

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF
LAST YEAR'S YOUTH SUMMER JOBS PROGRAMS AND
PREPARE FOR THIS SUMMER

WHEREAS, The City, through the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment (DYEE) SuccessLink Employment Program, offered approximately 7,000 job opportunities for Boston youth last summer; *and*

WHEREAS, The commitment to providing employment during the summer months to our youth is crucial for strong families and communities. Summer jobs promote confidence, skill building, networking, self-management, relationship skills, responsible decision making and income; *and*

WHEREAS, A grant funding component was added that expanded the job opportunities by partnering with organizations to increase the diversity and quality of workforce development opportunities for the young people of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Too many of the City's Youth Summer Jobs go unfilled, despite the fact that there are many youth, and families looking for employment for their teen children, and the data shows that when we offer our disadvantaged youth, vulnerable youth, and youth with identified risk barriers access to employment opportunities it may help them to develop a wide range of beneficial attributes, such as the capacity to take responsibility, develop time-management skills, overcome shyness with adults, relationship skills, and handle money; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the community and family benefits, and the successes and challenges of last summer. Representatives from the Mayor's office of Youth Employment and Oppoortunities, Office for Youth Engagement and Advancement, Advisor for Youth and Schools under the Boston's Children's Cabinet, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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