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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF
LAST YEAR'S YOUTH SUMMER JOBS PROGRAMS AND THE
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL BENEFITS OF SUMMER EMPLOYMENT**

- WHEREAS,** The commitment to youth development and social emotional health includes providing employment during the summer months; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Summer jobs promote confidence, skill building, networking, self-management, relationship skills, responsible decision making and income; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City, through the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment (DYEE) SuccessLink Employment Program, offered 6,000 job opportunities for Boston youth last summer. This was 1,000 more jobs than 2021; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Last year a grant funding component was added, providing youth wages for grantees. The goal was to expand the job opportunities by partnering with organizations to increase the diversity and quality of workforce development opportunities for the young people of Boston. DYEE awarded \$2.2 million for nearly 1,200 youth positions.; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Many of the City's Youth Summer Jobs go unfilled, despite the fact that there are many youth, and families looking for employment for their teen children, and the data shows that when we offer our disadvantaged youth, vulnerable youth, and youth with identified risk barriers access to employment opportunities it may help them to develop a wide range of beneficial attributes, such as the capacity to take responsibility, develop time-management skills, overcome shyness with adults, relationship skills, and handle money; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the social emotional health benefits of summer youth employment. Representatives from the Mayor's office, Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Public Schools, DYEE SuccessLink Employment Program, community leaders and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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