



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

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TO THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby approve of the amended Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Budget for the City of Boston. The \$4.8 billion FY26 Annual Operating Budget and \$4.5 billion five-year FY26-30 Capital Plan responsibly protect the critical City services our residents and businesses rely on, while continuing to fulfill the City's commitments as an employer, asset owner, and economic driver.

We are grateful to Ways and Means Committee Chair Brian Worrell for his leadership throughout the Council process, and to all colleagues for joining and sharing the feedback you are hearing from our residents. Through proactive and collaborative improvements to the budget process and 48 public City Council sessions, this budget incorporates shared priorities and reflects the needs of our residents.

Under a challenging and rapidly shifting federal landscape, this budget prioritizes resources for the most fundamental services delivered at the local level for Boston to be a home for everyone—focusing on basic city services, health and safety, education, and housing affordability. Our mission to be the safest, greenest, and most family-friendly city in the country requires doubling down on progress to support public education and services for youth and seniors, community safety and public health, climate resiliency and mobility, affordability and economic opportunity. In the face of national economic uncertainty, the City of Boston maintains strong financial health from consistent and responsible budget management, reflected in our consistent AAA bond ratings for the twelfth year in a row and annual balanced budgets.

Through Council's leadership and thoughtful deliberation, this amended budget continues the investments in housing, economic and quality of life issues, public health and safety, youth summer jobs, and many other shared priorities. Importantly, it makes these critical investments in a fiscally responsible way, ensuring departmental budgets are equipped to continue to deliver city services.

I look forward to the continued partnership of the City Council as we continue to monitor the economic landscape, and carefully manage in the face of economic and federal uncertainty.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

