



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

April 28, 2026

SPONSORED BY

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AGENDA ITEM

26-077 - Resolution to File a Public Records Request for Comprehensive Litigation Report Due to Administration's Failure to Respond to Resolution 26-043

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, on February 24th, 2026 the Medford City Council unanimously voted to approve Council Resolution 26-043 to request that the Mayoral administration produce a Comprehensive Litigation Report on all legal matters since 2019; and,

Whereas, in spite of the Council's resolution and over 60 days having passed for the administration to reply, the administration has not responded; and,

Whereas, President Barack Obama said, "The Freedom of Information Act should be administered with a clear presumption: In the face of doubt, openness prevails. The Government should not keep information confidential merely because public officials might be embarrassed by disclosure, because errors and failures might be revealed, or because of speculative or abstract fears;" and,

Whereas, the residents of Medford who fund our city government through taxes and fees deserve to know how money is being spent and whether the administration's strategic and procedural approach to litigation is prudent and effective; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we, as a body, make a request for public records to the City of Medford under the provisions of the Massachusetts Public Records Act, G. L. c. 66, § 10 et seq. asking that the City produce records pertaining to all lawsuits, claims, administrative proceedings, arbitration proceedings, and/or other legal actions in which the City of Medford and/or Breanna Lungo-Koehn, in her capacity as Mayor of the City of Medford, is or was a named party.

Be it Further Resolved that we respectfully request that our colleagues on the Council support this resolution and the draft public records request attached.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Public Records Request 04-28-26