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Offered by City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ANALYZE PATRON
SAFETY IN NIGHTLIFE SETTINGS**

WHEREAS: In light of recent tragedies, the safety of individuals, particularly women, in the City of Boston's bars, clubs, and other nightlife venues has been questioned; and

WHEREAS: It is important to safeguard the right to socialize in public spaces without facing threats of violence, sexual assault, kidnapping, or murder; and

WHEREAS: It is critical, as a City, to review and understand the City's process when an individual has gone missing in the City of Boston, especially when there remain many unsolved cases; and

WHEREAS: The City has an obligation to educate patrons about the dangers of public safety in nightlife settings; and

WHEREAS: The nightlife industry in the City of Boston continues to flourish, it is increasingly important for our City to collaborate with public safety officials and business owners to prioritize safety in the nightlife economy; and

WHEREAS: The current environment demonstrates the need for the City of Boston to take a more proactive role in maintaining public safety in nightlife settings for residents and visitors, ***THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the City's safety policy in and out of bars, clubs, and other nightlife venues in the City of Boston. Representatives from the Licensing Board, Boston Police, business owners and other interested parties shall be invited to testify.

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