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**Via Electronic Submission**

Shawn Williams  
Records Access Officer  
City of Boston  
1 City Hall Square  
Room 615  
Boston, MA 02201

**Re: Public Records Request**

Dear RAO Williams:

This is a request for public records under M.G.L. ch. 66, § 10, made on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, Inc. (“ACLUM”).

On the evening of April 24 and/or morning of April 25, 2024, the Boston Police Department (the “BPD”) removed and arrested protestors in and around the Boylston Place alleyway and Emerson College (the “Emerson Action”).

Please provide the following records:

1. Any written instructions or briefing materials provided to BPD personnel in connection with the Emerson Action;
2. All reports concerning the Emerson Action, including any police reports and incident reports;
3. All video and audio recordings of or concerning the Emerson Action, including any footage from body-worn cameras and vehicle cameras, any audio recordings of any dispatch or other radio communications, and any 911 calls or other recorded phone calls;
4. All records concerning any criminal charges arising from or related to the Emerson Action, including any criminal complaints or other charging documents;

5. All records concerning any injuries sustained by police, protestors, or anyone else in connection with the Emerson Action, including any prisoner injury reports;
6. All records of any complaints of officer misconduct and internal affairs investigations relating to the Emerson Action;
7. All communications between the BPD and the Massachusetts State Police, or other state departments, agencies, or officials, concerning the Emerson Action;
8. All communications between the BPD and other City of Boston offices and departments concerning the Emerson Action; and
9. All communications between the BPD and Emerson College concerning the Emerson Action.

To the extent you contend that any of the requested records are not public records or are otherwise exempt from disclosure in response to this request, please take steps to ensure that such records are preserved and not modified, deleted, or destroyed pending our review of your contention and the resolution of any resulting dispute.

We ask that that you waive any fees and copying costs, including pursuant to 950 C.M.R. 32.07. ACLUM is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality. As the Massachusetts affiliate of the national ACLU, a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization, ACLUM distributes information both within and outside of Massachusetts. Gathering and disseminating current information to the public is a critical and substantial component of ACLUM's mission and work. ACLUM publishes reports and other written materials that are disseminated to the public at no cost. ACLUM also disseminates information through its website<sup>1</sup> and regular posts on social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, and X. Accordingly, disclosure of the above-referenced records serves the public interest, and not the commercial interest of ACLUM.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Daniel L. McFadden*

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<sup>1</sup> [www.aclum.org](http://www.aclum.org)