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>> DO YOU WANT TO ASK FIRST AND PEOPLE CAN JUMP ON AND THAT WAY YOU CAN KELEAVE US?

>> BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR IS MAKING A MAJOR SET OF ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE KWE89, WE'RE GOING TO DELAY THE START OF THE WORKING SESSION UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

SO WE'LL START BACK UP-- WELL, WE'LL PROPERLY START PROBABLY IN ABOUT HALF AN HOUR, 40 MINUTES.p (GAVEL POUNDING)>> CALLING THIS WORKING SESSION OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE TO ORDER. MY NAME IS KENZIE BOK.

THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS THIS YEAR INCORPORATES HEARINGS AND WORKING SESSIONS. THE WORKING SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED TO BE A CHANCE FOR COUNCILLORS TO GENERATE QUESTIONS FOR AN UPCOMING SET OF HEARINGS, SO WE DON'T TAKE PLEK TESTIMONY AT THESE, BUT WE WELCOME YOU TO PARTICIPATE EITHER BY TESTIFYING AT A HEARING.

YOU CAN FIND A ZOOM LINK ON THE PUBLIC NOTICES, OR BY COMMIT SUBMITTING YOUR TESTIMONY THROUGH BOSTON.GOVERNOR/COUNSEL/BUDGET. WE ACCEPT VIDEOS AND HAPPY TO PLAY THOSE AFTER HEARINGS OR YOU CAN COME TO A PUBLIC TESTIMONY HEARING ON MAY 26 AT 6:00 P.M. OR MAY 28 AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY'S WORKING SESSION IS 0598

TO 0590.

DOCKET 0591 AND 0592.

DOCKET 0593 TO 0596, COVEREDDERS
FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

-- BUDGET.

WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE
DISCUSSING DOCKET 0599, ORDER
AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FROM
THE 20th SCHI FUNDS AND CABLE
RELATED FUNDS AT THREE-QUARTERS
OF CHAPTER 44 OF THE GENERAL
LAW.

THAT'S A VERY SPECIFIC FUND.

OUR FOCUS AREA TODAY WILL BE
DEWETTE.

SO, AGAIN, FOR COLLEAGUES, WE'LL
RUN THROUGH AND DO PEOPLE'S
QUESTIONS ON DIFFERENT TOPICS.

I'M HAPPY WITH THESE.

INTERESTINGLY, WE WOULD NORMALLY
GROUP DEWETTE AND I.S.D.

TOGETHER BUT THERE'S A THIRD BIT
OF NEEDED COLLABORATION THIS
YEAR SO MAKES SENSE TO TALK
ABOUT THEM AT THE SAME TIME.

I THINK WE'LL GET GOING.

I'M GOING TO FIRST RECOGNIZE MY
COLLEAGUE COUNCILLOR LIZ
BREADON.

SHE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
COUNCILLOR ED FLYNN, COUNCILLOR
LYDIA EDWARDS, COUNCILLOR
MICHAEL J. FLAHERTY AND
COUNCILLOR JULIA MEJIA.

LIZ, QUESTIONS?

>> THANK YOU.

I'M CURIOUS, EARLY ON WE HAD THE
CONVERSATION A FEW MONTHS AGO
WITH REGARD TO THE CITY CLERK'S
OFFICE AND THE INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT NEEDED TO
MONITOR THE LOBBYISTS AND
REGISTER LOBBYISTS, ET CETERA,

AND ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT SEEMED TO COME UP IN THE CONVERSATION WAS THE ACCESS TO RELIABLE AND APPROPRIATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. IS THERE ANY PROPOSAL IN THE WORKS TO PUT SOME RESOURCES INTO UPDATING THAT SYSTEM AND MAKING IT EASIER AND LESS LABOR INTENSIVE FOR THE CLERK'S OFFICE?

THAT'S ONE QUESTION.

THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT I.S.D. BRINGS IN A LOT OF REVENUE FROM PERMITTING. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH THEY BRING IN AND THEN HOW THAT IS REDISTRIBUTED INTO THE GENERAL FUNDS AND WHAT THEY ANTICIPATE WILL HAPPEN NOW POST-COVID, WILL THERE BE A DECLINE IN THAT REVENUE, ARE THEY ANTICIPATE A DROP IN THE NUMBERS IN CONSTRUCTION. AND THEN WITH REGARD TO B.P.D.A., I WILL HOLD OFF MY QUESTIONS TILL THE NEXT ROUND. THOSE ARE THE TWO ON THE TOP OF MY HEAD RIGHT NOW.

THANK YOU.

>> GREAT.

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU SO MUCH.
COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> GOOD MORNING, COUNCILLOR BOK.
CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> YEP, HEAR YOU GREAT.

I CAN'T SEE YOU BUT I CAN HEAR YOU GREAT.

>> YEAH, COUNCILLOR BOK, FOR B.P.D.A., I'D LIKE TO START WITHIN MY DISTRICT, THERE ARE SEVERAL LARGE DEVELOP PROJECTS, AND I'M -- I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT

THE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND THE PROCESS, AS THE CITY THINKS ABOUT RESTARTING DEVELOPMENT -- DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. IS THE B.P.D.A. PLANNING ON CHANGING THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS, AND HOW RESIDENTS WEIGH IN ON A PARTICULAR PROJECT, ARE WE THINKING ABOUT USING ZOOM MEETINGS, AND WITH REALSO CONSIDERING LIVE PUBLIC GATHERINGS WHERE ALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT A PROJECT?

SO JUST A LOT OF THOSE TYPES OF QUESTIONS, AND WHAT ABOUT RESIDENTS THAT MAY NOT BE -- MAY NOT HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO GO ON TO ZOOM. MANY OF OUR SENIORS MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS. HOW WOULD THEIR VOICE BE HEARD IN THIS PROCESS?

AND IF WE DON'T HAVE PUBLIC MEETINGS, WHAT IS OUR INTERACTION GOING TO BE WITH RESIDENTS THAT MAY NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AS WELL, WHAT ARE OUR CAPABILITIES TO WORK ON LANGUAGE ACCESS ISSUES?

FOR DEWETTE (PHONETIC), NOW THAT MANY OF US ARE RELYING ON TECHNOLOGY FOR OUR WORK, IS DEWETTE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THIS INCREASED NEED?

DO THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TECHNOLOGY TO RESPOND?

DO THEY HAVE THE PERSONNEL TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES TO HANDLE THE INCREASED NEED FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS OR OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AS WE MIGHT CONTINUE TO -- AS WE

MIGHT CONTINUE TO WORK REMOTELY?
AND AGAIN, AS I MENTIONED WITH
B.P.D.A., WHAT IS THE OUTREACH
WE'RE DOING TO MANY PEOPLE THAT
MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS TO COMPUTER
OR TECHNOLOGY OR THE INTERNET?
AND, AGAIN, LANGUAGE ACCESS.

I.S.D. -- WHILE THE PAUSE AND
CONSTRUCTION IS GOING TO BE
LIFTED, OBVIOUSLY, WHAT ARE THE
RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE TO PROMOTE
PHYSICAL DISTANCING?

IS THERE GOING TO BE ONE
STANDARD OR ARE WE GOING TO HAVE
MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF
STANDARDS, DEPENDING ON THE
DEVELOP, AND IF THERE IS A
VIOLATION, WHAT WILL I.S.D. DO
IN TERMS OF POSSIBLY SHUTTING
DOWN, WILL THERE BE FINES
ASSOCIATED WITH IT?

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE
CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PLANS ARE.
AND DO WE HAVE ENOUGH PERSONNEL
AT I.S.D. TO DO ALL THESE
INSPECTIONS, IF THEY ARE NEEDED?
SO I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR
PERSONNEL, MAKING SURE THAT THEY
HAVE THE RIGHT -- THEY HAVE THE
RIGHT NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.

AND THEN ARE WE DOING --
COUNCILLOR BOK, ARE WE DOING PEG
ACCESS FUND?

>> YEP, THAT, TOO.

OKAY.

SO I THINK PUBLIC ACCESS
TELEVISION HAS A PLACE IN OUR
SOCIETY, IT'S A WAY FOR PEOPLE
TO ACCESS INFORMATION, SHARE
THEIR VOICE, NETWORKS LIKE
B.N.N., AN IMPORTANT OUTLAYS FOR
RESIDENTS, AND I KNOW THERE ARE
SOME FEDERAL MEASURES THAT COULD

POTENTIALLY REDUCE THE FUNDING FOR THESE CABLE ACCESS STATIONS. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF THAT HAPPENS?

AND WHAT ARE THE WAYS TO FUND P.E.G. STATIONS, TECH STATIONS, AND CAN WE WORK WITH DEWETTE IN MAKING SURE THAT ALL OUR RESIDENTS, REALLY, HAVE THE COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY ACCESS, INTERNET, SO THAT THEY CAN ALSO BE PART OF THIS PROCESS AS WELL? SO THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS, \$ BOK.

THANK YOU.

>> FANTASTIC.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU.

COUPLE OF QUESTIONS STARTING OFF WITH THE I.S.D.

I WANT TO KNOW HOW THE DEMOCRAT E.A. REFORMS ARE OUTLINED, HOW THEY ARE CURRENTLY OUTLINED AND HOW THE IMPLEMENTATION IS TAKING PLACE.

THEY HAD A 45-DAY DEADLINE FOR A LOT OF THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADE, AND PARTICULARLY I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE CREATION OF THE OMBUDSMAN PERSON, IT WAS TO BE EXPANDED AND TO HAVE SOMEONE THERE, WANG LANGUAGE ACCESS, OF COURSE, ADDITIONAL STAFF TO ENSURE ETHICAL COMPLIANCE WHICH ARE NOW PART OF THE REQUIREMENT BACKGROUND CHECKS, THINGS LIKE THAT, TECH UPGRADES FOR THE MODERNIZATION, INCLUDING E-MAILS TO ABUTTERS, NEWS LETTERS, THEY WERE ALL SUPPOSED TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL PLANS WOULD BE

SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY AND
THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO 1010
MASS AVE AND THEY WOULD BE
CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR ANYBODY
TO LOOK AT.

SO THOSE THINGS I'M CURIOUS
WHERE WE ARE AND HOW MUCH THEY
HAVE SPENT SO FAR.

SO NOT JUST I DON'T WANT TO JUST
RESPOND TO WE'RE WORKING ON IT,
I WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY IS
COMMITTED TO DOING THOSE
UPGRADES BEFORE COVID AND HOW
MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT SO FAR,
WHICH I REALLY DOUBT FOR MUCH.
AND ALSO IF I NEEDED ADDITIONAL
FUNDS, HOW MUCH.

SO IF THEY INTEND TO MOVE
FORWARD WITH VIRTUAL HEARINGS IN
JUNE, THE D.B.A., HOW ARE THEY
EQUIPPING CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS
WITH TOOLS THEY NEED TO BE
ACCESSIBLE?

SO IS THE CITY GOING TO CREATE A
PORTAL FOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION, A
FREE ZOOM CHANNEL, WHAT ARE THEY
GOING TO DO TOOL LOU FOR MORE
EQUITY WITH CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS
TO MOVE ONLINE?

ESPECIALLY OLDER NEIGHBORS,
THOSE WHO DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH,
WHAT KIND OF LINES WILL THEY SET
UP FOR THE CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS TO
BE CEPPABLE AS POSSIBLE.

SPECIFICALLY IN THE DISTRICT, WE
HAVE AN ADDITIONAL -- PETER DOES
A GREAT JOB, BUT WE WANT TO SEE
WITH ALL THE DEVELOPMENT GOING,
IF ONE PERSON, ONE BUILDING
INSPECTOR REALLY MAKES SENSE
ANYMORE, WE CAN GET A PART-TIME,
EVEN IN THE NORTH END, IF THE
TWO CAN BE SPLIT, LOOKING FOR

MORE BUILDING INSPECTORS AND CAPACITY.

I HAVE THREE SMALL PROJECTS ON MY BLOCK WHICH WILL START NEXT WEEK, AND I DON'T THINK ANY OF THEM ARE SOCIALLY DISTANCING, I DON'T KNOW IF THEY CAN.

HOW WILL WE GET BUILDING INSPECTORS THE CAPACITY THEY NEED TO GO INSPECT ON CONSTRUCTION.

THERE WERE FOUR NEW ADDITIONAL HOUSING INSPECTORS -- OH, YEAH, THE SHORT-TERM RENTING INSPECTIONS, TOO, ARE ALSO GOING TO BE NEEDED.

IF THEY COULD EXPLAIN HOW MUCH MONEY WAS ADDED TO THEIR BUDGET FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND COVID AND HOW MUCH IS SOMETHING SPENT THUS FAR.

SO I ALSO AM CURIOUS, ARE THEY CROSS REFERENCING THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL DATA BASE TO ENSURE NO FRAUD AND MULTIPLE FAMILY OWNERS, AND WHAT MONEYS THEY SPENT SO FAR IN ENFORCING THE ORDER AND DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS.

BUT B.P.D.A., I AM CURIOUS HOW MUCH THE COST OF DEFENDING AGAINST THE H.U.D. LAWSUIT COST THE CITY OF BOSTON.

WE DID GET OUTSIDE COUNCIL, AND IT WAS DEFENDING BASED OFF THE B.P.D.A.'S INACTION, I SUPPOSE, OR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW.

SO JUST CURIOUS HOW MUCH THEY COST US.

ALSO, HOW MUCH MONEY THEY HAVE SPEND -- NOT THE DEVELOPER -- BUT HOW MUCH HAS B.P.D.A. SPENT

FOR LANGUAGE ACCESS, PERIOD, AND SPECIFICALLY IN SUFFOLK DOWNS.

I BELIEVE -- AND I AM CONCERNED THEY ACTUALLY JUST PUT IT ON THE DEVELOPER TO PAY FOR ALL OF THAT, AND I DON'T THINK THAT THAT'S A POLICY WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE, CONSIDERING THAT PERSON IS NOW HIRED BY THE DEVELOPER TO INTERPRET AND PUSH AND MOVE VERSUS THE CITY WHO IS GOING TO BE NEUTRAL.

WHAT IF ANY PAYMENTS HAVE THEY MADE IN CONSULTING -- FOR CONSULTING IN THE A. -- IN THE A.F.F.H., HAVE THEY MADE ANY MOVEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE A.F.F.H. REQUIREMENT AND HOW MUCH HAVE THEY SPENT AND CAN THEY SHOW ANYWHERE IN THE BUDGET THEY ARE COMPLYING WITH THE A.F.F.H. STANDARDS THEY ARE FEDERALLY MANDATED TO COMPLY WITH.

BOSTON, WHAT'S BEING DONE WITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN BUDGET, NOW THAT EVERYTHING IS ONLINE, HOW MUCH ARE THEY UTILIZING FOR PLANNING CONSULTANTS?

I WOULD SAY THE SAME TWO QUESTIONS FOR PLAN CHARLESTOWN.

I BELIEVE THE NAVY YARD NEXT TO RAYFORD INDUSTRIAL PARK IS THE NUMBER TWO MONEYMAKER FOR B.P.D.A.

CURIOUS HOW MUCH THEY MADE FOR 2019 AND 2020 IN TOTAL, AND IF THEY COULD BREAK TOWN AGAIN WHERE THAT MONEY UPWENT, SPECIFICALLY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IF AT ALL.

AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE FOR NOW.

>> FANTASTIC.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

NEXT UP IS COUNCILLOR FLAREDY. THEN COUNCILLOR PRESIDENT -- CHAIR JANEY.

>> QUESTION FOR DEWETTE, I GUESS, IS I WOULD LIKE TO -- YOU KNOW, WE THINK WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO INCREASE DEWETTE'S BUDGET FURTHER TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE ABOUT TO FACILITATE MORE REMOTE WORK, IF THIS IS GOING TO BE A TASTE OF OUR NEW NORM.

WE'VE SEEN COUNCILLOR WU AND I JOINTLY FILE ALONG WITH OURO COLLEAGUES TO SORT OF SEE WHAT DEPARTMENTS COULD BE DOING MORE WORK REMOTELY AND KEEP FOLKS ON TRACK WITH PERMITS AND NOT REQUIRE THEM TO COME INTO CITY HALL.

MY IDEA IS DEWETTE MAY HAVE TAXED MORE THAN WHEN THEY SUBMITTED THEIR BUDGET.

I WANTED TO PUT AN F.Y.I., AS THINGS ARE ACCESSING THINGS ONLINE, DEWETTE'S GOING TO BE A BIG PIECE OF THIS.

IF YOU COULD THINK ABOUT I.S.D.'S ROLE IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING LATELY AND HOW THEY DOVETAIL WITH DEWETTE, FROM, YOU KNOW, SHORT-TERM RENTALS TO RENTAL INSPECTIONS, TO RESTAURANT GRADING, TO SANDWICH BOARDS, TO PLASTIC BINS, ALL THOSE THINGS, WAITS AND MEASURES, CONTROL, ALL REQUIRES US TO BE TECHNOLOGICALLY UP TO SPEED, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE OUT THERE PERFORMING, OUR PUBLIC SERVANTS PERFORMING THE TASKS,

MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM THEIR FUNCTION IN AN EXPEDITIOUS WAY.

SO IT'S GREAT THAT THESE TWO ARE TOGETHER.

SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I.S.D. HAS WHAT THEY NEED, MAKE SURE THEIR TECHNOLOGY IS UP TO DATE, PARTICULARLY AROUND BUILDING PLANS AND HOW PEOPLE CAN ACCESS AND REVIEW BUILDING PLANS.

I WOULD LIKE AN UPDATE ON THE SHORT-TERM RENTING ENFORCEMENT TO DATE AS WELL AS THE RENTAL INSPECTIONS TO DATE.

I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE ABLE TO KEEP PACE WITH BOTH OF THOSE.

ARE WE KEEPING PACE?

SHIFTING TO THE B.R.A. DOING BUSINESS AS THE B.P.D.A., AGAIN, GETTING MORE CLARITY WITH RESPECT TO CITY, PARTICULARLY B.R.A.-OWNED PROPERTIES, YOU KNOW, HAVE WE REACHED OUT TO OUR TENANTS AND SUBTENANTS.

THE B.P.D.A. DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHO SOME OF THE SUBTENANTS FROM.

THAT SOMEWHAT INCREDULOUS, I WOULD LIKE TO DIAL IN DEEPER ON THAT, AND MAKING SURE WHETHER FOLKS NEED ASSISTANTS, ON THE RENTAL SIDE OF THE HOUSE AS WE TALK ABOUT REOPENING AND GETTING BUSINESSES BACK ON THEIR FEET, WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO REACH OUT TO THEM, AND IT SHOULDN'T BE LEFT UP TO THE LANDLORD BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE LANDLORD IS PASSING THAT DOWN THROUGH THE SUBS.

I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE THAT

CONVERSATION WITH THE TENANT AND
SUBTENANTS MAKING SURE WHATEVER
PROGRAMS THE B.R.A. HAS, MAKING
SURE THEY'RE GETTING OUT THERE,
PARTICULARLY TO OUR SMALLER
BUSINESSES.

THAT'S KIND OF IT IN A NUTSHELL
FOR NOW WITH RESPECT TO
QUESTIONS IN THOSE THREE
DEPARTMENTS.

THANKS, MADAM CHAIR.

>> FANTASTIC.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILLOR
FLAHERTY.

NEXT COUNCILLOR JANEY,
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE,
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.
COUNCILLOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH,
MADAM CHAIR.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> GREAT.

WONDERFUL.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAD A
PARTICULAR ORDER OR NOT.

>> NO, I JUST ASKED FOLKS
BECAUSE THERE ARE ALL THESE
INTERCONNECTIONS, RIGHT.

>> WONDERFUL.

I'LL JUST DIVE IN.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY.

I JOINED AT LITTLE LATE.

I HOPE NONE OF THIS IS
REPETITIVE, BUT JUST BUILDING ON
SOME OF WHAT COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY
WAS SAYING AROUND INSPECTIONS, I
HAVE QUESTIONS IN TERMS OF TRASH
COLLECTION AND HOW THAT IS
GOING.

SO ONE THING I NOTICED,
PARTICULARLY IN AREAS THAT ARE
MORE DENSELY POPULATED, SOME OF
THE APARTMENT BUILDINGS THAT

RELY ON DUMPSTERS, WHETHER OR NOT THOSE DUMPSTERS HAVE FREE ACCESS TO THE STREETS THE WAY THEY DID PRE-COVID BECAUSE NOW CARS ARE ALWAYS THERE, SO I'M SEEING SOME CHALLENGE AND I JUST WONDER IF THINGS ARE GETTING BACKED UP AND, IF SO, HOW WE'RE HANDLING THOSE SITUATIONS. I BELIEVE A 10% INCREASE IN THIS FOR I.S.D., AND I WAS JUST WONDERING ABOUT ANY INFORMATION THAT COULD BE PROVIDED THERE. I WONDER AROUND CAPACITY WITH ENFORCEMENT, MANY OF THE -- YOU KNOW, AS WE OPEN UP AND CERTAINLY FY'21, HOPEFULLY WE'LL SEE SOME OF THE MORE RESTRICTIONS LOOSENED AND, YOU KNOW, I.S.D. IS ONE OF OUR DEPARTMENTS AS WE HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY OF THE THINGS THE GOVERNMENT TALKED ABOUT IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AS FAR AS ENFORCEMENT SO JUST WONDERED ABOUT CAPACITY OVERALL AND HOW MONITORING THE PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES WILL GO WITH B.P.D.A. YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE LOTS OF DISTRICT PROJECTS I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN, JUST HAVING THE BREAKDOWN THERE IN TERMS OF DOLLAR AMOUNT, WHERE THINGS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGE, PARTICULARLY THE PLANNED DUDLEY PROJECTS HAPPENING IN NEW ZEALAND SQUARE AND WHAT HAD BEEN DESIGNATED IN NEW ZEALAND SQUARE IN TERMS OF CONSTRUCTION AND NONESSENTIAL BUSINESSES BEING CLOSED, WHAT THAT HAS DONE IN TERMS OF ANY COST OVERRUNS OR, OBVIOUSLY, THE TIME IS BEING

EXTENDED, SO JUST LIKE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THAT. I'D WANT TO KEEP REMINDING US -- I'M NOT SURE, I ASSUME COUNCILLOR EDWARDS WHO WAS RIGHT BEFORE COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT THIS UP ON THE B.P.D.A.'S STUFF WITH THE WORKING SESSION, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAD, THAT SHE SHARED AND HOW THEY DO THEIR PLANNING, BUT I WANT TO AFFIRM, YOU KNOW, THE NEED FOR EQUITABLE PLANNING WHENEVER WE TALK ABOUT B.P.D.A. I CERTAINLY WOULD WANT TO UNDERSTAND, WITH ANY OF THE PROJECTS THEY'VE DONE OR ANY MONEY THAT THEY SPEND, JUST THE BREAKDOWN IN TERMS OF DIVERSITY THERE.

WITH DEWETTE, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I WONDER ABOUT CAPACITY, GIVEN, I THINK, MORE AND MORE OF OUR WORK CLEARLY IS DEPENDENT UPON TECHNOLOGY, AND NOT JUST DURING THIS KIND OF STAY AT HOME, BUT I THINK IT ILLUSTRATED A NEED MANY OF US WANT TO CONTINUE TO UTILIZE TECHNOLOGY TO ENGAGE OUR CONSTITUENTS AND I WANT TO UNDERSTAND AROUND CAPACITY WHERE WE ARE WITH THAT AS WE CONTRACT SERVICES OUT, UNDERSTANDING WHERE THAT MONEY IS GOING AND HOW MUCH OF IT IS GOING TO, AGAIN, SAME QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE ON EVERY HEARING, YOU KNOW, HOW MUCH OF IT'S GOING TO WOMEN LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES, BUSINESSES OWNED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR.

I HAVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS JUST ABOUT OUR OWN INFRASTRUCTURE

AND, YOU KNOW, WHERE WE ARE AROUND THE FIRE UPDATE, IN TERMS OF I WANT TO UNDERSTAND, LIKE, THE R.F.P. AND WHERE WE ARE WITH THAT, WHETHER OR NOT THAT -- AND JUST ON REMOTE, I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE REMOTE WORKING JUST YET, SO WE HAVE BEEN, MANY OF US HAVE BEEN USING ZOOM.

THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD LIKE US ALL TO BE ON THE SAME PLATFORM AND THERE ARE DESIRES TO LOOK AT CISCO AND WE KIND OF WANT TO UNDERSTAND MORE FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE THE BENEFITS OF THAT AND WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE ANY TRADEOFFS THERE.

ON THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, THOSE OF US WHO CAN WORK REMOTELY ARE ABLE, BUT MANY AREN'T, AND HOW WE GET MORE ACCESS.

YOU KNOW, THE CITIES, HOW CAN WE CAN GET MORE FREE WI-FI OUT, I THINK, TO MORE CITY RESIDENTS, I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WHATEVER PLANS WE HAVE IN THE WORKS FOR EXTENDING OR EXPANDING THOSE OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT WE CAN CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE.

AND THEN I BELIEVE THERE'S -- I WANT TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE DIGITAL EQUITY FUND AND WHERE THAT IS, WHETHER AN ORGANIZATION HAS RECEIVED IT, IF NOT, FILL OUT THE BID, WHERE WE ARE IN THAT PROCESS.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU,
MADAM PRESIDENT.

NEXT COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE
AND THEN COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

I TUNED IN LATE, SO I ASK
FORGIVENESS AHEAD OF TIME IF I
REPEAT ANY QUESTIONS.

ARE WE DOING ALL CATEGORIES?

>> YEAH, ALL CATEGORIES,

B.P.D.A. AND I.S.D.

>> MY DEWETTE QUESTION SANDER
311 EXPANSION, AND WONDERING
ABOUT OUR BUILT ON 311 CALL AND
APP.

IF WE COULD INCLUDE VOTER
REGISTRATION AND ONLINE SNAP
APPLICATIONS, LOCATIONS OF SHARK
COLLECTION KIOSKS AS WELL AS
LOCATIONS OF OPEN RECOVERY BEDS
AND DETOX BEDS.

ALSO FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE
DISORDER RESOURCES AND SUPPORT
AS WELL AS RESOURCES TO HANDLE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SOMEONE
LOOKING FOR MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORTS, I THINK THEY'RE USING
THE APP, AND ALL SERVICE TO DO A
LITTLE BIT MORE SERVICE ORIENTED
WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL TO ME.

IN REGARDS TO 311, I'M WONDERING
IF THERE IS ANY RESOURCES
AVAILABLE TO HELP OUR 311
OPERATORS RESPOND TO SOME OF THE
MENTAL HEALTH CALLS THAT THEY
MAY BE GETTING, ESPECIALLY
DURING THIS TIME, BUT GOING
FORWARD.

WE CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE MENTALDK
CITY AND MORE TRAINING OUR 311çó
CALLTAKERS CAN HAVE THE BETTER,
EVEN IF IT'S A SIMPLE FIRST
AID -- MENTAL HEALTH/FIRST AID
CLASS, SOMETHING A NUMBER OF US
PARTICIPATED IN EARLIER THIS
SPRING.

THERE'S ALSO BEEN SORT OF A
PERSISTENT REQUEST FOR THE

STENOGRAPHIC RECORD OF OUR PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THOSE THAT ARE DEALING WITH SOME HEARING ISSUES.

ON THE B.P.D.A., I THINK MY COLLEAGUES -- OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE ASKED A NUMBER OF REALLY THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS.

I HAVE ONE, I DON'T THINK IT WAS ASKED, REGARDING SOME OF OUR WORK TO SUPPORT OUR ARTISTS IN THEIR LIVE-WORKSPACE.

WE'VE HELD -- WE'VE DONE WORK AROUND CREATING MORE LIVE-WORKSPACE, WORKSPACE AND LIVE SPACE FOR OUR ARTISTS BUT ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIFFERENT MEDIUMS THAT OUR ARTISTS PRACTICE BECAUSE IT IS MORE THAN JUST SORT OF THE PAINTINGS.

THERE'S PERFORMANCE ART, THERE'S SORT OF OTHER MEDIUMS, IF IT'S CLAY WORK OR GLASS WORK, WHETHER DIFFERENT THINGS WITHIN SPACE AND THE B.P.D.A. PLAYS A ROLE IN CREATING MORE AFFORDABLE SPACE.

I HAVE SOME I.S.D. QUESTIONS THAT HAVE COME UP QUITE A BIT IN THE RECENT WEEKS BECAUSE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC AND THE LACK OF PUBLIC HEARINGS -- OR NOT THE LACK OF PUBLIC HEARINGS, BUT MOVING AWAY FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE IN I PERSON POINT BUT A CONTINUED DESIRE TO HAVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ESPECIALLY AROUND SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING HEARINGS AND ALLOWING OUR RESIDENTS TO ENGAGE IN THOSE HEARINGS IN DIFFERENT WAYS AND, THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC, I THINK THAT THE CITY AND I.S.D. AND

D.B.A. HAS BEEN MORE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT HOW DO WE OUTREACH TO RESIDENTS, AND INCREASING THE CAPACITY TO DO MORE OF THIS DIRECT OUTREACH TO ABUTTERS IN PARTICULAR, AND I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US. THERE IS SOME TALK AT I.S.D. AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD WALK AND CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT IS ENVISIONED THROUGH THOSE NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS, HOW OFTEN THEY WOULD HAPPEN, AND ARE THEY DONE WITH COMMUNITY, WITH NEIGHBORS AND NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS, AND WHAT OUTREACH WE'VE GOTTEN ON THAT. CURIOUS AS TO DWELLING UNITS, AND I DO WONDER ABOUT SORT OF THIS DI DE CYR TO KEEP A LITTLE BIT MORE PHYSICALLY DISTANT IF THE A.D.A. VIEWS ARE IMPACTED BY THAT AT ALL AND THEN CERTAINLY SHORT-TERM RENTAL QUESTIONS MY COLLEAGUES MAY HAVE ASKED BEFORE I GOT INTO THIS MEETING, AND THEN IN SPECIFIC REGARDS TO COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND THE SLOW BUT CERTAIN REOPENING OF OUR CITY, HOW WE'LL NEED TO RESPOND AROUND HEALTH INSPECTS AND OTHER INSPECTORS THAT WOULD BE THROUGH I.S.D.

I THINK THAT'S IT FOR ME AND THERE'S A CLOSER REVIEW OF MY NOTES.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, ESSAIBI-GEORGE. COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, THEN COUNCILLOR MEJIA.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD AFTERNOON, COLLEAGUES. SO, YEAH, I'LL JUST KICK THROUGH A LOT OF MY RELEVANT INTEREST

HAS BEEN PARTLY ARTICULATED BY MANY OF YOU, BEGINNING WITH DEWETTE.

SEEMS THE DEPARTMENT IS FUNDED EXCEPT LINE 52900, SERVINGS \$2.2 MILLION DECREASE.

OBVIOUSLY, AS WE RECOGNIZE, YOU KNOW, READJUSTMENTS THAT WILL LIKELY HAPPEN TO THE BUDGET AS REFLECTED IN TO THE REOPENING OF THE CITY AND THE SUPPORTS WE'RE GOING TO NEED.

I WOULD AIR DO YOU DEWETTE IS GOING TO NEED SOME SIGNIFICANT INCREASE TO BOTH BUILD AND MAINTAIN PLATFORMS TO ALLOW FOR CONSTITUENT SERVICE TO BE DONE.

I BELIEVE YOU CAN GET BIRTH CERTIFICATES ONLINE BUT TO (INDISCERNIBLE)

AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE FUNDING THERE IS ABLE TO HANDLE.

LIKELY A RENEWED FOCUS ON SERVICES

(INDISCERNIBLE)

\$2.2 MILLION DECREASE IN CONTRACTED SERVICES.

WE MAY WANT TO RE-THINK THAT.

SECONDLY, I.S.D., THERE'S BEEN ABOUT A \$2 MILLION INCREASE,

LINE 51200 IS \$1.5 MILLION

OVERTIME, SO THAT'S THE BULK OF THAT INCREASE, BEFORE I.S.D.,

BUT I THINK IT'S IS IMPORTANT OF INSPECTORS.

ONE THING I'VE LITERALLY BEEN ASKING AT EVERY I.S.D. BUDGET HEARING IS I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF INSPECTORS.

OFTENTIMES WE CAN'T GET A LOT OF THESE IMPORTANT SERVICES ISSUES ADDRESSED, NOT FOR A LACK OF

TRYING.

THERE ARE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE INSPECTORS FOR THE STAY ARE SPREAD WAY TOO THIN, REFLECTED BY THE OVERTIME.

SO THAT'S ONE THING WE WANT TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE AND GROW THAT NUMBER.

YOU KNOW, IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE HOW THE BUILDING MARKET IS GOING TO SORT OF REFLECT THE NEED FOR MORE INSPECTORS, WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE GOING FORWARD AND THE SEGUE INTO B.P.D.A.

WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION BECAUSE THEY DON'T SHARE A LOT OF INFORMATION WITH US IN PREPARATION OF THIS.

THEY DO SUGGEST THAT THE CAPITAL BUDGET EXPENDITURE IS GOING TO INCREASE BY A MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR OVER LAST YEAR WHICH IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE.

A LOT OF QUESTIONS BE B.P.D.A. PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT, WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE MARKET, WHAT IT MEANS FOR SOME PROPERTIES WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING IN THE PAST, HOW THAT CHANGES.

I'D ALSO WANT TO DO A DEEP DIVE INTO SOME OF THE STRATEGY THEY HAVE BEEN DOING.

I DON'T IF JOHN WILL BE A PANELIST BUT I HAVE QUESTIONS AROUND THE CARBON NEW CENTRAL BUILDING INCLUDED IN ARTICLE 37. THE B.P.D.A. PLANNED TO HAVE A PUBLIC PROCESS FOR A TIME LINE FOR CARBON BUILDING.

I CELEBRATE THAT WORK.

MORE TO SAY ABOUT THAT IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY.

I WANTED TO RECEIVE CHECK-IN ON
WHAT THAT ARTICLE 37 HAS BEEN.
.IT'S A PROCESS I WHOLEHEARTEDLY
CELEBRATE.

I WOULD SAY THOSE ARE THE
GENERAL TOP LINE QUESTIONS,
MADAM CHAIR.

THANK YOU.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.
NEXT UP, COUNCILLOR MEJIA.

>> HI.

GOOD MORNING.

GOOD AFTERNOON.

CHAIRWOMAN BOK.

THIS IS FOR DEWETTE, WHAT IS THE
ROLE OF DEWETTE WHEN IT COMES TO
SETTING UP LANGUAGE ACCESS
STAGES ON THE CITY INFORMATION
WEB SITE, HOW IS THE DESIGN OF
BOSTON.gov -- WITH THE VOICES
AND REALITY OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T
SPEAK ENGLISH, CURIOUS AS TO
WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.

ONE OF THE GOALS IS TO CONDUCT A
CYBERSECURITY STUDY TO SEE WHERE
THEY ARE GAPS IN OUR SYSTEM.
HOW WILL THAT INFORMATION BE
SHARED WITH THE COUNCIL.

I KNOW FROM MY EXPERIENCE WITH
THE RENTAL RELIEF APPLICATION
THAT GOOGLE FORMS CAN BE
MANIPULATED.

WHAT IS DEWETTE'S ROLE IN THEY MAKING
SURE OUR ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS
ARE SECURE.

I.S.D., QUICK SHOUT OUT, THEY
WORK HARD FOR US AND WE SUPPORT
A LOT OF THEIR WORK, MAKING SURE
THEY GET THE SUPPORT AND DOLLARS
THEY NEED TO FUNCTION, BUT I DO
HAVE A QUESTION.

ONE OF THE GOALS OF I.S.D. WAS

TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
COUNCIL MEMBERS D.A.

I WOULD LIKE TO EVENTUALLY
EXPAND ON HOW SOME OF THE GOALS
PARTICULARLY AROUND LANGUAGE
ACCESS, I'M PARTICULARLY CURIOUS
ABOUT THAT PIECE.

WE HEARD FROM OUR HEARING LAST
FRIDAY THAT HOW WE ARE MAKING
P.M. T.A. HEARINGS MORE
ACCESSIBLE TO FOLKS.

I'M CURIOUS WHAT OPPORTUNITIES
EXIST FOR SOME OF THE MEETINGS
TO HAVE CHILDCARE IN REGARDS TO
REMOVE BAR YES, SIR TO PEOPLE SO
THEY ARE ABLE TO ENGAGE.

THE OTHER GOAL IS PROVIDE
ENHANCED ETHICS TRAINING AND
EXPLAIN WHAT THESE TRAININGS
WILL INVOLVED.

THERE WILL BE CULTURAL
COMPETENCY IN THE TRAININGS.
CULTURAL COMPETENCY IS WHAT I
KEEP TALKING ABOUT.

I THINK THE SAME FOR ETHICS.
IN GENERAL, I.S.D. WENT INTO
DETAIL ABOUT ACCOMPLISHMENT OVER
THE PAST YEAR.

WHILE I'M EXCITED TO SEE WHAT
THEY HAVE DONE, I HOPE THEY WILL
COME BACK WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF
DETAIL WHEN IT COMES TO THE WORK
THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

FOR THE BOSTON SIGNING AND
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE B.P.D.A.
HAS A GOAL TO ESTABLISH AND
MAINTAIN A CULTURE OF
PROFESSIONALISM, AND I'M CURIOUS
TO KNOW WHAT HAS LED TO THIS
CONCLUSION AND HOW WILL THEY
PLAN TO GO ABOUT CREATING THIS
CULTURE?

I'M CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT THAT

MEANS, HOW THAT CULTURE IS GOING TO BE CREATED, WHO'S GOING TO HELP THEM DEFINE WHAT THAT CULTURE SHOULD LOOK LIKE, WHAT ROLE WILL THE COMMUNITY BE PLAYING TO HELP THEM CRYSTALLIZE THAT MISSION AND VISION, I'M CURIOUS ABOUT ALL OF THOSE THINGS.

AND THEN HOW IS THE B.P.D.A. GOING TO -- GOING ABOUT IDENTIFYING NEW METHODS OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE PLANNING PROCESS?

HOW ARE THEY AC VATTING UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES? WHO IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN TARGETS OF REDEVELOPMENT AND SO-CALLED URBAN RENEWAL.

I'M REALLY CURIOUS WHEN IT COMES TO THE B.P.D.A., A COMMUNITY-SENSITIVE APPROACH TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, WHEREAS THE COMMUNITY IS NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT BUT THAT WE'RE BUILDING IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE WHERE PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO SAY, HERE'S AN EMPTY LOT, HERE'S WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO WITH IT, AND IDENTIFYING BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS THAT CAN HELP BRING THAT VISION TO LIFE AS OPPOSED TO BRINGING IN THE DEVELOPERS AND THE DIVISION AND HAVING US -- I WOULD LOUVRE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IF ANY OPPORTUNITY THERE IS TO REDESIGN TO WHOLE DESIGN STRUCTURE.

AND ALSO I'M CURIOUS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE B.P.D.A. WOULD BE WILLING TO ENSURE THAT CHILDCARE AND FOOD AND INTERPRETATION IS OFFERED IN ALL

OF THESE MEETINGS.

I'VE PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL OF THEM, AND SOMETIMES I'M HUNGRY, SO I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SIT THROUGH A MEETING AT 6:00 WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING ALL DAY AND YOU EXPECT PEOPLE TO SHOW UP AND NOT FEED THEM.

SO I THINK IN THE INTEREST OF REALLY BEING ABOUT ALL MEANS, I'M CURIOUS AS TO WHETHER THEY'RE PUTTING MONEY ASIDE TO UPENSURE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ENGAGED CAN BE ENGAGED.

THAT'S IT FOR ME.

THANK YOU.

>> I'M GOING TO DO MY QUESTIONS.

I WOULD ASK CLEESE WHO HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS TO RAISE YOUR BLUE HANDS JUST SO THAT I KNOW BECAUSE I KNOW SOME PEOPLE GOT ALL THEIR QUESTIONS OUT AND OTHERS HAVE MORE.

SO MINE, DEWETTE'S BEEN CONNECTED SCHOOL TO THE FIBER NORTH AMERICA AND BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR WE'RE PROJECTING ALL SCHOOLS TO BE CONNECTED.

I'M FINDING OUT HOW MANY SCHOOLS ARE REMAINING, IS THERE A WAY TO ACCELERATE THE TIMELINE, AND GETTING MORE UPDATE AS ALLUDED TO FIBER AND A BUNCH OF OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

I'M INTERESTED IN THE QUESTION OF SOME -- DO WE HAVE THAT IN OUR HOMELESS SHELTERS.

I THINK ONE THING THAT'S HAPPENING IN COVID IS THE ACCESS TO CHARGING AN INTERNET AND SUCH HAS BECOME REALLY HARD FOR ENHOUSED FOLKS AND FOLKS WHO DON'T HAVE IT IN THEIR HOME

BECAUSE CAFES AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE OUT, HOW WE CAN HAVE AN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT PROVIDES MORE OF THAT AND IS IMPORTANT.

I WOULD ECHO COUNCILLOR MEJIA ON INCREASED AN BADGE ACCESS. DEWETTE HAS TO BE A PART OF THAT.

I THOUGHT THAT FOR THE ACTUALS ON THIS YEAR, DEWETTE SEEMS LIKE THEY HAD BUT MARCH EXPENDED THEIR EQUIPMENT BUDGET, AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT WAS RELATED TO COVID OR SOMETHING ELSE, CURIOUS ABOUT THAT AND WHAT THE BIG EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES THIS YEAR WERE. SAME BIG PICTURE CEASE QUESTIONS SEVERAL PEOPLE ASKED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, HOW -- WHAT DEWETTE NEEDS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT JUST, LIKE, A WHOLE NEW SET OF FUNCTIONALITIES GIVEN COVID 19 AND THE YEAR AHEAD.

I WOULD ALSO LOVE TO GET GET A LITTLE MORE BACKGROUND ABOUT CYBERSECURITY.

SEEMS LIKE THE MORE WE'RE SHIFTING THINGS ONLINE, THE MORE WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE'VE GOT GOOD SYSTEMS ON THAT FRONT AND I FEEL LIKE GOVERNMENTS IN GENERAL ARE PRETTY FAR BEHIND ON THAT AND UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE DOING. THE TRAINING SCHOOL OF 600 FOR THE YEAR, COULDN'T TELL IF THAT WAS SET BEFORE COVID OR POST-. SEEMS LIKE WITH WE NEED MORE TRAINING SUPPORT ESPECIALLY AS WE HAVE THESE PROCESSES ONLINE. I AGREE WITH COUNCILLOR EDWARDS THAT PROVIDING PORTAL TRAINING

RESOURCES FOR OUR CIVICS ASSOCIATIONS AND NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS FOR PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT HAVE SOMEBODY WHO KNOWS HOW TO RUN THE TECHNOLOGY.

IS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW TECH GOES HOME AND UNDERSTAND ITS RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE I KNOW THE TRAINING IS SUPPORTED AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUT I THAW IT HAS A CONTRACT LINE ITEM FOR DEWETTE.

I WOULD LOVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT PROGRAM AND GIVEN THE FACT THERE ARE SO MANY ADULTS WHO DON'T HAVE GREAT TECH ACCESS AT HOME AND NEED IT MORE THAN EVER, I AM INTERESTED IN WHAT THE OPPORTUNITY THERE IS.

DATA SECURITY, UNDERSTANDING WHAT OUR AGREEMENT WITH GOOGLE IS.

I KNOW IT CAME OUT VIS-A-VIS WHETHER UNDOCUMENTED FOLKS CAN FEEL SECURE IF THEY PUT INFORMATION IN GOOGLE FORMS REGISTERED BY THE CITY, IS GOOGLE -- CAN YOU THEN SUBPOENA GOOGLE FOR THAT, SEEMS LIKE YOU CAN.

I WOULD LOVE TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT HOW DEWETTE THINKS THROUGH AND HOW IT CON TRACTTUALLY MANAGES THE RIGHT OF, LIKE, GOOGLE TO OUR CITY DATA.

ON B.P.D.A., THERE WERE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS FROM ENVIRONMENT THAT GOT REFERRED OVER TO B.P.D.A. SO I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE TIME LINE IS INTO ZONING TO MAKE SURE IT'S SOMETHING WE'RE PLANNING ON THE BASIS OF AND NOT JUST A SUGGESTION.

ALSO INTERESTED IN TIME LINE FOR PURSUING CARBON NEUTRAL ZONING, AND DECEMBER COURAGING FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE.

WOULD LIKE TO NARROWLY ON THE CONVERSATION THAT I WAS HAVING AT THE LANDMARKS HEARING ABOUT HOW WE PUT HISTORIC PRESERVATION, PLANNING WITH HISTORY IN MIND MORE INTO OUR PLANNING PROCESS AND SO WE WOULD LOVE TO UNDERSTAND THE RESOURCING OF B.P.D.A. ON THAT FRONT AND MAYBE HOW TO MOVE THAT FURTHER UP THE PROCESS EARLIER ON.

B.P.D.A. ADDRESSED A LITTLE BIT QUESTIONS AROUND LANGUAGE ACCESS AND ITS RESPONSE TO US, BUT I THINK IT'S JUST SO CRITICAL THAT WE HAVE A REALLY ROBUST LANGUAGE ACCESS PROGRAM AT B.P.D.A. AND I DON'T THINK WE'RE THERE YET. SO WE WOULD LOVE TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

I THINK I'M INTERESTED IN HOW THE REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT IS SHIFTING, HOW THEY STRUCTURED IN GENERAL, AND I THINK IT BEHOOVES THE COUNCIL TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE B.P.A. UNDERSTANDS IT'S FUTURE.

IT RELIES ON ITS OWN SOURCES WHICH ARE ALL LEASE OR TRANSACTION/RENT SOURCES WHICH SEEMS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO THIS ECONOMIC CLIENT.

ON I.S.D., AS COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY REFERENCED, A 400% INCREASE IN OVERTIME LAST YEAR, SEEMS IT WAS RELATED TO THIS AFTER-HOURS INSPECTION REGIME, WHICH IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING WE

WANT, SO HOW DO WE DO THAT WITHOUT ENORMOUS OVERTIME. SOUNDS LIKE THEY ARE PLANNING SOMETHING BUT I FEEL THE COUNCIL SHOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT IS.

WANT TO CHECK IN ON THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL -- SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE AND THE WHOLE EXECUTIVE ORDER AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE REFORMS AT THE BOARD OF APPEALS THAT COUNCILLOR EDWARDS REFERENCED, THE OMBUDSMEN, THE TECHNICAL REPORT, SEEMS MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER.

COVID IS MAKING NECESSARY WHAT HAD BEEN DECIDED WHICH WAS TO TRY TO MAKE THE B.P.A. MORE ACCESSIBLE FROM PEOPLE'S HOMES ELECTRONICALLY.

THERE'S SUBSTANTIAL NODDING IN THE BUDGET ON THAT FRONT WAS I WOULD LIKE TO IT GO AND HEAR FROM I.S.D. AND DEWETTE ABOUT THE PROCESS AND THE PLANS GOING FORWARD.

I KNOW I.S.D. HAS BEEN AN AREA WHERE LANGUAGE ACCESS ISSUES HAVE BEEN PER ASSISTANTS. WE HAVE FORMS Laid, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO INTERFACE WITH THE DEPARTMENT, I THINK THAT'S BEEN A CHALLENGE, SO WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS ON THAT.

INTERESTED IN THE VIABILITY OF INCREASING B.P.A. WEEKLY TO DEAL WITH THE BACKLOG WHICH MAY BE COSTLY BUT COULD MAKE UP FOR ITSELF IN STREAMLINING THE PROCESS WHO HAS BEEN WAITING,

THAT'S BRACING THE FACT WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO ALLOW FOR ROBUST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE -- PARTICIPATION IN THE B.D.A. HEARINGS.

I THINK THE QUESTION OF IF WE'RE ASKING THEM TO BE PART OF MORE HE'LL INSPECTIONS, IF COVID IS RAISING A BUNCH OF HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES, I CAN IMAGINE GETTING CALLS ABOUT VENTILATION ISSUES.

I WONDER HOW I.S.D. IS POSITIONING FOR THE CONSERVATIVE REOPENING IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

I WILL GO BACK UP TO THE TOP, AND COUNCILLOR BREADON HAS STEPPED OUT FOR A MOMENT SO I GO TO COUNCILLOR FLYNN AND JANEY. COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR BOK. AND SOME OF MY POINTS WERE ALREADY MENTIONED BY MANY OF THE OTHER -- MANY OF OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES, SO I DON'T WANT TO REPEAT THEM.

BUT AS IT RELATES TO DEWETTE, MAYBE I WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON SOME OF THE OUTREACH THAT THEY ARE DOING TO OUR SENIORS, THEY'RE DOING TO OUR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AS WELL, AND TO RESIDENTS IN THE BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND WHETHER THE B.H.A. RESIDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TECHNOLOGY SO THAT THEY CAN ACCESS COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY IN THEIR DEVELOPMENTS, AND IF THERE ARE ANY AREAS THAT WE NEED TO UPGRADE TECHNOLOGY SO THAT P.M. H.A. RESIDENTS CAN BENEFIT FROM

THE SAME TECHNOLOGY, AND THIS RELATES TO THE ABLE TELEVISION AS WELL SO THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE AND RECEIVE THE SAME TECHNOLOGY AS EVERYONE IN THE CITY.

ONE THING I FAILED TO MENTION AS RELATES TO I.S.D., OPINION TO LEARN MORE -- I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SOME OF OUR OUTREACH THAT WE NEED TO DO ON RODENT CONTROL.

IT'S A CRITICAL ISSUE IN OUR INDUSTRY, AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL SOON TAKE PLACE DIGGING DOWN INTO THE GROUND, ARE WE PREPARED FOR THE ONGOING RODENT CONTROL THAT WE HAVE TO DO.

I HAVE A LOT OF -- RECEIVING A LOT OF CALLS AND E-MAILS FROM RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT MY DISTRICT ON SEEING IF WE CAN EXPAND RODENT CONTROL IN VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ADVOCATE FOR MORE FUNDING FOR IT BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A CRITICAL ISSUE.

IT'S ALSO A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE AS WELL FOR RESIDENTS.

I ALSO WANT TO FINALLY, ON THE B.P.D.A.- RELATED ISSUES, I WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON -- I HIGHLIGHTED IT EARLIER, BUT ON LANGUAGE ACCESS, BUT SPECIFICALLY I'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WAY WE FORMALLY NOTIFY A CIVIC GROUP ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE INTERPRETERS FOR AN UPCOMING MEETING AND WHETHER THAT INTERPRETER WILL BE AVAILABLE

AND IF NOT AVAILABLE.

AS YOU KNOW, I REPRESENT A LARGE COMMUNITY THAT DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH SO I'M ALWAYS WORKING ON LANGUAGE ACCESS ISSUES, BUT IT'S CRITICAL EVERYBODY RECEIVE THE SAME INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY MEETINGS AS WELL.

AND THEN JUST GOING BACK TO -- I'M COSH RI, BUT -- I'M SORRY, BUT GOING BACK TO INSPECTIONAL SPERVESES, I THINK COUNCILLOR -- SERVICES, I THINK COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE MENTIONED THEY CONDUCT A WALKING TOUR AT THE SAME TIME BUT INSPECTLE SERVICES AT ONE TIME -- INSPECTIONAL SEVENS HAS A MONTHLY DISCUSSION ABOUT THEIR ROLE IN THEIR OUTREACH AND JOB.

IT'S ALMOST LIKE A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR REPRESENTATIVES ON EXACTLY WHAT THE PERMIT PROCESS IS.

I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUTT THAT PARTICULAR OUTREACH THEY DO, WHICH IS -- WHICH I THINK IS VERY GOOD, BUT I WOULD LOVE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT IT AND MAYBE SEE IF WE CAN PROMOTE IT AS WELL SO OUR RESIDENTS KNOW ABOUT IT, EVEN IF THEY DON'T GO TO THE SPECIFIC MEETING, BUT MAYBE THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR I.S.D. TO PUT THAT ON SOCIAL MEDIA SO OTHERS CAN BENEFIT FROM THAT TYPE OFT OUTREACH.

AND THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR BOK, FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A SECOND ROUND.

THANK YOU.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH,
COUNCILLOR FLYNN.
COUNCILLOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU.

SO I WANT TO FOLLOW UP -- I
THINK THIS IS DEWETTE.

I WANT TO BRING UP THE ISSUE
THAT I BROUGHT UP BEFORE AROUND
TRAUMA RESPONSE BECAUSE I THINK
THERE IS A TECHNOLOGY PIECE THAT
WOULD HELP, AND THIS IS JUST
LOOKING AT WHEN, UNFORTUNATELY,
A VIOLENT INCIDENT HAPPENS IN
OUR COMMUNITY LIKE A SHOOTING,
HOW WE RESPOND IN THE SCHOOLS,
AND, WHILE I KNOW MANY OF THE
SCHOOLS HAVE GONE THROUGH
DIFFERENT TRAININGS TO BE TRAUMA
SENSITIVE AND HAVE LOOKED INTO
THOSE RESOURCES, I THINK THERE
IS SOMETHING TO ENSURING THAT
ALL CHILDREN WHO ARE WITHIN A
CERTAIN RADIUS OF THE SHOOTING
THAT THOSE SCHOOLS ARE NOTIFIED.
SO I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE MISSING
LINK IN TERMS OF THE
COMMUNICATION CHAIN IS.

I THINK THERE'S A TECHNOLOGY
PIECE HERE THAT I WOULD SUGGEST
NEEDS TO BE PUT IN PLACE SO THAT
WHEN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN --
AND I CAN USE, YOU KNOW, THE
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ON A STREET
LIKE MINE, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW
MANY THERE ARE, BUT ON ANY GIVEN
STREET THERE COULD BE MANY
CHILDREN WHO ARE GOING TO MANY
DIFFERENT SCHOOLS, NOT ALL THE
SAME SCHOOL.

SO WHEN THEY SHOW UP TO THOSE
DIFFERENT SCHOOLS, ARE THOSE
SCHOOLS THEN PREPARED TO RECEIVE
THESE CHILDREN AND HOW DO WE

COMMUNICATE SO THAT THOSE
SCHOOLS KNOW WHAT HAPPENED OR
THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED AND THAT
THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED THAT
THOSE CHILDREN MAY NEED EXTRA
SUPPORT, SO THAT'S ONE ISSUE.

THE OTHER JUST BUILDING ON, I
THINK, OUR DESIRE ON THE COUNCIL
SIDE TO EXPAND LANGUAGE ACCESS
WOULD HAVE, I GUESS, SOME
QUESTIONS AROUND WHAT THE
DIFFERENT THINGS, THE
POSSIBILITIES FOR US ON THE
COUNCIL SIDE AS WE LOOK AT
EXPANDING AND ENGAGING MORE
FOLKS IN OUR WORK.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH,
MADAM PRESIDENT.

COUNCILLOR BREADON, ARE YOU BACK
WITH US?

>> HANG ON.

I HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE.

>> HI, LIZ, GOTCHA.

APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE.

>> THANK YOU, TALK TO YOU SOON.

WE APPRECIATE YOU WORKING
HARD ON THESE ISSUES FOR A LONG
TIME.

>> THAT PERSON IS IN OUR --
YEAH YEAH.

COUNCILLOR, WE NEED TO GO IN
A TIME OUT.

>> YOÑ

U'VE GOT TO TURN IT OFF.

AT LEAST MUTE YOURSELF SO
THAT -- WHAT THEY'RE SAYING
ISN'T --

>> SHE'S DOUBLE DIPPING.
BEING BROADCAST THROUGH ALL
OF US.

>> SHE'S DOUBLE DIPPING.
HANG HER UP!

>> COUNCILOR BREADON, ARE YOU THERE?

[AUDIO DISTORTING]

>> QUICKLY, THE BPDA PROJECT REVIEW FOR ARTICLE 80, I REALLY WOULD HAVE APPRECIATED IF THEY HAD REQUIRED DEVELOPERS TO COMPLETE LIKE A CHEAT SHEET FOR EACH PROJECT, ON LIKE THE GREEN SPACE, THE NUMBER OF UNITS, THE SIZE OF THE UNITS, THE NUMBER OF I.D.P. UNITS, THE RANGE OF THE AMI.

WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO TRACK PROJECTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF THEM, IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO GET THAT BASIC INFORMATION AND IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ROCKET SCIENCE THAT EACH PROJECT WOULD HAVE -- VUS HAVE A CHEAT SHEET WITH THAT SORT OF INFORMATION IN IT TO HELP THE PUBLIC --

[AUDIO DISTORTED]

I ALSO WANT TO ECHO COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE'S CONCERN, COVID HAS THROWN A LIGHT ON A LOT OF ISSUES, BUT WE NEED LIVE/WORK SPACE NOT JUST FOR US, BUT FOR OTHER FOLKS WHO ARE ABLE TO WORK AT HOME, WORK MOSTLY FROM HOME, BUT IF YOU'RE LIVING IN A MICROUNIT OR A SMALL STUDIO, WE'RE JUST NOT -- AND WE'RE BUILDING SO MANY MICRO UNITS AND SMALL STUDIOS, WE NEED TO CHANGE THE NEXT LEVEL.

I ALSO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE DIVERSITY OF THE IMPACT ADVISORY GROUPS THAT REVIEW ALL THE PROJECTS.

WE NEED TO DIVERSIFY THOSE GROUPS.

HAVE A BROADER SECTION OF OUR
COMMUNITY SITTING ON ADVISORY
GROUPS.

AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
GETTING MORE VOICES TO THE
TABLE.

NOT THE USUAL SUSPECTS.
WE HAVE A VERY NARROW BENCH
HERE.

NOT A DEEP BENCH.

A SHALLOW BENCH.

I ALSO HAD SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT
LINKAGE.

I WOULD LOVE A BREAKDOWN ON THE
LINKAGE FUNDS THAT ARE GENERATED
BY DEVELOPMENT IN EACH
NEIGHBORHOOD, I'M PARTICULARLY
CONCERNED ABOUT ALLSTON
BRIGHTON.

WHAT FUNDS ARE GENERATED?
HOW AND WHERE IS THAT -- ARE
THOSE FUNDS DISBURSED?
WHERE DOES THAT MONEY GO TO?
I WOULD LIKE A BREAKDOWN OF
THAT.

THE LAST FIGURES I HAD WERE
BETWEEN 1995 AND 2015.

WE HAD 17.7 MILLION SQUARE FEET
OF LINKAGE DEVELOPMENT IN
ALLSTON-BRIGHTON.

I HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH IT WAS,
HOW MUCH WAS GENERATED OR WHERE
THE MONEY WENT.

I WOULD LOVE CLARITY IN THAT
AREA.

AND I THINK THAT'S IT.

THANK YOU.

>> GREAT.

FANTASTIC.

OKAY.

WELL, I DON'T SEE ANY FURTHER
BLUE HANDS.

IF ANYBODY WANTS TO ASK ANOTHER

QUESTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SPEAK NOW.

OTHERWISE, SEEING NONE, I'M GOING TO ADJOURN THIS -- OH, NO!

>> MY BLUE HAND IS NOT UP.

DID YOU JUST DISABLE MY BLUE HAND?

>> NO, I DID NOT.

COUNCILOR MEJIA, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

>> I JUST WANTED TO IN THE INTERESTS OF KIND OF ALWAYS MAKING SURE THAT ISSUES OF SMALL BUSINESS MINORITY VENDORS, I'M CURIOUS ACROSS ALL PLATFORMS, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ENGAGING SMALL BUSINESSES, MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED IN ALL CONTRACTING BIDS, ACROSS ALL PLATFORMS.

I'M SPECIFICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT THE BPDA IN TERMS OF LIKE WHEN THEY ARE THINKING ABOUT PLANNING AND DESIGN, WHAT ROLE ARE SMALL BUSINESSES PLAYING IN THAT PROCESS TO HELP THEM THINK THROUGH, SO I'M JUST CURIOUS ABOUT THAT.

>> GREAT, THANKS SO MUCH, COUNCILOR MEJIA.

AND I'LL REMIND FOLKS JUST THAT WE DO HAVE A DOCUMENT FROM EVERY DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING ACTUALLY THE BPDA, IT'S IN THE FOLDER THAT MICHELLE SENT OUT THAT HAS ALL THEIR CONTRACTS, SO FOR THAT LINE OF QUESTIONING, JUST GO -- THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO INFORM IT IN THE HEARING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JANEY, DO YOU HAVE A FOLLOW-UP?

>> JUST TO BUILD ON THE LAST TWO SPEAKERS.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR FOR
ALLOWING ME TO CHIME IN.
YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S VERY
IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND HOW
MUCH OF THE --

[AUDIO CUTTING OUT]

>> IS MADAM PRESIDENT, WE JUST
LOST YOU?

>> I'M SO SORRY.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> I WAS TALKING THAT WHOLE
TIME.

>> YOU SAID IT'S IMPORTANT FOR
US TO UNDERSTAND -- AND THEN WE
LOST YOU.

>> I'M NOT SURE HOW IT GOT
MUTED.

WELL, ANYWAY, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR
US TO UNDERSTAND ON ALL OF THESE
BPDA PROJECTS HOW MUCH OF THEIR
SPEND IS GOING TO SMALL LOCAL
BUSINESS, BUSINESSES OWNED BY
PEOPLE OF COLOR AND BUSINESSES
OWNED BY WOMEN.

TO COUNCILOR BREADON'S POINT
AROUND SOME SORT OF CHEAT SHEET,
I WOULD ADVOCATE FOR THIS
INFORMATION TO BE ON THERE.
AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT
THIS IS WHERE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO
BE IN THE CITY.

I FOUGHT HARD AND IN MY FIRST
SIX MONTHS, GOT THROUGH THE PLAN
DUDLEY PROJECTS, THE PARCELS
THAT WERE GOING OUT TO BID AT
THAT TIME, GOT THEM TO INCLUDE
REALLY IMPORTANT LANGUAGE AROUND
EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN THE RFP
PROCESS.

MY UNDERSTANDING, FROM THAT
PILOT AND THIS LANGUAGE IS BASED
ON THE LANGUAGE FROM MASS PORT,
THE EQUITY AND INCLUSION

LANGUAGE, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING FOR THAT, THAT BECAME THE NORM FOR THE REST OF THE CITY.

I WANT TO UNDERSTAND IF, IN FACT, THAT IS THE CASE.

IF SO, WHERE ARE WE IN MEETING THAT GOAL?

SO I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WAS CLEAR.

SO WHERE ARE WE IN EQUITY AND INCLUSION FOR ALL OF THE PROJECTS?

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A GOAL THAT WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE SURE THERE'S EQUITY AND INCLUSION ON ALL OF THESE PROJECTS, CITY PROJECTS.

SO EITHER FROM DN D'S STANDPOINT OR BPDA.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND WHETHER OR NOT THAT IS SOME SORT OF GOAL OR SOMETHING WE'RE MOVING TOWARDS IN TERMS OF REQUIREMENT AND I WOULD SAY THAT SHOULD BE FRONT AND CENTER ON ANY KIND OF CHEAT SHEET IF THEY DEVELOP ONE, MOVING FORWARD.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH MADAM PRESIDENT.

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

NOW, FINAL CHANCE?

DON'T SEE ANY MORE BLUE HANDS OR REAL HANDS.

ALL RIGHT.

SO NOW, I'M ADJOURNING THIS WORKING SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THE HEARING.

THANK YOU ALL.

>> THANK YOU.

BYE.

