

Dear Members of the Boston City Council,

I am a concerned citizen and living in Boston. I am writing today to tell you that I am **TOTALLY OPPOSED** to the creation of a civilianized construction detail department in the City of Boston that would take no-cost cops off the streets of our city.

My TOP 5 reasons for opposing this measure are as follows:

- **The present public safety detail system makes Boston SAFER.**
- **The present public safety detail system puts hundreds of police officers on the streets of Boston every day at ZERO COST to taxpayers.**
- **The alternative plan proposed by Councilor LARA is punitive, counterintuitive, MORE COSTLY, and decidedly LESS SAFE.**
- **Under LARA’S plan, the city would replace highly trained, cost-effective police officers with higher priced INEXPERIENCED flaggers with NO ability to provide public safety.**
- **Under Lara’s plan, civilian flaggers would get paid MORE to do LESS than the hardworking, highly trained police officers who have been working decades to make Boston one of the safest cities in America.**

At the end of the day, the focus should be on SAFETY. Boston is one of the safest big cities in America, and having an extra 300 police officers working the streets of Boston every day at no cost to the taxpayers is a big reason why. Put simply, **MORE COPS EQUAL MORE SAFETY**. As Commissioner Cox recently stated, “Visibility has a way of deterring crime in itself.” In other words, more cops at ZERO cost is clearly a “no-brainer.” This begs the obvious question: “Why are we trying to fix something that isn’t broken?” Civilizing public safety details is a bad idea. I’m asking you to reconsider this ill-advised idea and the destructive and damaging impact it will have on one of the safest big cities in America.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen