



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON EFFORTS TO PROACTIVELY COMBAT SUMMER VIOLENCE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: Violence is an ongoing issue in the City of Boston that creates a traumatic impact on our residents, families, and communities. The impact can be far-reaching and long-lasting. It can lead to fear and distrust among citizens, as well as a decrease in economic opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS: In addition, violence can lead to increased crime rates, strained relationships between law enforcement and the community, and a decrease in the overall quality of life; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston encourages a public health approach to youth violence prevention and focuses on using City resources by investing in areas such as public health, education, and housing to help prevent violence and create opportunities for positive change; *and*

WHEREAS: Communication and collaboration with civic leaders, City agencies, and other community organizations encourage trust and innovative safety techniques, such as the Text-A-Tip Program; *and*

WHEREAS: The Boston Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Unit strives to empower residents to work on issues related to crime and safety on a block-by-block and street by-street basis; *and*

WHEREAS: The Boston Police Department will host its Annual National Night Out this summer in partnership with the community, youth, law enforcement, City and State agencies, and community-based organizations; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2010, the Boston Police Department created "Operation Hoodsie Cup" which has encouraged engagement between BPD officers and children in the City of Boston and they have handed out more than 150,000 Hoodsie cups; *and*

WHEREAS: With the summer approaching, the City needs to be proactive so that everyone is protected from gun violence and violence of all kinds, especially youth; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss summer violence and explore ways to strengthen community-driven reporting and that representatives from the Boston Police Department, Office of Public Safety, Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Housing Authority, the Neighborhood Watch Unit, the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment, and community members be invited to testify.

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