

Offered by City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE CITY OF BOSTON AND BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S OVERSIGHT PROTOCOLS FOR BPD OVERTIME AND TO DISCUSS ENSURING EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT MEASURES.

*WHEREAS:* In 2012, a Boston Globe report found 91 instances in which 32 Boston Police Department (BPD) officers received more than 400 hours of overtime pay for court appearances that were not officially requested by prosecutors; *and*

*WHEREAS:* In September 2020, nine BPD officers were charged with embezzlement and conspiracy to commit theft after filing for overtime that they did not work at the department's evidence warehouse in Hyde Park over a period of three years; *and*

*WHEREAS:* On September 30, 2020, the Bay State Banner in partnership with the Woke Windows Project, released a report that alleges numerous instances in which BPD officers appear to make arrests, traffic stops, and FIOs at the same times that they are reportedly in court and receiving overtime; *and*

*WHEREAS:* These repeated instances of BPD overtime fraud indicate continued failure to ensure or enforce oversight protocols and significantly contribute to deterioration of public trust in law enforcement agencies; *NOW THEREFORE BE IT*

*ORDERED:* That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the City of Boston and Boston Police Department's overtime oversight protocols and discuss how to ensure effective oversight measures; and that representatives from the City of Boston, Boston Police Department, Suffolk County DA's Office, ACLU, Lawyers for Civil Rights, and other interested parties be invited.

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