



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your review the City of Boston's 2025 Annual Surveillance Report, pursuant to the [Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing](#), Boston City Code Section 16-63 (the "Ordinance").

The attached Annual Surveillance Report includes detailed information regarding the use of each Surveillance Technology previously approved by the Boston City Council under sections 16-63.3(B)(3)(c) of the Ordinance. All departments covered by the Ordinance have compiled data related to the use of each approved technology, governed by clear Surveillance Use Policies that are designed to protect privacy, civil rights, public safety, and racial and immigrant justice, while ensuring accountability, transparency, and responsible use of these technologies.

This year, as a host city for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Boston welcomed visitors from across the globe. The event highlighted the importance of using technology responsibly to support public safety coordination and City operations in order to serve both residents and visitors alike. From improved public realm wayfinding to transit planning and emergency response coordination, these tools helped the City to ensure a safe and welcoming tournament experience for all.

I look forward to continuing conversations about how the City uses technology to advance the health, safety, and wellbeing of Boston residents, while safeguarding the public's trust, privacy rights, and civil liberties.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston