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February 9, 2022
Mayor Michelle Wu
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Dear Mayor Wu,

We are extremely disappointed by the way you have treated our collective four (4) Public Safety Unions in the last twenty-four (24) hours. We met your representatives yesterday to discuss a settlement of our disputes regarding your December, 2021 Covid-19 vaccination mandate policy. Your representatives proposed to use the implementation of a Citywide vaccine passport for indoor spaces to demarcate when unvaccinated employees would be required to be placed on unpaid leave. The Unions incorporated your concept into a comprehensive counterproposal, which was emailed to your representatives last night. Your representatives asked us to meet today at Noon and at the last minute they postponed this meeting until later in the afternoon. Shortly after 2:00 p.m., your representatives canceled the meeting altogether, stating that its proposal to use the implementation of a Citywide vaccine passport for indoor spaces was to be withdrawn. We were told by your representatives that the proposal was withdrawn because they believe you may not have the authority or power as mayor to issue the "B Together" mandate.

We should take this opportunity to review what authority you have and what metrics are being used to guide your major citywide decisions regarding Covid-19. Several of the City's surrounding communities have reviewed the Covid-19 related data available to them from the State and have determined that passports and vaccine mandates are unnecessary to promote public health. We are pleased to see that community leaders here in Boston, including some members of the City Council, are questioning the evidence, science, and legality behind your decisions regarding Covid-19 policies and we are looking forward to these issues being reviewed in more detail at one of the Council's upcoming public hearings.

Sadly your representatives never provided a response to the Unions' current proposal today. Your representatives suggested that the parties now look to wastewater data to demarcate when unvaccinated employees would be required to be placed on unpaid leave but provided no other details, document, or additional dates to meet. This is the fourth proposal made by the Public Safety Unions that you and your team have failed to respond to. Unlike the City, the unions have never walked away from the table and have never refused to respond to a proposal. We remain willing and available to meet with the City to continue further discussions.

In light of the newly ratified deal with the Boston Teachers Union, we await clarification on your administration's plan to remove hundreds of unvaccinated BPS professionals as provided in this MOA.

Respectfully,

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