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## **CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL**

### **ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS FOOD INSECURITY AND MALNUTRITION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

**WHEREAS:** In 2019, the City of Boston released the State of Food Security in the City of Boston - with data presented from the Boston Food Access Assessment and conducted by the Boston Mayor's Office of Food Access; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The report found that the estimated food insecurity rate for the City of Boston was 18% as of 2016, though the neighborhood with the highest rate of food insecurity was 27.1%. At the same time, it was found that 1 in 5 people in Boston experienced food insecurity, compared to 1 in 10 in Massachusetts; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic were felt around the world, but especially for low-income families and our seniors who are living on fixed incomes. These disparities were particularly evident when we witnessed high levels of food insecurity among our immigrant families in the Latino, Black, and Asian communities, who were disproportionately impacted; *and*

**WHEREAS:** We must recognize how food access continues to be a critical issue for many families and neighbors in need, and commit ourselves to supporting families and people struggling with hunger and food insecurity. We need to ensure our children, families, seniors and others in need have access to nutritious food. It is critical that we discuss the state of malnutrition, especially for our seniors and working families, to better inform policy relating to food access moving forward; *and*

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:**

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss food insecurity and malnutrition in the City of Boston.

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