

City of Boston Budget Transmittal Letter



City of Boston ■ Massachusetts

Office of The Mayor

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith my Fiscal Year 2014 Recommended Budget for the City of Boston. The Recommended Operating Budget totals \$2.6 billion and represents an increase of \$138.7 million, or 5.6% over last year.

This is the twentieth Proposed Budget of my Administration and it shares a most important trait with the prior nineteen: it pushes us to try new things.

It supports our first digital school, our first smart parking sensors, our first bicycle helmet vending machines, our first iPad e-reading lending program, and our first universal teen membership to community centers.

It tests new “girls only” times at community centers so that young women can flourish and it backs new women’s efforts so their businesses can succeed and they with them.

It invests in the re-invention of the Johnson Building at Boston Public library, renews the fields at Millennium Park in West Roxbury, and creates a special park in the Charlestown Navy Yard for students with physical disabilities.

It funds the country’s first City Hall to Go mobile truck program.

It provides resources for innovative quality interventions in lower-performing schools so that all students can have quality schools, close to home.

It pushes the city forward in climate preparedness.