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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EVALUATE THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS OF THE VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING INITIATIVES ACROSS THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) is the planning and economic development agency for the City of Boston, and thus plays a far reaching role in shaping the City; *and*

WHEREAS, The BPDA's Planning Department currently has several Downtown & Neighborhood Planning initiatives. So far, the following neighborhood PLANS include: PLAN: Glover's Corner, Dorchester, PLAN: Nubian Square: Parcel P3, PLAN: JP/Rox, PLAN: South Boston Dorchester Avenue, PLAN: Mattapan, PLAN: Newmarket, The 21st Century Economy Initiative, PLAN: Charlestown, PLAN: Downtown, PLAN: East Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The Planning team works with Boston's communities to create short- and long-term plans. Planning efforts should engage local residents, businesses, agencies, and institutions in guiding the future character of Boston's unique neighborhoods and districts; *and*

WHEREAS, One of the fundamental responsibilities of the Boston City Council is to ensure that the City of Boston is being responsive to constituent needs and that decisions incorporate a statistically significant representation of all stakeholders; *and*

WHEREAS, The uniqueness of each neighborhood should be reflected in the community engagement efforts. To ensure all stakeholders have been meaningfully engaged in the development of each PLAN neighborhood initiative, we must evaluate the community engagement process; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council has a responsibility to ensure community engagement is inclusive, transparent and considerate of the uniqueness of each neighborhood when making such impactful changes; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing regarding the community efforts of the various neighborhood planning initiatives. Representatives from the Boston Planning and Development Agency's Planning Department, Advocates, individuals with lived experiences, and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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