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## **CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL**

### **ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

*WHEREAS:* Every ten years, as mandated by the United States Constitution, the Census Bureau conducts a census to count every resident; *and*

*WHEREAS:* The full 2020 Census results will be released on September 30, 2021; *and*

*WHEREAS:* The COVID-19 pandemic caused delays in the gathering of data in 2020 and the subsequent release of census data; *and*

*WHEREAS:* Upon the release of the 2020 Census data, the Boston City Council will be tasked with using Boston's population data to redraw districts; *and*

*WHEREAS:* The redistricting process will require substantial community input and participation and the Boston City Council should make every effort to ensure that the process is open, transparent, and accessible; *NOW THEREFORE BE IT*

*ORDERED:* That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the redistricting process in the City of Boston; and that representatives from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations, the US Census Bureau, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and other interested parties be invited.

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