

Offered by Councilor Timothy McCarthy



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING PROHIBITING WEARING A MASK, HOOD OR OTHER DEVICE TO CONCEAL ANY PORTION OF THE FACE TO CONCEAL THE IDENTITY OF THE WEARER UPON OR WITHIN PUBLIC PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Last week, Boston, was met with counter-protesters which led to Boston Police Officers being injured and thirty six arrests. and

WHEREAS, Many protesters came from outside of Boston and many wore masks disguising their faces; and

WHEREAS, These protesters were not in Boston for a peaceful comment on a certain parade, they were here to cause violence, they were here to attack Boston Police Officers, attack the City of Boston itself; and

WHEREAS, These protesters will appear in court facing charges from assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, carrying a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Nine are accused of assaulting a police officer with four officers injured: and

WHEREAS, The Boston Herald witnessed protesters in altercations with police and one self-identified member of the hard-left group Antifa told the Herald that violence "masked", is necessary to "shut up" the parade organizers; and

WHEREAS, Many states have laws governing the wearing of mask or face coverings including New York, California, Virginia and Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, The Code of Virginia Law 18.2-422. Prohibition of wearing masks in certain places is the epitome of the purpose of this hearing

*NOW,*

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED.

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss prohibiting the wearing of a mask, hood or other device to conceal any portion of the face to conceal the identity of the wearer upon or within Public Property in Boston. The Mayor's Office, Boston Police Department, Homeland Security, MA State Police, Boston Fire Dept., MBTA Police and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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