

Offered by City Councilor Ayanna Pressley



CITY OF BOSTON

RESOLUTION ENDORSING PARENTING JOURNEY'S PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

- WHEREAS,** Systemic barriers of oppression exist and disproportionately impact communities of color, low-income families, immigrants, and children fearing violence in their schools and streets; and,
- WHEREAS,** The median net worth of families in the City of Boston is \$8 for black families, \$3,020 for Puerto Rican families, \$12,000 for Caribbean-born families, and \$247,500 for white families; and,
- WHEREAS,** The average rent for an apartment in Greater Boston is over \$2,000 leaving families of color spending nearly 60% of their median monthly income on rent; and,
- WHEREAS,** All parents and caregivers deserve to raise their children in a safe, vibrant community with access to affordable foods, homes meeting livable standards, high-quality schools, and a living wage with paid time off to care for a new child or sick family member; and,
- WHEREAS,** All parents and caregivers deserve affordable, comprehensive healthcare for their family that includes mental healthcare, substance use treatment and prevention, and reproductive healthcare; and,
- WHEREAS,** All parents and caregivers deserve comprehensive immigration policies that keep families together; and,
- WHEREAS,** Immigrants make our community stronger and that no family should be disrupted on the basis of immigration status; and,
- WHEREAS,** All parents are capable of making responsible decisions regarding their own children; and,

WHEREAS, All parents and caregivers deserve family-centered policies that prevent discrimination based on sexuality, gender, race, disability, age, or socioeconomic status; and,

WHEREAS, Parenting Journey, a national nonprofit based in Somerville, has established a Parents' Bill of Rights to support policies that empower families and erode systemic barriers of oppression; and,

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council should affirm the City's commitment to empowering strong families and breaking down systemic oppression, **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council go on the record in support of Parenting Journey's Parents' Bill of Rights and urges municipal, state, and federal governments to enact policies that advance these goals.

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