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## City Council Committees in 2010

### *Stability for key committees – new committees created*

City Council President Michael Ross announced the formation of several new committees and the restructuring of others for the 2010 legislative session. The leadership of the major committees remains unchanged. The chairs of six key committees are shown below:

Committee	Chair
Ways and Means	Mark Ciommo
Economic Development and Planning	Bill Linehan
Education	John Connolly
Government Operations	Maureen Feeney
Housing	Robert Consalvo
Public Safety	Stephen Murphy

Ayanna Pressley will chair the newly formed Committee on Women and Healthy Communities, focusing on services intended to stabilize the community, as well as public safety issues pertaining to women.

Responsibilities of three committees were combined to create the Committee on Labor, Youth Affairs and Human Rights, chaired by Councilor Arroyo. The committee will focus on policy issues affecting organized labor, employment opportunities and training programs. These areas were previously under the purview of the Economic Development and Planning Committee.

The Committee on City, Neighborhood Services, and Veterans Affairs is chaired by Salvatore LaMattina and has added oversight of veterans

programs to its responsibilities. Veterans Affairs was previously the responsibility of the 2009 Committee for Human Rights and Services.

Special committees renewed from 2009 include Federal Stimulus Oversight, Livable Boston, and Council Centennial. This year the City Council is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year as a single body. Prior to 1910, the City's legislative functions were divided between the Board of Alderman and the Common Council.

Three new special committees have been created for 2010. They are:

#### ■ **2010 Census**

*Felix Arroyo, Chair* - To increase public awareness and promote individual responses, particularly for traditionally underreported groups, such as immigrants, college students, and the homeless.

#### ■ **Charter Reform**

*John Tobin, Chair* - To review the current government structure of the City, as set forth by the 1951 charter. Mayoral succession and possible term limits for elected officials will be among the issues reviewed.

#### ■ **Boston's Future**

*Maureen Feeney, Chair* - To bring together independent representatives from science, industry, arts, and education to advise the City Council on how to strengthen Boston's competitiveness as one of America's leading cities.