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>>> MADAME CLERK, WILL YOU  
PLEASE CALL THE  
ASTERTAI -- ASCERTAIN THE  
PRESENCE OF A QUORUM.  
[ ROLL CALL ].

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CLERK.  
I'VE BEEN INFORMED BY THE CLERK  
THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT.  
AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE ALL  
COUNCILORS, ALL GUESTS,  
COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE RISE AS  
COUNCILMAN O'MALLEY COMES  
FORWARD TO GIVE US AN INMOE

--  
INVOCATION.  
>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.  
GOOD AFTERNOON, COLLEAGUES.  
I'M DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE AND  
BRING FOR OUR OPENING PRAYER  
TODAY THE REVEREND ANDY  
ROUSSEAU.

I BELIEVE THIS IS ROUSSEAU'S  
SEVENTH TIME BEFORE THIS BODY.  
SHE'S AN AMAZING SPIRITUAL  
LEADER AND COMMUNITY LEADER NOT  
ONLY IN THE NATIVE JAMAICA  
PLAIN, BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.

PREVIOUSLY, SHE SERVED AS THE  
CHAPLAIN AT JERMAINE LAWRENCE, A  
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES  
SUPERIOR TREATMENT FOR GIRLS WHO  
HAVE PSYCHOLOGICAL CHALLENGES.  
MANY OF YOU KNOW HER FROM HER  
INCREDIBLE POLITICAL EXPERIENCE  
AND WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP THAT  
SHE HAS SHOWN.  
ANNIE AND HER WIFE NANCY LIVE IN  
JAMAICA PLAIN.  
THEY ARE BOTH FANTASTIC CHEFS.  
PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING  
REVEREND ANDY ROUSSEAU.  
[ APPLAUSE ]

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR  
O'MALLEY.  
LET US PRAY.  
GOD OF ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES,

WE ASK THAT YOU QUIET OUR MINDS  
AND OPEN OUR HEARTS SO THAT WE  
MAY ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF  
ALL THAT IS HOLY, JUST, AND  
GOOD.

GOD OF AWESOME HOLINESS, BLESS  
THESE PUBLIC SERVANTS TODAY.  
ANDREA, MICHAEL, ANNISSA, ANA,  
MICHELLE, LYDIA, ED, FRANK, KIM,  
MATT, KEN, JOSH, AND MARK.  
GRANT THEM THE POWER TO KNOW  
WHAT IS RIGHT AND GOOD FOR ALL  
WHO CALL BOSTON THEIR HOME.  
MULTIPLY THEIR COURAGE SO THEY  
DARE TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGES  
THAT DIMINISH AND SEPARATE US.  
INSPIRE THEM SO THAT THEY MAY BE  
THE SOURCE OF BOLD IDEAS.  
GRACE THEM WITH SENSITIVITY SO  
THAT THEY MAY BE COMPASSIONATE  
LEADERS OF OUR CITY.

GOD OF POWER, STRENGTHEN THEM TO  
HELP SHAPE A CITY WHERE ALL OUR  
CHILDREN WILL BE FREE OF THE  
BURDENS OF RACISM AND SEXISM,  
FEAR AND VIOLENCE, A CITY WHERE  
ALL PEOPLE WORK WITH DIGNITY AND  
ARE AWARDED FAIRLY AND RESPECTED  
FULLY.

GOD OF GLORY, TOGETHER, LET US  
SHAPE A CITY WHERE OUR MUTUAL  
VALUES ARE REFLECTED IN DECENT  
HOMES AFFORDABLE TO ALL, GOOD  
SCHOOLS, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS,  
GLAAD GATHERINGS, A CITY WHERE  
ALL THE PERSONS ARE NOT  
FORGOTTEN, BUT HONORED FOR THEIR  
EXPERIENCE, CHERISHED FOR THEIR  
GIFTS, AND SOUGHT FOR THEIR  
WISDOM.

GOD OF MERCY, HELP US SHAPE A  
CITY WHERE LIFE'S POETRY IS  
REALIZED, JUSTICE ATTAINED, JOY  
PERSUASIVE, AND HOPE LIVED.  
WE ASK YOUR BLESSING ON THE  
FAMILIES, COLLEAGUES, AND  
DEDICATED STAFF THAT SUPPORTS  
THEM IN THE WORK THAT BELONGS TO  
ALL OF US.

TOGETHER WITH YOU AND WITH EACH  
OTHER MAY WE BUILD A CITY WHERE  
DIVERSITY IS A SOURCE OF  
ENRICHMENT, NEIGHBORHOODS ARE  
RESPECTED AND MADE STRONG,

COMMUNITIES BECOME MORE  
INCLUSIVE, A CITY THAT IS  
BEAUTIFUL, TRUE, AND WORTHY OF  
YOUR PROMISE TO US.

AMEN.

>> AMEN.

>>> 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.

>> READY, MADAME CLERK?

MADAME CLERK, IF YOU WOULD AMEND  
THE ATTENDANCE RECORD TO ADD  
COUNCIL PRESSLEY.

THANK YOU.

IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO BE  
MADE, HEARING AND SEEING NO  
OBJECTIONS, THE MINUTES ARE SO  
APPROVED.

TWO INDICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0314, MESSAGE  
AND ORDER TO REDUCE THE FY 18  
APPROPRIATION FOR COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING BY \$1,769,878,000 TO  
PROVIDE FUNDING FOR VARIOUS  
DEPARTMENTS FOR THE FY '18  
INCREASES WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON AND SEIU LOCAL  
888.

DOCKET NUMBER 0315, MESSAGE AND  
ORDER APPROPRIATION,  
\$769,878,000 FOR VARIOUS  
DEPARTMENTS FOR THE FY '18 TO  
COVER COST ITEMS CONTAINED  
WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
BOSTON AND THE SEIU LOCAL 888.  
THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ARE  
OCTOBER 1st 2016 THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER 30th 2017 AND OCTOBER  
1st 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30th  
2020.

THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE  
CONTRACT INCLUDE BASE WAGE  
INCREASES OF 2% EFFECTIVE THE  
FIRST PAY PERIOD OF EACH FISCAL  
YEAR.

THE AGREEMENTS ALSO INCLUDE  
OTHER BENEFITS, INCLUDING NEW  
STEPS BEGINNING IN JULY 2018  
FILED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
ON FEBRUARY 26th, 2018.

>> IT WILL BE PLACED ON THE  
COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS.  
DOCKET NUMBER 0316, MESSAGE AND  
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF  
BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND AN  
AMOUNT OF \$34,800,000 IN A FORM  
OF A GRANT FOR THE BANK ON  
BOSTON PROGRAM AWARDED BY AN  
AUTHORITY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY  
THE NEW URBAN MECHANICS.  
THE GRANT WOULD FUND DAY-TO-DAY  
OVERSIGHT OF BANK ON BOSTON  
PROGRAMS.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CLERK.  
THE CHAIR SEEKS TO SUSPEND THE  
RULES AND PASS THIS GRANT.  
THE GRANT WILL ASSIGN THE  
PROGRAM MANAGER POSITION FOR THE  
BANK ON BOSTON PROGRAM THAT THE  
MAYOR LAUNCHED THIS PAST FALL.  
THE PROGRAM IS SET TO START IN  
THIS WINTER OR SPRING.  
PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0316, ALL  
THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[ CHORUS OF AYES ]

>> THE AYES HAVE IT.  
>> DOCKET NUMBER 0316, MESSAGE  
AND ORDER.  
>> Announcer: -- FOR THE  
CONFIRMATION OF DR. JENNIFER

CHILDS-ROSHAK AND JOHN  
FERNANDEZ, HIS TERM EXPIRING  
JANUARY 15th, 2021.

>> DOCKET WILL BE ASSIGNED TO  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTHY WOMEN AND  
FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.  
>> DOCKET NUMBER 0319 MESSAGE  
AND ORDER AUTHORIZING CITY OF  
BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND AN  
AMOUNT OF \$5,000 IN THE FORM OF  
A GRANT FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH.  
>> AT THIS TIME, THE CHAIR WILL  
MOVE FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0319.  
THIS GRANT HAS COME FROM BRIGHAM  
WOMEN'S HOSPITAL SPECIFICALLY TO  
FUND THE COUNCIL'S BLACK HISTORY  
EVENT, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR  
THIS EVENING.

I HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE.  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[ CHORUS OF AYES ]

>> ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND  
OTHERS.

MADAME CLERK?

>> MADAME PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU  
LIKE ME TO READ 0320 THROUGH  
0031?

>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

>> 0320 NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM  
THE MAYOR OF THE REAPPOINTMENT  
OF DION IRISH AS A MEMBER OF THE  
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION FOR  
A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 3, 2022.

0321 NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM  
THE MAYOR OF THE REAPPOINTMENT  
FOR KATHERINE CRAVEN AS A MEMBER  
OF THE PUBLIC FACILITIES  
COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING  
JANUARY 3, 2022.

0322 NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM  
THE MAYOR OF THE REAPPOINTMENT  
OF LARRY MAMMOLI AS A MEMBER OF  
THE PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION  
FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 3,  
2022.

0323 NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM  
THE MAYOR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF  
ANN MARIE NOONAN AS INTERIM  
DIRECTOR OF LABOR RELATIONS  
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 12, 2018.

0324 COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED  
FROM RONALD W. RAKOW, ASSESSING  
COMMISSIONER, OF THE APPOINTMENT  
OF CHRISTOPHER LYNCH AS AN  
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR.

0325 COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED  
FROM BRIAN P. GOLDEN, DIRECTOR  
OF THE BOSTON PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, REGARDING  
PROPOSED MINOR MODIFICATION TO  
THE FENWAY URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT  
WITH RESPECT TO PARCEL 27.

0326 NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM

THE POLICE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE BOSTON TRUST ACT REGARDING CIVIL IMMIGRATION DETAINER RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017.

0327 NOTICE WAS 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 FEBRUARY 7, 2018.

0328 NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF GAYLE WILLET AS A COMMISSIONER OF ASSESSING EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 15, 2018.

0329 NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF HIS ABSENCE FROM THE CITY FROM 9:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018, UNTIL 12:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018.

>> DOCKET 0320 THROUGH DOCKET 0331 WILL BE PLACED ON FILE. DOCKET NUMBER 0332, NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE GREENWAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PETITION.

>> DOCKET 0332 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES?

>> DOCKET NUMBER 06188 -- NUMBER 0168 THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION TO WHICH WAS REFERRED ON JANUARY 24, 2018 DOCKET 0168 ORDER REGARDING A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY.

>> AT THIS POINT, THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES THE SPEAKER.

>> JUST WANT TO OUTLINE THAT THIS STEP IS PART OF THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE GIVEN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S PROCESS FOR HOW APPLICANTS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA

DISPENSARIES NEED TO PROCEED. THEY NEED TO GET A LETTER OF SUPPORT OR NONOPPOSITION FROM EITHER THE MAYOR OR CITY COUNCIL FROM THE MUNICIPALITY THEY'RE

SEEKING TO OPEN IN.  
LAST WEDNESDAY, WE HAD THE  
HEARING AT THE VFW PARKWAY.  
THIS IS ONE OF 20 APPLICATIONS  
THEY'RE SEEKING APPROVAL FOR  
ACROSS THE STATE.  
THEY DID MENTION THEY ARE  
AGREEING TO PROVISO THAT THIS  
WOULD ONLY BE AGREED TO FOR  
MEDICAL MARIJUANA PURPOSES AND  
HAD GONE THROUGH A LENGTHY  
COMMUNITY PROCESS AS REQUESTED  
AND GUIDED BY THE DISTRICT  
COUNCILOR.  
WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FOR  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE  
REPORT AND PASSAGE OF THE  
DOCKET, WHICH WOULD MEAN WE  
WOULD ISSUE THE STANDARD LETTER  
OF NONOPPOSITION.  
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU.  
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.  
>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.  
WE'RE JOINED BY THE OWNER AND  
HER TEAM FROM BEACON COMPASSION  
IS WITH US TODAY.  
I FIRST MET WITH BEACON  
COMPASSION A BETTER PART OF A  
YEAR AGO NOW IN THIS VERY HALL.  
I HAD TWO REQUESTS.  
ONE TO AGREE TO BE A MEDICINAL  
ONLY FACILITY AND TWO TO CONDUCT  
A ROBUST PROCESS AS POSSIBLE.  
THEY HAVE AGREED TO BOTH.  
THERE WAS A TIME WHERE THEY HAD  
REQUESTED SOME ACTION TO BE  
TAKEN EARLIER, AND I SAID THAT I  
WAS NOT COMFORTABLE DOING THAT  
AND WOULD NOT DO THAT UNTIL THEY  
WERE ABLE TO MEET MORE PEOPLE  
AND ENGAGE MORE NEIGHBORS, AND  
THEY DID JUST THAT.  
THERE ARE FOUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATIONS THAT I WANT TO  
TOUCH UPON THAT HAVE AGREED TO  
ISSUE ALSO LETTERS OF  
NONOPPOSITION.  
ONE WAS THE ROXBURY  
NEIGHBORHOOD.  
I BELIEVE THAT WAS THE FIRST ONE  
WHICH IS A MAYORAL-APPOINTED  
BOARD THAT DEALS WITH ZONING FOR  
THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE SECOND I BELIEVE WAS THE WEST ROXBURY CIVIC AND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION. IT CONCERNS PRIMARILY THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF WASHINGTON STREET AND McCARTHY'S DISTRICT. THE THIRD WAS THE 1515 VFW PARKWAY TRAILER PARK, WHICH IS BOSTON'S ONLY TRAILER PARK, WHICH I'M PROUD TO REPRESENT, WHICH IS THE CLOSEST ABUTTERS TO THE LOCATION THAT ENDED UP WRITING A LETTER OF NONOPPOSITION AS WELL. FOURTH, THE CLOSEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPOSED LOCATION. ALL FOUR BODIES EITHER WROTE LETTERS OR TOOK STATEMENTS IN NONOPPOSITION PROVIDED THAT THIS FACILITY REMAIN A MEDICINAL MARIJUANA ONLY, WHICH WAS MY POSITION AS WELL. IT WASN'T EASY TO DO, AND THERE ARE MANY QUESTIONS THEY HAD TO DEAL WITH, AND THEY DID THAT. I COMMEND THEM FOR THE ROBUST PROCESS FOR A BUSINESS LIKE THIS. WE ARE DEALING WITH THIS NOW BECAUSE THIS IS THE LAW OF THE LAND, AND THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION AS WE GET TO RECREATIONAL, BUT ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I FEEL SO STRONGLY ABOUT MEDICINAL IS THAT IT IS NEEDED. IT IS EXACTLY WHAT IT IS. THIS IS MEDICINE. WE DON'T HAVE TO GET INTO BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THE SCOURGE OF OPIATES HAS BEEN. MARIJUANA IS A FAR PREFERABLE TREATMENT IN DEALING WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS A CHRONIC, FATAL DISEASE. WE HAVE ALL LOST LOVED ONES. NEXT MONTH, IT IS THREE YEARS AGO THAT I LOST MY SISTER TO CERVICAL CANCER. MEDICINAL MARIJUANA HELPED SAVE HER LIFE. I KNOW SOME PEOPLE ARE VERY UPSET ABOUT THIS, AND I



UNDERSTAND THIS IS A CHANGE.  
BUT THE FACT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
A MEDICAL FACILITY STAFFED BY  
MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IS WHY I  
SUPPORT NONOPPOSITION TO THIS  
SITE AS MEDICINAL ONLY, AND THAT  
IS PRECISELY WHAT BEACON  
COMPASSION HAS AGREED TO.

WE HAVE ASKED THEM AND THEY HAVE  
AGREED TO INCLUDE A PROVISIO FOR  
ZONING, WHICH READS [ READING ].  
I WILL BE ECHOING THE CHAIR'S  
REQUEST THAT THIS BODY RATIFY  
THIS AND PASS IT.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ROBUST  
PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN, A MAN TRAP,  
A SALLE PORT, WORKING WITH  
BOSTON POLICE TO HAVE A POLICE  
DUTY ON DETAIL FROM THE  
BEGINNING AS IT OPENS UP, AND  
THE WORK TO ADDRESS MANY  
QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND TO  
MY COLLEAGUES, FOR YOUR  
PARTICIPATION.

>> THANK YOU FOR SHARING.

AT THIS TIME, COUNCILOR WU MOVES  
FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE  
REPORT AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET  
0168.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[ CHORUS OF AYES ]

>> DOCKET 0168 HAS BEEN PASSED  
AND THE OPERATOR WILL BE GRANTED  
OUR STANDARD LETTER OF  
OPPOSITION WITH THAT PROVISIO  
THAT IT REMAIN EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
MEDICINAL MARIJUANA.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0139, COMMITTEE  
ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT,  
TRANSPORTATION TO WHICH WAS  
REFERRED ON JANUARY 24th, 2018  
DOCKET NUMBER 0139 MESSAGE AND  
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF  
BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND TWO  
GRANTS FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS  
GAMING COMMISSION FOR A  
CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.  
THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT IS TO  
FUND A PORTION OF THE CITY'S  
COSTS FOR THE DESIGN OF THE  
RUTHERFORD AVENUE/SULLIVAN  
SQUARE PROJECT, SUBMITS A REPORT  
RECOMMENDING THE ORDER OUGHT TO

PASS.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.  
WE MENTIONED AT OUR LAST MEETING  
TWO WEEKS AGO WE HAD JUST BEFORE  
THAT MEETING HAD A HEARING ON  
THIS PARTICULAR GRANT.  
\$250,000 FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS  
GAMING COMMISSION TO GET TO 25%  
DESIGN FOR THIS CORRIDOR.  
IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS IN THE  
MAKING.

AT THE HEARING, THERE WERE SOME  
QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP ABOUT  
DESIGN ALTERNATIVES AND WHETHER  
PARTICULAR ALTERNATIVES HAD BEEN  
EVALUATED AND TO WHAT DEGREE.  
WE PAUSED LAST MEETING TO GIVE A  
CHANCE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION  
DEPARTMENT AND SOME PROPONENTS  
OF AN ALTERNATE DESIGN TO HUDDLE  
UP.

THAT MEETING HAS HAPPENED.  
WHILE THERE ARE STILL QUESTIONS  
THAT ANOTHER DISTRICT COUNCILOR  
WILL BE PURSUING FURTHER, MY  
INTENTION WAS NEVER TO HOLD UP  
THE GRANT, WHICH WAS GOING TO  
REDUCE THE CITY'S OBLIGATION.  
WE WANT SOME DESIGN TO HAPPEN.  
WE WANT THE PROJECT TO HAPPEN.  
THE RESIDENTS OF CHARLESTOWN  
DESPERATELY NEED THE

IMPROVEMENTS, SO WE WANT TO GET  
THEM TO THAT DESIGN AND STAY ON  
TRACK FOR THE FEDERAL FUNDING TO  
HAPPEN.

I THINK WE'LL CONTINUE TO HAVE  
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WHAT EXACTLY  
THAT DESIGN CONTAINS.  
WE MOVE FORWARD FOR THE  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT AND  
PASSAGE OF THE GRANT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.  
WOULD ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SPEAK  
ON THIS MATTER?  
AT THIS TIME, COUNCIL WILL MOVE  
FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE  
REPORT AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET  
0139.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[ CHORUS OF AYES ]

>> THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 0139 HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET 0164, ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION BUDGET.  
>> YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.  
>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. YESTERDAY, I CHAIRED A PRODUCTIVE HEARING REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BPS TRANSPORTATION BUDGET, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES. EVERYONE WAS THERE AT SOME POINT YESTERDAY. WE HEARD FROM CHIEF OF OPERATIONS FOR BPS AS WELL AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHER FOLKS THAT LENT THEIR VOICES DURING THE HEARING. BPS IS ANTICIPATING A TOTAL SPENDING FOR FISCAL YEAR '18 TO BE \$123 MILLION. MUCH OF THIS RISE IS DUE TO THE COST OF DRIVER AND BUS CONTRACTS AND RELATED COSTS TO THE EXCEPTION TIMES, WHICH IS WHEN THE DRIVERS ARE DRIVING BEYOND WHAT IS DESIGNATED IN THEIR CONTRACT AND ROUTE AND THOSE WHO ARE ACTING AS BACKUP DRIVERS WHEN ACTIVE DRIVERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. A FEW BUS DRIVERS ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. A NUMBER OF THEM ONLY FOR OTHER REASONS -- AND THOSE ARE ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS, BUT THEY ARE OUT CURRENTLY WITH PAY, WHICH IS A SUBSTANTIAL EXPENSE TO THE DISTRICT. THE TRANSPORTATION VENDOR WILL BE EXPIRING AT THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. WE ALSO INFORM THAT BPS IS IN THE PROCESS OF LEADING AN OPT-OUT CAMPAIGN STARTING AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE YEAR TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS WHO DO NOT RIDE THE SCHOOL BUSES, ALTHOUGH

THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO A BUS.  
THIS OPT-OUT COULD HELP REDUCE  
THE NUMBER OF BUS STOPS AND  
ROUTES.

SO FAR, 2200 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN  
TAKEN OFF OF THIS LIST, AND THIS  
REDUCTION HAS CERTAINLY HELPED  
REALIZE SOME SAVINGS OVER A  
PERIOD OF TIME.

WE HOPE TO REALIZE A FEW MORE.  
WHEN A FAMILY OPTS OUT OF  
TRANSPORTATION, THERE'S ALWAYS  
AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK ON  
TO A BUS ROUTE SHOULD FAMILY  
CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE.

A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF OUR  
TRANSPORTATION SPENDING, OVER  
\$56,000 PER STUDENT, IS TO  
TRANSPORT STUDENTS TO PRIVATE  
EDUCATION FACILITIES  
REQUIRING -- WHEN STUDENTS  
REQUIRE SPECIAL ED SERVICES.  
THERE ARE CURRENTLY 166 STUDENTS  
BEING TRANSPORTED TO 63  
DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

THIS IS A GROWING NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS, BUT THEY'VE BEEN  
IDENTIFIED AS REQUIRING THESE  
OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS.  
I WAS CERTAINLY DISPLEASED, NOT  
THRILLED, TO HEAR THIS INCREASE  
IN SPENDING FOR THIS CURRENT  
FISCAL YEAR, BUT TRUST THAT BPS  
IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE  
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND REDUCE  
SPENDING.

AND THEY HAVE SET SOME GOALS TO  
REALIZE THOSE SAVINGS, WHETHER  
IT IS A CONVERSATION IN SOME  
HOPES TO CHANGE BUS TIMES,  
CREATE MORE EFFICIENT ROUTES,  
WORKING ON THE OPT-OUT PLAN, ALL  
OF THOSE ARE GOOD PIECES.  
BUT MY ADVICE TO BPS IS MAKING  
SURE WE PUT THE CHILD FIRST, BUT  
ALSO WHILE LOOKING TO MEET  
BUDGET EXPECTATIONS CERTAINLY  
FOR OUR EFFORTS HERE ON THE  
COUNCIL.

THANK YOU-ALL FOR JOINING  
YESTERDAY AND PARTICIPATING IN A  
VERY ROBUST AND THOUGHTFUL  
CONVERSATION.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR

ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

WOULD ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SPEAK  
ON THIS MATTER?

>> I WANT TO THANK THE  
CHAIRWOMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR  
HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS.  
SHE DID A FANTASTIC JOB  
ILLUSTRATING WHAT WE HEARD.  
ONE THING THAT STUCK WITH ME WAS  
THE PRIVATE OUT OF DISTRICT  
PLACEMENT.

WE'RE UP TO 166 STUDENTS AND A  
STUDENT POPULATION OF 56,000,  
THAT DOESN'T SEEM THAT HIGH, BUT  
THAT NUMBER HAS GONE UP.  
THE FACT THAT WE'RE PAYING ON

AVERAGE \$56,000 PER STUDENT  
TIMES 166 STUDENTS IS \$9.2  
MILLION.

NOW ADMITTEDLY, SOME STUDENTS  
NEED SERVICES THAT WE CANNOT  
OFFER, BUT WE SHOULDN'T BE  
SATISFIED WITH THAT NUMBER  
GROWING FROM 140-SOMETHING TO  
156.

NOT ONLY SHOULD WE BE ABLE TO  
SERVICE THE NEEDS OF EVERY  
STUDENT IN BOSTON, BUT IT ALSO  
WOULD SAVE US MONEY.

IF THERE ARE 63 DIFFERENT SITES,  
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BREAKDOWN  
IS 1 ON 1, BUT YOU WOULD THINK  
THE BREAKDOWN WOULD BE TWO OR  
THREE.

YOU CAN'T TELL ME WE COULDN'T  
OFFER A SPECIALIST AT THAT  
SALARY TO BE ABLE TO KEEP THIS  
STUDENT IN-HOUSE AND BE ABLE TO  
SAVE MONEY IN THE LONG RUN.  
THIS IS A CONVERSATION THAT WE  
ALL SHARED.

AS WE GET TO THE BUDGET HEARING,  
I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE  
REALLY NEED TO FOCUS ON, BPS  
NEEDS TO FOCUS ON AS WELL.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME, DOCKET 0164 WILL  
REMAIN IN THE COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0257, MESSAGE  
AND ORDER APPROVING THE CITY OF  
BOSTON TO ACCEPT THE RIGHT TO

IMPOSE A USE RESTRICTION TO ENSURE THAT THE HUNTINGTON THEATER CONTINUES TO BE USED AS A THEATER OR SIMILAR CULTURAL USE.

>> THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE OF ARTS,

CULTURE, AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIR.

MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE A USE RESTRICTION TO ENSURE THAT THE HUNTINGTON THEATRE CONTINUES TO BE USED AS A THEATER OR SIMILAR CULTURAL USE WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON ARTS.

WE HEARD FROM JOYCE AND JONATHAN.

THEY GAVE A PRESENTATION.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE IS THAT THIS PROJECT IS MIXED USE.

IN ADDITION TO KEEPING THE THEATRE FOR 100 YEARS AS A CULTURAL USE, WE'LL ALSO HAVE OVER 400 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AS WELL AS RETAIL AND RESTAURANT SPACE.

THERE ARE ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL CULTURAL SPACE AS WELL AS AN ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE THAT WILL BE ADDED TO THIS PROJECT AS WELL AS DONATIONS TO PARKS AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS.

IN ADDITION, WHEN THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETED, IT WILL GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION IN ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX THAT THE CITY CAN THEN USE.

WE ALSO HEARD AT THAT TIME THE DIRECTORS OF THE HUNTINGTON THEATRE AND THE FENWAY ALLIANCE WHO ATTENDED THE HEARING, AND THEY TESTIFIED IN FULL SUPPORT OF ACCEPTING THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE A USE RESTRICTION TO ENSURE THAT THE HUNTINGTON THEATRE CONTINUES TO BE USED AS A THEATER OR A SIMILAR CULTURE USE OVER THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS OR SO.

BASED ON THIS INFORMATION AND THE TESTIMONY THAT WAS PRESENTED AT THE HEARING, I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THIS MATTER OUGHT TO PASS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR, JANEY.

>> AT THIS TIME, I MOVE FOR ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0297.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[ CHORUS OF AYES ]

>> THE AYES HAVE IT.

IT HAS BEEN PASSED.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0333, COUNCILORS ZAKIM AND BAKER OFFERED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE CITY OF BOSTON CODE, ORDINANCES, REGARDING EVICTION DATA COLLECTION.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. THIS IS A REFILING THAT COUNCILOR BAKER AND I WORKED ON LAST YEAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BROOKS STABILIZATION ACT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS JUST CAUSE EVICTION, WHICH THIS BODY AND THE MAYOR SENT UP TO THE STATE HOUSE LAST YEAR, BUT THERE WERE SOME COMPONENTS OF THE BILL THAT WE WANTED TO TRY TO PUT IN PLACE QUICKLY, PARTICULARLY AROUND WHERE EVICTIONS WERE HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. WHAT STOOD OUT FROM THE TESTIMONY WAS THAT TENANTS OR FOLKS WHO WERE FACING EVICTION NEED TO BE INFORMED OF THEIR RIGHTS IN THE PROCESS. THE PROBLEM WAS MANY FOLKS DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THOSE AUCTIONS UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE. ALSO, WHAT THIS BILL WOULD DO IS REQUIRE THAT FOLKS WHO ARE ISSUING EVICTION NOTICES TO SEND TO THE HOUSING STABILITY A NOTICE OF THIS EVICTION ALONG WITH THE TENANT'S NAME, ADDRESS, ET CETERA.

THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO ONE TRACK EVICTIONS INSTEAD OF GOING UP TO

THE COURTHOUSE EVERY TIME.  
IT OFTEN CREATES MORE WORK FOR  
FOLKS WHO HAVE TO SORT THROUGH  
ALL THE INFORMATION WE GET.  
WE'LL MAKE SURE THESE TENANTS  
ARE INFORMED OF THEIR RIGHTS IN  
A TIMELY MANNER, PROVIDED WITH  
RESOURCES FROM BOTH THE CITY AND  
THE NONPROFIT AGENCIES SUCH AS  
GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES,  
AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
WORK WITH PEOPLE FACING  
FORECLOSURE.

WE HEAR ABOUT THE RISING COST OF  
HOUSING AND THE TROUBLES WE'RE  
HAVING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.  
THIS IS SOMETHING IMPORTANT THAT  
CITY COUNCIL CAN DO WITHOUT  
APPROVAL FROM THE STATE  
LEGISLATURE, ALTHOUGH I KNOW WE  
ALL HAVE FAITH IN OUR COLLEAGUES  
UP THERE.

I KNOW WE CAN PROBABLY MORE  
QUICKLY ON THIS IN MAKING SURE  
WE'RE PROTECTING HOMEOWNERS AND  
RENTERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.  
>> THANK YOU.

WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO ADD THEIR  
NAME TO THIS?

MADAME CLERK, IF YOU COULD  
PLEASE ADD [ READING ] AND THE  
CHAIR.

DOCKET 033 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO  
THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0334, COUNCILOR  
PRESSLEY OFFERED THE FOLLOWING  
RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE  
LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT HOUSE  
BILL 3586, AN ACT RELATIVE TO  
JUSTICE-INVOLVED WOMEN.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.  
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR  
COLLEAGUES IN GOVERNMENT WHO HAS  
LONG BEEN A STALWART AND A  
LEADER IN THIS CAUSE.  
IT IS A CRITICAL APPROACH TO  
ADDRESS THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE  
GROWING POPULATION OF  
INCARCERATED WOMEN.  
REUNIFICATION IS CRITICAL TO  
REDUCING RECIDIVISM.  
WOMEN CERTAINLY PLAY AN INTEGRAL  
PART IN OUR FAMILIES IN THE



FABRIC OF OUR CITY.  
ALMOST 40% OF SINGLE  
FEMALE-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS.  
WE'LL CONTINUE TO SEE THE NUMBER  
OF INCARCERATED WOMEN GROWING.  
THAT IS INCREDIBLY  
DESTABILIZING, ESPECIALLY SINCE  
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MANY OF THEM  
BEING SEPARATED FROM THEIR  
CHILDREN.  
THOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN GOING  
INTO THE SYSTEM.  
JUST TO SHARE SOME NUMBERS  
BECAUSE OFTEN WE CAN STEREOTYPE  
WHO IS IN FACT INCARCERATED.  
1 IN 4 ARE A SURVIVOR OF  
PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE.  
MANY HAVE DEVELOPED A SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE DISORDER.  
MANY OF THEM BATTLE MENTAL  
HEALTH CHALLENGES.  
THEY REALLY SHOULD NOT BE  
INCARCERATED.  
THE FACT THAT THEY ARE

INCARCERATED, IT REALLY IS  
INCUMBENT ON US TO BE GENDER  
COMPETENT AND SPECIFIC AS WE'RE  
THINKING ABOUT STRATEGIES AROUND  
REHABILITATION AND ALSO  
RE-ENTRY.

THE DEBATE IS ONGOING RELATIVE  
TO SENTENCING AND PUNISHMENT OF  
CRIME, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE  
THAT WE'RE ALSO TALKING ABOUT  
REHABILITATION AND RE-ENTRY  
SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS POPULATION  
WHICH FOR SO LONG HAS BEEN  
OVERLOOKED AND IS UNFORTUNATELY  
GROWING.

IF THIS LEGISLATION IS PASSED,  
IT WILL INSTITUTIONALIZE A PANEL  
THAT WILL ALLOW US TO COLLECT  
THE DATA.

I KNOW IT SOUNDS A BIT ROTE, BUT  
I THINK THE DESTABILIZATION OF  
OUR FAMILIES IS A PUBLIC HEALTH  
CRISIS.

THAT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IS  
AFFECTING OUR ECONOMY AND CIVIC  
LIFE AND SO MANY OTHER THINGS.  
LIKE ANY OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH

CRISIS, WE HAVE TO STUDY IT AND

WE NEED THE DATA BETTER ADDRESS  
IT.  
TODAY, I ASK THAT WE SUSPEND AND  
PASS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR  
PRESSLEY.

WOULD ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SPEAK  
ON THIS MATTER, ADD YOUR NAME?  
MADAME CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD  
COUNCILOR BAKER, COUNCILOR  
EDWARDS, COUNCILOR  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, COUNCILOR  
FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR FLYNN,  
COUNCILOR JANEY, COUNCILOR WU,  
AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

COUNCILOR PRESSLEY MOVES FOR  
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND  
ADOPTION OF DOCKET 0334.

>> I APOLOGIZE.

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS.

I DO WANT TO GIVE THE GOOD WORK  
OF OUR FELLOW COLLEAGUE AND MAKE  
SURE I PUNCTUATE WHAT WE'RE  
ABOUT TO AFFIRM HERE AS A BODY.  
IN ADDITION TO THE DATA AND  
RESEARCH DEFINED BEST PRACTICES  
TO ENSURE THAT THIS PANEL MAKES  
RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE GENDER  
RESPONSIVE AND TRAUMA INFORMED  
TO SUPPORT JUSTICE-INVOLVED  
WOMEN.

THIS WILL INCLUDE FAMILY  
VISITATION, MAINTAINING FAMILIAR  
BONDS, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE,  
PRETRIAL SERVICES, REDUCING HARM  
TO FAMILIES, AND AGAIN  
MAXIMIZING REHABILITATION  
PRACTICES TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL  
RE-ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR  
PRESSLEY.

I WILL SAY THIS.

IF ANYONE WANTS TO REMOVE THEIR  
NAME AFTER HEARING THAT, WE CAN  
TALK ABOUT THAT AT A DIFFERENT  
POINT.

FOR RIGHT NOW -- EXACTLY.

FOR RIGHT NOW ON DOCKET NUMBER  
0334, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY MOVES  
FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND  
ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[ CHORUS OF AYES ]  
>> ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.  
THE AYES HAVE IT.  
IT HAS BEEN ADOPTED.  
>> DOCKET 0335, COUNCILOR CIOMMO  
OFFERED THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR  
A HEARING REGARDING POST AUDIT  
BUDGET REVIEW.  
>> IT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.  
>> DOCKET NUMBER 0336, COUNCILOR  
EDWARDS OFFERED THE FOLLOWING  
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE MARCH  
FOR OUR LIVES AND COMPREHENSIVE  
ACTION TO HALT THE EPIDEMIC OF  
GUN VIOLENCE.  
>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.  
I THINK IT IS VERY EVIDENT THAT  
MANY PEOPLE HERE ALREADY HAVE  
BEEN IMPACTED BY SHOOTING AND  
VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY.  
I DISTINCTLY RECALL IN 1999 I  
WAS IN A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL  
WHEN COLUMBINE HAPPENED.  
WHILE THAT WAS AT A SMALL TOWN  
IN COLORADO AND I WAS IN  
MICHIGAN, I FELT FEAR SUDDENLY  
TRYING TO GO TO SCHOOL.  
WHAT WE'RE SEEING INCREASINGLY  
IS THAT FEAR IS NOT ONLY  
GROWING, BUT IT IS IMPACTING THE  
WAY PEOPLE GO TO SCHOOL BUT ALSO  
HOW THEY TEACH.  
TO BRING UP MY COLLEAGUE,  
YESTERDAY SHE HAD INCREDIBLE --  
MY COLLEAGUE ESSAIBI-GEORGE HAD  
INCREDIBLE COMMENTS YESTERDAY  
THAT WERE QUITE EMOTIONAL ABOUT  
THE IMPACT ON TEACHERS AND THAT  
WE ASK ALREADY SO MUCH OF THEM  
TO COME TO SCHOOL AND TO  
COMPENSATE.  
NOW APPARENTLY, NOW THEY HAVE TO  
WAGE WAR ON OTHER STUDENTS TO  
PROTECT THEIR OWN.  
THIS IS TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUE'S  
COMMENTS.  
THIS IS ALSO A PUBLIC HEALTH  
CRISIS.  
IT IS A HEALTH CRISIS OF GUN  
VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.  
I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT  
WE AS A CITY OF BOSTON STAND  
FIRMLY IN SOLIDARITY IN THIS

CONVERSATION WHILE WE MAY NOT  
HAVE HAD A SCHOOL SHOOTING.  
WE DO HAVE VIOLENCE IN OUR  
STREETS THAT ARE DIRECTLY  
RELATED TO GUN VIOLENCE.  
STATISTICS ARE STAGGERING.  
WHEN WE DID THE RESEARCH FOR  
THIS RESOLUTION, THE FACT THAT  
SINCE 1968 THE NUMBER OF  
GUN-RELATED VIOLENT DEATHS IS  
ACTUALLY MORE THAN ANY -- OF ALL  
THE WARS COMBINED THAT WE'VE HAD  
SINCE OUR INCEPTION.  
THE FACT SINCE 2012, SANDY HOOK,  
WE'VE HAD 239 SCHOOL SHOOTINGS  
OF WHICH 138 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN  
KILLED.  
WE ARE -- THIS HAS BEEN DECLARED  
A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS BY THE  
AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH  
ASSOCIATION, AND SO I BRING THIS  
UP NOT ONLY TO EXPRESS OUR  
SOLIDARITY, BUT ALSO TO BE VERY  
CLEAR THERE ARE CHILDREN LEADING  
THE WAY IN THIS CONVERSATION.  
WE SHOULD ALSO BE PROUD ABOUT  
THE FACT THAT THEY'RE STEPPING  
UP IN SUCH HUGE WAYS.  
THERE'LL BE A MARCH FOR OUR  
LIVES IN BOSTON.  
WE NEED TO PUSH FOR REASONABLE  
GUN CONTROL IN OUR STATE,  
INCLUDING THE EXTREME RISK  
PROTECTIVE ORDER, HOUSE BILL  
H-30831.  
I'M SURE MANY OF YOU ALREADY  
RESOUNDINGLY SUPPORT STANDING  
WITH THESE KIDS AND STANDING UP  
FOR SOCIETY WHERE WE DON'T FEAR  
GOING TO SCHOOL AND WHERE OUR  
TEACHERS ARE MORE THAN PREPARED  
TO EDUCATE OUR KIDS, NOT  
NECESSARILY TO HAVE TO DEFEND  
THEM.  
I'LL CLOSE THE REMARKS.  
>> WOULD YOU LIKE TO --  
>> YEAH.  
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS.  
COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YOU  
HAVE THE FLOOR.  
>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.  
I RISE TODAY TO THANK COUNCILOR  
EDWARDS AND ASK THAT MY NAME BE  
ADDED.

AS A CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, I TAKE THIS ISSUE  
VERY SERIOUSLY.

IT IS A TOPIC THAT KEEPS ME UP  
AT NIGHT.

IT IS A CONVERSATION I HAVE HAD  
WITH MY CHILDREN.

IT IS A CONVERSATION THAT I'VE  
HAD WITH MY OFFICE.

IT'S A CONVERSATION THAT I'VE  
HAD WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN  
EDUCATION, AND IT IS ONE THAT  
I'VE HAD WITH RESIDENTS OF THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.

WE'RE LOSING INDEPENDENT LIVES  
ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND IN OUR  
GREAT CITY BECAUSE OF GUN  
VIOLENCE.

FOR MANY OF OUR STUDENTS,  
SCHOOLS ARE THEIR SAFETY NET,  
THE MOST STABLE PART OF THEIR  
LIVES.

I THOUGHT OF SHOOTINGS IN THE  
VICINITY OF OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS  
IS A PAINFUL NIGHTMARE THAT  
WEIGHED ON ME THROUGHOUT MY  
TEACHING CAREER, AND IT DOESN'T  
FAIL TO KEEP UP NOW AS A PARENT  
AND AS A CITY COUNCILLOR.

WHETHER THIS IS A CONVERSATION  
ABOUT REGULATING GUNS OR  
BRINGING MORE SUPPORT FOR OUR  
YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES INTO  
SCHOOLS AND FOR US TO USE AS A

COMMUNITY SIMPLY CARING MORE  
ABOUT EACH OTHER BEFORE IT  
BECOMES A CRISIS.

WE NEED TO DO MORE.

I STAND WITH OUR YOUTH, OUR  
FAMILIES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES IN  
THE CITY OF BOSTON AND ACROSS  
THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE  
WORKING TO MAKE EVERY LIFE ONE  
THAT IS ALLOWED TO BE LIVED TO  
ITS FULLY POTENTIAL.

I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO SPEAK, AND THANK YOU,  
COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU.

MADAME CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD  
COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE'S NAME.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILOR

EDWARDS, FOR OFFERING THOSE.  
I TOO WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY NAME.  
I STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE  
YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY  
AND CERTAINLY IN FLORIDA AND  
CERTAINLY HERE IN OUR OWN  
COMMUNITIES.

THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE,  
AND WE NEED TO ALSO RECOGNIZE AS  
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE LEAD THE WAY,  
AS THEY ALWAYS DO -- YOUNG  
PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS AT THE  
FOREFRONT OF ALL IMPORTANT  
SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENTS.  
AS THEY LEAD THE WAY ON THIS  
ISSUE, WE WILL BE THERE WITH  
THEM.

WE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR PAIN,  
AND WE'LL HEAR THEIR VOICE AND  
GIVE THEM SPACE TO LEAD THE WAY.  
I THINK IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT  
THOUGH THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT  
WHILE WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE IN  
THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD A SERIOUS  
MASS SHOOTING HERE IN BOSTON,  
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE EVERY SINGLE  
DAY ARE EXPERIENCING GUN  
VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA IN THEIR OWN  
COMMUNITIES.

THEY, TOO, HAVE BEEN ORGANIZING  
AND FIGHTING AGAINST THIS ISSUE.  
WE NEED TO DO MORE AS A BODY, AS  
A CITY, TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR  
YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE RESOURCES  
THAT THEY NEED AND NOT JUST THE  
RESOURCES, BUT THAT WE'RE  
DEALING WITH THE TRAUMA IN OUR  
COMMUNITIES.

I'M PROUD TO STAND WITH YOU AND  
MY OTHER COLLEAGUES HERE ON THIS  
BODY IN SUPPORT OF THIS  
RESOLUTION.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY.  
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.  
THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS,  
FOR PUTTING THIS FORWARD.  
AS WE WERE SAYING IN RECENT  
WEEKS, RESOLUTIONS ARE A WAY FOR  
US TO AFFIRM AND DOUBLE DOWN ON  
OUR VALUES AND CERTAINLY  
SUPPORTING THE YOUTH VOICE AND

DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO  
SEND THE SCOURGE OF THIS PUBLIC  
HEALTH EPIDEMIC THAT IS GUN  
VIOLENCE.

THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS  
FORWARD.

I ALSO WANTED TO AFFIRM THE  
WORDS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN  
SAID IN THAT THERE IS NO  
HIERARCHY OF HURT HERE.

I WANT TO SAY THAT BECAUSE THERE  
ARE FORCES AT WORK THAT WOULD  
LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE SOMETHING  
ELSE.

THERE IS SOLIDARITY IN THE  
SURVIVOR MOVEMENT.

THERE'S NO HIERARCHY OF HURT  
HERE, WHETHER WE ARE ROBBED OF  
LIFE -- AND THAT'S WHAT IT IS.  
WE SHOULD NEVER SAY A LOSS OF  
LIFE.

THESE LIVES WERE STOLEN FROM US.  
WHETHER WE ARE ROBBED OF A LIFE  
IN A SCHOOL, AT A CONCERT, IN A  
CHURCH, OR ON A CITY BLOCK, WHAT  
THAT VIOLENCE LEAVES IN ITS WAKE  
IS GENERATIONAL TRAUMA AND FOR  
THOSE COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES A  
PERMANENT EMPTY SEAT AT THAT  
DINING ROOM TABLE.

WE WILL AFFIRM YOUTH VOICE.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT ACTIVISM IS  
THERE IS NEITHER AN ELIGIBILITY  
AGE OR A SHELF LIFE.

THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE CERTAINLY  
AFFIRMING THAT, SO WE SHOULD IN  
THE WORDS OF COUNCILOR JANEY  
CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THEIR LEAD.

FINALLY, I WOULD JUST SAY I AM  
REALLY SICK AND TIRED OF PEOPLE  
USING SURVIVORS WHO HAVE LOST OR  
WHO HAVE HAD THE LIVES ROBBED  
FROM THEM, BEEN IMPACTED BY GUN  
VIOLENCE, AS POLITICAL FODDER OR  
FOR PHOTO-OPS.

IT'S GOT TO STOP.

I ASK TO HAVE MY NAME ADDED.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

I THINK THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS  
WERE ABLE TO MUCH MORE  
ELOQUENTLY ARTICULATE WHAT I WAS

THINKING.

I WANT TO JUST ADD ONE THING.  
THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF PARKLAND,  
FLORIDA, HAVE GIVEN ME  
INCREDIBLE HOPE IN THAT TRAGEDY.  
THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE PUSHED  
BACK, CHALLENGED, AND REALLY, I  
THINK, ARTICULATED WHAT NEEDS TO  
BE SAID AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE  
DONE -- WE ARE SICK OF THIS.  
THIS HAS TO END NOW.

IF NOTHING ELSE, I HOPE THAT THE  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND OTHERS THAT ARE  
PUTTING THIS MARCH TOGETHER,  
PARTICULARLY THOSE IN OUR CITY  
THAT ARE LEADING THE WAY, WILL  
HELP US RETIRE THAT TIRED TROPE  
THAT MILLENNIALS ARE OUT OF  
TOUCH, BECAUSE THEY HAVE SHOWN  
MORE COURAGE THAN MEMBERS OF  
CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT AS IT  
RELATES TO GUN VIOLENCE.

>> MADAME CLERK, IF YOU CAN ADD  
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY'S NAME,  
COUNCILOR BAKER, COUNCILOR  
FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR WU, AS WELL  
AS THE CHAIR.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS MOVES FOR  
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND  
ADOPTION OF DOCKET NUMBER 0336.  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[ CHORUS OF AYES ]

>> THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 0336 HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0337, COUNCILOR  
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[ CHORUS OF AYES ]

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>> THE AYES HAVE ITS.

>> COUNCILOR CAMPBELL FOR  
COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0338, ALL  
THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[ CHORUS OF AYES ]

>> THE AYES HAVE IT.

>> COUNCILOR CAMPBELL FOR  
COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE?

[ CHORUS OF AYES ]

>> THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 0339 HAD BEEN PASSED.



>> DOCKET 0340, COUNCILOR  
CAMPBELL OFFERED THE FOLLOWING  
LETTER.  
>> THE CHAIR MOVES FOR  
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND  
PASSAGE.  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.  
[ CHORUS OF AYES ]  
>> THE AYES HAVE IT.  
>> DOCKET NUMBER 0341 COUNCILOR  
CAMPBELL OFFERED THE FOLLOWING  
ORDER.  
>> DOCKET 0341, THE CHAIR MOVES  
FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND  
PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0341.  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.  
[ CHORUS OF AYES ]  
>> IT HAS BEEN PASSED.  
>> COUNCILOR CAMPBELL OFFERED  
THE FOLLOWING --  
>> THE CHAIR MOVES FOR  
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND AS  
PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0342.  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.  
[ CHORUS OF AYES ]  
>> THE AYES HAVE IT.  
AT THIS TIME, I'M INFORMED BY  
THE CLERK WE HAVE ONE LATE FILE  
MATTER.  
THE LATE FILE MATTER HAS BEEN  
ADDED.  
MADAME CLERK, IF YOU CAN READ  
THE FIRST ONE.  
>> OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILLOR  
PRESSLEY, RESOLUTION URGING THE  
STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT  
HOUSE BILL 642 AND HOUSE 4159  
AND ACT TO MANDATE JUSTICE FOR  
MASSACHUSETTS SEXUAL ASSAULT  
SURVIVORS WHEREAS 1 IN 5 WOMEN  
AND 1 IN 16 MEN WILL BE VICTIMS  
OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON COLLEGE  
CAMPUSES.  
YET DESPITE ITS PERVASIVENESS,  
IT IS OFTEN UNDERREPORTED.  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT  
THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL GO ON  
RECORD IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL  
632 AND HOUSE BILL 4159 TO  
ENSURE MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGES  
AND UNIVERSITIES REMAIN  
INTOLERANCE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
AND COMMITTED TO THE PROTECTION  
AND SECURITY OF VICTIMS AND

SURVIVORS WITHIN ITS  
JURISDICTION.  
FOLLOWED ON FEBRUARY 28th, 2018.  
>> THANK YOU.  
YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.  
>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.  
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE LATE FILE,  
BUT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MATTER  
THAT'S CURRENTLY BEING DEBATED  
AT THE STATE HOUSE.  
EMBLEMATIC OF THE SOMETIMES  
WE'RE IN THAT I HAVE TO SIT HERE  
AND FILE SOMETHING THAT IS SO  
OBVIOUS.  
I WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO  
OFFERED THESE TWO BILLS THAT  
PROTECT OUR STUDENTS FROM CAMPUS  
SEXUAL ASSAULT.  
MANY PEOPLE THINK SEXUAL ASSAULT  
ONLY AFFECTS WOMEN.  
THIS IS A CRIME THAT DOES NOT  
DISCRIMINATE.  
CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT, NEARLY 1  
IN 5 WOMEN AND 1 IN 16  
MEN WILL BE HAVE VICTIMS OF  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON COLLEGE  
CAMPUSES.  
FOR THOSE OF YOU THINK THE  
NUMBER 1 REASON IS FINANCIAL  
STRESS, ACTUALLY IT'S CAMPUS  
SEXUAL ASSAULT AND THE TRAUMA  
THAT OCCURS AND THE FACT THAT  
IT'S VERY PAINFUL TO HAVE TO SEE  
YOUR PERPETRATOR ON CAMPUS OVER  
AND OVER AGAIN.  
SO MANY OF THESE CAMPUSES HAVE  
NOT ENFORCED AND TAKEN SERIOUSLY  
THE NEEDS OF SURVIVORS AND  
GETTING THEM ON THE PATHWAY TO  
HEALING AND JUSTICE.  
WHAT WE LEARNED, THE  
UNDERREPORTED CRIMES HAS  
DEVASTATING LONG-TERM EFFECTS ON  
VICTIMS.  
THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION CRAFTED  
THOUGHTFUL GUIDELINES FOR  
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO  
FOLLOW FOR ANY AND ALL CASES OF  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE.  
TO ENSURE THE 1 IN 5 WOMEN AND 1  
IN 16 MEN GET ON A PATHWAY TO  
HEALING AND SECURE THE JUSTICE  
THAT THEY DESERVE.  
SECRETARY BETSY DeVOS IS UNDOING

THOSE ACTIONS.

SO WE THINK OUR LOCAL LEADERS FOR ENSURING THAT MASSACHUSETTS DOES NOT FOLLOW SUIT AND PUTS TOGETHER LEGISLATION THAT WILL CODIFY PROCEDURES FOR THE VICTIMS.

THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THE OBAMA ERA REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 9 NOT ONLY STAY IN PLACE IN THE COMMONWEALTH BUT ARE STRENGTHENED, THIS BILL WILL REQUIRE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO CONTINUE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH-BASED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT SURVEYS, TO PROVIDE ONGOING PREVENTION, EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS AND THE ASSEMBLY REVIEW PANELS.

THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE TWO BILLS SO WE CAN SEND A MESSAGE IN MASSACHUSETTS REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE WHITE HOUSE IS DOING AND THOSE UNDER HIM.

WE HAVE ZERO TOLERANCE WHEN IT COMES TO SEXUAL ASSAULT. SO I MOVE TO SPIN THE RULES AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TODAY.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY.

ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO SPEAK?

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD THE FOLLOWING NAMES.

COUNCILLOR BAKER, COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, COUNCILLOR JANEY, COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILLOR ZAKIM AND THE CHAIR. AT THIS TIME COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY MOVES FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND ADOPTION OF THE FIRST AND ONLY LATE-FILLED MATTER. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. ANY OPPOSED SAY NEY. THE AYES HAVE IT AND THE LATE-FILED MATTER HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

ANYBODY WISHING TO REMOVE A MATTER FROM THE GREEN SHEETS MAY DO SO.

I'M INFORMED BY THE CLERK THERE'S ZERO LATE-FILLED MATTERS TO ADD TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.

AT THIS TIME THE CHAIR MOVES FOR  
ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.  
THE CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN  
ADOPTED.

I WILL RECOGNIZE COUNCILLOR  
O'MALLEY.

>> I ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO  
MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT.

>> YES.

>> I HAVE A BRIEF NOTE TO READ  
FROM OUR FRIEND BUG WADE.  
IT READS "DEAR MATT AND THE CITY  
COUNCIL, I WAS THRILLED TO BE AT  
YOUR MEETING LAST WEEK.  
IT WAS THE MOST GRATIFYING  
EXPERIENCE.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN  
TO THE CHAMBER AND ATTEND A  
MEETING.

ALL THE GOOD THINGS YOU'VE SAID  
ABOUT ME HAVE BEEN GREAT AND  
THANKS ARE IN ORDER.  
I WAS HONORED TO MEET THE MANY  
COUNCILLORS WITH THEIR  
CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES.  
THANKS TO YOU AND MY DEER  
FRIEND, LINDA DENNANCAMP FOR  
TAKING CARE OF ME ALL DAY.  
SO FOR YOU AND YOUR STAFF,  
THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND ALL  
YOU'VE DONE TO ME AND WHAT YOU  
MEAN TO BE ME.

BEST WISHES, BUD WADE."  
PERHAPS, MAYBE YOU CAN READ THIS  
NOTE AT THE MEETING.

WHEN A WORLD WAR II VETTING AND  
A LEGION OF HONOR WINNER ASKS  
YOU TO READ A NOTE, YOU DO.  
SO BUD JOINS MR. McCARTHY IN  
WATCHING THIS.

ONE MORE ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR  
OUR FRIEND, BUD WADE.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

THANKS COMFORTABLE.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YOU  
HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> I REQUEST A BRIEF STATEMENT.

>> YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> ON FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK, MARCH  
2, I AM HOSTING A FREE CPR  
TRAINING FOR ANYONE HERE AT CITY

HALL THAT WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.  
I'M COVERING THE COST OF THE INSTRUCTORS.  
WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS SIGNED UP AND I'M EXCITED ABOUT IT.  
I'LL ALSO BE PROVIDING LUNCH.  
WE'LL SEE WHO SHOWS UP.  
IT WILL BE A GOOD LUNCH.  
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING RECERTIFIED MYSELF IN CPR.  
LOOKING FORWARD TO CERTIFYING LOTS OF FOLKS HERE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANKS, COUNCILLOR  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND THANKS TO EXTENDED THE INVITATION.  
SPEAKING OF LUNCH, A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT WE HAVE A LUNCH AFTER THE MEETING TODAY.  
AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE ALL GUESTS AND MEMBERS TO PLEASE RISE AS THE COUNCIL PREPARES TO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS.

FOR COUNCILLOR BAKER, MARION  
McDONOUGH.

FOR COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, DORIS  
LAZZARINO AND CARMINE CAFASSO  
AND JOAN ROBERTS, HELEN ANDERSON  
AND TERESA FLEMING.

FOR COUNCILLOR JANEY, MANUEL  
SECODA.

AND FOR COUNCILLOR McCARTHY,  
ALAN P. PATTON AND COACH HANK  
CUTTING.

FOR COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY AND  
ZAKIM, KENNY STRIKER AND FOR ALL  
COUNCILLORS, JOHN HINES, BETTY  
DAVIS KNOT AND THE STUDENT  
VICTIMS OF THE MASS SHOOTING IN  
MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH  
SCHOOL IN PARKLAND, FLORIDA.  
A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.  
THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME THE CHAIR MOVES  
WHEN THE COUNCIL ADJOURNS TODAY,  
IT DOES SO IN MEMORY OF THOSE  
INDIVIDUALS AND WE'RE SCHEDULED  
TO MEET AGAIN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7  
IN THIS CHAMBER AT BOSTON CITY  
HALL.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NEY.  
THE AYES HAVE IT.  
THE COUNCIL IS ADJOURNED.