffing, unsustainable workloads, and inadequate pay, factors that contribute to frequent turnover and threaten the stability of patient care; *and*

WHEREAS, A profit-first model of decision-making can lead to poorer health outcomes for patients when physicians are unable to provide adequate attention due to high workloads; *and*

WHEREAS, Mass General Brigham operates four hospitals and numerous clinics throughout the City of Boston, making it a critical component of our local healthcare system;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: The Boston City Council urges Mass General Brigham to recognize the MGB Primary Care Physician union and begin good-faith negotiations to address these issues, ensuring a fair and equitable workplace for our physicians and improved health outcomes for the people of Boston.

Filed on: February 10, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND CREATE A SMALL
BUSINESS TRUST COOPERATIVE IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON**

WHEREAS, Small businesses are vital to the economic and social fabric of the City of Boston, providing jobs, fostering innovation, and strengthening neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Despite their significant contributions, many small business owners, particularly in historically underserved communities, face barriers to accessing capital, scaling operations, and securing long-term financial stability; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative business models, including Trust Cooperatives, offer a proven framework for fostering economic democracy by allowing small business owners to pool resources, share risks, and leverage collective bargaining power to achieve shared economic goals; and

WHEREAS, Trust Coops allow small businesses to build collective financial resilience, enabling them to access affordable credit, reduce operational costs through group purchasing, and strengthen negotiating positions in real estate, leasing, and procurement markets; and

WHEREAS, Cities across the nation have embraced cooperative economic strategies as tools to enhance economic mobility, generate wealth in marginalized communities, and foster equitable business ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Boston's commitment to economic equity and opportunity is strengthened when entrepreneurs and small business owners have access to innovative and cooperative economic models that help build lasting prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Establishing a supportive municipal infrastructure, including technical assistance, legal guidance, and seed funding opportunities, can encourage the formation of Trust Coops and similar cooperative business structures that contribute to a more resilient local economy; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council calls upon the Administration to develop and implement policies, funding mechanisms, and partnerships to support the creation and sustainability of Small Business Trust Cooperatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council shall engage with economic development agencies, financial institutions, cooperative experts, and small business owners to design programs that promote cooperative business development, providing education, resources, and incentives that foster trust-based business networks and economic empowerment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution affirms the City's dedication to building a more inclusive, equitable, and resilient economy by empowering small businesses through collective ownership and cooperative principles.

Filed on: February 12, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE ADMINISTRATION
TO PROVIDE CONSTITUENT SERVICE SOFTWARE TO
IMPROVE CITY COUNCIL CONSTITUENT SERVICES
ADVOCACY, AND FOLLOW-UP.**

- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council is committed to delivering timely, efficient, and effective responses to the needs and concerns of residents throughout the city; and
- WHEREAS,** Constituent services are a critical function of City Council offices, enabling councilors to assist residents with navigating city services, resolving local issues, and advocating for their needs with municipal agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** Effective constituent service requires robust systems to track, manage, and follow up on constituent inquiries, ensuring that each request is addressed promptly and outcomes are communicated clearly; and
- WHEREAS,** Many municipalities across the United States have implemented modern constituent relationship management (CRM) software that allows for streamlined tracking of service requests, improved coordination with city departments, and data-driven decision-making to enhance service delivery; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston's current constituent service tools do not adequately equip City Council offices with the technology necessary to efficiently manage a high volume of constituent cases, leading to reduced capacity for proactive follow-up; and
- WHEREAS,** Investing in advanced constituent service software would empower City Council offices to track and manage constituent service cases more effectively, reducing response times, generate reports and data insights to identify recurring issues and advocate for systemic improvements; Increase accountability and transparency in constituent service delivery; Improve collaboration between council offices and city departments to expedite service resolution; and
- WHEREAS,** Enhanced constituent service technology aligns with the City of Boston's commitment to innovation, accessibility, and equity in public service delivery; and

WHEREAS, A citywide investment in constituent service software would contribute to more efficient governance, stronger resident engagement, and increased public trust in municipal government; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council urges the Mayor and the City of Boston Administration to prioritize the procurement and implementation of modern Constituent Service Software for use by City Council offices, with a focus on enhancing constituent advocacy, streamlining follow-up processes, and delivering superior service to all residents of Boston.

Filed on: February 12, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL, RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, AND
TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to honor and celebrate the rich heritage, culture, and contributions of African Americans to our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Throughout history, African Americans in Boston have played pivotal roles in shaping the city's identity, culture, and progress, contributing to its diversity, resilience, and vibrancy; and

WHEREAS, Boston's Black population is uniquely diverse, including Haitians, Afro-Latinos, United States Freedmen, Nigerians, Caribbean Islanders, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Trailblazers such as Rebecca Lee Crumpler, Macon Bolling Allen, William Wells Brown, Robert Morris, and George Lewis Ruffin shattered barriers and pioneered paths of excellence in their respective fields, epitomizing exceptional talent, determination, and leadership, while contributing significantly to the advancement of society; and

WHEREAS, The enduring legacies of these luminaries, coupled with the historic founding of Boston's African Lodge Number 459 by Prince Hall, stand as pivotal milestones in African American history, underscoring the tenacity, creativity, and communal solidarity that continue to inspire and empower generations across Boston and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Inextricably woven into Boston's cultural tapestry are the monumental contributions of iconic figures such as Philis Wheatley, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Melnea Cass, Sarah-Ann Shaw, the Rev. Michael E. Haynes, William H. Lewis, Dr. Ruth Batson, and Crispus Attucks, who dedicated their lives to championing racial equity, social justice, and the pursuit of a more equitable society for all; and

WHEREAS, The resonating impact of Boston's Black leaders extends to the realm of athletics, with luminaries like Willie O'Ree, Chuck Cooper, and Bill Russell transcending sports to champion diversity, inclusion, and social progress both on and off the field, leaving an indelible mark on Boston's sporting landscape and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month serves as an invaluable opportunity to reflect on the triumphs, struggles, and enduring contributions of African Americans throughout history, honoring their resilience, fortitude, and unwavering commitment to the pursuit of equity and justice; and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston remains steadfast in its commitment to honoring and preserving the rich legacy of African American heritage, fostering inclusivity, diversity, and mutual understanding among all residents; **NOW, THEREFORE
BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council proudly proclaims the month of February as Black History Month in the City of Boston, calling upon all residents to join in commemorating and celebrating the enduring contributions of African Americans to our city's past, present, and future.

Filed on: February 7, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A
COMMUNITY PREFERENCE POLICY FOR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TO
MITIGATE DISPLACEMENT IN BOSTON
NEIGHBORHOODS**

WHEREAS, Boston is experiencing a housing affordability crisis, with rapidly rising housing costs displacing long-term residents and families, particularly in historically marginalized and low-income neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston seeks to promote equitable access to housing, prevent displacement, and ensure that long-standing residents benefit from new housing developments in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Several cities, including San Francisco, California, have implemented a Community Preference Policy that reserves a percentage of affordable housing units for residents of the neighborhood or district where the development is located; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Community Preference Policy, established in 2015, reserves up to 40% of affordable housing units for local residents, helping to reduce displacement and stabilize neighborhoods impacted by gentrification; and

WHEREAS, The implementation of a similar policy in Boston would prioritize access to affordable housing for residents of communities facing economic pressures and displacement, aligning with the City's goals of racial and economic equity; and

WHEREAS, A Boston-based Community Preference Policy should be designed in compliance with federal and state fair housing laws to avoid discriminatory impacts and ensure equitable outcomes for all eligible residents; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of a Community Preference Policy would complement existing housing strategies by offering residents increased opportunities to remain in their neighborhoods while fostering more sustainable and inclusive communities;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council urges the Mayor and the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA), in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH), to develop and implement a Community Preference Policy for affordable housing developments in the City of Boston; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That such a policy prioritize a substantial percentage of affordable housing units for residents of the neighborhood or district in which the housing is being developed, with safeguards to promote fairness, transparency, and compliance with fair housing laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council encourages community engagement and input in the development of this policy to ensure it addresses the specific needs and priorities of Boston's diverse neighborhoods.

Filed on: February 12, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE

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:

I am requesting a complete breakdown of all incidents involving school violence, sexual misconduct, and violations of the Boston Public Schools' Code of Conduct from the 2024-2025 school year, including but not limited to:

1. **Data on all incidents of violence**, as defined under the Boston Public Schools' Code of Conduct, including physical assaults, threats, bullying, harassment, and any other violent behavior that disrupts the educational environment. This includes incidents of sexual misconduct as defined under EQT-3 and related policies.
2. **Categorization of these incidents**, specifying the type of violation (e.g., physical assault, threats of violence, bullying, harassment, sexual misconduct, etc.), and whether they were resolved through restorative practices, disciplinary actions, or other methods.
3. **Demographics of the students involved in these incidents**, including grade level, gender, and any other relevant factors available.
4. **Actions taken in response to each violation**, including but not limited to suspensions, expulsions, restorative justice interventions, counseling, or any other disciplinary or corrective measures taken by the school.

We request that this information be provided in a format that allows the City Council to review the effectiveness of current policies and make recommendations for improving the safety and well-being of students within the district.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

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, 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 relative to vehicles owned, leased, or otherwise utilized by the City of Boston.

1. Provide the most recent list of all city-owned, leased, or otherwise utilized vehicles.
 - a. Department to which each vehicle is assigned.
 - b. Vehicle make, model, year, engine size, and optional equipment (e.g., tinted windows).
 - c. Registration information for each vehicle.
 - d. Whether the vehicle is marked with the department logo or is unmarked.
 - e. The name or position of the individual assigned to each vehicle.
2. How many new vehicles have been requested, approved, and assigned within the last five years? Break down this data by year, department, and type of vehicle.
3. What criteria is used to approve or deny requests for new vehicles or vehicle assignments?
4. Who determines whether a vehicle is equipped with optional features such as tinted windows or assigned as unmarked?
5. Is there an official replacement policy or guideline for city-owned vehicles? If so, provide documentation of the policy.
6. Has the annual vehicle list required by City of Boston Code 7-8.4 been submitted to the City Council by April 15 for the past five years? If not, provide an explanation for non-compliance.

Filed in Council: February 12, 2025



Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the February 12, 2025 Session

Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon¹

¹Section 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.

In effect March 9, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Transdev and its bus drivers. **(Docket #0112)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the Collective Bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment, an increase for regular wages and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025. **(Docket #0113)**

In effect March 16, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contains within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)-Forensic Group. **(Docket #0237)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)- Forensic Group. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a market adjustment to base wages in FY25, as well as base wage increase of 2% to be given in January 2026 and 2027 and flat amounts of \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January 2026 and 2027, after the percent increases. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 13, 2025. **(Docket #0238)**

In effect April 6, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers. **(Docket #0407)**

Assigned for Further Action

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Sidewalk repair deposits and refunds (disaggregated). **(Docket #0340)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Capital Projects in D7 from 2020 to date. **(Docket #0341)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Maintenance and Improvements of streets and sidewalks in District 7 from 2020 to date. **(Docket #0342)**

Order requesting certain information under section 17F RE: White Stadium and Madison Park Technical Vocational High School. **(Docket #0343)**

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 Mayor³

³Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:

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

Matters in Committee

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

- Ordinances:*** Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Loan Orders:*** Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
- Orders:*** Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Home Rule Petitions:*** Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
- Order for a Hearing:*** A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.
- Legislative Resolution:*** A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0154	Worrell	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring NBA All-Star Weekend and the MLB All-Star Game to Boston.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0156	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0160	Worrell	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks statue.	1/8/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0157	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.	1/8/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0170	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss food access, sustainability, and the need for a food hub in East Boston.	1/8/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0257	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.	1/15/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0308	Pepén	Santana, Weber	Order for a hearing to improve recruitment of civilian crossing guards to serve Boston families.	1/29/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0310	Pepén	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the establishment of a Mattapan Square Task Force for economic and cultural growth.	1/29/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0314	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding fire emergencies and the creation of a Fire Victim Fund.	1/29/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0316	Durkan	Pepén, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss a pilot program for waste containerization.	1/29/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0324	Flynn	Anderson, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the notification process for abutters meeting in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0333	Santana	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding gender-neutral bathrooms in City-owned buildings.	1/29/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0418	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study.	2/5/2025	

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0168	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss a holistic vision for District Seven in order to redress historic racial harm and to uphold District Seven Constituents' Civil Rights.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0172	Mejia	Louijeune, Anderson	Order for a hearing to address critical issues in jail-based voting and empower incarcerated communities to strengthen democracy.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0184	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Mejia	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0187	Louijeune	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0188	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1/8/2025		
Education	0147	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address growing concerns over the White Stadium Project's costs, community input, and transparency.	1/8/2025		
Education	0149	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss BPS' plans to protect students during heat emergencies.	1/8/2025		
Education	0151	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/8/2025		
Education	0171	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Santana	Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum pilot program in Boston Public Schools.	1/8/2025		
Education	0182	Louijeune	Weber	Order for a hearing to explore the effectiveness of high-dosage tutoring and other academic recovery strategies.	1/8/2025		
Education	0235	Worrell	Murphy	Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public Schools' closures for 2026-27 and its long-term facilities plan.	1/8/2025		
Education	0265	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the preservation of historical artifacts in Boston Public Schools slated for closure or merger.	1/15/2025	3/4/2025	

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Education	0267	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes.	1/15/2025	2/27/2025	
Education	0313	FitzGerald	Pepén, Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to high-quality school options for Boston Public School students in all neighborhoods.	1/29/2025		
Education	0318	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss inancial literacy programs in Boston Public Schools.	1/29/2025		
Education	0334	Santana	Mejia, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools can expand the use of evidence-based best practices for Inclusive Learning Environments for multilingual and special education learners.	1/29/2025		
Education	0339	Santana		Order for the Boston City Council to hold a series of Policy Briefings with Boston Public Schools leadership.	1/29/2025		
Education	0417	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss Holocaust and Genocide Education in Boston Public Schools.	2/5/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0155	Worrell		Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0169	Coletta Zapata	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the implementation and funding of coastal resilience strategies and the establishment of a climate bank.	1/8/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0252	Flynn	Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss expanding the urban tree canopy in District 2.	1/15/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0260	Worrell	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss the use of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0262	Durkan	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a Parks Administrator for Downtown Parks including the Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square and Christopher Columbus Park.	1/15/2025		

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0292	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Parks & Recreation Department. The grant will fund the maintenance of the City of Boston Animal Shelter, and assistance with medical care for sick or injured animals (whose owners are Boston residents), through donations in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).	1/29/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0315	Coletta Zapata	Weber	Order for a hearing to assess a ban on polystyrene products in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0395	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the UCFC-Program, awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture, passed through The Corps Network, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the historic workforce investment of boosting the City's tree cover in various neighborhoods.	2/5/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0399	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$449,710.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston MVP Action Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environment Affairs to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant will fund building a database and map of current and projected flooding impacts, focusing primarily on storm water and riverine flooding.	2/5/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0424	Murphy		Order for a hearing to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed White Stadium redevelopment on Franklin Park.	2/5/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0425	Murphy		Order for a hearing on the environmental preservation of Boston's historical parks and green spaces.	2/5/2025	
Government Operations	0134	Worrell	Mejia	Ordinance to enhance driveway accessibility.	1/8/2025	
Government Operations	0135	Weber	Pepén, Santana	Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	2/10/25-working session

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Government Operations	0136	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance establishing street food enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of non-motorized street food carts.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0137	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance regarding employee safety within Boston's oil terminals.	1/8/2025		3/6/25-working session
Government Operations	0138	Louijeune		Ordinance codifying the Office of Returning Ciutizens.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0139	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0140	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Ordinance establishing the Office of Inspector General within the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0141	Mejia		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0142	Murphy	Worrell, Flynn	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Increase its Residential Exemption.	1/8/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0144	Louijeune	Mejia, Santana	Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0145	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Petition for a Special Law Re: To establish the Commission of Inspectors General on Financial Management.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0236	Mayor		Message and order for your approval a new home rule petition to the General Court, “Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Residential Tax Relief in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0249	Worrell	Coletta, Louijeune	Ordinance amending City of Boston Code 18-1.2B to make certificates of birth and death free.	1/15/2025	2/24/2025	
Government Operations	0296	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order extending the City’s acceptance of M.G.L. c.32B, §19, to be effective until June 30, 2027, upon my approval and execution of a written agreement with the Public Employee Committee (PEC).	1/29/2025		
Government Operations	0304	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance codifying the Office of Food Justice in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		

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Government Operations	0305	Fernandes Anderson		Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing.	1/29/2025	
Government Operations	0337	Murphy	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the transition and operations of the new City Planning Department.	1/29/2025	
Government Operations	0406	Mayor		Message and order for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Certain Affordable Housing and Cultural Space in the Brighton Section of the City of Boston."	2/5/2025	
Government Operations	0407	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.	2/5/2025	
Government Operations	0411	Pepén	FitzGerald	Ordinance to establish a school bus violation detection monitoring system.	2/5/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0102	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (25,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Harvard Allston Brighton Fund grant, awarded by the Harvard Business School to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the creation of affordable homeownership, affordable rental housing in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods.	3/27/2024	2024-0572
Housing & Community Development	0158	Worrell	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0178	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher program.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0185	Louijeune	Fernades Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0251	Durkan	Santana, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to investigate the use, impact, and potential ban of algorithmic price setting in the Boston rental housing market.	1/15/2025	

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Housing & Community Development	0259	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at the BHA Ruth Barkley apartments.	1/15/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0264	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding strategies to expand homeownership programs in Boston.	1/15/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0327	Santana	Breadon, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.	1/29/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0329	Santana	Weber, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers.	1/29/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0195	Flynn	Murphy	Resolution supporting Project Labor Agreements at White Stadium and all City of Boston construction projects valued at or more than \$35 million.	1/8/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0254	Worrell	FitzGerald, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	1/15/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0294	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant, from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund services to underserved populations in the hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban, in basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals.	1/29/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0295	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston Tax Help Coalition Santander Bank Grant, awarded by Santander Bank, N.A. to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the Boston Tax Help Coalition to provide pathways from poverty to financial empowerment by maximizing the impact of tax credits through free tax preparation, financial education, and economic stability opportunities.	1/29/2025	

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0323	Flynn	Pepén, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.	1/29/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0328	Santana		Order for a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development past successes and future opportunities of Youth Jobs offered by the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0397	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$702,244.22) in the form of a grant, for the REDEA Program for Field CY24 Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs.	2/5/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0398	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$626,466.57) in the form of a grant, for the Carry-in WIOA Dislocated Workers Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a program to help dislocated workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment.	2/5/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0400	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$410,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Funding, awarded by the MA Executive Office for Administrative & Finance to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund to support the Center for Working Families' Boston Tax Help Coalition in assisting low-income taxpayers with personal income tax filing for the 2024 tax session.	2/5/2025	

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0401	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$254,921.00) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Youth Activities Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a program that focuses primarily on out-of-school youth, between ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.	2/5/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0403	Mayor		Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$109,271.70) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Dislocated Worker Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund individualized career services and training services, for dislocated workers to rejoin the workforce as early as possible and overcome barriers to employment.	2/5/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0404	Mayor		Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Four Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$94,089.00) in the form of a grant, for the Wagner Peyser Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development. The grant will fund individual reemployment needs of unemployment insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments and application assistance for training and education resources and programs.	2/5/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0405	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston Grant, awarded by The Baupost Group to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund opportunities for young people ages 12-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support.	2/5/2025	

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0416	Mejia	Weber	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	2/5/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0124	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of J. Andres Bernal as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring July 1, 2027.	1/8/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0161	Durkan	Santana	Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to remove parking minimum requirements for new development.	1/8/2025		1/28/25-hearing canceled
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0241	Mayor		Message and order temporarily extending Urban Renewal Plans in the City of Boston until March 31, 2027 or passage of a proposed relevant Home Rule Petition.	1/15/2025	2/11/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0266	Flynn	Santana, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and expanding the safety surge program in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0307	Pepén	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0309	Pepén	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to explore the creation of Safe School Zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0311	Pepén	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address the displacement of Bostonians as a result of new and future development.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0319	Flynn	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the proposed zoning amendment to remove the half mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0321	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0326	Mejia		Order for a hearing to examine accountability, transparency, and accessibility in administrative procedures for complying with Boston Landmarks Commission recommendations.	1/29/2025		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0396	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$775,855.00) in the form of a grant, for the 2025 Community Connections Program Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, passed through the Boston Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund the replacement and electrification of Blue Bikes Stations and repurpose single space parking meter poles for 1600 with bicycle racks.	2/5/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0423	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston.	2/5/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0105	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of William Harry Shipps, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024		2024-1687
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0106	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Samantha Riemer, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024		2024-1688
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0107	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Janet Peguero, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring October 27, 2029.	11/20/2024		2024-1689
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0173	Mejia	Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0174	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0175	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0176	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	1/8/2025	1/21/25, 1/22/25	

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Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0177	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	1/8/2025	1/24/2025	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0180	Worrell	Meija	Order for a hearing regarding equity in City contracts.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0415	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.	2/5/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0100	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Sandro Galea, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		2024-0286
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0101	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Elsie Tavares, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		2024-0287
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0306	Pepén	Louijeune	Order for a hearing on health access in Hyde Park.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0330	Santana	Breadon, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0331	Santana	Anderson, Weber	Order for a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0332	Santana	FitzGerald, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0422	Murphy	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the immediate reinstatement of and sustainable funding for the Community Syringe Redemption Program.	2/5/2025		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0128	Flynn	Murphy	Communication was received from the Police Commissioner Michael A. Cox in accordance with Section 3 of the Boston Trust Act regarding civil immigration detainer results for calendar year 2024.	1/8/2025	3/6/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0153	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore the summer community plan.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0163	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss enhanced public safety measures during large events in Boston.	1/8/2025	1/28/25, 2/13/25	1/29/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0164	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss 2024 crime statistics.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0167	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0186	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0256	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss discrepancies in Boston's 2024 detainer requests.	1/15/2025	3/6/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0322	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to ensure operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of a 911 system outage.	1/29/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0335	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Fire Department.	1/29/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0336	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department.	1/29/2025		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0394	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$1,735,107.39) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative Grant awarded by MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs.	2/5/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0412	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding the public safety requirements and possible locations for a new Emergency Operations Center in the City of Boston.	2/5/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0413	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Office of Emergency Management, including the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and Emergency Management Performance Grant.	2/5/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0414	Mejia	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act.	2/5/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0421	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and police staffing in Boston.	2/5/2025		
Rules & Administration	0162	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding the use of nondisclosure, confidentiality, and any and all other types of employment agreements	1/8/2025	1/31/2025	
Rules & Administration	0420	Santana		Order for a hearing to explore ways to increase community engagement and better facilitate public participation for Boston City Council Hearings.	2/5/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0150	Worrell	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the distribution of Boston's 225 new liquor licenses and provide ongoing support to restaurateurs.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0152	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	1/8/2025		

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Small Business & Professional Licensure	0159	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review and establish a "Business Owner 101" program for grant recipients.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0263	Durkan		Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a City Wide Merchandise Licensing Program.	1/15/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0183	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding the City of Boston's response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and related resources for survivors.	1/8/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0261	Weber	FitzGerald, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address programming needs for older adults in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0268	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide.	1/15/2025	2/25/2025	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0293	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$145,687.72) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Violence Against Women's Act, a STOP Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate who provide services for victims of Jamaica Plain, as well as for Spanish-speaking victims citywide and also supporting overtime for all Civilian Domestic Violence Advocates citywide.	1/29/2025	2/6/2025	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0317	Flynn	Mejia, Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss elderly scamming.	1/29/2025	2/13/2025	2/11/25-hearuing canceled
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0393	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$2,563,236.28) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 State Elder Lunch Program Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston, at a rate of \$7.39 per meal for up to 358,679 meals.	2/5/2025		

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Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0165	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the process of establishing Hero Squares in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		398
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0166	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	1/8/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0253	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veteran Services.	1/15/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0255	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss new cancer presumptions announced by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.	1/15/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0312	FitzGerald	Flynn, Murphy	Order for a hearing to establish a hometown military hero banner program.	1/29/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0320	Flynn	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss the lung cancer rates among Black Veterans.	1/29/2025		
Ways & Means	0112	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY25 impact of increases contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Transdev and its bus drivers.	1/8/2025	1/13/2025	1/15/25- remains in committee
Ways & Means	0113	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$6,637,486.00) to cover the impact of FY25 cost items contained within the Collective Bargaining agreement between Transdev and its bus drivers on the City's transportation contract with the vendor, Transdev. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contract include a market rate adjustment, an increase for regular wages and an increase in minimum weekly hours from 31 to 35. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 6, 2025.	1/8/2025	1/13/2025	1/15/25-remains in committee

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Ways & Means	0148	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.	1/8/2025	2/18/2025	2/3/25-working session, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled, 2/5/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0179	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss efforts to cancel medical debt.	1/8/2025		
Ways & Means	0237	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY25 increases contains within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)-Forensic Group.	1/15/2025		
Ways & Means	0238	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$128,700.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society (BPDBS)- Forensic Group. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a market adjustment to base wages in FY25, as well as base wage increase of 2% to be given in January 2026 and 2027 and flat amounts of \$900 and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January 2026 and 2027, after the percent increases. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 13, 2025.	1/15/2025		
Ways & Means	0250	Durkan	Coletta Zapata	Order for a hearing regarding the feasibility and impact of a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax in Boston.	1/15/2025		
Ways & Means	0269	Murphy	FitzGerald, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss residential property values and the assessing process.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0270	Coletta Zapata	Worrell, Santana	Order to adopt the Good Landlord Tax Abatement as a local option in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25- remains in committee

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Ways & Means	0325	Worrell	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY26 budget.	1/29/2025	2/18/2025	2/10/25-working session, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled
Ways & Means	0419	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss tax exemptions for long-term residents age 55 & above and essential municipal employees.	2/5/2025		
Whole	0181	Louijeune	Pepén, Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.	1/8/2025		

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

VIET AID

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your dedicated efforts in organizing and hosting the Tết Lunar New Year Celebration.
Thank you for your tireless service to our Vietnamese community. May the Year of the
Snake be full of good health, happiness and prosperity!**

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 of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén

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

Tree of Life Behavioral Health Services & Parents Universal Institute

In Recognition of:

**Your grand opening and for bringing vital mental health services to the
community!**

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: *Ruthyee Loujeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Givantos*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *E. Pepén*

Date: *February 3rd, 2025*



City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

FIRST CLASS BEAUTY BAR

In Recognition of:

Your twenty-two year anniversary
and long commitment to the community of East Boston ; and

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

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Yulinda Culeta Zapata

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

JOSH SCHMIDT

In Recognition of:

Your service and commitment to the
Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association and to East Boston ; and

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

By: Ruthyee Fournelle
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Yalulu Colette Zapata

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

Elba Portillo

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

January 29, 2025

SINCERELY,

Ruthyee Loujeune

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Gabriela Colette Zapata

Attest

Presented By

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of Councilor Benjamin Weber

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

The JP Recovery Center

In Recognition of:

Your first anniversary of being a safe, welcoming space in Jamaica Plain
for those navigating addiction recovery.

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: Ruthye L. Loujeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guinta
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ben Weber

Date: February 12, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of Councilor Benjamin Weber

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

Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale

In Recognition of:

Your 10 year anniversary

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: Ruthyee Froujeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guintos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ben Weber

Date: February 12, 2025

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

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

Annette Thomas

Upon Grenada Independence Day for your leadership as Co-Chair of the Grenada Association of Massachusetts and board member of the Caribbean Authentic Foundation, and your commitment to improving health outcomes for Grenadians, promoting equity in healthcare, and leading Grenada Hurricane Relief Efforts.

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.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

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

Andre Matthew

**Upon Grenada Independence Day for your leadership of Jab Family Boston 473, your
dedication to uniting people from various cultures through Caribbean Festivals, and your
assistance for children returning to school.**

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.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

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

Dr. Patricia Thomas

**Upon Grenada Independence Day for your leadership as Dean of the College of Business
at Framingham State University in establishing and improving programming
and curriculum, leading hurricane relief efforts, and your dedication to fostering
cross-cultural business opportunities and supporting education and development
in the Caribbean.**

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.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

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

Sheena Andrew-Barry

**Upon Grenada Independence Day for your efforts in fundraising for women escaping
violent relationships, your model leadership as an international spokesperson for
the Women In Need foundation, and your representation of Grenada as a sensational
shot put athlete.**

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.

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

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

Ms. Shirley Jones

In Recognition of:

**Being Named One of the Boston City Council's Black
History Month's Black Legacy Leaders for Your
Incredible Contributions, Resilience, and Impact on
Our Communities**

***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.***

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

JOSIAH QUINCY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your February 5th, 2025 Lunar New Year Celebration! Thank you for your impact in our Chinese community. May the Year of the Snake be full of good health, happiness, and prosperity.

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
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN**

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

PETER O'MALLEY

IN RECOGNITION OF:

We wish you a very happy 70th birthday! Thank you for your dedication to the Boston Community. May your birthday be filled with an abundance of love and joy with your family and friends.

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: Edward M. Flynn

Date: 31 JANUARY 2025,

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Dr. Esther St Louis

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your consecration and affirmation celebration

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: Ruthzee Louljeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Sventos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louljeune

Date: _____

City of Boston

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CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE

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

Dr. Thomas St Louis

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your consecration and affirmation as Bishop, Overseer, Senior
Minister and International Missionary of New Covenant
Church of Cambridge in Waltham**

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: *Ruthzee Louljeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Ally Quintas*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louljeune*

Date: _____



City of Boston

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CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE
 BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
 EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO

Bishop Gregory Toussaint

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**You being the first Haitian Pastor who built a mega church
 "Tabernacle of God" in the state of Florida**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
 EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS; THAT THIS
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 COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF TRANSMITTED
 BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.



By: Ruthzee Loujeune
 President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Santos
 Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Loujeune

Date: _____

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

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

Stephen Pina

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your unwavering strength, resilience, and dedication to justice. Your incredible journey is a testament to perseverance in the face of unimaginable hardship. We celebrate your steadfast spirit and your story is a powerful reminder of the need for justice and reform

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: *Ruthzee Louijeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Quintos*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louijeune*

Date: _____

City of Boston

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOULJEUNE
 BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
 EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO

ChamSuze & Yves St Pierre

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your 30th wedding anniversary, we celebrate the remarkable
 journey of commitment and partnership that you have shared over
 the past three decades**

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: *Ruthzee Louljeune*
 President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Santos*
 Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louljeune*

Date: _____

City of Boston

IN

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

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

Professor Théophile Pierre

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your 100th birthday, we honor a century of knowledge, perseverance and extraordinary contributions. As we commemorate this extraordinary milestone, we offer our sincere wishes for lasting happiness, good health, and many more cherished moments with your loved ones

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: Ruthzee Loujeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Givintov
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Loujeune

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

THE ELIOT SCHOOL

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your dedicated efforts organizing the second Annual Lunar New Year Banquet! Thank you for hosting this event. May the Year of the Snake be full of good health, happiness and prosperity! 新年快樂!

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 COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

CHINESE CONSOLIDATED BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your dedicated efforts in organizing this year's Chinatown Lion Dance Parade! Thank you for your continued service to our Chinese community. May the Year of the Snake be full of good health, happiness and prosperity! 新年快樂!

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 COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

CHINESE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your dedicated efforts in organizing the 2025 Lunar New Year Celebration Banquet!
Thank you for your tireless service to our Chinese community. May the Year of the Snake
be full of good health, happiness and prosperity! 新年快樂!**

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 COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

NI LUN WELFARE ASSOCIATION

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your dedicated efforts in organizing the 2025 Lunar New Year Celebration Banquet!
Thank you for your tireless service to our Chinese community. May the Year of the Snake
be full of good health, happiness and prosperity! 新年快樂!**

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 COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

GEE HOW OAK TIN

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your dedicated efforts in organizing the 2025 Lunar New Year Celebration Banquet!
Thank you for your tireless service to our Chinese community. May the Year of the Snake
be full of good health, happiness and prosperity! 新年快樂!**

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 COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

TUFTS MEDICAL CENTER

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your dedicated efforts in organizing the annual Lunar New Year celebration on February 11th, 2025! Thank you for your tireless commitment to the health and well-being of our Chinese community. May the Year of the Snake be full of good health, happiness and prosperity! 新年快樂!

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 COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

LEUNG FAMILY ASSOCIATION

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your dedicated efforts in organizing the 2025 Lunar New Year Celebration Banquet!
Thank you for your tireless service to our Chinese community. May the Year of the Snake
be full of good health, happiness and prosperity! 新年快樂!**

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 COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

UKRAINE FORWARD

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your dedicated efforts in hosting the Annual Ukrainian Malanka Winter Ball Fundraiser.
Thank you for your steadfast commitment in supporting Ukraine during this critical time.
We commend your longstanding advocacy for the Ukrainian 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: _____
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
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

UKRAINIAN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL CENTER OF BOSTON

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your dedicated efforts in hosting the Annual Ukrainian Malanka Winter Ball Fundraiser.
Thank you for your steadfast commitment in supporting Ukraine during this critical time.
We commend your longstanding advocacy for the Ukrainian 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: _____
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 COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

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

WANG YMCA OF CHINATOWN

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your dedicated efforts in organizing the annual Lunar New Year celebration on February 11th, 2025! Thank you for your tireless commitment to the health and well-being of our Chinese community. May the Year of the Snake be full of good health, happiness and prosperity! 新年快樂!

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: _____