

# BOSTON COMMUNITIES UNITED

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## ***Boston Community Organizers To Hold Press Conference Will “Demand” Mayoral Candidates Support Faneuil Hall Renaming, Higher Academic Achievement Standards for Boston Students of Color***

A mix of several Boston-based community organizations will force Mayoral candidates to address issues ranging from high poverty to racist procurement practices in the city of Boston. The new organization will hold a press conference, Monday, September 18 at the Bruce Bolling Municipal Building in Dudley Square in Roxbury at 3:30 PM.

Citing disturbing research data, community activists have formed Boston Communities United (BCU), a growing network of people of African descent, White, and Latino registered voters who are “frustrated” by the lack of action on many issues concerning people of color.

“We are concerned that the real issues related to racial discrimination, failing schools, fair housing and discriminatory police practices are not being addressed,” said the activists in a statement. “We are demanding that all candidates in Boston sign our 10 Demandments policy statement to immediately address the need for new policies and commitments that alleviate the suffering within communities of color in Boston.”

Boston Communities United has listed “10 Demandments” that they will urge each mayoral and city council candidate to sign as a pledge they will commit to as an elected official beginning January 2018. The group will also engage in extensive voter outreach prior to the November 7th mayoral election to educate the public on issues impacting them and urge them to go to the polls.

“There is clear inequity in Boston across the board,” said a statement issued by the group. “We demand change in Boston and expect our political leadership immediately pursue the policies that would help Boston’s communities of color most.”