

Offered by Councilors Frank Baker, Andrea Campbell, and Michelle Wu



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS A "LITTLE SAIGON CULTURAL DISTRICT" DESIGNATION IN FIELDS CORNER

WHEREAS: In 2010, the Massachusetts Cultural Council Cultural District Initiative was authorized by an Act of the Massachusetts State Legislature. The City of Boston currently has four cultural districts: Fenway Cultural District, Boston Literary Cultural District, Roxbury Cultural District and Latin Quarter Cultural District; *and*

WHEREAS: A cultural district designation aims to attract more business and tourism to the neighborhood, and encourage further arts and cultural development in the community; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston has the largest population of Vietnamese Americans in Massachusetts. Of the 9,403 foreign-born Vietnamese Americans residing in Boston, three-quarters live in Dorchester; *and*

WHEREAS: The Fields Corner neighborhood of Dorchester is described as "the heart of the Vietnamese community in Boston" on the City of Boston website; *and*

WHEREAS: The majority of Vietnamese American residents, businesses, and community programs are concentrated along Dorchester Avenue in Fields Corner; *and*

WHEREAS: The first Vietnamese American Community Center in the country was built in Dorchester in 1994; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston recognizes the Vietnamese-American community's substantial contributions in promoting diversity and multiculturalism within the City; *NOW THEREFORE BE*

RESOLVED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to discuss a cultural district designation in Dorchester and representatives of the Little Saigon Cultural District Advisory Committee and other interested parties be invited to testify.

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