

Offered by Councillor Jackson

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CITY OF BOSTON FOR CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, At least eight people were shot and two people were stabbed in Boston in the week of November 28th, 2016;

WHEREAS, There have been 10 more murders in 2016 than in 2015, nearly matching the 2014 rate according to reports from local authorities;

WHEREAS, The crime rate in Boston is 81% higher than the rest of Massachusetts and 90% higher than the national average;

WHEREAS, Boston is a city of resilience, strength, and unity. We do not need to experience more tragedy to demonstrate these characteristics;

WHEREAS, We have a responsibilities not as City Councilors, but as friends, family, and citizens of Boston to protect and defend our fellow Bostonians;

WHEREAS, Boston must create a comprehensive plan to confront these issues immediately with multiple agencies, before any more of our people are taken and any more of our families experience the heartbreak of loss

WHEREAS, The Police Department, along with BCYF, DND, and BPHC, is critical to this plan and we should all explore what is already being done around these very troubling issues together, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss how the City will address this violence. Those invited to provide perspective will include the Boston Police Department, along with other interested parties.