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CHARLENE, CONGRATULATIONS I AM
VERY PROUD OF YOU, COME ON UP.
[APPLAUSE].
GOOD EVEN
BUT.
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WOULD LIKE TO ASK MEMBERS AND
GUESTS TO PLEASE RISE I HAVE THE
HONOR TODAY TO.
>> #01:, BACK BY POPULAR
DEMAND -- THAT'S FIRST, THE ROLL
CALL.
MADAM CLERK.
WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL TO
ASCERTAIN QUORUM.
>> YOU ARE OVERZEALOUS TODAY.
>> 0 COUNSEL BAKER.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCIL CAMPBELL.
>> HERE.
>> -- PRESENT.
>> COUNCIL EDWARDS.
>> PRESENT.
>> COUNCIL GEORGE.
>> PRESENT.
>> COUNCIL FLAHERTY.
>> HERE.
>> FLYNN.
>> JANIE.
>> COUNCIL O'MALLEY.
>> COUNCIL PRESLEY.
>> PRESENT.
>> COUNCIL WU.
>> PRESENT.
>> AND COUNCIL --
>> WE HAVE A UNANIMOUS PRESENCE.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
>> I HAVE THE GREAT PRIVILEGE
AND HONOR TO INTRODUCE PASTOR
FOR TODAY'S INVOCATION, BACK BY
POPULAR DEMAND, I THINK YOU
MIGHT REMEMBER HIM, HE WAS JUST
HERE TWO MONTHS AGO TO LEAD US
IN PRAYER, FATHER, RICHARD
FITZGERALD FROM SAINT KARL'S
PARISH, HE HAS BEEN IN SERVICE

OF THE LORD FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS
NOW, IN 2013 HE WAS APPOINTED
PASTOR TO SAINT -- BY BISHOP
O'MALLEY AND IT IS WITH MY GREAT
HONOR TO INTRODUCE FATHER
RICHARD FITZGERALD.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNSELOR.

>> IT IS MY HONOR TO BE HERE ON
THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY IN THE
CITY OF BOSTON.

>> NOT TOO LONG AGO AS I WAS
PREPARING FOR THIS PRAYER, I
READ THAT THE TRADITION OF
PRAYING IN THE NEW YEAR DATES
BACK TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1862,
ALSO KNOWN AS FREEDOM'S EVE.
ON THAT DAY, A, AT CHURCHES
ACROSS THE SOUTH, SLAVES, FREE
BLACKS AND WHITE SYMPATHIZERS
SANG AND PRAYED UNTIL THE STROKE
OF MIDNIGHT, JANUARY 1ST, 1863,
WHEN THE EMANCIPATION
PROCLAMATION DECLARING ALL
SLAVES IN THE CONFEDERACY FREE
WENT INTO EFFECT.

>> SO EACH YEAR PEOPLE OF ALL
FAITHS AND POLITICAL PERSUASIONS
GATHERED TO WELCOME IN THE NEW
YEAR WITH PRAYERS OF PEACE,
SALVATION, STRENGTH, WISDOM,
KINDNESS, PATIENCE AND LOVE.
SO IN THAT TRADITION, LET US
PRAY.

>> DEAR LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR
THE PROMISE AND HOPE OF THIS NEW
YEAR.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO IT WITH
EXPECTANCY AND FAITH.
TO MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY
OPPORTUNITY THAT IS PLACED IN
OUR PATH, TO BE SOFT AND LIGHT
IN THE WORLD AND PARTICULARLY IN
OUR CITY OF BOSTON, HELP US TO TO
HAVE REFLECTIONS OF YOUR
GOODNESS AND FAITH AS WE
FAITHFULLY PROCLAIM YOUR WORD
AND THROUGH OUR ACTIONS OF
SERVICE TO THE POOR, THE NEEDY,
THE DOWNCAST, THE BROKEN
HEARTED, AND TO ALL OF OUR
NEIGHBORS, MAY YOUR LOVE BE
DISPLAYED IN AND THROUGH EVERY
ONE OF US, WE PARTICULARLY ASK
YOUR BLESSING AMONG THE MENTION

OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL,
ESPECIALLY UPON ITS SOON TO BE
NEW PRESIDENT, LET YOUR SPIRIT
LEAD THEM THIS NEW YEAR, GUIDE
THEIR DECISIONS AND TURN THEIR
HEARTS TO ALL THAT IS GOOD.
GIVE THEM ALL DISCERNMENT AND
INSIGHT TO UNDERSTAND YOUR WILL,
TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AND KNOW YOUR
WAYS.

GIVE THEM WISDOM, STRENGTH AND
POWER TO REP THE CITIZENS OF
BOSTON WHO ELECTED THEM.
AND LASTLY, BLESS ALL OF THE
GREAT CITIZENS OF THIS CITY,
KEEP SAFE THEIR FAMILIES AND
FRIENDS AND BLESS THEM SO THAT
THEIR LIVES MAY HONOR YOU, THEIR
CREATOR, YOU ARE REIGNING ONE
GOD, FOREVER AND FOREVER, AMEN.

>> I WILL NOW LEAD THE COUNCIL
IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
>> I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE
FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR
WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION
UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH
LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.
>>

>> NOW AT THIS TIME, I WOULD
LIKE TO GO OUT OF ORDER AND I
HAVE THE GREAT PRIVILEGE AND
HONOR NOW TO INTRODUCE OUR
MAYOR, NEWLY SWORN IN MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF BOSTON MARTIN JOSEPH
WALSH.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNCIL
AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, COUNCIL
-- AND ALL OF THE CITY
COUNCILORS HERE TODAY.

IT CERTAINLY IS A DAY TODAY THAT
WAS AN EXCITING DAY TO HAVE THE
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA COMING IN TO
BOSTON TO SQUARE US ALL IN AND
BE PRESIDING IN THE EVENT SO I
WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING
A PART OF THAT.

TO COUNCIL, GEORGE, BAKER,
FLAHERTY, PRESLEY ORCS MALI -- I
WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT
WORK HERE ON THE COUNCIL.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH

YOU AS WE MOVE FORWARD HERE THE
IN THE AGENDA, THE AGGRESS STIFF
AGENDA WE ARE ALL GOING TO HAVE
IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIVE TERM.
COUNCILMAN WU I WANT TO THANK
YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP HERE AND
THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING THE
TRADITION THAT MYSELF AND
COUNCIL -- STARTED BY HAVING
LEADERSHIP MEETINGS AND TALKING
ABOUT HOW DO WE DRIVE OUR CITY
FORWARD.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
COMMITMENT THROUGH -- TWO
CHILDREN AS WELL AS STEERING THE
CITY FORWARD, SO I WANT TO THANK
YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE HERE.
YOU DID AN INCREDIBLE JOB AND
YOU LEFT A BIG MARK ON THIS
COUNCIL.

SO THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
WITH COUNCIL EDWARDS, COUNCIL
JENNY, COUNCIL FRAN, AND THESE
THREE COUNSELORS
CONGRATULATIONS, FIRST OF ALL,
IN BRINGING UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE
TO THIS BODY.
CO-COUNSEL LOHR EDWARDS HAS
ALREADY BEEN PAST ADVOCATE FOR
HOUSING AND FORWARD LOOKING OVER
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEVELOPMENT BUT UNDERSTANDING
THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING PEOPLE
IN THEIR HOMES AND HAVING THAT
UNDERSTANDING ON THE CITY
COUNCIL IS IMPORTANT, COUNSELOR
JANIE WHO IS PASSIONATE ABOUT
OUR KIDS AND ABOUT EDUCATION,
AND I THINK AS WE SEE AS WE MOVE
FORWARD HERE, EDUCATION IS AN
IMPORTANT PART OF MOVING OUR
CITY FORWARD SO I WANT TO THANK
YOU AND CONGRATULATE YOU AND
COUNCILOR FLYNN I WORKED WITH ON
A WHOLE LOT OF ISSUES WITH
COUNSELOR FLYNN, PARTICULARLY
OUR VETERANS AND PROTECT THE
PEOPLE WHO PROTECT US AND SO
MANY OTHER INITIALS THE
COMMUNITY I WANT TO THANK YOU
AND WELCOME YOU TO THIS BODY AND
LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE

THREE OF YOU TODAY.
THIS BODY MAKES HISTORY TODAY,
THE MOST COUNSEL WITH SIX WOMEN
OF COLOR ON THIS BODY.
AND THAT IS NOT BY ACCIDENT.
THAT IS BECAUSE OF WHAT IS
HAPPENING IN OUR COUNTRY.
IT IS IMPORTANT TO US THAT WE
CONTINUE TO LEAD IN BOSTON TODAY
IS A LEADER SO I WANT TO THANK
ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE.
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
ALL OF YOU ON MANY DIFFERENT
ISSUES AROUND EDUCATION, JOBS,
HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, RECOVERY
AND STRENGTHENING THE MIDDLE
CLASS, SOMETHING THAT I THINK
HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN IN THIS
COUNTRY AND I TALKED A LITTLE
BIT ABOUT IT TODAY AND THE VICE
PRESIDENT TALKED ABOUT IT.
WE TALK AN AWFUL LOT ABOUT THE
RICH AND WE TALK ABOUT THE POOR.
AND WE DON'T TALK ENOUGH ABOUT
IS HOW DO WE PRESERVE OUR MIDDLE
CLASS AND HOW DO WE PUSH THE
POOR PEOPLE THAT ARE IN OUR
MIDDLE CLASS AND BRING THEM UP
TO THE MIDDLE CLASS.
THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO AND
THAT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS
ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON AND THAT IS, THAT WILL BE
OUR RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE NEXT
TWO YEARS HERE IN THE CITY SO I
LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU
ON THAT.
BEFORE I LEAVE, I DON'T WANT TO
JUMP THE GUN, BUT I WANT TO FRAT
THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THIS BODY.
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
YOU AND TALKING TO YOU ABOUT THE
AGENDAS TO BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
AND THE AGENDAS OF THE CITY OF
BOSTON AND HOW WE CAN DO THAT
TOGETHER TO MOVE PEOPLE INTO
MIDDLE CLASS HERE IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON.
THIS COUNCIL YOU ARE ELECTED
TODAY YOU ALL KNOW HER.
WHEN SHE WAS RUNNING FOR CITY
COUNCIL, I WAS WATCHING HER
DETERMINATION, HER PASSION FOR
HER DISTRICT AND I WATCHED HER

OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS TAKE
THAT DETERMINATION AND PASSION
INTO THIS BODY, NOT AFRAID TO
STAND UP, NOT AFRAID TO TELL
HER, WHAT PER POSITION IS AND
NOT AFRAID TO PUSH FORWARD ON
BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF HER
DISTRICT AND TODAY SHE IS -- SHE
-- AS PRESIDENT OF THIS BODY I
WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU,
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL FOR ELECTED
CAMPBELL AT YOUR NEXT PRESIDENT
OF THIS BODY.

CONGRATULATIONS, MADAM
PRESIDENT.

[APPLAUSE]

>> I JUST WANT TO END BY WISHING
EVERYONE IN THE CHAMBER A VERY
HAPPY NEW YEAR AND IN
PARTICULAR, TO THE FAMILIES OF
THESE COUNSELORS I KNOW MOST OF
YOU SITTING HERE, I SAW A LOT OF
YOUR PRIDE IN YOUR FACES AT THE
MAJESTIC THEATRE WHEN COYOUR
LOVED ONE WAS BEING SWORN IN, I
WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU
FOR BEING THERE FOR THESE
PEOPLE.

THE ELECTED OFFICIALS NEED YOUR
SUPPORT AFTER TODAY MORE THAN
EVER SO THANK YOU TO THE FAMILY,
HAPPY NEW YEAR'S TO ALL OF YOU.
GOD BLESS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR WALSH.
MADAM CLERK, DO I HAVE APPROVAL
OF THE MINUTES?
IF THERE ARE NO CORRECTIONS TO
BE MADE THE MINUTES OF
DECEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING WILL
STAND APPROVED.

SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECTION,
THE MINUTES ARE SO APPROVED.

MADAM CLERK IF WE CAN TAKE
DOCKET 0109, TEMPORARY COUNCIL
RULES OUT OF ORDER.

PLEASE READ DOCKET 1019.

>> DOCUMENT 01019, COUNCIL --
ORDERED, OFFERED THE FOLLOW
ORDER ADOPT THE RULES OF
MUNICIPAL YEARS 2016, 2017,
EXCEPT FOR RULE 36, WHICH IS
COUNCIL COMMITTEES, AS TEMPORARY
RULES FOR THE 2018, 2019 YEARS.

>> ALL IN FAVOR OF ADOPTING
DOCKET 0109, ALL IN FAVOR SAY
AYE.
>> ALL OPPOSED, NO.
>> THE AYES HAVE IT.
THE TEMPORARY COUNCIL RULES HAVE
BEEN ADOPTED.
COUNSELOR MCCARTHY.
>>
>> AT THIS TIME -- CAMPBELL AS
PRESIDENT --
>> SECOND.
>> DO WE HAVE A SECOND?
>> MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE
ROLL.
>> COUNCIL BAKER.
>> COUNSEL, ANDREA CAMPBELL.
>> COUNSELOR CAMPBELL.
>> ANDREA CAMPBELL.
>> COUNSELOR CAMPBELL ON
COUNSELOR CAMPBELL.
>> COUNSELOR CAMPBELL.
>> COUNSELOR EDWARDS.
>> ANDREA CAMPBELL.
>> EDWARDS.
>> CAMPBELL.
>> GEORGE.
>> ANDREA CAMPBELL.
>> COUNSELOR GEORGE.
>> ANDREA CAMPBELL.
>> COUNSEL FLAHERTY.
>> CAMPBELL.
>> FLAHERTY FOR -- ANDREA
CAMPBELL.
>> COUNCIL FLYNN.
>> ANDREA CAMP.
>> COUNSELOR JANE ANY.
>> CAMPBELL.
>> COUNSELOR MCCARTHY.
>> CAMPBELL.
>> COUNCIL O'MALLEY.
>> ANDREA CAMPBELL.
>> AHA.
GOOD CHOICE.
COUNSELOR O'MALLEY FOR ANDREA J
CAMPBELL.
>> COUNSELOR PRESLEY.
>> ANDREA CAMPBELL.
>> PRESLEY FOR CAMPBELL.
>> COUNSELOR WU.
>> CAMPBELL.
>> AND ZAKIM.
>> CAMPBELL.
>> MR. CHAIR, COUNSELOR ANDREA

CAMPBELL RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS
VOTE AND IS NOW PRESIDENT OF THE
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL.
COUNCIL.

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

>>

>> IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO
HAND OVER THE GAVEL TO OUR NEW
PRESIDENT, COUNSELOR ANDREA
CAMPBELL.

>>

>> THANK YOU.

>> COUNSEL SKI O KNOW SAID DON'T
CRY SO I WILL DO MY BEST NOT TO
CRY.

GOOD AFTERNOON.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

>> I WANT TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU,
FAMILY, FRIENDS, GUESTS TO THE
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.
ON THIS HISTORIC DAY IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON.

I AM HUMBLED AND HONORED TO BE
HERE AND TO SERVE AS YOUR NEXT
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

I WANT TO FIRST THANK MY
COLLEAGUES.

THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE WOULD
NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE
COMMITMENT EVERY MEMBER OF THIS
BODY HAS SHOWN TO ACHIEVING
JUSTICE, PROVIDING EQUITABLE
SERVICES IN OUR DIVERSE
COMMUNITIES AND INCREASING
OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF OUR
RESIDENTS.

I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO HAVE
YOUR SUPPORT AND HONORED TO BE
YOUR NEXT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING
EACH OF YOUR GOALS AND
CONTINUING TO HIGHLIGHT THE
IMPORTANT WORK THIS BODY DOES
EVERY SINGLE DAY.

I WANT TO THANK AND I THANK --
DOES AS WELL, PRESIDENT WU FOR
YOUR TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP THESE
PAST YEARS.

BECAUSE OF THAT THIS COUNCIL
CHAMBER IS MORE AMENABLE TO THE
WORK AHEAD.

>> TO ME TRANSPARENCY WILL BE A
GUIDING PRINCIPLE SO THANK YOU
AND CAN WE GIVE PRESIDENT WU A

ROUND OF APPLAUSE?

[APPLAUSE]

>> I WANT TO WELCOME COUNCIL
OLIVIA EDWARDS.

[APPLAUSE]

>>

I ALSO WANT TO
WELCOME COUNCILOR ED FLYNN.

>> I WANT TO WELCOME COUNCILOR
KIM JANIE.

>> BECAUSE OF YOUR HARD WORK,
YOUR DEDICATION AND YOUR
PASSION, YOU ARE HERE.
YOUR DISTRICTS ARE LUCKY TO HAVE
YOU AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
WORK AND THINGS YOU ACCOMPLISHED
FOR EACH OF YOUR RESPECTIVE
DISTRICTS.

THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT.

>> I WANT TO THANK OUR CITY
CLERK MAUREEN FEENEY AND HER
INCREDIBLE STAFF.

COUNCIL CENTRAL STAFF, ALL OF
THE STAFF IN MY COLLEAGUE'S
OFFICES AND MY OWN TEAM.
YOU ALL MAKE US LOOK REALLY
GOOD.

I FEEL BLESSED TO WORK IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH EACH OF YOU.
THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO SERVE
AND LENDING YOUR EXPERTISE AND
TALENT TO THIS GREAT CITY.
I WANT TO CONGRATULATE OUR
MAYOR, MAYOR MARTIN J WALSH ON
HIS SECOND TERM. THE I LOOK
FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM AND
HIS ADMINISTRATION IN
PARTNERSHIP AND ALSO TO CONTINUE
TO IMPLEMENT IMPACTFUL POLICIES
THAT WILL LIFT UP EVERY RESIDENT
AND COMMUNITY IN THIS CITY.
I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE
ELECTORS IN THE ROOM BOTH FROM
THE STATE AND FEDERAL
DELEGATIONS.

AT THIS CRITICAL TIME IN OUR
POLITICAL HISTORY, IT IS
IMPERATIVE THAT WE STAND
TOGETHER AND WORK IN PARTNERSHIP
TO ENSURE OUR RESIDENTS FEEL
SAFE, FEEL PROTECTED, AND
CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO
SERVICES TO MEET THEIR MOST

PRESSING NEEDS.

OUR RESIDENTS HAVE PLACED THEIR TRUST IN THEIR, AND THEIR HOPES IN US TO DO THIS WORK AND TO DO IT WELL AND WITH INTEGRITY AND COURAGE.

THANK YOU, RESIDENTS, WHO ARE HERE TODAY, THOSE WATCHING AN THOSE WHO LIVE IN THIS GREAT CITY FOR BELIEVING IN US.

FOR YOUR ENGAGEMENT, YOUR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND YOUR IDEAS.

LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, I HAVE TO THANK MY FAMILY, INCLUDING MY HUSBAND MATTHEW. AND MY SON ALEXANDER.

BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE I GET TO SERVE MY GOD GIVEN PURPOSE EVERY SINGLE DAY.

BECAUSE OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND YOUR FORGIVENESS, MY MISTAKES ARE ALWAYS OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AS A HUMAN BEING.

SO THANK YOU.

>> TODAY WE CELEBRATE MANY FIRSTS.

AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TO LEAD THIS BODY AS BOSTON CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT I AM ESPECIALLY HUMBLLED AND PROUD TO LEAD THE MOST DIVERSE COUPLE IN THIS BODY'S HISTORY WITH A HISTORIC SIX WOMEN OF COLOR. THE DIVERSITY OF THIS BODY IS ONE OF THE GREATEST STRENGTHS. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US, MEN AND WOMEN ALIKE .. BRING OUR OWN UNIQUE STORY TO THIS ROLE AND THAT FUELS OUR PASSION FOR THE WORK.

I WANT TO TELL YOU A BIT FRANKLY ABOUT MY STORY.

BECAUSE IT SHOWS WHAT IS POSSIBLE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. THAT A GIRL FROM A POOR FAMILY FROM ROXBURY IN THE SOUTH END CAN BE STANDING ON THIS STAGE AND HOLDING THIS GAVEL. FOR ME, THIS WORK HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CALL, A GOD-GIVEN PURPOSE, I ONLY DISCOVERED AFTER THE PASSING OF MY TWIN BROTHER

ANDRE, THIS MONTH MARKS EXACTLY SIX YEARS SINCE HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS 29 YEARS OLD AND DIED IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AS A PRETRIAL DETAINEE.

HE HAD A DISEASE CALLED SCLEROSISSER MA AND RECEIVING INADEQUATE HEALTHCARE, BECAUSE OF THAT, HE PASSED.

>> HIS LOSS AS YOU CAN IMAGINE HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON ME. I QUESTION WHY AM I HERE?

WHAT IS MY PURPOSE?

HOW AND WHY DO TWO TWINS BORN AND RAISED IN THE CITY OF BOSTON HAVE SUCH DIFFERENT LIFE OUT COMES?

.. WE BOTH WERE BORN HERE AND EDUCATED IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND BOTH LOST OUR BIOLOGICAL MOTHERS AT EIGHT MONTHS OLD.

SHE DIED AT A CAR ACCIDENT VISITING OUR FATHER WHO WAS IN CUSTODY.

BECAUSE HE WAS IN PRISON.

DURING THOSE FIRST EIGHT CAREERS WE BOUNCED AROUND, WE LIVED WITH FAMILY AND SOMETIMES IN FOSTER CARE.

WE WOULD EVENTUALLY GO LIVE REQUEST OUR FATHER UPON HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON, BUT HE WOULD LATER SUDDENLY PASS AWAY WHEN WE WERE 19 YEARS OLD.

IN SPITE OF ALL OF THIS I WAS BLESSED TO GO OFF TO PRINCETON UNIVERSITY AND UCLA LAW SCHOOL. ANDRE, ON THE OTHER HAND, CYCLED IN AND OUT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, ULTIMATELY FACING AN UNFORTUNATE DEATH.

I COULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE THE PLAY NOT ONLY TO SHARE HIS STORY BUT TO WORK ON POLICIES THAT WOULD ENSURE THAT WE DON'T CONTINUE TO GET TAOSE DIVERGENT LIFE OUT COMES. MY STORY, HOWEVER, IS NOT MERELY ONE OF DIVERGENT PATHS. IT ALSO SPEAKS TO THE POTENTIAL OF THIS CITY TO DO BETTER BY THE NEXT GENERATION.

YOU SEE, MY FATHER WAS BORN AND RAISED IN BOSTON IN 1933, HE WAS 50 WHEN I WAS BORN, MY MOM WAS 25.

HE WAS CONSIDERED, QUOTE UNQUOTE A CRIMINAL, BUT MY FATHER WAS EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT, HAVING GRADUATED FROM BOSTON TECH IN 1951, HE TOO WAS ACCEPTED TO PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, BUT INSTEAD OF ATTENDING HE CHOSE A DIFFERENT PATH.

ONE HE HOPED AS ELDEST OF SEVEN WOULD ALLOW HIM TO PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY.

INSTEAD IT LED TO LONG PERIODS OF INCARCERATION.

MY FATHER SHARED A FRUSTRATION THAT MANY PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THIS CITY OFTEN FEEL, THAT EVEN IF YOU WORK HARD AND DO ALL OF THE RIGHT THINGS YOU FEEL MARGINALIZED, RELEGATED TO LOW WAGE JOBS, POORHOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS CONCENTRATED IN POVERTY AND WITH LOW PERFORMING SCHOOLS.

AND IN THE 30S, 40S, 50S AND SIXTIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, THAT FRUSTRATION WAS EXACERBATED BY THE FACT THAT YOU WERE TOLD EXPLICITLY THAT THIS MARGINATION AND EXCLUSION WAS BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF YOUR SKIN .. IN SPITE OF ALL OF THAT MY FATHER LIKE SO MANY FATHERS AND MOTHERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON SOUGHT FOR HIS CHILDREN TO HAVE MORE, TO DO BETTER, SO ALTHOUGH HE NEVER MADE IT TO PRINCETON, I DID. BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY THIS CITY HAS TO OFFER.

EXCELLENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES, MENTORS, A STRONG CHURCH COMMUNITY AND SO MUCH MORE.

OPPORTUNITIES THAT MY BROTHER AND FAR TOO MANY OF HIS PEERS WERE NOT AFFORDED.

MY STORY ILLUSTRATES A STORY'S LIFE AND CHILD IS NOT PREDETERMINED BY THE

NEIGHBORHOOD OR CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THEY GROW UP.

BUT BY THE OPPORTUNITIES THEY ARE AFFORDED IN THIS CITY.

HIGH QUALITY SCHOOLS IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD, ACCESS TO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING AND JOBS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION, GREAT PARKS, SAFE STREETS, GREAT TRANSPORTATION THAT CONNECTS EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD AND AFFORDABLE, SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FOR ALL WHO LIVE AND WORK HERE. FAR TOO MANY FEEL THESE ARE STILL OUT OF REACH AND THAT THE STATUS QUO IN BOSTON IS NOT CHANGING.

SO WE NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK OURSELVES WHAT DO WE WANT THIS CITY TO BE?

WHAT DO WE WANT FOR OUR CHILDREN?

WHAT DO WE WANT FOR NEXT GENERATIONS?

WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING HOPE AND FAIRNESS INTO THE EQUATION FOR ALL BOSTONIANS AND TO BUILD A BOSTON IN WHICH INTERGENERATIONAL WEALTH OPPORTUNITIES ARE INDEED ACCESS TO BELIEVE EVERY SINGLE RESIDENT, WHERE ALL OF OUR CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM GREAT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT PREPARE THEM FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION AND CAREERS AND WHERE NO FAMILY OR RESIDENT FEELS LEFT OUT OR LEFT BEHIND.

OUR RESIDENTS ELECTED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US BECAUSE THEY WANT US TO WORK TOGETHER. THEY WANT US TO CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO.

THEY WANT US TO ADOPT BOLD POLICIES AND THEY WANT US TO IMAGINE THE UNIMAGINABLE. LAST TERM, THIS BODY, ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUE, AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT HERE ANYMORE BUT SITTING IN THE GALLERY, DID A LOT.

THEY ACCOMPLISHED A LOT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MAYOR.

WE GENERATED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HISTORIC PRESERVATIONS AND PARKS WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT.

WE MADE GREAT STRIDES TO LOWER OUR CITY'S CARBON FOOTPRINT BYPASSING COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY AND BANNING THE USE OF -- BANNING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS. WE MADE INVESTMENTS IN YOUTH SERVING ORGANIZATIONS AND -- PROTECTION FOR OUR HOMELESS STUDENTS.

WE INCREASED OPPORTUNITY FOR MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES IN THIS CITY AND RESOLVED TO BE A SANCTUARY CITY FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS.

AS WE MOVE AHEAD, I AM COMMITTED TO ELEVATING THE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES OF RESIDENTS WHO FEEL LIKE THEY ARE NOT HEARD IN THIS CITY.

INCREASING THE COUPLE'S, COUNCIL'S TRANSPARENCY AND TACKLING ISSUES THAT RACIAL INEQUITY BRINGS.

I AM COMMITTED TO EXPLORING INNOVATIVE TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE COUNCIL TO DO OUR WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY AND MAKE SURE WE CAN ACTUALLY UPDATES OUR RESIDENTS ON THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE.

OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WE HAVE AN TUNNEL TO ADDRESS .. AND SOLVE MANY ISSUES PLAGUING OUR RESIDENTS, INCLUDING HOUSING, EDUCATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TO DO SO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MAYOR, WHOSE AGENDA INCLUDES THE SAME.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK DOWN TRADITIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES AND ENGAGE ACROSS NEIGHBORHOODS TO FIND SOLUTIONS ON COMMON ISSUES.

THIS NEW COUNCIL IS ALREADY DOING CREATIVE WORK TO REVITALIZE COMMITTEES TO ADDRESS CONSUMER FRAUD AND CONSUMER SCAMS, SMALL BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT AND PREPARE FOR
REDISTRICTING IN 2020.

AS WE DO THIS WORK, I CALL UPON
YOU, WE CALL UPON YOU, OUR
RESIDENTS, FOR YOUR IDEAS AND
YOUR INPUT.

EVERY RESIDENT IN THIS CITY
REGARDLESS OF CLASS, LANGUAGE,
NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION
STATUS OR VOTER REGISTRATION
STATUS ARE VALUABLE MEMBERS OF
OUR COMMUNITY.

THE AND EACH OF YOU HAVE A ROLE
TO PLAY IN SHAPING THIS CITY'S
FUTURE.

AS THIS BODY SEEKS TO MOVE OUR
BODY FORWARD IT IS IMPERATIVE WE
WORK TOGETHER, RECOGNIZING WE
WILL NOT ALWAYS AGREE, BUT LET
US DRAW ON OUR DIFFERENCES AND
UNIQUE EXPERIENCES TO DO THIS
WORK AND -- TO DO THIS WORK
CREATIVELY AND THINK MORE
CREATIVELY.

REMEMBER WE DO THIS WORK BECAUSE
WE ARE PASSIONATE AND WE WANT TO
SERVE THIS CITY AND WANT THIS
CITY .. TO BE GREAT AND CONTINUE
TO BE A PIONEER.

BOSTON IS AND HAS BEEN FOR YEARS
A CITY OF FIRST, .

WE ESTABLISHED AND BUILT THE
FIRST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND
FIRST PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
THE THIRD PUBLIC PARK, THE THIRD
SUBWAY SYSTEM, THE FIRST
AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEETINGHOUSE,
THE FIRST CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND SO MUCH MORE.

WE WILL CONTINUE ON A TRAJECTORY
THAT KEEPS US FIRST.

THE FIRST TO DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE POLICIES
THAT NOT ONLY LIFT THE MIDDLE
CLASS BUT ALSO LIFT THE POOR,
MAKES THE VULNERABLE VISIBLE AND
THE UNHEARD HEARD.

THIS IS NOT A TIME FOR EACH OF
US TO STAND ON THE SIDELINES.
THIS IS A TIME FOR EACH OF US TO
PLAY A ROLE.

WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU AS WELL AS

MY COLLEAGUES.
GOD BLESS THIS COUNCIL.
GOD BLESS THIS CITY AND GOD
BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.
SO LET'S GET TO WORK.

[APPLAUSE]

>> AND NOW THE WORK BEGINS.

>> MADAM PRESIDENT, WE ARE
READY.

>> REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS
AND OTHERS.

>> MADAM PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU
LIKE ME TO -- TOGETHER.

>> YES.

DOCKET 0102 THROUGH 0108.

>> THANK YOU MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> DOCUMENT 0102, NOTICES --
THREE-POINT -- AS A MEMBER OF
THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR
TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 3RD, 2022.
DOCKET 0103, NOTICE RECEIVED
FROM -- OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
COLEMAN AS MEMBER OF THE BOSTON
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR A TERM
EXPIRING JANUARY 3RD, 2022.

DOCKET 0104, COMMUNICATIONS
RECEIVED FROM JOSEPH E --
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BOSTON
RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE FY 2019 --
TEACHERS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0105, NOTICE
THAT THE -- CHAPTER 6 OF THE
ORDINANCES OF 1979 REGARDING
ACTION TAKEN BY -- ON PAPERS
ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL
IN ITS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29,
2017.

DOCKET 0106, NOTICE OF RECEIVED
FROM THE CITY CLERK IN ACCORD
DANCE WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE
ORDINANCES OF 1979 REGARDING
ACTION TAKEN BY THE MAYOR ON
PAPERS ACTED UPON BY THE CITY
COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON
DECEMBER 26, 2017.

>> DOCKET 0107, NOTICES RECEIVED
FROM THE CITY CLERK IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE
ORDINANCES OF 1979, REGARDING
ACTION TAKEN BY THE MAYOR ON
PAPERS ACTED UPON BY THE CITY
COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF
DECEMBER 13, 2017.

AND DOCKET 0108, COMMUNICATION WITH WAS RECEIVED FROM CITY CLERK OF A FILING BY THE BOSTON -- PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE APPLICATION OF 252-258, HUNTINGTON AVE, CHAPTER 121 A PROJECT.

>> DOCKET 0102 THROUGH DOCKET 0108, WILL BE PLACED ON FILE. MADAM CLERK, PERSONNEL ORDERS?

>> DOCKET 0110, COUNCIL CIOMMO FOR COUNSELOR WU.

>> DOCKET -- WU MOVES FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF 0100.

>> ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE, ALL THOSE OPPOSED, NO. THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 0110 HAS BEEN PASSED.

DOCKET NUMBER 0111.

COUNCIL CIOMMO FOR COUNSELOR JANIE, MOVES FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0111, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE, ALL THOSE OPPOSED, NO. THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 0111 HAS BEEN PASSED.

DOCKET 0112, COUNCIL CIOMMO FOR COUNCILOR EDWARDS. MOVE FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE.

>> ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE, ALL THOSE OPPOSED, NO.

DOCKET 0112 HAS BEEN PASSED. DOCKET 0113, COUNCIL CIOMMO FOR COUNSELOR CAMPBELL.

>> MOVES FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0113, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE, ALL THOSE OPPOSED, NO. THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 0113 HAS BEEN PASSED. DOCKET 0114.

COUNCIL CIOMMO FOR COUNSELOR FLYNN.

MOVES FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0114, ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE, THOSE OPPOSED, NO.

THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 0114 HAS BEEN PASSED.

MADAM CLERK -- I AM INFORMED BY THE CLERK THAT THERE ARE FIVE LATE FILED MATTERS WHICH IN THE

ABSENCE OF OBJECTION WILL BE
ADDED TO THE AGENDA.
I SHOULD WAIT FOR YOU GUYS.
HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE -- IT
IS ADDED TO THE AGENDA.
CLERK, WILL YOU READ THE FIRST
ONE?
>> COUNCILOR, DECEMBER 29TH,
2017 CIOMMO FOR COUNCILOR
PRESLEY.
>> MOVES FOR SUSPENSION OF THE
RULES AND PASSAGE OF THE THE
FIRST LATE FILED MATTER.
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE, ALL
THOSE OPPOSED, NO.
THE AYES HAVE IT AND THE FIRST
LATE FILED MATTER HAS BEEN
PASSED.
DOCKET NUMBER -- I AM SORRY,
DECEMBER 29, 2017, COUNCILOR
CIOMMO FOR COUNCILOR FLYNN.
MOVED MOVES FOR PASSAGE OF THE
SECOND LATE FILED MATTER.
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE, ALL
THOSE OPPOSED, NAY.
THE AYES HAVE IT, AND THE SECOND
LATE FILED MATTER HAS BEEN
PASSED.
DOCKET -- DECEMBER 29, 2017,
COUNCILOR CIOMMO FOR COUNCILOR
GEORGE.
>> MOVES FOR SUSPENSION OF THE
RULES AND PASSAGE OF THE THIRD
LATE FILED MATTER, ALL IN FAVOR,
SAY AYE, THOSE OPPOSED, NO.
THE AYES HAVE IT AND THE THIRD
LATE FILED MATTER HAS BEEN
PASSED.
DECEMBER 29, 2017, COUNCILOR
CIOMMO FOR COUNSELOR EDWARDS,
MOVES FOR SUSPENSION OF THE
RULES AND PASSAGE OF THE FOURTH
LATE FILED MATTER.
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, SAY AYE,
THOSE OPPOSED, NO.
THE AYES HAVE IT.
AND THE FOURTH LATE FILED MATTER
HAS BEEN PASSED.
AND IN THE CITY OF BOSTON
DECEMBER 27, 2017, COUNCILOR
MICHELLE WU ORDERED THE
FOLLOWING -- THANK YOU MADAM
CLERK.
>> COUPLE LOHR MICHELLE WU MOVES

FOR SUSPENSION AND PASSAGE OF
THE FIFTH LATE FILED MATTER, ALL
THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE, ALL
THOSE OPPOSED, NO.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE FIFTH LATE FILED MATTER HAS
BEEN PASSED.

THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

>> THE LATE FILED MATTER MOVES
FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONSENTED
AGENDA.

ALL ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE,
ALL THOSE OPPOSED, NO.

>> THE AYES HAVE IT, THE CONSENT
AGENDA HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

>> BEFORE WE GET TO MEMORIALS, I
QUICKLY WANTED TO SAY IN
ACKNOWLEDGMENT, MY FATHER-IN-LAW
IS IN THE AUDIENCE AND TODAY IS
HIS BIRTHDAY, SO HAPPY 83RD
BIRTHDAY.

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[APPLAUSE]

>> MY SON ALEXANDER, ALEXANDER
HENRY IS NAMED AFTER HIS G PEASH
PA.

NOW I WOULD LIKE ALL GUESTS AND
MEMBERS TO PLEASE RISE AS THE
COUNCIL PREPARES TO ADJOURN IN
MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS.

FOR COUNCIL FLAHERTY, JOHN DUE
AT THIS

FLAHERTY.

FOR THE CHAIR, LANE ALEXANDER
DIAZ.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.

THANK YOU.

THE CHAIR MOVES THAT WHEN THE
COUNCIL ADJOURNS TODAY, IT DOES
SO FOR THOSE MENTIONED
INDIVIDUALS.

WE'RE SCHEDULED TO MEET JANUARY
24, 2018.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE COUNCIL IS ADJOURNED.

[APPLAUSE]