

March 29, 1971

CITY COUNCIL

By Councillor Thomas Coates

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forms of revenue sharing proposals or programs that lack front-end specificity, machinery for periodic congressional audit, as well as the safeguards of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and be it

Ordered

That copies of this resolution be posted to the members of our delegation in the Great and General Court and as well as those in our Congressional Delegation.

City Council. March 29, 1971

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members

Paul E. Healy
City Clerk

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