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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING YOUTH
SUMMER AND AFTER-SCHOOL INITIATIVES IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS, There are 660 organizations offering 1716 out-of-school time opportunities for Boston youth ages 5-18; with 101,196 available slots; and

WHEREAS, Of these 1716 opportunities:

- 1005 (59%) of these programs operate during the summer.
- 958 (49%) operate every day of the week.
- 323 (19%) serve only teens.
- The majority of these programs (1509, 88%) serve both boys and girls.
- 50% operate in a public setting including Boston community centers, public parks, libraries and schools.
- 27% have a primary focus on sports and recreation.
- 18% have a primary focus on academic support.
- 18% have a primary focus on arts and cultural activities.
- 33% take place in Dorchester and Roxbury.

WHEREAS, The Harvard Family Research Project 2008 report concluded, “The research warrants for after-school and summer learning programs is clear: Children and youth who participate in well-implemented programs and activities outside of school are poised to stay enrolled longer and perform better in school than their peers who do not attend such programs;” and

WHEREAS, The Afterschool Alliance report entitled, “America After 3 PM,” demonstrates the urgent need for after-school initiatives, since 26% of K-12 students in Massachusetts are responsible for taking care of themselves after school and yet only 18% of K-12 students in Massachusetts participate in an after-school program. *NOW THEREFORE BE IT*

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss youth summer and after-school initiatives.

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