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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH LIBRARY STUDY

- WHEREAS:** The South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library provides a space for learning, and access to information and educational resources for residents in the South Boston neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Since 2022, the City of Boston has allocated \$250,000 in the Capital Plan for a South Boston Branch Library Study to conduct a facility assessment and develop a building program that reflects the BPL's Compass Principles and supports the needs of the neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS:** This Study would then contribute towards the design and construction of a new branch library in South Boston to meet the growing needs of the community; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The South Boston Branch Library Study has been marked as "to be scheduled" since first appearing in the FY 2022 Capital Plan as a New Project. Including this upcoming fiscal year, the project will have been on the City's Capital Plan Budget for four years; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that our Capital Plan projects are enacted in a timely manner due to inflation and other cost increases. Neighbors in the community are eager to get an update on the status of the South Boston Library, and be engaged in the development of this important public resource; *and*
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:** That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study. Representatives from the Boston Public Library, the Budget Department, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

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