City of Boston
In City Council

Order of Councilors Stephen J. Murphy and Ayanna Pressley

for all Councilors

January 27, 2010

Establishing a Policy for City Employees to Volunteer

Whereas The City of Boston is committed to advancing the best interests and improving the quality of life for all people in Boston; **and**

Whereas Volunteer programs across Boston are in need of increased levels of volunteers to work with the underserved constituents they assist; **and**

Whereas Employees of the City of Boston possess great skills, interests, energy and enthusiasm to help others; **and**

Whereas Volunteer programs within the city yield immeasurable societal, educational, and economic benefits to the residents; **and**

Whereas Various businesses and non-profit entities are donating their employees' time to addressing community needs and, recognizing the need to increase volunteerism, the State implemented the SERV program so that State employees may voluntarily donate their time through public service without loss of salary or benefits during regular business hours; **and**

Whereas The work schedules of most City employees preclude their participation in volunteer activities during regular work hours; **and**

Whereas Implementing a program for City employees similar to the State's SERV program is a great way to give back to the most vulnerable Boston residents; **and therefore be it so**

Ordered That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the merits of implementing an employee volunteer program and that representatives from the Mayor's office, Human Resources, Mass Mentoring and other interested parties be invited to testify.