

Offered by Councilor Andrea J. Campbell



CITY OF BOSTON

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING AS-OF-RIGHT ZONING PROJECTS AND EXPLORING IMPOSING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER COMMUNITY-INFORMED CONDITIONS

- WHEREAS,** In October 2016, an applicant filed a request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Popeyes restaurant on Washington Street in Codman Square, which was denied after community disapproval; *and*
- WHEREAS,** After a period of litigation, the applicant withdrew the Conditional Use Permit request and re-filed the permit application as an Allowed Use Restaurant, which was granted, and allowed the applicant to begin construction; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Members of the Codman Square community were not informed of the subsequent application and its approval; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Members of the Codman Square community continue to promote and encourage healthy living and neighborhood food options including holding year-round farmers markets and implementing residential smoking bans; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Popeyes is the world’s second largest quick-service chicken restaurant by number of units, according to the company’s 2015 Annual Report, which does not align with the Codman Square community’s vision for their business district and health goals for their residents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The community is concerned about ISD’s capacity to track and enforce the take-out service restaurant restrictions imposed on the applicant; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED,** That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the review process for as-of-right zoning projects, particularly with regards to previously rejected applicants, and to explore the tools and ordinances the City and Council may adopt to ensure these projects align with a community’s vision for its residents. Those invited to provide testimony will include representatives from the Boston Planning & Development Agency, the Inspectional Services Department, the Zoning Commission and other interested parties.