

**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

Order for a Hearing on Teen Pregnancy

Offered by Councillors Ayanna Pressley and John R. Connolly

- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston has experienced a 3.5% increase in the teen pregnancy rate, between 2006 and 2007, with sharp disparities by race and ethnicity; and
- WHEREAS:** Teen pregnancy is correlated with intimate partner violence and may lead to increased drop out rates; and
- WHEREAS:** Current social and economic factors contribute to the increased teen pregnancy rate by diminishing social, educational and employment opportunities for youth, increased contraception prices, and decreased funding for family planning and pregnancy prevention services; and
- WHEREAS:** Assessing the full impact of teen pregnancy in Boston, and gaps in teen pregnancy prevention and parenting services will improve the social, educational, and economic prospects for young mothers, their male counterparts, and their children, and will help stabilize communities ; Therefore be it
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to assess the scope of teen pregnancy in Boston, identify the current range of culturally competent teen pregnancy prevention and post-pregnancy programs available for young women and men, and that representatives from the Mayor's office, Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Public Schools, the MA Alliance for Teen Pregnancy and other interested parties be invited to testify.

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