

Offered by Councilors Andrea J. Campbell and Lydia Edwards



**City Of Boston
CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

***ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE SENIOR
HOME REPAIR PROGRAM AND OTHER HOUSING PROGRAMS***

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has a Senior Housing Home Repair Program (the “Program”) run by the Boston Home Center which works with several neighborhood agencies to assist our seniors with minor to larger repairs to their homes; *and*

WHEREAS, The Program can be used to update a kitchen or bathroom, paint the inside and outside of a home, replace a heating system, porch, or roof, or other repairs to make a home more habitable; *and*

WHEREAS, This Program is vital to help our senior residents remain in their homes during a time when the City of Boston is experiencing a housing crisis that is displacing many residents; *and*

WHEREAS, The Program may be particularly useful in neighborhoods with high home-owner rates or growing senior populations such as Charlestown, Roslindale, Mattapan and West Roxbury; *and*

WHEREAS, The City also offers other housing programs including a Seniors Save Program and HomeWorks Home Equity Loan Program; *and*

WHEREAS, Some senior residents have complained about the home repair program including shoddy work being done on their homes, a lack of accountability with respect to the contractors, and a poor understanding of the fine print and financial commitment; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss and review the senior home repair program and other housing programs available for our seniors. Those invited to provide testimony will include the Department of Neighborhood Development, the Age Strong Commission, along with other interested parties.

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