

Offered by Councilors Andrea J. Campbell and Michelle Wu



**City Of Boston
CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

***ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW
WAYS FOR THE CITY TO SUPPORT CARNIVAL AND CARIBBEAN
COMMUNITY CULTURAL EVENTS***

WHEREAS, The Boston Caribbean community is an important part of the City of Boston’s rich cultural diversity with nearly 104,000 people, and

WHEREAS, The Boston Creates Leadership Council and Mayor Walsh crafted the City’s first-ever cultural plan to ensure arts and culture thrive within the City, with a goal of ensuing that “all cultural traditions and expressions are respected, promoted, and equitably resourced,” and

WHEREAS, The Caribbean American Carnival is an important point of economic vitality for the City as the community’s overall economic impact generates over \$663 million in the local economy annually, supporting over 2,850 jobs, and

WHEREAS, The Boston Caribbean American Carnival was founded in 1973 and has been a landmark cultural celebration in the City for decades, and

WHEREAS, It is essential that the Caribbean American Carnival remains an established tradition for showcasing Caribbean-owned businesses, musicians and honoring the community year-round, and

WHEREAS, Further discussion is of the utmost importance for the understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity within the City of Boston and is required to examine how the Boston Caribbean community fits within the City’s cultural plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review the Boston Caribbean community’s presence in the Boston arts and culture plan. Representatives from various City of Boston Departments and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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