

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

Offered by Councillor Charles C. Yancey

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE HIRING UP TO 300 STREET AND YOUTH WORKERS

- Whereas: The City of Boston is suffering from an unacceptable level of violence, particularly among young people; and
- Whereas: The City of Boston has responded to this crisis in a variety of ways, including increasing police visibility, summer jobs, and youth programs; and
- Whereas: Too many young people drop out of school (as many as 1,500 per year), limiting their chances of experiencing a productive adulthood; and
- Whereas: The City of Boston currently employs 34 Youth Workers and 26 Street Workers; and
- Whereas: This number of Youth and Street Workers is inadequate to reach out to the significant number of youth at risk; and
- Whereas: The FY2010 budget for the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) is \$21,641,337; and
- Whereas: The Boston Police Department's overall budget is \$278,176,332; and
- Whereas: The approved Police Department's overtime budget of \$30,000,000 is more than \$8,000,000 above the BCYF budget; and
- Whereas: The effective use of Youth Workers may reduce the need for excessive police overtime; and
- Whereas: Street and Youth Workers may be utilized to prevent violence and to encourage productive lifestyles; Be It Therefore
- Resolved: That the City of Boston hire up to 300 Youth and Street workers for FY2011.

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