

Offered by Councilor Andrea J. Campbell



CITY OF BOSTON

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF RE-ENTRY RESOURCES FOR INCARCERATED POPULATIONS IN BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** According to the Massachusetts Department of Correction, 32% of offenders are re-incarcerated within three years; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A disproportionate number of individuals caught in the cycle of recidivism are men and women of color; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A necessary component of breaking the cycle of recidivism and improving public safety is providing inmates the necessary support programs, including educational, counseling and case management, designed to prepare them for successful reintegration into the community as law-abiding and productive community members; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Another necessary component of breaking the cycle of recidivism is having adequate re-entry resources, including health care, housing, and employment training and placement; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The State, County, and City must collectively commit to addressing recidivism prevention and re-entry transitions, for the well-being of formerly incarcerated individuals, as well as the well-being of our communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is critical for the City Council to conduct reviews of the programs and resources available, to ensure incarcerated men and women are being provided with the best possible supports for future success; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED,** That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review and discuss the current needs of both incarcerated populations and the providers who work with them, for the purpose of improving the services that ultimately prevent recidivism and foster the successful transition back into society of returning citizens. Those invited to provide testimony include representatives from the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, the Mayor's Office of Public Safety, and other interested parties.

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