

Senator Liz Miranda appoints South End Native to Legislative Director Role

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SENATOR MIRANDA'S OFFICE

Newly elected Senator Liz Miranda today announced her hiring and appointment of South End native, Maliha Khan, as Legislative and Budget Director for her office in the Massachusetts State Senate.

As a key leadership role in the Senator's office, Maliha will lead the office's legislative portfolio, support the development and execution of Senator Miranda's legislative agenda, including environmental justice, strengthening public education pre-k through higher ed, reform of the criminal legal system,



Continued on page 7 Maliha Khan. Photo courtesy of Senator Miranda's office.

Mayor Wu Announces Members Of Reparations Task Force

SUBMITTED BY MAYOR WU'S OFFICE

On Tuesday, February 7, 2023, Mayor Michelle Wu announced the ten individuals that will serve on the newly formed Reparations Task Force, created to study the lasting impact of slavery in Boston. The formation of this task force

follows Mayor Wu signing a 2022 City ordinance, sponsored and led by Councilor Julia Mejia and co-sponsored by Councilors Tania Fernandes Anderson and Brian Worrell, to study the impact of slavery in Boston. Mayor Wu joined members of the City Council, Reparations Task Force, and Equity and Inclusion

at the African Meeting House to announce the establishment of the task force.

"For four hundred years, the brutal practice of enslavement and recent policies like redlining, the busing crisis, and exclusion from

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Rep. Jon Santiago name First Cabinet-Level Veterans' Secretary

SUBMITTED GOV. HEALEY'S OFFICE

Governor Maura T. Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll announced that they are appointing State Representative Jon Santiago to serve as Massachusetts'

first ever Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services. Representative Santiago is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve, an emergency medicine physician at Boston Medical Center, a former volunteer in the Peace Corps, and has served as State

Representative for the 9th Suffolk district since 2019.

In 2022, the Massachusetts Legislature passed An Act relative to the governance, structure and

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LOCAL NEWS

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Poetic Guitars



Omar Robinson, Johnnie Mack, Regine Vital, Dereks Thomas, Anthony T Goss, and Maya Carter in August Wilson's "Seven Guitars" at Actors' Shakespeare Project. (Courtesy Ken Yotsukura Photography)

Seven Guitars, Actors' Shakespeare Project at Hibernian Hall, Boston, through March 5. actorsshakespeareproject.org

BY JULES BECKER
Contributing Writer

An August Wilson play is a perfect commemoration of Black History Month as well as great theater. After all, the Bard of Pittsburgh chronicled the challenges and experiences of his fellow Afri-

can-Americans in ten plays—also known as the Century Cycle—each set in respective decades of the 20th century. Recently Huntington Theatre Company—which showcased the entirety of the dramatist's amazing achievement over the

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Pride Parade and Festival to Return to Boston

Boston LGBTQ+ Celebration Set for June; Pride Organizers Call for Volunteers and Sponsors

BOSTON – Boston Pride For The People (BP4TP) announced the return of a Pride Month celebration in Boston. The celebration will be

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2nd Annual Pilot Block Party: Sunday, June 11

Back by popular demand! Celebrate warmer days in the neighborhood with friends and neighbors. More info and volunteer opportunities forthcoming.

South End Historical Society Annual House Tour!

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For more information about being a sponsor or purchasing a ticket, please visit <https://www.southeasthistoricalsociety.org/housetour/>. Please contact Jason Amos (SEHS, Executive Director) at admin@southeasthistoricalsociety.org with any questions.

Crite Park Updates

Exciting news about Crite Park!

Crite Park is located at the corner of Columbus Avenue, West Canton and Appleton Streets.

Over the past six years, the Friends of Crite Park have fundraised, built community awareness and support, worked with professionals, developed plans to meet city requirements, responded to additional city requests, and modified plans as needed without sacrificing the

essence of the well thought out design for Crite Park.

A final review at a public hearing with the City's Public Improvement Committee took place on Thursday, January 26th. The Project was unanimously approved! The Friends of Crite Park are thrilled and hope construction will begin this spring. Plans are underway for a ground breaking ceremony in late May or early June. For more information about the Park, volunteer opportunities or to make a donation, please visit CritePark.Org.

About the PBNA

The PBNA is an all-volunteer group of residents and business representatives committed to the vitality, safety and preservation of our beautiful historic neighborhood.

PBNA does not collect dues, as

our mission is supportive and inclusive of all in the neighborhood. Our activity is supported through donations and fundraising efforts. All of our activities offer you an opportunity to meet your neighbors and contribute to the community.

PBNA Membership

PBNA is a diverse community and membership is inclusive. Everyone who lives in our boundaries is automatically

a member and welcome at any and all events. If you know someone who doesn't get the newsletter, please encourage them to sign up.

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1033-1055 Washington Street

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 Meeting ID: 160 806 3637



Project Proponent: The Druker Company, Ltd

Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a virtual Public Meeting in connection with the PNF for the 1033-1055 Washington Street Project located at 1033-1055 Washington Street in the South End.

The proposed project includes the construction of two life science/office buildings (with an above-grade connection between the buildings) approximately 150 feet in height with an aggregate gross floor area of approximately 588,000 square feet. The Project will include ground-floor retail/restaurant space, community/non-profit space, two levels of below-grade parking, a landscaped pedestrian plaza between the buildings connecting Washington Street and Shawmut Avenue, and related Site improvements and amenities.

La información de esta reunión es fundamental para usted como residente de Boston y parte interesada. Dispone de servicios de idiomas de forma gratuita. 作为波士顿居民和利益相关者，本会议的信息对您来说是至关重要的。可以提供翻译服务以传达本次会议的内容，您无需承担任何额外费用。 作为波士顿居民和利益相关者，本会议的信息对您来说是至关重要的。可以提供翻译服务以传达本次会议的内容，您无需承担任何额外费用。

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Mayor Wu

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City contracting have denied Black Americans pathways to build generational wealth, secure stable housing, and live freely,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Our administration remains committed to tackling long standing racial inequities and this task force is the next step in our commitment as a city to advance racial justice and build a Boston for everyone. I’m grateful to the City Council, advocates and task force members for their critical work to strengthen our communities and ensure that Boston documents and addresses the historical harms of slavery and its continued impact on our Black residents.”

“As the lead sponsor of this ordinance, I want to thank Tanisha Sullivan of the NAACP for inviting our office to lead this effort and to Dr. Kamara and Yvette Modestin for their leadership in drafting the ordinance,” said Councilor Julia Mejia. “We are extremely proud of the work we did alongside the community and look forward to monitoring the processes moving forward”

“The forming of this reparations task force is an important step in the ongoing process of bringing justice to the Black community of Boston,” said Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson. “This is so both for the historical legacies of anti-Black racism going back to the enslavement of kidnapped Africans, to the current manifestations of structural and systemic white supremacy that are embedded and entrenched within the political and economic status quo.”

“This is a major step forward for the City of Boston,” said Councilor Brian Worrell. “I would like to thank the Mayor and my City Council colleagues for helping bring this important conversation to the top of the agenda. Since the late Senator Bill Owens began this journey, we are proud to now have a diverse group of people working towards a solution

that will address past injustices in this City. As the representative of one of the most diverse districts in Boston, I look forward to bringing new opportunities to the district and fixing previous disenfranchising to build up what makes Boston diverse.”

The members of the task force are community leaders in law, academia, community organizing, and education and represent diversity in age, gender, and discipline to fully encompass the Black experience in Boston. The task force’s duties will include leading research on the historical impact of slavery in Boston and exploring ways the City can provide reparative justice for Black residents. Over the next 18 months, the task force members will convene and work on proposing recommendations to Mayor Wu for reparative solutions for the descendants of enslaved persons.

The individuals appointed to the task force include:

- Chair Joseph D. Feaster, Jr., Esq., Attorney, former President of the Boston branch of the NAACP, current member of City’s Black Men & Boys Commission
- Denilson Fanfan, 11th grader at Jeremiah E. Burke High School
- L’Merchie Frazier, Public historian, visual activist, and Executive Director of Creative and Strategic Partnerships for SPOKE Arts
- George “Chip” Greenidge, Jr., Founder and Director of Greatest MINDS
- Dr. Kerri Greenidge, Assistant Professor of Studies in Race, Colonialism, and Diaspora at Tufts University
- Dr. David Harris, Past Managing Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice
- Dorothea Jones, Longtime civic organizer and member of the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee
- Carrie Mays, UMass Boston student and youth leader with Teen Empowerment
- Na’tisha Mills, Program Manager for Em-

brace Boston

- Damani Williams, 11th grader at Jeremiah E. Burke High School

“I am honored to be asked by Mayor Wu to chair this Reparation Task Force and serve with such distinguished people,” said Joseph D. Feaster, Jr., Chair of Reparations Task Force. “We are looking forward to determining recommendations for how we reckon with Boston’s past while charting a path forward for Black people whose ancestors labored without compensation and who were promised the 40 acres and a mule they never received.”

The task force will be housed within the City of Boston’s Equity & Inclusion Cabinet and work closely with Lori Nelson, the City’s Senior Advisor on Racial Justice. In the coming weeks, the City and task force will launch a request for proposal (RFP) to select a research partner to study the legacy of slavery in Boston and produce a report on its impact. The results of the report will inform recommendations brought forth by the task force. For more information about the task force, visit boston.gov/reparations.

“This is a historic moment for Boston, for this nation,” said Mariangely Solis Cervera, Chief of Equity and Inclusion. “We are creating an opportunity to intentionally address harms of the past and embed racial equity into the fabric of our city. I am thankful for the leadership, expertise, and lived experience this task force brings to the table and I look forward to working beside them.”

“This important initiative will center the truth, acknowledgment, and reconciliation that history once ignored,” said Lori Nelson, Senior Advisor on Racial Justice. “The task force will give us the chance to fully engage and challenge policies that have harmed and marginalized Black people in Boston for generations. I am eager to collaborate with the task force with the goal of repairing and restoring injustice to move our city forward.”

Poetic Guitars

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years—returned to “Joe Turner’s Come and Gone” (1984) in a lustrous production that more than befit its renovation. Now gifted Maurice Emmanuel Parent—a member of that superb cast—is orchestrating a powerful Actors’ Shakespeare Company staging of the playwright’s 1995 tragicomedy “Seven Guitars”—one that does equal justice to Wilson’s rich insights here about the Black experience.

Here Wilson frames those insights in a two-act play that begins and ends in the backyard of a 1948 Pittsburgh boarding house—(designed by Jon Savage with attention to the characters’ precarious fortunes) after the death of blues singer Floyd Barton. With vivid backstory and flashback, “Seven Guitars” tells the story of the 35 year old black male’s struggle to find acceptance and validation just as he appears to be on the verge of professional fulfillment. ‘Schoolboy’ Barton is eager to follow-up on his first hit “That’s All Right” (1947). Buoyed by a letter from the president of Savoy Records in Chicago,

he means to take girlfriend Vera Dotson with him to share his new opportunity. Floyd needs to believe in himself, but loving Vera seems resistant to leaving Pittsburgh. At the same time, sassy fellow tenant Louise—part realist, part skeptic—advises that Vera would be better off with the ‘ugly’ iceman than with her boyfriend.

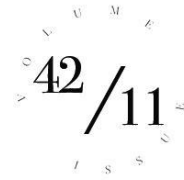
Responsible Louise insists that elusive and self-promoting Hedley—who repeatedly declares that he will be a big man and have a black plantation—pay his rent and quips that there are no plantations in Pittsburgh. Bible-quoting fifty-nine year old Hedley insists that he will have his time. Floyd’s fellow musicians—harmonica-playing Canewell and drummer Red Carter—wonder whether they figure in Floyd’s plans.

Even Floyd’s plans are doubtful. His no-show white manager may have issues of his own. Floyd’s unjust workhouse stint and pawnshop hawking of his performance guitar reflect the ongoing obstacles faced by enterprising young black men. Of course opportunities have improved for African-Americans, but the double standards and manipulation which confront many of Wilson’s characters still ring

true if sometimes with subtlety.

Director Parent skillfully conducts the poetic rhythms and pulsating possibilities that run through the speeches and songs of “Seven Guitars.” Anthony T-Goss has all of Floyd’s alternating optimism and frustration. He has the ambitious boyfriend’s style and panache—in Nia Safarr Banks’ smart costuming—as he romances Vera. Maya Carter finds Vera’s sweetness and vulnerability. Regine Vital is a big-hearted standout as tough-talking Louise—especially as she speaks of her gun as all the man she needs. Johnnie Mack captures Hedley’s bravado and vitality—especially as he speaks of kingship and invokes the spiritual image of the Lion of Judah. Rounding out the strong ensemble are Omar Robinson’s love-philosophizing Canewell, Dereks Thomas’ promiscuous Red and notably Valyn Lyric Turner’s outspoken Ruby.

At one point Red despairs that “God never lets you roll the dice.” With humor, music, and stories of spirit and dignity, Wilson improves the odds. Audiences need not question their chances at Hibernian Hall. Parent and the dynamic ASP cast are making “Seven Guitars” a sure thing.



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CRIME

Death Investigation in the area of 958 Tremont Street, Roxbury

FROM BPD

At about 11:34 PM on Saturday, February 18, 2023, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End/ Lower Roxbury) responded to a ShotSpotter activation at 958 Tremont Street. Upon arrival, officers located two adult males suffering from gunshot wounds. Both victims were transported to local hospitals where one was pronounced dead. The second victim's injuries are considered non-life threatening.

The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at (617) 343-4470.

Community members wishing to assist in this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help this investigation in an anonymous manner.

To those who find themselves in need of emotional support or simply needing to talk to someone about distressing events in our community, the Boston Neighborhood Trauma Team (N'TT) provides free, private support 24/7 at (617) 431-0125.

Bricks Thrown at 2 South End Businesses

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Boston Pride

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held in June 2023, and will include a parade, a festival, block parties, and more. The parade and festival will take place on Saturday, June 10th on Boston Common and at City Hall Plaza. Other activities will be held in the preceding week and throughout the month. BP4TP is a new organization formed to reimagine the annual celebration that hasn't been held in person since 2019.

“It’s time for a unified Pride for everyone to enjoy,” said Adrianna Boulin, President of BP4TP and Director of Community Impact & Engagement at Fenway Health. “The last time we came together, there was a different President, a different Governor, a different Mayor. The pandemic kept us apart for a long time. Now, all of us are eager to reconnect, embrace each other as a community, and most importantly have fun.”

“Thank you so much to the organizers who have been working to build and ground the evolution of Pride in community,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Boston has a long history of advancing LGBTQ+ equality, and I’m so grateful to Boston Pride for the People to keep this legacy going and ensure the success of this year’s events. I look forward to welcoming people from all across New England to Boston this June!”

The newly formed group worked over the past year to ensure that input on the Pride events included a broad chorus of voices. “We want to produce a Pride celebration that centers the rich diversity, culture, and intersectionality of our city’s LGBTQ+ community,” noted Jo Triglio, BP4TP board member and an LGBTQ+ grassroots activist who helped organize the Boston Dyke March for 14 years. “To do that, we need to be intentional about ensuring that people who are often marginalized feel welcome and valued.”

Boston Pride For The People has established a mission that aims to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ people by emphasizing activities and experiences that EMPOWER, CELEBRATE, EDUCATE, AND COMMEMORATE:

- **Empower** through creating LGBTQ+ community and respectfully reaching across differences to support and love one another
- **Celebrate** and honor the rich, diverse, creative, and fabulous culture of LGBTQ+ communities, while imparting knowledge of LGBTQ+ history and a sense of pride among LGBTQ+ youth
- **Educate** and advocate broadly about oppression that LGBTQ+ people still experi-

ence, especially LGBTQ+ people who face multiple forms of oppression

- **Commemorate** the Stonewall riots and memorialize the queer, trans, Black, Indigenous, and People of color (QTBIPOC) activists at the forefront of the 20th century (LGBTQ+) movement.

To make the multifaceted celebration successful requires substantial volunteer and financial support. Boston Pride for the People welcomes volunteers to join Pride planning committee positions by applying at www.bostonprideforthepeople.org.

“Our intent this year is to center the people of the community, in the parade and at the festival. We are hoping to secure sponsorships to cover the majority of the cost of the events, in order to minimize the cost of registration for community groups and small businesses (particularly LGBTQ+ and Black owned businesses) to participate,” said Gary Daffin, BP4TP Board member and Executive Director of the Multicultural AIDS Coalition. “The goal is \$750,000. There are many opportunities for major sponsors and individual donors to support the return of this important event that the whole city looks forward to experiencing.” Those interested in sponsoring Boston Pride for the People, should contact info@bp4tp.org.

The Boston Pride for the People Parade and Festival will take place in Boston on Saturday, June 10, 2023 and other events will take place on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

Boston Pride for the People Board Members:

- Adrianna Boulin (she/her) - President
- Jo Triglio (they/them/all pronouns) - Vice President
- Tanya Neslusan (all pronouns) - Secretary
- Mel Robinson (she/her) - Treasurer
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- Gary Daffin (he/him) - Parade Co-Chair
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About Boston Pride For The People:

Boston Pride for The People (BP4TP) is a new grassroots organization leading the way for a reimagined Pride celebration for Boston. Learn more about Boston Pride for the People at www.bostonprideforthepeople.org, and follow the organization on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok @bostonprideforthepeople



Maliha Khan

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improving maternal health outcomes, and strengthening our affordable housing programs in the Commonwealth.

"As the daughter of immigrants, myself, I know how important lived experience in this role. Growing up in the Cathedral projects, graduating from Boston Public Schools, and putting herself through college, Maliha understands what many of our constituent's face and this experience can and should inform our legislative agenda. She has a unique ability of ensuring the people's voice is centered at the forefront of policy, said Senator Liz Miranda."

Maliha graduated from Suffolk University with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Environmental Science, and a Master of Public Policy. Prior to serving in the Massachusetts State Senate, she was the campaign manager for Liz Miranda for State Senate and served as the Campaign Manager for the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

Senator Liz Miranda represents the newly redistricted 2nd Suffolk District with neighborhoods in Roxbury, Dorchester, South End, Mattapan, Hyde Park, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale and the Fenway.



Maliha Khan and Senator Liz Miranda. Photo courtesy of Senator Miranda's office.

Rep. Santiago

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care of veterans at the Commonwealth's veterans' homes in response to the devastating tragedy at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home in 2020. The legislation made a number of key reforms, including creating the Executive Office of Veterans' Services to be led by the Secretary of Veterans' Services. Among the Secretary's responsibilities include serving as the ultimate appointing authority of the superintendents of the state's two veterans' homes. The secretariat will be established on March 1, 2023, which is when Rep. Santiago will be sworn in as Veterans' Services Secretary.

"Representative Santiago has dedicated his life to serving his country—whether that's volunteering for the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, working in the emergency room throughout COVID, being deployed overseas with the U.S. Army Reserve, or advocating for increased access to housing, public transportation and substance use disorder treatment in the State House," said Governor Healey. "His public health expertise and military service make him uniquely qualified to serve as Massachusetts' first ever Secretary of Veterans' Services. I'm confident that he will be the leader our veterans need and deserve and will always stand up for their health, safety and wellbeing."

"As the daughter of a Navy veteran, I'm so proud that Massachusetts is tak-

ing this critical step to ensure that our veterans are well cared for and prioritized by creating the Executive Office of Veterans' Services," said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. "I'm grateful to the veterans, legislators and advocates who worked so hard to see this through—and I'm grateful to Representative Santiago for stepping up to take on this enormous responsibility. I know our veterans will be in good hands under his leadership."

"I'm honored that Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll have placed their trust in me to assume this historic position," said Representative Santiago. "Our veterans deserve the absolute highest quality of care, but they are far too often underserved. The Healey-Driscoll Administration is committed to meeting the complex needs of those who have bravely served our country, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue my own service as Secretary of Veterans' Services."

Jon Santiago was born in Puerto Rico and received his undergraduate degrees in biology and religious studies from the University of Texas at Austin. After college, he volunteered for the Peace Corps where he organized sugarcane workers and communities in the Dominican Republic, and later was a Fulbright Scholar in Paris. He completed a Master of Public Health from the University of Washington at Seattle after returning from abroad. A graduate of Yale School of Medicine, he now works as an emergency medicine physician at Boston Medical Center, the

city's safety net hospital. He also serves as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve and has been deployed overseas twice.

In 2018, he was elected State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District located in Boston. During his time in the Legislature, he advocated to increase funding and services to address the substance use epidemic, affordable housing, and tackle health disparities. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Representative Santiago doubled his hours in the emergency room and served as a member of the House of Representatives COVID-19 Working Group and Vice-Chair of the COVID-19 and Emergency Preparedness & Management to advise policymaking and ensure state government accountability.

He lives in the South End with his wife Alexandra and son Rafael.

The Veterans' Services Secretary will work closely with the newly constituted Veterans' Homes Council, which was also established by legislation. The Council's responsibilities include recommending improvements and policies for veterans' homes to the Secretary of Veterans' Services, submitting recommendations for appointments and removal of Veterans' Homes Superintendents, and developing an annual report reviewing the Veterans' Homes' demographics, finances, staffing levels, efficacy, equity, and resident well-being. Governor Healey and Acting Health and Human Services Secretary Mary Beckman announced their appointments to this council last week.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 08, 2023 <i>Felix D Arroyo Register of Probate</i>	

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
In the matter of: Felicia Ariel Pappas Of: Boston, MA	
Requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Felicia Ariel Pappas Biddix.	Docket No. SU22C0617CA Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 02, 2023 <i>Felix D Arroyo Register of Probate</i>	

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
In the matter of: Ricardo Ortiz Of: Boston, MA	
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by: Ricardo Ortiz of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Ricardo Ortiz Amador	Docket No. SU23C0056CA Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 10, 2023 <i>Felix D Arroyo Register of Probate</i>	

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