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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING EQUITY IN CITY OF BOSTON PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASING

WHEREAS: Many departments within the City of Boston contract out for services from private vendors through the procurement process and City departments obtain products from private vendors through the Purchasing Department's processes; *and*

WHEREAS: From contracts in food services to construction and snow removal, there are opportunities in a wide range of fields for local, small businesses that give back to communities by hiring locally, sponsoring youth sports and other events, and serving as anchors in their neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston is dedicated to eliminating the disparity in City contracts given to minority and women business enterprises that still persists; *and*

WHEREAS: The Boston City Council passed the Equity in City of Boston Contracts Ordinance in December 2017, which Mayor Walsh signed into law, and this ordinance included changes to the City's RFP process, as well as requirements for quarterly reporting on total dollars expended on procurement contracts to date; the number and type of contracts entered into to; and the number and value of contracts awarded to businesses owned by women, people of color, and Boston residents; *and*

WHEREAS: The Office of Economic Development completed a report regarding the City's procurement metrics as required by the Equity in Procurement Ordinance; *NOW THEREFORE BE IT*

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the results of the report on the procurement process in the City of Boston, and that representatives from the Economic Development cabinet, other interested parties, and the public be invited to testify.

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