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CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE BOSTON POLICE CADET PROGRAM

WHEREAS: the Boston Police Cadet Program was created as an on-the-job training program that was used by the Boston Police Department for over 40 years to train those between 18-24 years old who were interested in a career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS: the legal authority for the Boston Police Cadet Program has existed in statute since 1968 and is currently reflected in Massachusetts General Laws c. 147, Section 21A; and

WHEREAS: the program was also conceived as a mechanism to more quickly diversify the Boston Police Department; and

WHEREAS: the program was discontinued in FY2010 due to budget constraints related to the economic recession; and

WHEREAS: in FY2015, the city allocated funds to the FY2016 budget to reinstate the cadet program; and

WHEREAS: the police cadet program was reinstated in 2016 and the first class of cadets entered the program in October 2016;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to receive an update from the Boston Police Department regarding the implementation and condition of the cadet program.

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