



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Government Operations
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

April 16, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Government Operations was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0901, Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Office of District Councilor in the City of Boston.

This matter was sponsored by Councilors Ruthzee Louijeune and Liz Breadon, and was referred to the Committee on May 11, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0901 is a home rule petition that would waive the requirement of the City to hold a special election, in the event that an office of district councilor is vacated more than 180 days prior to the general election. The home rule petition directs the person elected at the general election, in the event a seat is vacant, to take office as soon as election results are certified.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Government Operations I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair
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