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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE FENWAY CULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS: In July 2010, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed legislation establishing state-designated cultural districts in cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Cultural Districts program is to recognize, foster, and develop cultural districts which are geographical locations within a city or town of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with a concentration of cultural facilities, activities, and assets; and

WHEREAS: On March 24, 2012, the Fenway was officially designated the Fenway Cultural District—one of the first state-designated cultural districts—by the Massachusetts Cultural Council after a yearlong process that included support from the Boston City Council and the Mayor's Office of Arts, Film, Tourism, and Special Events; and

WHEREAS: Since its establishment, the Fenway Cultural District has been the primary hub for arts and culture in the City of Boston, with acclaimed cultural attractions including the Museum of Fine Arts, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Symphony Hall, Berklee College of Music, and New England Conservatory, among many other renowned destinations; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Massachusetts Cultural Council's reapplication requirements, every five years, any city or town designated as a state cultural district must hold at least one community input meeting so that residents, nonprofit leaders, businesses, and interested parties can learn about and discuss the cultural district's accomplishments, vision, and goals; *NOW,*

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the Fenway Cultural District's reapplication to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and that representatives from the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture and other interested parties and members of the public be invited to testify.

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