



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Committee of the Whole

Monday - March 30, 2020, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the City Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety will be conducted via remote participation.

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The Chair intends to consider all municipal responses to the current coronavirus crisis.

- 1. 209798: Discuss** (Hirsch, McLaughlin) – That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Council with an update on measures to reduce the spread of the coronavirus and to support anyone who may become infected.
- 2. 209934: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Administration update this Council on the City's disaster preparedness assessment for emergencies during this pandemic and how this reduces our first responders' workforce.
- 3. 209939: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Administration create a task force to begin mid- to long-term logistical planning for a possible reduced workforce, in case this State of Emergency continues for an extended period.
- 4. 209940: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott) – That this Council collaborate with the

Administration to create a one-page coronavirus information sheet that can be physically delivered to every resident and small business owner, containing public health information, emergency resources, and instructions on where to get more information.

5. **209941: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott) – That the Administration coordinate with local charitable organizations to create a centralized fund to provide direct support to front line workers, residents, and local businesses most in need.
6. **209936: Discuss** (Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Clingan) – That this Council calls on landlords and real estate agents to avoid showing occupied units to avoid the spread of coronavirus.
7. **209944: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Davis, Hirsch, White Jr., Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the Director of Parks and Recreation consider turning some or all Neighborways into modified pedestrian-only areas (allowing cars only for residents and their essential visitors), to relieve the current congestion on the Community Path and some sidewalks.