



MAYOR JOSHUA A. GARCIA

CITY OF HOLYOKE

September 12, 2022

Honorable City Councilors

Re: Ordered, That until residents are offered an opportunity to meet IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD with public officials and public board members, who are making decisions with little to zero neighborhood input, the City shall not spend any funds or incur any costs for any new buildings including any school.

Dear Councilors,

Public participation is critical to the success of local government community development efforts and therefore agree there should always be an attempt to engage residents especially from the neighborhoods of where they may be an impact. Through various means, this happens and in some circumstances it's often a requirement as part of the process. I do agree when it comes to public engagement, we should always thrive to do better. I don't think however we need to make it law, therefore I am vetoing.

Please understand this is in no way to discredit the effort made behind the order. As we go forward and such circumstances arise, I encourage City Councilors to help facilitate public dialogue with residents to be sure we are achieving our shared goals around public participation.

Sincerely,


Joshua A. Garcia
Mayor

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IN CITY COUNCIL

Introduced by Councilor **David K. Bartley**

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In City Council, February 1, 2022. **Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.**

In City Council, on September 1, 2022, the report of Committee received and the Ordinance passed its first reading.

The Ordinance passed its second reading.

The Ordinance was passed to be enrolled.

The Committee has considered the same and find that it is truly and properly enrolled.

Report of Enrollment received.

The Ordinance was passed to be Ordained and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 10--Nays 1--Absent 1 (I. Rivera).

Bienna McYee
Clerk

<p style="text-align: center;">Presented to the Mayor</p> <p>For Approval <u>Sept 2</u>, 20<u>22</u></p> <p><u><i>Bienna McYee</i></u> City Clerk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mayor's Office</p> <p>Holyoke, Mass. <u>Sept. 12</u>, 20<u>22</u></p> <p>Approved <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Mayor</p>
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