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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.

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