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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING A
COMMUNITY-BASED SUMMER PUBLIC SAFETY
PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS, This matter is filed as an emergency pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules of the Boston City Council because of the recent series of shootings and incidents of gun violence over the Fourth of July holiday weekend, resulting in multiple fatalities and numerous injuries across the City; these events require an immediate response by the Boston City Council to examine summer safety plans provided by community organizations; *and*

WHEREAS, Research has consistently shown that violent crime, including firearm-related violence, tends to increase during the summer months as warmer weather, longer daylight hours, increased outdoor activity, and larger public gatherings contribute to conditions associated with elevated rates of violent crime, making proactive seasonal planning an essential component of effective public safety strategies; *and*

WHEREAS, The recent acts of gun violence in Boston underscore the importance of a community-centered approach to violence prevention that includes violence intervention programs, neighborhood stabilization efforts, and partnerships with community organizations, faith leaders, residents, and other stakeholders; *and*

WHEREAS, A Community-Based Summer Public Safety Plan would provide an opportunity for the community to present their ideas, engagement efforts, and strategies, in order to create measurable goals for reducing violent crime while strengthening public confidence and transparency; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has a responsibility to ensure that residents, families, businesses, visitors, and neighborhood organizations have their voices heard in order to inform a comprehensive strategy to promote community safety throughout the summer and that public resources are coordinated to prevent violence before it occurs while supporting those residents most affected by violent crime; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing regarding the development and implementation of a Community-Based Summer

Public Safety Plan for the City of Boston and that interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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