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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DIVESTMENT IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND ANY BUSINESS ENTITIES SUBSTANTIALLY LOCATED OR ENGAGED IN BUSINESS PRACTICES IN ARIZONA

- WHEREAS:** Arizona Senate Bill 1070 specifically allows for the Arizona's local and state police to enforce federal immigration laws, which are, by definition, under the jurisdiction of federal law enforcement agencies; and
- WHEREAS:** Arizona Senate Bill 1070 allows for police officers to specifically profile Arizona residents and request proof of residency whether or not a suspect is accused of committing any crime; and
- WHEREAS:** It is the fundamental responsibility of the City of Boston to decide where, how and by whom financial resources in its control should be invested, taking into account numerous pertinent factors; and
- WHEREAS:** It is the prerogative of the City of Boston, in respect to investment resources in its control, not to participate in an ownership or capital-providing capacity with entities that provide significant practical support for racial profiling and institutionalized racial discrimination, such as the state of Arizona through its action in adopting Arizona Senate Bill 1070; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston may engage in business practices with Arizona directly or indirectly through activities such as investment in Arizona state or municipal bonds and travel to Arizona for conferences and other events. **BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** The Boston City Council, hereby assembled, resolves that the City of Boston should do a thorough review of all investments and business practices engaged in by the City to determine what activities, if any, it conducts with the state of Arizona, and municipalities in Arizona; and **BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council resolves that the City of Boston should, to the extent reasonable, with due consideration for, among other things, return on investment, on behalf of itself and its investment beneficiaries, not to participate in any business activities substantially connected with the State of Arizona and municipalities in Arizona.

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