

Offered by City Councilor Lydia Edwards



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING STUDENT LABOR PRACTICES IN BOSTON'S INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

WHEREAS: Student workers at certain Boston area institutions have organized to advance their labor rights by forming a union and entering into collective bargaining with their institutional employers; and

WHEREAS: Student workers perform critical functions in teaching, research and other areas, generating economic value for the institutions at which they are employed; and

WHEREAS: Failure to acknowledge the labor of student workers has consequences for job quality, compensation and the rights of women and pregnant workers; and

WHEREAS: There is precedent for organized student labor in Boston and Greater Boston, as graduate student workers at institutions such as UMass Boston and Tufts have formed unions; and

WHEREAS: Partnership from educational institutions is critical in advancing economic opportunity, housing stability and social equity for Bostonians; *THEREFORE*

BE IT ORDERED,

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss student workers at higher educational institutions in the City of Boston, and that interested parties be invited to testify.

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