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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO TO EXAMINE WASTE TRANSFER FACILITIES, ILLEGAL DUMPING, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND FAIR HOUSING IMPACTS IN RESIDENTIAL AND MIXED-USE NEIGHBORHOODS

WHEREAS, Illegal dumping in residential and mixed-use neighborhoods, especially in Roxbury, has historically contributed to significant public health concerns, including increased exposure to pollutants, vermin, and unsafe environmental conditions; *and*

WHEREAS, The presence of multiple trash transfer stations and waste handling facilities within close proximity to residential areas creates adverse impacts including air pollution, odors, noise, truck traffic, public safety risks, and reduced quality of life for residents; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents have identified that certain waste facilities located in Roxbury process waste generated outside the neighborhood, including from other municipalities, thereby disproportionately burdening local communities with regional waste impacts; *and*

WHEREAS, The concentration of waste transfer and waste handling facilities in predominantly Black and Brown, low-income, and environmental justice communities may contribute to inequitable housing conditions, cumulative environmental burdens, and barriers to fair housing choice; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has committed to advancing environmental justice and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing through its zoning and planning policies, including the 2020 amendment to the Boston Zoning Code under Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the siting, concentration, and regulation of trash transfer stations, waste handling facilities, recycling processing facilities, and illegal dumping in residential and mixed-use neighborhoods, including the environmental justice, public health, and fair housing impacts of such uses; and

that the Boston Planning Department, Boston Public Health Commission and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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