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Regarding City Services and Investment in Dudley Square

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Whereas, the Boston City Council's Committee on Economic Development held a hearing at the Dudley Square Library on Monday, September 27th; and

Whereas, the hearing focused on the City's plans for the development of the Ferdinand's building; and

Whereas, during the hearing several people questioned whether the investment by the City in the Dudley Square area has and is matching the City's investment in other neighborhood business areas; and

Whereas, the realization of Dudley Square's development potential requires a close, cooperative, respectful working relationship between the Roxbury community and the City administration; and

Whereas, the Council hearing process provides an appropriate setting for a dialogue between the city and community regarding the City's investment in Dudley Square; and

Whereas, such a dialogue should seek to clarify past investment in services and development in Dudley Square by the City compared to other neighborhood business districts; and

Whereas, the dialogue should focus also on the development of a strategy for the provision of a level of services that enables the residents to perceive an increase in the quality of life of the community. Therefore Be It

Ordered, that the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council invite to a hearing the Commissioner of Public Works, the Commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department, the Commissioner of Police, the Director of the Department of Neighborhood Development, and the Director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority to discuss the historical, as well as, present day investment by the City of Boston in services and development in the Dudley Square area.