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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW ALL GRANTS, CITY FUNDS, AND CITY PROGRAMS FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PURPOSES

- WHEREAS** The City of Boston prides itself on creating and sustaining communities that feel safe for all its residents, which includes its programs and investments in violence prevention work; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City receives millions of dollars in grants from the Commonwealth for violence prevention and intervention purposes including the Shannon Grant and the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) and invests in violence prevention programs through the Boston Police Department and the Boston Public Health Commission; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City established the Youth Development Fund in 2017 for organizations that serve our youth including organizations focused on physical activity, academic achievement, mentoring, arts programming, and employment with the goal of reducing incidents of violence; *and*
- WHEREAS,** City resources and investments are necessary in preventing and reducing incidents of violence and addressing trauma especially in neighborhoods more susceptible and exposed to incidents of trauma; *and*
- WHEREAS,** City resources are public funds and limited and thus require tremendous transparency and accountability practices to ensure the funds are maximally used and having the intended result based on defined metrics, data, and outcomes; ;  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

***ORDERED,*** That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review and discuss all grants, City funds, and City programs available for violence prevention and intervention purposes, outcomes and data metrics from such investments, and accountability practices for those funds. Those invited to provide testimony shall include the Health and Human Services Division, the Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Police Department including the grants division, the Boston Center for Youth and Families, grantees, along with other interested parties.

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