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>> YOU JOIN TOGETHER AS ONE EACH
AND EVERY TIME YOU SPEAK UP AS A
PUBLIC BODY TO PREPARE FOR THE
WORK THAT LIES BEFORE YOU THIS
DAY.

MIGHT YOU BEGIN YOUR TIME
TOGETHER BY INVOKING, BY
INVITING IN COURAGE, COMPASSION,
AND COMMITMENT.

IT IS BY THE WILL OF GOD.
IT IS FROM THE HAND OF THAT
WHICH IS MOST HOLY WHATEVER THAT
GOD MAY BE.

WE CALL UPON THEM THAT THESE
THREE IMPULSES DWELL AND GROW
WITHIN US IN THE NAME OF ALL
THAT IS IN YOU THAT HAS THE
COURAGE TO DREAM A HEALTHIER
LESS FRAGMENTED SOCIETY.

IN THE NAME OF ALL THAT IS IN
YOU THAT YOU HAVE THE COMPASSION
TO NOTICE THE NEEDS AND
VULNERABILITIES OF MANY IN OUR
COMMUNITY, AND ALL THAT IS IN
YOU THAT MOVES YOUR HEART AND
YOUR HANDS TO HELP SOOTHE THAT
DISTRESS.

IN THE NAME OF ALL THAT IS IN
YOU THAT HAS THE COMMITMENT TO
BELIEVE THAT EVERY SINGLE EFFORT
MADE ON BEHALF OF WHAT COULD BE
REALLY MATTERS.

IN THE NAME OF ALL OF THIS AND
MORE, YOU COME TOGETHER TO BEGIN
THIS DAY BY BRINGING TO THE --
I'M SORRY.

BY BRINGING TO THE FORE BY
INVITING IN, BY INVOKING ALL THE
COURAGE, COMPASSION, AND
COMMITMENT THAT CREATION HAS
GIVEN YOU.

MAYBE YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS TOO
BE OPEN TO RECEIVING EVEN MORE
AS YOU BEGIN THIS DAY TOGETHER.
AS YOU READY YOURSELVES FOR ALL
THE WORK THAT IS ETCHED INTO
YOUR HEARTS, INTO THE LIVES OF
YOUR CONSTITUENTS, AND INTO THE
WRITTEN AGENDA THAT LIES BEFORE
YOU TODAY.

IN A SHARED MOMENT OF SILENCE
THEN, MAY YOU NOW INVOKE FOR

YOURSELF.

MAY YOU INVITE IN THESE THREE
FRIENDS OF COURAGE, COMPASSION,
AND COMMITMENT.

MAY THESE THREE IMPULSES THRIVE
WITHIN YOU, ASSISTING YOU IN
CONTINUING TO BUILD A SENSE OF
COMMUNITY ONE WITH ANOTHER
AROUND THIS TABLE AND ONE WITH
ANOTHER OUT THERE IN THE WIDER
CITY THAT HOLDS US ALL.

MAY THE SPIRIT OF COURAGE, THE
SPIRIT OF COMPASSION, AND THE
SPIRIT OF COMMITMENT SUSTAIN
YOU, YOUR FAMILIES, AND YOUR
CONSTITUENTS THROUGH ALL THAT
TODAY AND TOMORROW WILL BRING.
WE SAY THIS.

AMEN.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CLERK.

>> 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.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS IN
THE CHAMBER.

IT IS ALWAYS NICE WHEN THIS
PLACE IS PACKED.

WE APPRECIATE IT.

BECAUSE OF FIRE CODE, WE'RE
GOING TO ASK EVERYONE TO SQUEEZE
IN.

IF YOU CAN'T FIND A SEAT,
THERE'S AN OVERFLOW ROOM WE HAVE
TO PROBABLY DIRECT YOU TOO.

THERE WILL BE SOME COUNCILOR
STATE OF TO DO THAT.

BUT IF YOU CAN SQUEEZE IN, WE
HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH ROOM TO
ACCOMMODATE.

NOW FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE.

TODAY, I HAVE MORE OF A PUBLIC
SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT THAN
ANYTHING ELSE.

IF ERIN COULD COME UP, I'M BRINGING HER UP FROM THE "BETTER FUTURE PROJECTS" JUST TO HAVE A REAL REMINDER THAT NOT ONLY IS SEPTEMBER NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH -- AND WE HAVE SEEN THE NEED FOR PREPAREDNESS TO BE AN EMPHASIS NOT JUST IN THE TRAGEDY THAT HAPPENED IN NORTH ANDOVER, BUT ALSO IN OUR EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS THAT FOR MANY OF US, PARTICULARLY THE CARE OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, THE INCREASING FREQUENCY OF STORMS AND FLOODING AND HEAT THAT WILL DRAW ON OUR PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES.

WE'VE SEEN IT IN NORTH CAROLINA. WE SEE IT DAY AFTER DAY AFTER DAY.

WE NEED TO BE READY, SO I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT IN TODAY'S CONSENT AGENDA THE COUNCIL WILL OFFICIALLY DECLARING SEPTEMBER 24th THROUGH 30th, NEXT WEEK, AS CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS WEEK.

THIS MORNING, WE HAD A REALLY GREAT BRIEFING WITH THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE CITY'S PLANNING MOVING FORWARD WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO HELP PROTECT US AGAINST STORMS AND THE CHANGING WEATHER.

THROUGHOUT ALL OF THIS, WHETHER IT IS THINKING ABOUT BEING READY FOR STORMS, THINKING ABOUT ADAPTING TO WEATHER, THINKING ABOUT WHAT TO DO WHEN OUR UNACCEPTABLE SHODDY

INFRASTRUCTURE IN MANY CASES GIVES WAY, GRASSROOTS ENGAGEMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO THAT.

WE WANT COMMUNITIES FIRST AND FOREMOST TO BE CONNECTED, INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING, INVOLVED IN THE PREPAREDNESS, INVOLVED IN PROPOSING SOLUTIONS. 350 MASS HAS LAUNCHED A PROGRAM CALLED C.R.E.W.

NEXT WEEK, THEY'LL BE ENGAGING RESIDENTS ACROSS THE CITY AND BEYOND WITH MANY EVENTS.

BRINGING FORWARD, AARON.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT

KIND INTRODUCTION, COUNCILOR WU.
I REPRESENT THE "BETTER FUTURE
PROJECT" AND COMMUNITIES
RESPONDING TO EXTREME WEATHER OR
C.R.E.W.

IT IS NONPROFIT HELPING
COMMUNITIES PREPARE FOR THE
DANGEROUS EFFECTS OF CLIMATE
CHANGE THROUGH PREPAREDNESS AND
EMERGENCY PLANNING.
OUR FIRST MAJOR PROJECT HAS BEEN
CONVENING AND HOPEFULLY ANNUAL
CLIMATE WEEK.

WE'VE GOT OVER 30 EVENTS FROM A
DEPAVING EVENT TO A COMMUNITY
BARBECUE TO A STUDENT MARCH BY
THE CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK HERE
IN BOSTON.

THOSE ARE GOING TO BE TAKING
PLACE AS PART OF CLIMATE PREP
WEEK.

IN PLANNING MANY OF THE EVENTS,
WE'VE HAD EXCELLENT PARTNERS
WITHIN THE CITY, WITHIN THE CITY
GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE BEEN
ABSOLUTELY KEY IN PREPARING FOR
CLIMATE PREP WEEK.

I WANT TO THANK NANCY SMITH FOR
PUTTING ON A NUMBER OF EXCELLENT
EMERGENCY PRESENTATIONS AND
WORKSHOPS ACROSS THE CITY.

DAVID IN THE ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT AND CHRIS AND A HOST
OF OTHER LIBRARIANS IN THE
BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM.
THEY'RE HOSTING GREAT EVENTS
DURING CLIMATE PREP WEEK, AND I
WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AT SOME OF
THEM.

WE HAVE ALSO RELIED ON MANY
OTHER NONPROFIT COMMUNITY
PARTNERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON
AND THE GREATER CITY OF BOSTON.
IN THE WAKE OF EXTREME WEATHER
EVENTS, SUCH AS HURRICANE
FLORENCE, MARIA, AND IRMA, WE
BELIEVE CLIMATE PREP WEEK IS
GOING TO BE AN INVALUABLE
OPPORTUNITY TO REINVIGORATE THE
CONVERSATION ON CLIMATE IMPACTS
AND BRING MORE ATTENTION TO THIS
IMPORTANT ISSUE.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL OUR
PARTNERS AND TO YOU, COUNCILORS.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE EVENT
NEXT WEEK.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

>> AT THIS TIME, I WILL ASK ALL
COLLEAGUES TO QUICKLY COME UP TO
TAKE A PHOTO.

THANK YOU.

>> MOING RIGHT ALONG TO THE
REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

MADAME CLERK, IF YOU CAN AMEND
THE ATTENDANCE RECORD TO
INDICATE COUNCILOR BAKER IS
HERE.

IF THERE ARE NO CORRECTIONS TO
BE MADE, THE MINUTES OF THE LAST
COUNCIL MEETING WILL STAND
APPROVED.

SEEING AND HEARING THAT THERE
ARE NO CORRECTIONS, THE MINUTES
ARE SO APPROVED.

MOVING ON TO COMMUNICATION FROM
HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR.

>> DOCKET 1386, MESSAGE AND
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE
AMOUNT OF \$417,809 IN THE FORM
OF A GRANT FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE
MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
GRANT, KNOWN AS THE JAG PROGRAM,
LOCAL SOLICITATION, AWARDED BY
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE GRANT WILL FUND FOUR
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATES.

>> DOCKET 1386 WILL BE ASSIGNED
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

MADAME CLERK, IF WE CAN READ
DOCKETS 1387 THROUGH 13892
TOGETHER, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

>> DOCKET 1387, MESSAGE AND
ORDER TO REDUCE THE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE FY '19
RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING BY \$155,895 TO
PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT FOR THE FY '19
INCREASES CONTAINED WITHIN THE
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE
MUNICIPAL POLICE PATROLMEN'S
ASSOCIATION.

DOCKET 1388, MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$155,895 TO COVER THE FY '19 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE MUNICIPAL POLICE PATROLMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACTS ARE JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AND JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020.

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

THE AGREEMENTS ALSO INCLUDE OTHER BENEFITS INCLUDING NEW STEPS BEGINNING IN 2018.

DOCKET 1389, MESSAGE AND ORDER TO REDUCE THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY \$42,146 TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE FY '19 INCREASES CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

DOCKET 1390, MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR \$42,146 TO COVER THE FY '19 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE BOSTON PARK RANGERS ASSOCIATION. THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACTS INCLUDE BASE WAGE INCREASES OF 2% EFFECTIVE THE FIRST PAY PERIOD OF OCTOBER OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.

DOCKET 1391, MESSAGE AND ORDER TO REDUCE THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY \$23,806 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR THE FY '19 INCREASES CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE MUNICIPAL POLICE SUPERIOR OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION.

DOCKET 1392, MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,806 TO COVER THE FY '19 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE MUNICIPAL POLICE SUPERIOR OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION.

THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ARE JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AND JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020.

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

THE AGREEMENTS ALSO INCLUDE OTHER BENEFITS, INCLUDING NEW STEPS BEGINNING IN 2018.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK ON SEPTEMBER 17th, 2018.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

DOCKETS 1387 THROUGH 1392 CONCERN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THREE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

DOCKETS 1387 AND 1388 ARE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND THE MUNICIPAL POLICE PATROLMEN'S ASSOCIATION. THIS BARGAINING AGREEMENT IS MADE UP OF APPROXIMATELY 55 NUMBERS.

THE CONTRACT HAS AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$505,000 OVER ITS FOUR YEARS, AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION THAT WE WILL AUTHORIZE TODAY THROUGH THIS AGREEMENT IS \$155,895.

DOCKETS 1389 AND 1390 IS BETWEEN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THE BOSTON PARK RANGERS ASSOCIATION.

THIS BARGAINING AGREEMENT IS MADE UP OF APPROXIMATELY 13 MEMBERS AT THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT.

CONTRACTED HAS AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$132,000 OVER ITS FOUR YEARS. THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION COST OF \$42,146.

AND DOCKETS 1391 AND 1392
BETWEEN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND
THE MUNICIPAL POLICE SUPERIOR
OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION.

THIS BARGAINING AGREEMENT IS
MADE UP OF APPROXIMATELY SEVEN
MEMBERS AT THE PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTRACT HAS AN ESTIMATED
COST OF \$77,000 OVER ITS FOUR
YEARS.

THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
THAT WE WILL AUTHORIZE TODAY IS
\$23,806.

EACH CONTRACT IS REPRESENTED BY
TWO DOCKETS.

ONE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESERVE
AND THE OTHER AUTHORIZING THE
USE OF THOSE FUNDS TO PAY FOR
THE CONTRACT.

ALL THREE CONTRACTS ARE COMPOSED
OF TWO CONSECUTIVE AGREEMENTS.

THERE'S CAPS ON SICK LEAVE,
REDEMPTION UPON RETIREMENT, AND
MOVES TO ELECT ELECTRONIC PAY
STUBS.

SIMILAR COMPENSATION AND OTHER
COST ITEMS INCLUDE THE 2% WAGE
INCREASE EFFECTIVE IN OCTOBER OF
EACH OF THE CONTRACTS, THE
ADDITION FROM THE PREVIOUSLY
EXISTING HIRE STEP EFFECTIVE
OCTOBER 2018 AND OCTOBER OF 2019
RESPECTIVELY, AND INCREASES THE
DIFFERENTIALS IN PAID DETAIL
RATES.

THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HAS HELD THREE HEARINGS ON THE
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
AGREEMENTS.

EACH OF THESE AGREEMENTS ARE
SIMILAR, FOLLOWING SIMILAR
POLICY LANGUAGE CHANGES, COST
ITEMS, STEP INCREASES, AND WAGE
INCREASE SCHEDULE THAT WE HAVE
SEEN BEFORE.

THE CURRENT FY '19 COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING RESERVE TOTALS \$3
MILLION AFTER THESE THREE UNIONS
ARE TAKEN OUT OF THE COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING RESERVE.

WE'LL HAVE REMAINING
\$38,140,097.

THERE ARE 14 OUTSTANDING
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS THAT
REMAIN UNRESOLVED TO THIS POINT.
AS CHAIR OF WAYS AND MEANS, I
REQUEST SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
AND PASSAGE OF THESE DOCKETS.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF THOSE DOKTS --
DOCKETS.

STARTING WITH DOCKET 1387, ALL
THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

>> DOCKET PASSES.

DOCKET 1388, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR
SAY AYE?

[CHORUS OF AYES]

>> DOCKET 1388 HAS BEEN PASSED.

DOCKET 1389, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR
SAY AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

>> DOCKET 1389 HAS BEEN PASSED.

DOCKET 1390, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR
SAY AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

>> DOCKET 1390 HAS BEEN PASSED.

DOCKET 1391, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR
SAY AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

>> DOCKET 1391 HAS BEEN PASSED.

FINALLY, DOCKET 1392, ALL THOSE
IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

>> DOCKET 1392 HAS BEEN PASSED.

MOVING ON TO REPORTS OF PUBLIC
OFFICERS AND OTHERS, MADAME
CLERK, IF WE COULD READ 1393
THROUGH DOCKET 1395 TOGETHER,
THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

THANK YOU.

>> DOCKET 1393, 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 AUGUST

22, 2018.

DOCKET 1394, NOTICE WAS RECEIVED
FROM COUNCILOR ZAKIM OF HIS
ABSENCE FROM THE BOSTON CITY

COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.

DOCKET 1395, COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM BRIAN P. GOLDEN REGARDING NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXECUTE, DELIVER AND RECORD QUITCLAIM DEED.

>> DOCKETS 1393 THROUGH 1395 WILL BE PLACED ON FILE. MOVING ON TO REPORTS OF COMMITTEE.

>> DOCKET 0263, THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY, AND PARKS TO WHICH WAS REFERRED ON FEBRUARY 7, 2018, DOCKET 0263, AN ORDER FOR HEARING TO CONSIDER BENEFITS OF NET-ZERO CARBON REQUIREMENTS AND INCENTIVES FOR THE FUTURE CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

SUBMITS A RECORD RECOMMENDING THE ORDER OUGHT TO REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. I WANTED TO BEGIN BY THANKING THE GREAT WORK OF JESSICA FROM MY TEAM AS WELL AS MICHELLE AND OUR CITY MANAGER ROB AND STAFF. WE'VE BEEN WORKING AS A BODY ON NET-ZERO CARBON FOR NEARLY A YEAR NOW.

I WANT TO THANK SO MANY GROUPS WHO HAVE BEEN WILLING PARTNERS. EVERY COUNCILOR HERE AND YOUR STAFF HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS, AND IT'S SOMETHING I'M VERY, VERY PROUD OF.

THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S COMMITTEE REPORT WILL OUTLINE SORT OF WHAT OUR ROAD MAP IS GOING FOR.

THE BOSTON, GREEN PRINT, IF YOU WILL.

THE NET-ZERO CARBON IS THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING NET-ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS FROM A BUILDING.

WE CAN ACHIEVE NET-ZERO CARBON BY DESIGNING EFFICIENT BUILDING MATERIALS AND USING OFFSITE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES.

WE BEGAN THIS IN DECEMBER 2017. WE HAD ROBUST WORK SESSIONS IN MARCH AND MAY AND AT THE END OF AUGUST.

FROM THAT, REALLY A POSITIVE,
HONEST, FRANK DISCUSSION OF
CONVEING RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS,
FOLKS FROM THE CONSTRUCTION
INDUSTRY, FOLKS FROM THE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY, FOLKS
FROM CITY PLANNING CAME TOGETHER
WITH A WHOLE HOST OF IDEAS.
WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IN THE
WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD AS WE
WRAP UP THIS CALENDAR YEAR,
WE'LL COME UP WITH CERTAIN
PROPOSALS TO GET TO NET-ZERO
CARBON.

IT'S NOT AS THOUGH WE COULD
INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE THAT
MAKES EVERYTHING NET-ZERO
CARBON.

WE NEED TO BE STRATEGIC.
SOME OF THESE WILL BE
ORDINANCES.

SOME WILL BE RESOLUTIONS.
SOME COULD BE A HEARING ORDER TO
GET TO SOME OF THOSE THINGS.
SOME IDEAS INCLUDE INCENTIVIZING
DENSITY BONUSES, LOWER PARKING
REQUIREMENTS AT CERTAIN
LOCATIONS, REQUIRE ENERGY USE
AND REPORTING, ESTABLISH A
NET-ZERO CARBON OVERLAY
DISTRICT, HIRE AN ENGINEER TO
CONDUCT A REVIEW OF ENERGY
MODELS AND ENSURE QUALITY OF
ARTICLE 37, SUPPORT FAMILY HOMES
IN CONVERTING FROM OIL TO HEAT
PUMPS, REVISE THE FLOOR TO AREA
RATIO DEFINITION OF ZONING CODE
AS WELL AS PROMOTING THE USE OF
ECHO ROOFS GOING FORWARD.
TALKING ABOUT GREEN SOLAR.
THESE ARE ALL THINGS WE CAN DO.
I LIKE THE EXPRESSION OF
INVESTING IN ENVIRONMENTAL SOUND
POLICY IS SORT OF LIKE
CONTRIBUTING TO YOUR 401K.
IF YOU DO A LITTLE BIT BIT BY
BIT, YOU CAN HAVE A PROFOUND
IMPACT.

HAVING SAID THAT, I APPRECIATE
AGAIN THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF ALL
OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN PARTNERS
WITH ME IN THIS EFFORT.
WE'LL BEGIN ROLLING OUT CERTAIN
INITIATIVES IN THE WEEKS AHEAD,

BUT DID WANT TO HAVE THIS
COMMITTEE REPORT TO TIE
EVERYTHING UP.
THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY.
AT THIS TIME, DOCKET 0623 WILL
REMAIN IN THE COMMITTEE.
MOVING ON TO MATTERS RECENTLY
HEARD FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.
>> DOCKET 1232, MESSAGE AND
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT
OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT TO
ACCEPT AND EXPEND AN AWARD OF
\$4,920,000 FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FFY '17
YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION
PROGRAM.
>> YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.
>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.
I RISE TO REQUEST THE SUSPENSION
AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 1232.
ON MONDAY, THE COMMITTEE ON
HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH, AND
RECOVERY HAD A HEARING FOR
DOCKET 1232 REGARDING A \$4.92
MILLION GRANT FOR THE CITY'S
YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION
PROGRAM.
IN JULY, WE BEGAN CREATING THIS
STRATEGIC PLAN TO END
HOMELESSNESS IN YOUNG ADULTS IN
BOSTON.
IT WAS A VERY EMOTIONAL MOMENT
FOR EVERYONE IN THE ROOM.
I THINK SOMETIMES ABOUT THE
EMOTION OR LACK OF EMOTION IN
THE WORK WE DO HERE IN THE
COUNCIL.
THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL MOMENT
FOR MYSELF WHEN THIS GRANT WAS

AWARDED.
MOST IMPORTANTLY, FOR THE YOUTH
AND THE YOUNG ADULTS
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, FOR
THEIR WORK AND THE VERY DIRECT
EFFORT IN GETTING THIS GRANT.
THE CELEBRATION FOR THEM THAT
DAY AT "BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED
WATERS" WAS AMAZING.
I'LL COME OFF MY NOTES TOTALLY.
I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THIS GRANT

WAS THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND THAT THE CITY HAS EVER RECEIVED. AT OUR HEARING THIS WEEK, WE HEARD FROM COURTNEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, COUNCILOR BAKER WAS IN

ATTENDANCE, AND I APPRECIATE HIS THOUGHTFULNESS, HIS QUESTIONS, HIS INPUT.

COURTNEY REMINDED BOTH OF US ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT THERE ARE OVER 360 YOUTH AND ADULTS THAT ARE ON OUR STREETS AND IN OUR SHELTERS. MANY OF THEM ARE LIVING IN VERY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS.

THERE ARE MANY YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS WHO ARE COUCH SURFING. DOUBLE THAT AND LIVING IN UNSAFE CONDITIONS ARE NOT PART OF THAT COUNT.

THAT 360 NUMBER IS CERTAINLY A VERY MUCH UNDERESTIMATED NUMBER. THE STRATEGIC PLAN THAT'S BEING CREATED AND EVENTUALLY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WILL HELP -- WITH THE HELP OF THIS HUD GRANT WILL BE CRITICAL TO ENSURE THAT YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULTS NO LONGER EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

AND WE LOOK FORWARD, BOTH AS THE COUNCIL AND THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION -- WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING AND CONTINUING THIS WORK WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INDIVIDUALS, AND CITY AND STATE AGENCIES AS WELL AS THE YOUTH ACTION BOARD ON THIS INITIATIVE.

OUR OFFICE AND OUR WORK THROUGH MY OFFICE HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ASPECT OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THAT WORK, BUT ASK THAT THIS DOCKET, 1232, PASS TODAY.

>> ANYBODY ELSE WANTING TO SPEAK ON THIS?

AT THIS TIME, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE RECOMMENDS THAT WE ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND PASS

DOCKET 1232.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

>> DOCKET 1333, MESSAGE AND ORDER FOR YOUR APPROVAL, A DECLARATION OF TRUST ENTITLED "MY WAY CAFE TRUST FUND."

THIS TRUST FUND WILL FURTHER PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, CONVENIENCE AND WELFARE BY PROMOTING THE HEALTH OF STUDENTS IN BOSTON'S SCHOOLS. THIS TRUST ESTABLISHES A FUND IN THE CITY TO RETROFIT OR RENOVATE KITCHENS AND TO FACILITATE SERVING FRESH, HEALTHY MEALS COOKED ON SITE IN VARIOUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

>> YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. WE HAD THE COMMITTEE HEARING YESTERDAY.

WE HAD THE BUDGET DIRECTOR AS WELL AS THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS FOR BPS.

DOCKET 1333 INVOLVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRUST FUND IN THE CITY THAT WILL BE USED TO RENOVATE OR RETROFIT KITCHENS AND TO FACILITATE SERVING FRESH, HEALTHY MEALS COOKED ON SITE IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS PART OF THE "MY WAY CAFE" PROGRAM. DONATIONS WILL COME IN LARGE PART FROM THE SHAW FAMILY FOUNDATION.

THE "MY WAY CAFE PROGRAM" PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS HUB AND SPOKE IS A MODEL TO REPLACE PREPACKAGED FOOD WITH DYNAMIC MENUS THAT HIGHLIGHT STUDENT CHOICE.

THE PROGRAM WAS PILOTED IN FOUR EAST BOSTON SCHOOLS DURING THE 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR AND WILL BE REOPENING IN 31 SCHOOLS ACROSS EAST BOSTON, ROXBURY, AND MATTAPAN DURING THIS CURRENT YEAR.

AT THE HEARING, THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE "MY WAY CAFE" PROGRAM, " INCLUDING SCHOOL SELECTION CRITERIA, FOOD POLICY, AS WELL AS THE POTENTIAL FOR

EXPANDING NUTRITIONAL PROGRAMS
FOR CHILDREN BEYOND SCHOOL
HOURS.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT
RESTRICTIVENESS IN THE TRUST
LANGUAGE AS WRITTEN AND ABOUT
ANNUAL FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS.
REPORTED SUCCESSES OF THE "MY
WAY CAFE" MODEL HAVE INCLUDED
COST-EFFICIENT WASTE REDUCTION.
IT WILL HELP EXPAND THE PROGRAM
TO SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DISTRICT.
THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND PASSAGE.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO.
COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR OF THE
COMMITTEE FOR HOSTING SUCH A
SUCCESSFUL AND GOOD COMMITTEE
HEARING.

I DO FEEL IT WAS WELL-INFORMED,
AND I DO FEEL IN MANY CASES THIS
PROGRAM IS EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT
TO SEE FROM BOSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS AND THE LEADERSHIP NOT
ONLY THAT I HAVE THE HONOR TO
REPRESENT BUT TO SEE IT ROLL OUT
IN SCHOOLS THAT HAVE SOME OF THE
HIGHEST ISSUES AND HIGHEST
INDICATIONS OF POVERTY.

THIS PROGRAM IS WONDERFUL,
SUCCESSFUL, AND I WILL BE VOTING
FOR IT.

WHERE WE'RE GOING IS NOT THE
ISSUE FOR ME.

I WANTED TO POINT OUT HOW WE GOT
HERE.

WHAT I FELT IS THERE WAS
DISCUSSION ABOUT RESTRICTIVENESS
OF THE LANGUAGE.

THE ADMINISTRATION PRESENTED A
FULLY VETTED TRUST TO US TO
ESSENTIALLY VOTE ON WITH NO
OPPORTUNITY FOR FEEDBACK.
SMALL SUGGESTIONS I HAD OVER THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT MAYBE A
PARENT OR STUDENT WOULD SIT
THERE AND ALSO TALK ABOUT THE
FOOD.

PART OF THE DISCUSSION WAS HOW
IT COULD BE EXPANDED TO BPYF.
THE LANGUAGE SAYS IT WILL BE
ONSITE ONLY FOR BPS SCHOOLS.

I THINK THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO AT LEAST WORK WITH THE CITY COUNCIL BEFORE WE VOTE ON IT ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE EXPANDED. THE OTHER ISSUE I HAVE IS THIS IS A TRUST THAT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WILL BE FLOWING IN AND OUT OF IN PERPETUITY.

IT IS ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT TRUST UNLIKE THE ONE-TIME FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT IS APPROVED EVERY YEAR.

WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF OVERSIGHT AFTER THIS IS ESTABLISHED.

WHEN I ASKED BASIC QUESTIONS, HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU EXPECT TO COME, HOW MANY MATERIALS DO YOU EXPECT TO COME IN, THERE WAS NO ANSWER.

THERE WAS NOT A NUMBER.

THERE WAS NO CLARIFICATION IF WE DO HAVE A SHORTFALL.

WILL THE SHAW FAMILY HAVE AN OPEN CHECKBOOK?

NONE OF THOSE QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED.

I'M VOTING FOR THIS BECAUSE I DO ULTIMATELY BELIEVE IN WHERE WE'RE GOING.

I THINK THE PROCESS COULD BE MORE IMPROVED.

I HOPE WHEN IT COMES TO ESTABLISHING FUTURE TRUSTS WE'LL HAVE A MORE ROBUST BACK AND FORTH.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR CIOMMO FOR GOOD PRESENTATION.

I WILL ALSO BE SUPPORTING IT.

I WAS ALSO ENCOURAGED KNOWING THAT THE PROGRAM WILL BE EXPANDED INTO OTHER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DISTRICT.

I'M ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CULTURAL SENSITIVITIES OF CERTAIN ETHNIC GROUPS, SUCH AS THE CHINESE COMMUNITY, THE LATINO COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE A COMMITMENT FROM THE

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT
THEY'LL WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM
AND VARIOUS ETHNIC COMMUNITIES
THROUGHOUT THE CITY.
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING IT
ENROLLED WITH THE HIGH
CONCENTRATION OF CHINESE
STUDENTS AND EXPANDED THROUGHOUT
MANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CARLTON.
I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
ANYONE ELSE WANTING TO SPEAK ON
THIS?

COUNCILOR CIOMMO SEEKS
ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE
REPORT AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET
1333.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
[CHORUS OF AYES]

>> DOCKET 1333 HAS BEEN PASSED.
MOVING ON TO MOTIONS, ORDERS,
AND RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET 1396, COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY OFFERED THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OF A
YES VOTE ON THE 2018 MA BALLOT
QUESTION 3 TO PRESERVE THE
EXISTING 2016 TRANSGENDER
ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YOU HAVE
THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
TEN YEARS AGO, I SERVED AS
POLITICAL DIRECTOR AT MASS
QUALITY.

WE SPENT QUITE A BIT OF ENERGY
AND EFFORT TRYING TO PASS THE
TRANSGENDER NONDISCRIMINATION
ACT.

DESPITE HAVING A MAJORITY OF
BOTH HOUSES OF THE LEGISLATURE
SIGN ON AS COSPONSORS, WE WERE
UNSUCCESSFUL.

A TIRELESS GROUP OF ADVOCATES
AND STATE OFFICIALS WORKED TO
ADVANCE THAT EIGHT YEARS AFTER
THAT BACK IN 2016.

IT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY
GOVERNOR BAKER SHORTLY
THEREAFTER.

MUCH OF THE TRANSGENDER
NONDISCRIMINATION ACT WHICH DID
PASS WAS DRAWN ON AN ORDINANCE
THAT WAS PASSED IN THIS CITY

BACK IN 2002.

I BELIEVE COUNCILOR FLAHERTY WAS THE ONLY MEMBER SERVING BACK THEN.

AN ORDINANCE I WOULD SUGGEST -- AND HISTORY AND EVIDENCE HAS BORNE THIS OUT.

AN ORDINANCE THAT MADE THE CITY SAFER.

WE'RE LOOKING AT A REPEAL BY REFERENDUM OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT LAW, AND I'M STANDING HERE TODAY TO URGE ALL OF YOU TO VOICE OUR SUPPORT OF EQUALITY, OF EQUITY, OF NONDISCRIMINATION BY PASSING THIS RESOLUTION TODAY.

THERE WILL BE A VETO REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER 6, 2016.

IT IS QUESTION 3.

AND A NO VOTE MEANS REPEALING THE EXISTING LAW.

A YES VOTE MEANS TO UPHOLD THE LAW.

I WANT TO THANK THE ADVOCATES AT OUR FRIENDS FOR FREEDOM AND THE TRANSGENDER POLITICAL COALITION. WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO TODAY, AS WE HAVE DONE SEVERAL OTHER TIMES AT THIS BODY, SPEAKING UNITED WITH ONE VOICE TO MAKE SURE WE STAND UP FOR ALL BOSTONIANS AND ALL MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS.

WE CANNOT ALLOW THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS WHO HAVE BEEN SPEWING MISINFORMATION TO UNDO THE PROGRESS THAT WE HAVE MADE IN OUR COMMONWEALTH.

IT IS THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT WHEN THE BALLOT QUESTION IS BEFORE US THIS NOVEMBER WE STAND TOGETHER AND WE VOTE YES.

I'LL BE ASKING FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT GOING FORWARD.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. THANK YOU COUNCILOR O'MALLEY FOR ASSURING OUR SHARED HUMANITY THE SAME WAY WE HAVE COME TOGETHER

AS A BODY AGAINST SEXIST,
XENOPHOBIC, RACIST, WHITE
SUPREMACY, ANTI-WORKER
STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS.
WE WILL NOT FALL PREY TO FEAR
MONGERING EITHER IN WASHINGTON,
D.C. OR HERE IN OUR
COMMONWEALTH.
EVERYONE SHOULD BE TREATED WITH
DIGNITY AND RESPECT.
ULTIMATELY, THAT'S WHAT THIS
RESOLUTION IS ABOUT.
CHOOSING LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE
OVER HATE AND DISCRIMINATION, A
CHOICE I KNOW THIS BODY WILL BE
ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF AS WE HAVE
SO MANY TIMES BEFORE.
AS COUNCILOR O'MALLEY INDICATED
TWO YEARS AGO, THE STATE OF
MASSACHUSETTS PUT FORTH A
MANDATE THAT EXPLICITLY
PROTECTED TRANSGENDER FOLK IN
OUR STATE FROM DISCRIMINATION IN
ALL PUBLIC SPACES, A VICTORY
THAT WAS LONG OVERDUE.
THIS LAW MAKES EVERYONE MORE
SAFE WHILE PROVIDING EVERYONE
THE FREEDOM TO STAND IN THEIR
TRUTH AND TO BE THEIR AUTHENTIC
SELVES, A RIGHT THAT NO PERSON
SHOULD EVER BE STRIPPED OF.
EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO FEEL
SAFE IN INTIMATE SPACES.
THIS IS A LAW THAT PROTECTS MORE
THAN THAT.
THIS LAW PROTECTS TRANSGENDER
PEOPLE FROM DISCRIMINATION IN
ADMISSION OR TREATMENT IN PUBLIC
PLACES, PERIOD.
HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, MOVIE
THEATERS, AND EVEN AT HOSPITALS.
THESE ARE BASIC CIVIL RIGHTS
THAT SHOULD NEVER BE DECIDED BY
POPULAR VOTE.
THE REPEAL OF THIS LAW WOULD PUT
THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF
MEMBERS OF THE TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY AT SEVERE RISK.
HATEFUL RHETORIC SAYS THIS LAW
WILL MAKE OUR WOMEN AND GIRLS
LESS SAFE.
SINCE THESE PROTECTIONS WERE
PASSED IN 2016, THERE HAS BEEN
ZERO INCREASE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

INCIDENTS IN RESTROOMS IN OUR STATE.
THIS IS EXACTLY WHY YOU SEE MANY LEADING ORGANIZATIONS FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE WHO ARE STANDING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH ADVOCATES, WITH ACTIVISTS, WITH BUSINESS LEADERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND STATE LEADERS TO UPHOLD THESE PROTECTIONS IN BOSTON AND MASSACHUSETTS. WE KNOW WE ARE ALL MORE SAFE WHEN ALL OF US ARE TREATED FAIRLY, SO YES.
YES TO EQUITY.
YES TO DIGNITY.
YES TO RESPECT.
YES ON 3.
THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]
>> THANK YOU TO OUR AUDIENCE. THIS IS GREAT.
COUNCILOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.
>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. THANK YOU TO COUNCILOR O'MALLEY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND TO MY COLLEAGUES ON THE CITY COUNCIL FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL. I RISE TO OFFER MY SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION.

THIS PROVISION HAS BEEN THE LAW IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE COMMONWEALTH AS WELL. THE CITY OF BOSTON HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, ENSURING EVERYONE IN OUR CITY IS TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THIS IS ABOUT RESPECT AND DIGNITY FOR ALL PEOPLE.
THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN. I'M SURE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD YOUR NAME.
MADAME CLERK, IF YOU CAN ADD COUNCILOR FLYNN AND PRESSLEY AS WELL AS COUNCILOR JANEY AND WU.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND THE
ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET ITEM.
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
[CHORUS OF AYES]
>> DOCKET 1396 HAS BEEN PASSED.
MOVING ON TO DOCKET 1397.
>> DOCKET --
>> MADAME CLERK, I WANT TO
QUICKLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE
FORMER BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR
CHUCK TURNER WITH US, SO THANK
YOU FOR BEING HERE.
[APPLAUSE]
>> THANK YOU, MADAME CLERK.
>> DOCKET 1397, COUNCILORS
O'MALLEY AND FLYNN OFFERED THE
FOLLOWING ORDER FOR A HEARING TO
EXAMINE THE SAFETY OF THE CITY
OF BOSTON'S GAS INFRASTRUCTURE,
THE PREVENTION OF DANGEROUS GAS
LEAKS, AND PREPAREDNESS OF
EMERGENCY RESPONSE.
>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YOU HAVE
THE FLOOR.
>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO INVOKE
RULE 12 TO ADD PRESSLEY AS A
COSPONSOR.
>> ANY OBJECTIONS?
MADAME CLERK, ADD COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY.
>> I RISE TODAY TO INTRODUCE A
HEARING ORDER TO EXAMINE THE
SAFETY OF OUR CITY'S NATURAL GAS
INFRASTRUCTURE, BOSTON EMERGENCY
RESPONSE PRACTICES AND THE
PREVENTION OF NATURAL GAS LEAKS.
I WANT TO THANK A WHOLE HOST OF
PEOPLE.
BECAUSE OF THE ENORMITY OF THIS
ISSUE, I THINK IT IS ONLY
FITTING AND I'M CERTAIN
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY WILL CONTINUE
OUR DOGGED SUPPORT ON THIS.
LIKE MANY OF YOU, I WATCHED THE
MEDIA REPORTS ON WHAT WAS
HAPPENING IN MERRIMACK VALLEY
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.
IT WAS SHOCKING.
IT WAS TERRIFYING.
AND I THINK WHILE I WANT TO BE
CLEAR THE PURPOSE OF THIS
HEARING ORDER ISN'T TO CREATE A

FALSE PANIC OR TO OFFER AN
INCENDIARY HEADLINE-GRABBING
MECHANISM, WE NEED TO HAVE THESE
CONVERSATIONS.

IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, WE HAVE
AMONG THE OLDEST GAS
INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COUNTRY.
WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF GAS LEAKS.
THE GAS LEAKS WEREN'T
NECESSARILY THE TRIGGER FOR WHAT
HAPPENED IN MERRIMACK VALLEY.
WHEN WE PASSED THE GAS LEAKS
ORDINANCE, NATIONAL GRID DECIDED
TO TAKE US TO COURT.

IT WAS A PARTIAL VICTORY IN
SUFFOLK SUPERIOR COURT WHEN THIS
HAPPENED IN TWO YEARS.

IT WAS 2017 WHERE THEY BROUGHT
LITIGATION.

IT WAS INCREDIBLY DISAPPOINTING
TO ME BECAUSE WE WERE TRYING TO
WORK TOGETHER.

THIS WAS AN OVERLY ONEROUS
ORDINANCE.

WE WERE TRYING TO ADDRESS THESE
PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS.

THEY DECIDED TO FIGHT US ON IT.
IT IS INCREDIBLY DISAPPOINTING
TO ME THAT THIS CHAMBER IS
FILLED WITH INCREDIBLY TALENTED
MEN AND WOMEN WHO WANT TO BE
BACK TO WORK MAKING OUR STREETS
SAFE BUT HAVE BEEN LOCKED OUT BY
NATIONAL GRID.

THAT IS UNCONSCIONABLE.

WE STAND HERE WITH EVERY
ONE OF

THE PEOPLE IN THIS CHAMBER AND
THOSE WHO ARE NOT WITH US THAT
WANT TO BE BACK TO WORK.

THIS IS A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE.

THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.

WE NEED TO CONVENE ALL THE

RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS.

I DON'T WANT THIS TO BE AN TOGETHER

FROM THE CITY OF BOSTON, OUR
FIRST RESPONDERS, OUR PUBLIC
SAFETY EMPLOYEES, OUR UTILITY
EMPLOYEES, THE RESIDENTS OF
BOSTON TO COME TOGETHER AND
FIGURE OUT WHAT ARE WE DOING,
WHAT IS THAT SECOND, THIRD,
FOURTH STEP WE ARE TABLING TO
MAKE SURE WE CAN DO EVERYTHING

WE POSSIBLY CAN, EVERYTHING WE CONCEIVABLY CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THE STREETS ARE SAFE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

WE HAVE SEEN SOME HER ROYISM, HE ROWISM IN THE COMMONWEALTH SINCE LAST THURSDAY AND I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T ACKNOWLEDGE THE GREAT WORK OF FIRE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND UNITED STEEL WORKER 12003 AND 12-13, ALL OF WHOM VOLUNTEERED, SOME WERE TAKEN OCCUPY TEN VOLUNTEER REQUEST, OTHERS HAVE BEEN TO MAKE SURE WE COULD ASSIST AND SERVE THE NEIGHBORS IN THE MERRIMACK CENTRALLY, AS WE SUPPORT THE RECOVERY EFFORT UP NORTH, MUNICIPALITIES LIKE BOSTON SHOULD CHECK AND DOUBLE-CHECK OUR SAFETY PROCEDURES TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS TRAGEDY IS NEVER REPEATED.

WHILE NATURAL GAS IS IMPORTANT SOURCE OF ENERGY FOR OUR CITY, WE HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE DAIPGERS FOR QUITE A LONG TIME.

FLAMMABLE NATURAL GAS IS TRANSPORTED IN PIPELINES THAT ARE PRONE TO CHANGES AND PRESSURES AND LEAKS THAT CAN IMPACT HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY, KILL TREES AND INCREASE OUR CARBON EMISSIONS.

THAT'S WHY WE PASSED THE ORDINANCE AND ALL OF US TOOK GREAT CONCERN WHEN SPECTRA ENERGY WORKING WITH OTHER UTILITIES ARE INCLUDING NATIONAL GRID INSTALLED THE WEST ROCKS PIPELINE, 750 PSI PIPELINE THAT RUNS THROUGH THE HEART OF MY DISTRICT ACROSS FROM AN ACTIVE QUARRY, IT SHOULD BE NOTED.

UNFORTUNATELY, OUR ORDINANCE THAT WE PASSED AS IT RELATES TO GAS LEAKS WAS DISPUTED IN COURT BY UTILITY COMPANIES AND AS WE LEARN ABOUT GAS COMPANY FAILURES AND LIKE THE INABILITY TO LOCATE GAS SHUTOFF VALVES WE SHOULD REVISIT WHAT ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE UNDER THIS ORDINANCE.

I AM PROUD OF OUR EFFORTS AS COUNCIL TO ADDRESS BOTH HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS AS WELL THAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES OF NATURAL GAS.

I AM ALSO PROUD OF THE WORKERS WHO HELP KEEP US SAFE.

AS SENATORS ELIZABETH WARREN AND ED MARKEY PLAN A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON HOW FEDERAL AGENCIES CAN LEARN FROM AND PREVENT NATURAL GAS INCIDENTS, THE HE ROWISM WE SAW IN .. ANDOVER SHOWS CITIES CAN HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS WELL, THE NATURAL GAS LEAK SHOWS WE NEED TO CONFIRM OUR ASSURANCE TO SAFETY AND COORDINATION ACROSS ALL SILOS AND EDUCATION NECESSARY TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM THE UNLIKELY 0 NEVERTHELESS DEVASTATING DISASTER.

I HOPE OUR HEARING CAN EXPLORE NATURAL GAS SAFETY FEATURES LIKE UPDATED SHUTOFF VALVES, COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES TO INFORM RESIDENTS ABOUT DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND IMPROVED COORDINATION BETWEEN THE CITY, ITS RESIDENTS, THE PRIVATE COMPANIES AND THE UTILITIES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INFRASTRUCTURE.

I WOULD ASK YOU TO JOIN ME AT THIS HEARING AND WE WILL TAKE DIRECT ACTION ON THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES.

WE CANNOT SIMPLY AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU.

>> HE IS GETTING A LITTLE RED, BUT BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO COUNCILOR FLYNN I JUST WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR O'MALLEY NOT JUST ON HIS LEADERSHIP FOR THIS BUT THESE ISSUES, HE HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT THESE ISSUES FOR QUITE SOME TIME, EVEN BEFORE I JOINED THE COUNCIL SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THANK YOU GUYS FOR RECOGNIZING HIS LEADERSHIP ON THESE ISSUES.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, THANK YOU TO MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE MATT O'MALLEY FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

AND ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR GOOD FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE COUNCILOR PRESSLEY FOR HER LEADERSHIP AS WELL ON THIS ISSUE.

I AM PROUD TO BE HERE TODAY AND ALSO PROUD TO BE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE STEEL WORKERS THAT ARE PRESENT.

120003, 12012 AND PROUD TO BE WITH JOE AND JOHN AS WELL.

TO PUT IT MILDLY, THE HORRIBLE EVENTS OF LAST WEEK IN MERRIMACK VALLEY AND LAWRENCE, ANDOVER, WERE SCARY SCENES AND VERY DANGEROUS.

ONE TRA DICK FATALITY, ONE TRAGIC FATALITY, THOUSANDS EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS TROUBLING INCIDENT.

IT SHOULD ALL GIVE US PAUSE TO REFLECT ON HOW CRITICAL IT IS THAT WE MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR CITIES.

THIS DISCUSSION IS NOT MEANT TO CAUSE PANIC, HOWEVER.

BUT I DO FIND IT NECESSARY THAT WE ACT WITH ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION AND HAVE THIS CONVERSATION TO EXAMINE THE SAFETY PRACTICES OF THE DEALING WITH NATURAL GAS AND OUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME EVENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN BOSTON IN RECENT YEARS.

LAST FALL, A 1 BOSTON POLICE STATION, EVERY WINDOW WAS BLOWN OUT DUE TO NO PIPELINE INSPECTORS.

BOSTON, A GAS LEAK THAT WENT ON FOR 70 DAYS, WITH 0 EXPLOSIVE LEVELS UNDER THE STEEL PLATES, THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESPONDED MANY TIMES.

WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE, THE GAS BLEW ALL OVER THE NORTH END FOR MONTHS.

SO IN THIS HEARING, I THINK THERE ARE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS THAT I WANT TO ASK AND I WANT THEM TO BE ANSWERED BY NATIONAL GRID.

HAS NATIONAL GRID BEEN DOING THEIR JOB MANDATED PROGRAMS SINCE THE LOCKOUT ON JUNE 25TH? HOW MANY MANDATED PROGRAMS HAS NATIONAL GRID COMPLETED? THERE ARE 400 PRESSURE REGULATOR STATIONS AND HAVE THEY BEEN INSPECTED? HOW MANY CRITICAL VALVES ARE IN THE SYSTEM AND HAVE THEY BEEN INSPECTED? ARE METERS BEING CHECKED FOR ACCURACY WITHIN TWO PERCENT? THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN NOW WITH A DISASTER IN, AND 1,200 WORKERS LOCKED OUT, HOW MANY METERS HAVE BEEN CHANGED SINCE THE LOCKOUT?

ALL METERS HAVE TO BE CHANGED EVERY SEVEN YEARS.

ARE THE GATE BOXES ACCESSIBLE? WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN REGARDS TO TRAINING?

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE RECORDS ON TRAINING OF SOMEONE WHO SERVED 25 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY WE HAD TRAINING EVERY SINGLE DAY, FORMAL TRAINING, ON-THE-JOB TRAINING, I DON'T KNOW IF THESE REPLACEMENT WORKERS HAVE THE NECESSARY TRAINING.

THIS IS A LOCKOUT.

A LOCKOUT BY AN INTERNATIONAL COMPANY.

THESE WORKERS WANT TO GO BACK TO WORK.

THEY WANT TO GO BACK TO WORK WITH A CONTRACT.

THIS IS ABOUT DIGNITY AND RESPECT.

I AM EMBARRASSED BY NATIONAL GRID THE WAY THEY TREATED THESE WORKERS.

THEY WORK HARD FOR US.

THEY ARE OUR SCHOOL TEACHERS,

THEY ARE ACTIVE IN OUR
COMMUNITY, THEY ARE ACTIVE IN
OUR PTA, THEY COACH OUR KIDS IN
LITTLE LEAGUE AND HELP SPECIAL
NEED KIDS AND WORK HARD TO KEEP
US SAFE AND THEY DESERVE BETTER
THAN WHAT NATIONAL GRID DID FOR
THEM.

AGAIN I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
MY COLLEAGUE COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
AND COUNCILOR PRESSLEY FOR THEIR
LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.
THANK YOU, MEAP MADAM PRESIDENT.

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[APPLAUSE]

>> PO I AM GETTING LOOKS AND
BENDING THE RULES CLEARLY
BECAUSE THIS IS A BIG ISSUE O
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
I WON'T BE LONG.

MY COLLEAGUES BOTH SPOKE VERY
ELOQUENTLY TO THE QUESTIONS THAT
WE NEED TO BE ASKING.

I DO JUST WANT TO COMMEND
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND JUST MAKE
THE POINT AND HE ALLUDED TO IT
IN A LIMIT IN HIS OPENING
REMARKS A THIS IS NOT A REACT IF
THE MEASURE BY THIS BODY.
THIS WORK HAS BEEN THOUGHTFULLY
AND PROACTIVELY INITIATED AND
SPOT LIGHTED BY COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY, AND ZAKIM FSR A LONG
TIME.

WE ARE AT A WATERSHED MOMENT AND
ALTHOUGH WE DON'T WANT TO STOKE
THE FLAMES OF FEAR, I DO WANT TO
BRING INTO THE SPACE THE NAME OF
THE YOUNG MAN WHOSE LIFE WE HAVE
LOST AND WHOSE FAMILY IS
IRREPARABLY CHANGED.

WE DON'T WANT TO STOKE THE
FLAMES OF FEAR HERE, HOWEVER A
LIFE WAS LOST, A AND SO I WANTED
TO BRING LIONEL RODON INTO THIS
SPACE AND ADJOURN THIS MEETING
SHORTLY IN HIS MEMORY.

ALONG WITH I WANTED TO THANK
SIN, SEND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY
AND ALL THOSE IMPACTED IN
LAWRENCE, ANDOVER, NORTH
ANDOVER, SEND PRAYERS OF THANKS

TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND TO THE MANY HEROIC, COMPASSIONATE COMPARING NEIGHBORS WHO STEPPED IN.

AND, AGAIN, THIS IS A WATERSHED MOMENT AND IT DOES ALLOW US AND PROMPT US WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY, IT IS TIME TO EXAMINE OUR OWN GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, TO ENSURE THAT WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO LOCATE DEFECTS, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ALL, INFORMATIONS AND WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT ANOTHER CATASTROPHIC FAILURE FROM HAPPENING.

I REMEMBER BEING WITH MANY OF THE LOCKEDOUT NATIONAL GRID WORKERS, ALONG WITH ALL OF YOU ON A VERY HOT DAY IN FRONT OF THE STATEHOUSE, AND WORKERS OVER AND OVER AGAIN SAID GOD FORBID, AND GOD FORBID HAPPENED. AND WE CAN'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN.

AND SO FOR ALL OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ILLUMINATED THAT WE NEED TO RAISE IN THIS HEARING WHICH WE WILL HAVE IN AN EXPEDITED MANNER, WE JUST CAN'T UNDERSCORE ENOUGH THAT A PART OF THAT SOLUTION IS A WELL-TRAINED AND LET ME UNDERSCORE WELL TREATED WORKFORCE, AND THAT MEANS SUPPORTING NASH GRID WORKERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY BEING LOCKED OUT. SO AGAIN THIS ISSUE OF NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT NEW TO THIS BODY.

AGAIN, I WANT TO COMMEND COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND ZAKIM FOR LEADING ON THIS AND PUSHING IMPROVED COORDINATION WITH OUR UTILITIES AND CORRECT NATURAL GAS LEAKS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS HEARING AND CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MY COLLEAGUES TO ENSURE OUR GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IS SAFE, AND HAVE ALL OF THE PRESENTATIONS IN PLACE FOR ANY EMERGENCY RESPONSE SHOULD THAT OCCUR.

>> THANK YOU.

>> AND MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> COUNCILOR MCCARTHY, YOUR THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

FIRST, MADAM PRESIDENT I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN MY NAME AND THANK THE COUNCILORS FOR PUTTING THIS HEARING IN ORDER FORWARD.

I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING BECAUSE COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND COUNCILOR PRESSLEY AND FLYNN SUMMED EVERYTHING UP VERY WELL BUT I DID WANT TO SAY, I THOUGHT TODAY'S MEETING WAS IRONIC THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF TODAY'S MEETING THROUGH THE CHAIR WAYS AND MEANS WE PASSED SIX COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS JUST TODAY, SIX.

SO SOMEWHERE AT A BARGAINING TABLE MAYOR WALSH'S ADMINISTRATION, PARK, PARK RANGERS, MUNI, OFFICERS OF THE MUNIS THEY SAT TOGETHER, CONCESSIONS WERE MADE, PROGRESS WAS MADE, AGREEMENTS WERE MADE, PEOPLE WENT BACK TO WORK.

THIS IS A -- NATURAL GRID HAS A MORAL OBLIGATION TO TAKE CARE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN AND HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE OF THE SAFETY OF OUR FAMILIES AND THEY HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION, IN MY OPINION, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR PRIORITIES ARE STRAIGHT. SO GET BACK TO THE TABLE -- AND THEY WEREN'T, SO GET BACK TO THE TABLE.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR MCCARTHY, COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR O'MALLEY WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND REALLY TAKE THAT CONVERSATION INTO VARIOUS REALMS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND YOUR LEADERSHIP IN WATCHING YOU DO THAT IS SOMETHING I WANT TO EMULATE, BEING A FRESHMAN ON THE COUNCIL,

SO I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU
AND NOTE I AM WATCHING YOU AND I
LIKE HOW YOU ARE ABLE TO MOVE
THIS OFTENTIMES WONKY
CONVERSATION AMOUNT THE
ENVIRONMENT INTO REAL WORKING
PEOPLE CONVERSATIONS, SO THANK
YOU SO MUCH.

I WANT TO THANK, THANK YOU,
COUNCILOR FLYNN, ALSO FOR YOUR
LEADERSHIP I THINK FROM DAY ONE
YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED YOU ARE
THERE FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE,
MAKING SURE THAT HOUSING IS
AFFORDABLE AND YOUR LEADERSHIP
AND VOICE SOMETHING I ALSO LOOK
FORWARD TO CONTINUALLY WORKING
WITH.

WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TO ADD
TO 10 CREDIBLE VOICE THAT HAVE
ALREADY SPOKEN ON THIS, I WILL
JUST SAY VERY SIMPLY WHEN YOU
LOCK OUT LANE, I CERTAINLY FEEL
LESS SAFE.

WHEN YOU DO THAT AND YOU MAKE
SURE, I THINK PEOPLE NEED TO
UNDERSTAND JUST SOME BASIC
THINGS ABOUT HISTORY AND UNIONS
ON WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR US.
THEY DON'T ONLY FIGHT FOR BASIC
LIVING WAGES AND ASSURING THAT
THE SKILL SETS THAT YOU FELT
HARD TO GET ARE COMPENSATED,
WHICH THEY SHOULD BE, THEY ALSO
HAVE BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF
WORKER SAFETY.

I AM FROM MICHIGAN, AND I AM
FROM MINING COUNTRY.

WE FED DE DETROIT FOR YEARS,
EXCEPT FOR THE UNION A LOT OF
YOUNG MEN WOULD HAVE DIED IN
THOSE MINES.

IT WAS THE SAFETY UNIONS THE
UNIONS FOUGHT FOR FOR ALL
WORKERS, EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE NOT
UNIONIZED WHO BENEFITED TO A
BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF HOW
PEOPLE SHOULD WORK AND THE
EQUIPMENT THEY SHOULD HAVE AND A
VOICE IN MAKING SURE THEIR
COLLEAGUES ARE ALSO PROTECTED.

IT IS ORGANIZED LABOR AND I WANT
TO BE CLEAR, THIS LOCKOUT IS
ABOUT ATTACKING UNIONS.

THAT'S WHAT IT IS ABOUT.
BUT HIGHLIGHTING THE FACT THAT
WHEN YOU ATTACK UNIONS AND YOU
ATTACK LABOR WE BECOME LESS
SAFE, IT IS 100 PERCENT TO YOUR
LEADERSHIP, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
AND TO YOURS AS WELL, COUNCILOR
FLYNN, I STAND HERE IN
SOLIDARITY AND ACKNOWLEDGE MY
CONSTITUENTS, ALSO A MEMBER OF
USW, NEIL CROWLEY IS HERE, HE
CALLED ME ADVOCATING QUITE
FIRMLY, THE UNION DIDN'T HAVE TO
ADVOCATE THAT HARD, THOUGH.
THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO FIGHT THAT
HARD AND I WANT TO SAY, I STAND
IN SOLIDARITY WITH YOU TO THE
END BECAUSE YOU STAND FOR ALL
WORKERS, EVEN THOSE WHO AREN'T A
PART OF THE UNION YOU STAND FOR
SAFETY AND STAND FOR EQUITY AND
I WANT TO THANK YOU, WE HAVE
BEEN THANK AGO LOT OF FOLKS HERE
BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL
YOU ARE DOING AND I AM SO SORRY
YOU ARE IN THIS POSITION BUT WE
ARE WITH YOU TO THE END.
SO THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> .. COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.
I WILL BE BRIEF, I WANT TO
APPLAUD MY COLLEAGUES, O'MALLEY,
FLYNN, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY FOR
THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS AND
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY'S 0 CONTINUED
CHAMPIONSHIP OF THIS EFFORT, AND
ONE QUOTE THAT -- FROM COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY'S REMARKS ABOUT
COORDINATION ACROSS SILOS, AND
REALIZING THAT THAT IS SO --
THAT IS MISSING IN THIS
CONVERSATION AND THAT THE MEN
AND THE WOMEN THAT ARE HERE
TODAY ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF
FINDING THE SOLUTIONS TO THE
SCARE RINSE THAT HAS BEEN
CREATED, AND I WILL SAY TO
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY'S POINT ABOUT
THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT DESERVED
THE DIGNITY, THAT DESERVED THE
RESPECT, THAT WE ARE NOT GIVING
THEM, WE ARE NOT INCLUDING THEM
IN IN CONVERSATION AND WE ARE
NOT RECOGNIZING AND REALIZING

AND APPRECIATING THE SOLUTIONS
THAT THEY HAVE, THAT WE HAVE
CREATED NEGLIGENCE, THAT THAT
SUPPORTS NEGLIGENCE AND THAT
CREATES A REAL FEAR, NOT A
PERCEPTION OF FEAR, A REASON TO
BE AFRAID, AND THAT FEAR IS
REAL.

AND WE SHOULDN'T SHY AWAY FROM
IT.

WE SHOULDN'T PRETEND THAT
DOESN'T EXIST BECAUSE EVERY DAY
THAT THESE MEN AND WOMEN ARE NOT
WORKING, EVERY DAY THAT WE ARE
MAKING EXCEPTIONS TO SAFETY FOR
OUR COMMUNITIES, FOR OUR
NEIGHBORS AND THE CITY OF BOSTON
AND ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH IS
ANOTHER DAY THAT WE SHOULD BE
FEARFUL FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AND
FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OUR
FAMILIES.

SO I APPLAUD THIS WORK, I LOOK
FORWARD TO COUNCILOR FLYNN
ASKING HIS QUESTIONS AND I ONLY
LOOK MORE FORWARD TO THE ANSWERS
THAT WE SHOULD RECEIVE AS A
COUNCIL, BUT WE SERVE THE
COUNCIL AS WE REPRESENT NOT JUST
THE MEN AND WOMEN IN THIS ROOM
TODAY BUT THE RESIDENTS ACROSS
THE CITY OF BOSTON AND ACROSS
THE COMMONWEALTH.

SO I ASK MY NAME PLEASE BE
ADDED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
AND LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TO
THIS, OUR WORK HERE, WITH A
GREATER RESOLUTION AND ENSURING
GREATER SAFETY FOR ALL OF OUR
RESIDENTS QUICKLY.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>>

COUNCILOR WU, YOUR THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
THERE IS REALLY NOT MUCH MORE TO
BE SAID SO I JUST WANTED TO
STAND AND NOTE, TAKE, TAKE NOTE
OF THE HEART IN THIS ROOM AND
THAT YOU REPRESENT.

I WAS REALLY MOVED TO SEE IN ALL

OF THE INCREDIBLY PAINFUL AND
TERRIFYING AND EMOTIONAL
COVERAGE OF THE INCIDENTS IN THE
OTHER PART OF OUR STATE THAT NOT
ONLY WERE LOCKED OUT WORKERS
AMONG THE FIRST TO REACH OUT A
HAND AND SAY HOW CAN WE HELP,
HOW CAN WE OFFER OUR TRAINING,
OUR EXPERTISE, OUR SKILLS, WHEN
WE ARE BEING SHUT OUT FROM USING
THOSE TO SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES,
HOW CAN WE HELP THOSE IN NEED
BUT THEN ONLY WHEN REJECTED BY
THE COMPANIES TO GET TO USE THAT
-- THOSE SKILLS AND THAT
TRAINING, TO BE THERE ON THE
GROUND, JUST PASSING OUT WATER,
SETTING UP COTS, HELPING THE
PEOPLE WHO REALLY NEEDED IT IN
THAT MOMENT, SO I JUST -- I AM
HERE TOO PAY TRIBUTE TO ALL OF
YOU AND AS PART OF THE LABOR, IT
IS PART OF THE LABOR NO MOVEMENT
AND PART OF THE EXAMPLE WE SET
IN SUPPORTING AN ORGANIZATION
AND MOVEMENTS THAT SUPPORT
PEOPLE, THAT SUPPORT FAMILIES.
SO I WANT TO THANK YOU.
I ALSO WANT TO JUST MAKE AN
EXTRA LITTLE DIG AT THE WAY THAT
THIS INDUSTRY IS BEING ORGANIZED
FROM THE FEDERAL LEVEL.
WE FOUGHT, WE WERE CLAWING,
PROTESTING, LYING IN THE
TRENCHES OUT IN WEST ROXBURY
ONLY TO HAVE THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT, THE COMMISSION THAT
WAS SET UP ALL STOPPED BY PEOPLE
WHO ARE EITHER FORMALLY
EXECUTIVES OF THESE MULTIMILLION
DOLLARS COMPANIES OR TIED
FINANCIALLY TO THEM TO HAVE THE
COURT SYSTEM THEN AFFIRMING
THAT, SO THIS IS REALLY ABOUT
THINKING BROADLY ABOUT THE
ENTIRE ENERGY SECTOR.
WE HAVE JOBS AVAILABLE IN THE
GREEN ENERGY SECTOR.
IT IS GROWING 12 TIMES FASTER
THAN THE TRADITIONAL SECRETARIES
FOR.
WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE ARE
THINKING FOR THE FUTURE AND
CERTAINLY WE ARE PUSHING THIS AS

LARD AS WE CAN.
WE HAVE TO GET ALL OF YOUR
WORKERS BACK TO WORK AND FIXING
THE LEAKS AND THERE IS SO MUCH
WORK TO DO, BUT THEN HOW CAN WE
MAKE SURE FOR THE NEXT
GENERATION WE ARE BUILDING THE
RIGHT JOBS, THE SUSTAINABLE JOBS
TO KEEP UNDERSTANDING GOING AND
KEEP OUR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT
IN PLACE.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> COUNCILOR -- YOU VOLUNTARY,
YOU YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, I
WILL JUST ADD BRIEFLY MY VOICE
TO THE CHORUS HERE TO OFFER MY
SUPPORT TO THE WORKING WOMEN AND
MEN IN THIS ROOM, WHO HAVE BEEN
LOCKED OUT.

JUST COMMENDING EVERYONE WHO WAS
SO SUPPORTIVE OF THE EFFORTS IN
MERRIMACK CENTRALLY.

I AM REALLY ENCOURAGED BY THE
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT
HAVE BEGUN TO ORGANIZE AROUND
THAT EFFORT AS WELL.

FOR ME, THIS IS VERY MUCH A
PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE THAT ALREADY
HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED.

I LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE
WE OFTEN SMELL GAS AND WE ARE
LED TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE
CRAZY.

SO PEOPLE ARE REALLY FEARFUL AND
SCARED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED 0.

TO OUR NEIGHBORS AND WHAT IS
HAPPENING WITH THE LOCK YOUTH.
SO, LOCKOUT, EVERYTHING HAS BEEN
SAID SO I WANTED TO ADD MY
VOICE.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO
EVERY SINGLE DAY AND I HOPE YOU
ARE BACK TO WORK VERY QUICKLY
AND PLEASE ADD MY NAME.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILOR BAKER, CIOMMO,
EDWARDS, ESSAIBI GEORGE, JANEY,
MCCARTHY, WU AS WELL AS THE
CHAIR, AND QUICKLY JUST TWO

THINGS.

FOR US TO REMAIN NEUTRAL UP HERE
BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO
DRAW OUT A COUPLE OF POINTS ONE
THERE IS A DISTINCTION BETWEEN A
LOCKOUT AND A STRIKE. THIS IS A
LOCKOUT.

I THINK THAT OFTEN GETS LOST,
AND THEN THE SECOND, THIS
AFFECTS MORE THAN JUST PUBLIC
SAFETY.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL
COUNCILORS, BUT IN MY OFFICE I
THINK A FEW OTHERS WE HAVE
RECEIVED A LOT OF NOTIFICATIONS
ON DELAYED PROJECTS IN OUR
DISTRICT, PROJECTS THAT ARE
NEEDED IN TERMS OF HOUSING, FOR
OUR SENIORS, FOR THOSE WHO ARE
DISABLED, MORE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING, A LOT OF THESE PROJECTS
ARE DELAYED AND STUCK BECAUSE OF
THIS LOCKOUT, SO THE IMPACT HAS
MANY RIPPLE EFFECTS IN MANY
DIFFERENT SPACES THAT AFFECT THE
WORK WE DO EVERY SINGLE DAY.

TO MEET THE NEEDS NOT ONLY OF
THE FOLKS WHO SIT IN THIS ROOM
BUT THE AVERAGE CITIZEN WHO IS
GOING TO AND FROM WORK AND WHO
NEEDS A PLACE TO LIVE, A PLACE
TO BE, A PLACE TO EAT, A GROCERY
STORE, SOMETHING ELSE.

SO THIS HAS BEEN, GONE ON FAR
TOO LONG, SO THANK YOU FOR THE
ADVOCACY.

THANK YOU FOR THE FOLKS IN THE
ROOM.

WE NORMALLY DON'T ALLOW CLAPPING
BUT I FIGURED YOU KNOW WHAT?
HOPEFULLY IT MADE YOU FEEL GOOD
TO CLAP SO WE ALLOWED THAT
TODAY.

SO THANK YOU GUYS AND THANK YOU
TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES.

AT THIS TIME, DR. DOCKET 1937
WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT -- WAIT
A MITT, MINUTE.

>> ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY
AND PARKS.

THANK YOU.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1398, COUNCILOR
EDWARDS AND JANEY OFFER THE

FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING
REGARDING A BIENNIAL REVIEW OF
THE BOSTON EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION
AND -- POLICY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> IT IS POIGNANT WE ARE HERE
TALKING ABOUT LABOR AND ABOUT
WORKERS AND ASSURING THAT FOLKS
THIS BOSTON ARE WORKING AND THAT
THE WORKFORCE THAT WE HAVE IS
REFLECTIVE OF BOSTONIANS.

I WANT TO THANK THIS BODY,
ACTUALLY FOR ITS WORK LAST YEAR,
IN 2017 AND UPDATING THE BOSTON
JOBS POLICY AND ENSURING WE HAD
A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF FOLKS WHO
GO TO BOSTON, A HIGHER
PERCENTAGE OF COLOR AND HIGHER
PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN AND SO PART
OF THAT UPDATE ALSO INCLUDED THE
BIENNIAL REVIEW THAT IS TO BE
SET UP AND, IN APRIL AND IN
OCTOBER TO ASSURE THAT THE
COMMISSION THAT THE MAYOR
APPOINTS PEOPLE TO IS ACTUALLY,
YOU KNOW, WHAT THEY ARE DOING,
WHAT THEY ARE SEEING, REPORTS
AND OTHER THINGS THEY ARE
LOOKING AT, THEY ARE MAKING SURE
THAT THE -- THEY ARE LOOKING AT
THE PERCENTAGE, THEY ARE LOOKING
AT THE WOMEN, THEY ARE LOOKING
AT COMPLIANCE.

THEY ARE CALLING IN DEVELOPERS,
THEY ARE CALLING IN LABOR, THEY
ARE ACTUALLY LOOKING AT THE
TOTAL AMOUNT OF WORK HOURS AND
THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE TOTAL
APT OF THOSE WORK HOURS AS THEY
RELATE TO WOMEN ON THE JOB, AS
IT RELATES TO BOSTONIANS AND
PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND IN THOSE
BIENNIAL REVIEWS, YOU ARE
SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT THE PRIOR
SIX MONTHS TO SEE HOW WE ARE
DOING.

IT IS A 30,000-FOOT VIEW AND I
WANT TO THANK ALSO THOSE FOLKS
WHO ARE COMMITTED TO DOING THIS
VIEW AND DOING THAT REPORT, I
BELIEVE IT IS TRAVIS WATSON, HE
IS THE COMMISSION CHAIR.

CHARLES I DON'T FIELD, LOCAL 27,
BUSINESS AGENT, JORGE MARTINEZ,

FROM PROJECT RIGHT, JOHN RESNA,
WHO IS RETIRED FROM THE --
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.
SO WE HAVE A COMMISSION, WE HAVE
FOLKS WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO MEET
AND REALLY EXCITED ABOUT HAVING
THAT REPORT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE
ACTUALLY SEEING WHAT IS GOING
ON.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT
AND COUNCILOR EDWARDS FOR
PUTTING FORTH THIS HEARING
ORDER.

I AM VERY PROUD TO JOIN YOU ON
THIS HEARING ORDER.

I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE -- I
ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
COUNCILOR TURNER WHO IS IN THE
ROOM.

YES.

FOR HIS WORK ON THAT ISSUE.
AS SOMEONE WHO IS A COMMUNITY
ORGANIZER, WHO HAS BEEN FIGHTING
FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE ISSUES.
I CERTAINLY CARE VERY DEEPLY
ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THE
PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THESE JOBS, ON
THESE SITES REFLECT THE
DIVERSITY OF THIS CITY, THAT IS
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT WHEN WE TALK
ABOUT THE GOOD PAYING JOBS WE
HAVE TO MAKE SURE, ONE, THEY ARE
BOSTON RESIDENTS AND OFTEN TIMES
WE SEE FOLKS FROM OTHER TOWNS
AND EVEN OTHER STATES ON THESE
JOBS.

BUT THAT THEY ARE ALSO PEOPLE OF
COLOR AND THAT THEY ARE WOMEN.
THESE ARE GOOD PAYING JOBS IN
OUR COMMUNITY AND WE NEED TO
MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE JOBS,
THESE JOB SITES ARE DIVERSE.
CERTAINLY I WANT TO COMMEND
TRAVIS WATSON AND THE OTHER
COMMISSIONERS ON THE BACK WHO
PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE TO
MAKE SURE THE ORDER NANCE IS
FOLLOWED.

I THINK THIS COUNCIL DID REALLY
GOOD WORK IN CHANGING, AMENDING
THE ORDINANCE SO THAT THERE ARE

HIGHER GOALS THAT WE HAVE, THAT REALLY WOULD REELECT THE DIVERSITY, IF WE MEET THOSE GOALS, AS A DISTRICT CITY COUNCILOR, AS SOMEONE WHO CARES ABOUT THIS ISSUE, I PLAY A VERY ACTIVE ROLE IN MONITORING THE CONSTRUCTION JOBS IN MY DISTRICT, SO I PUT TOGETHER A COMMITTEE, WE MEET EVERY OTHER WEEK AND WE LOOK AT PROJECTS, TO REVIEW THESE GOALS AND TO LOOK AT THE NUMBERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MEETING THOSE GOALS. THERE ARE SOME PROJECTS THAT DO BETTER THAN OTHERS.

THERE ARE SOME, INCLUDING SOME CITY PROJECTS THAT HAVE DONE VERY POORLY, SO I BROUGHT THEM TO THE TABLE AS WELL.

I THINK IT IS VERY PORN THAT THIS BODY, KEEP AN EYE ON THIS AND SO I AM VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN HAVING THIS HEARING SO THAT WE CAN GET DOWN TO THE NITTY-GRITTY.

AGAIN, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING AND ALL OF THOSE ON THE MONITORING COMMITTEE THAT ARE LOOKING AT THE JOBS FOR AT LEAST MY DISTRICT.

AND FOR WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING.

SO AGAIN THANK YOU COUNCILOR EDWARDS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE HEARING.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY. ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER?

>> MADAM PRESIDENT, IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, COUNCILOR FLYNN, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, COUNCILOR WU AS WELL AS THE CHAIR, AND COUNCILOR BAKER, DOCKET NUMBER 1398 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE JOB OF PO JOBS, WAGES AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. DOCKET NUMBER 1399, COUNCILORS EDWARDS AND JANEY OFFER THE FOLLOWING.

AN ORDINANCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION ON

ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.
COUNCILOR YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU AGAIN.

I WANTED TO FIRST SUSPEND THE
RULES AND ADD COUNCILOR PRESSLEY
AS AN ORIGINAL COAUTHOR.

>> MADAM CLERK, ANY OBJECTION TO
SUSPENDING THE RULES AND ADDING.

>> IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS.
THANK YOU, SO I WANTED TO NOTE,
WE HAVE FILED THIS ACTUALLY
ESTABLISHING A NEW COMMISSION ON
EQUITY.

AND THIS IS AGAIN LOOKING
DIRECTLY AT THE CONSTRUCTION
INDUSTRY.

THIS IS MORE GRANULAR LEVEL
CONVERSATION THAT WE FEEL IS
NECESSARY, WHILE THE OTHER
COMMISSION IS MORE OF A
30,000-FOOT VIEW LOOKING AT THE
NUMBERS, LOOKING AT WHAT IS
GOING ON, THIS REALLY BRINGS
LABOR, BOTH ORGANIZED AND NOT
ORGANIZED TO THE TABLE TO TALK
ABOUT HOW WE CAN WORK WITH THEM
AND TO HAVE THE DIFFICULT
CONVERSATIONS.

THE FACT IS, WE DID RAISE THE
STANDARDS, THAT'S WONDERFUL, BUT
HOW WE ARE GOING TO GET THERE
AND THE FACT WE STILL FALL BELOW
THEM IN SO MANY SLEAFERLS
PROBLEM AND UNIQUES WHY WEMENT
WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE ESTABLISH
THIS COMMISSION AND MAKE SURE WE
ARE SUPPLEMENTING THE
CONVERSATION AND ASSURING THAT
WE HAVE REPORTING AND MOST
IMPORTANTLY IN NO WAY SHAPE OR
FORM IS CHALLENGING OR
QUESTIONING WHETHER PEOPLE
SHOULD ORGANIZE LABOR BUT
WORKING WITH ORGANIZED LABOR TO
MAKE SURE ALL PEOPLE HAVE GOOD
JOBS FOR DAILY WAGES AND ALSO
MAKING SURE THEY HAVE A VOICE
AND WE REFLECT HOW BOSTON LOOKS.
THE FACT, IS WE ARE A UNION
TOWN, I SAY THAT PROUDLY, AND
UNFORTUNATELY, MANY ARE UNIONS

DO NOT REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF
OUR TOWN.

THAT IS NOT TO SAY THAT WE
SHOULD EVER CRITICIZE THE
ORGANIZING OF LABOR.

THAT'S TO SAY WE ARE GOING TO
ORGANIZE LABOR TO MAKE SURE THAT
UNIONS ARE TO LOOK LIKE US.

AND IN MANY CASES WE DON'T USE
ORGANIZED LABOR ON OUR PROJECTS,
AND AGAIN WE INVITE THE PRIVATE
INDUSTRY AND THOSE FOLKS WHO
DON'T ORGANIZE OR USED ORGANIZED
LABOR TO COME TO THE TABLE AND
WE HAVE A SEPARATE SET OF
QUESTIONS FOR THEM.

NOT ONLY ASKING THEM ABOUT THE
DIVERSITY BUT ALSO ASSURING WHEN
YOU DO HAVE LABOR, HOW DO YOU
ASSURE THAT THE GENDER EQUITY IS
FAIR?

HOW DO YOU ASSURE THAT WE ARE
NOT SIMPLY HIRING PEOPLE OF
COLOR AND THEN PAYING THEM BELOW
EVEN THE LIVING WAGE, NOT EVEN
THE PREVAILING WAGE?

HOW DO WE MAKE SURE WHEN PEOPLE
ARE NOT A PART OF ORGANIZED
LABOR THEY ARE ACTUALLY GETTING
PAID WHAT THEY ARE WORTH?

THESE ARE GOOD CONVERSATIONS,
THAT ARE NECESSARY, THESE ARE
DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS BUT WE
NEED TO HAVE THEM.

AND SO WE PROPOSE HAVING THEM
AGAIN TWICE A YEAR AND LOOKING
AT HAVING THEM SEPARATESLY WITH
THE LABOR, ORGANIZED LABOR AND
THEN ALSO WITH THE PRIVATE
INDUSTRY.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK
WILL ONLY LEAD TO GREATER
SOLUTIONS AND ACTUALLY MORE
COHESIVE COMMUNITY BASED
STANDARDS FOR OUR -- HOW WE ARE
GOING TO MAKE SURE WE REFLECT
OUR LABOR FORCE.

BUT ALSO DIFFERENT, IT ALSO
DIFFERENTIATES US FROM WHO
APPOINT WHOSE WILL BE ON THE NEW
COMMISSION.

EACH OF THE DISTRICT CITY
COUNCILORS WILL BE ABLE TO
PRESENT NAMES TO THE MAYOR FROM

WHICH THE MAYOR WILL PICK WHO
WILL COME ON AS THE
COMMISSIONER, THE MAYOR ALSO
HAS, SELECTS PEOPLE ON HIS OWN
TO APPOINT AS WELL SO WE SEE THE
CITY COUNCILOR BEING THERE WITH
THE COMMUNITY AND MAKING SURE WE
ESTABLISH THIS COMMISSION, THAT
THE COMMISSION, IT IS A PEOPLE'S
COMMISSION AND WE LOOK NOT AT
JUST 30,000 FEET BUT RIGHT THERE
ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS MAKING
SURE WE REFLECT ALL OF
BOSTONIANS.
THANK YOU.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT
AND THANK YOU COUNCILOR PRESSLEY
FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS.

I CERTAINLY WANT TO AGAIN
HIGHLIGHT AND ACKNOWLEDGE AND
THANK COUNCILOR TURNER FOR HIS
WORK ON THIS.

AS I SAID BEFORE, THIS IS ABOUT
MAKING SURE THAT BOSTON
RESIDENTS, PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND
WOMEN ARE WORKING AND THAT THE
WORK, THE WORK REFLECTS THE
DIVERSITY OF OUR CITY, AND IT IS
AN ECONOMIC JUSTICE ISSUE.

AS I MONITOR THESE JOBS, AT
LEAST IN MY DISTRICT, OFTENTIMES
THERE IS A BLAME GAME, AND YOU
HAVE A SOME FOLKS TO BLAME IN
THE UNION FOR NOT BEING DIVERSE
ENOUGH, OTHER FOLKS ARE BLAMING
THE CONTRACTORS FOR JUST USING
THEIR CORE CREW, AND NOT REALLY
TRYING TO BRING FOLKS UP AND
BUILD A PIPE LINE OF OTHER
WORKERS.

AND THEN FOLKS BLAME THE
COMMUNITY, WHERE PEOPLE DON'T
HAVE THE SKILL SET OR THEY SHOW
UP LATE OR WHAT HAVE YOU.
THIS IS GOING TO PROVIDE WUSS
THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER
AND SOMETIMES THEY MAY BE, THERE
MAY BE SOME DIFFICULT
CONVERSATIONS AS COUNCILOR
EDWARDS HAS ALREADY SAID BUT I
THINK HERE THE REAL GOAL IS HOW

WE CAN BE PRODUCTIVE AND MOVE FORWARD TOWARD THE GOALS. WE HAVE NEW GOALS ESTABLISHED, 51 PERCENT, 40 PERCENT, 12 PERCENT AND WE WANT TO MEET THESE GOALS.

THESE ARE GOOD JOBS AND OUR RESIDENTS DESERVE THESE JOBS AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS EQUITY AND THAT THERE IS DIVERSITY AND WE NEED TO IDENTIFY ANY CHALLENGES OR BARRIERS THAT MAY BE IN THE WAY AND ALSO THINK ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOVING FORWARD.

AND WITH THIS COMMISSION I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

SO, AGAIN, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL COME TO THE TABLE, ORGANIZED LABOR, AND NONUNION CONTRACTORS AS WELL TO REALLY LOOK AT THE CHALLENGES AND THE OPPORTUNITIES AND HOW WE MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER AROUND ACHIEVING THESE GOALS.

SO THANK YOU BOTH AND THANK YOU, CHUCK.

>> COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, AND I THANK COUNCILOR EDWARDS AND JANEY FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THEIR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS, AND OF COURSE I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR TURNER WHO HAS BEEN SO STEADFAST AND IT IS A VERY FULL CIRCLE, MY FIRST 60 YEARS ON THE CIRCLE, CONVENED A WORKING GROUP FOR TWO YEARS WITH COUNCILOR ROSS WITH THE TRADES WOMANED BOSTON WORKERS ALLIANCE AND, YOU KNOW, ULTIMATELY WE WERE ABLE TO AMEND THE BOSTON JOBS POLICY PROMPTING THE -- TO PUT THE DATA ONLINE AND WE KNOW THAT WHICH GETS MEASURED GETS DONE, AND SO CONSEQUENTLY WE SAW THREE TIMES AS MANY WOMEN IN THE TRADE, COUNCILOR TURNER I WANT TO COMMEND YOU SPECIFICALLY ON THAT, NOT ONLY HAVE YOU BEEN AN INCREDIBLE ADVOCATE FOR ALL

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE
ISSUES AND FOR THOSE
DISENFRANCHISED AND
MARGINALIZED, THOSE OF COLOR,
BUT YOU WERE SO VIGILANT FOR THE
WOMEN TO BE IN THE TRADES AS A
VIABLE PATH TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR
FAMILIES.

AND SO YOU HAVE ALWAYS PUSHED
FOR THAT WORKER PARITY AND THAT
GENDER PARITY AND I THANK YOU
FOR THAT AND BECAUSE WE DID PUT
THAT DATA ONLINE, WE DID SEE THE
NUMBER OF WOMEN GROW,
PARTICULARLY IN THE CONSTRUCTION
TRADE AND NOW 50 PERCENT OF OUR
WORKFORCE OUT OF THAT GROWTH ARE
WOMEN OF COLOR SO I WANT TO
THANK YOU FOR THAT.

AND THEN WE SPOKE ABOUT THE
FURTHER AMENDMENTS AND ADDITION
THAT HAVE BEEN CODIFIED BY THIS
BODY AND INCLUDING GETTING THE
BEST PRACTICES FOR HOW TO GROW
THE 0 NUMBER OF WOMEN THAT
CONTINUE TO DO THIS CODIFIED AS
A PART OF. THIS BUT I WOULD BE
REMISS IF I DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE
BRUCE BOWLING.

WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE BOSTON
RESIDENTS JOB POLICY WERE IT NOT
FOR IN VISIONARY AND THIS ADVICE
NATION YET PRAGMATIC LEADER, WE
KNOW EVERY LAW IS ONLY AS GOOD
AS ITS ENFORCEMENT THAT WE
WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO OFFER
AMENDMENTS TO STRENGTHEN THAT IF
WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT FLOOR.
SO I DO WANT TO BRING COUNCILOR
BOWLING INTO THIS SPACE AND
THANK HIM FOR LAYING THE
GROUNDWORK.

AND -- BUT I DO THINK ULTIMATELY
SINCE WE ARE, WE WEREN'T AT A
POINT WHERE WE FULLY HAVE
COMPLIANT MONITORS AND COMMUNITY
STANDING IN THE GAP OF THAT THIS
IS A COLLECTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY,
AND THE NAME OF WORKER PARITY IN
THE NAME OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
MOBILITY, FREEDOM AND JUSTICE
AND WE CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT
OUR COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS THE
WAGE GAP IN THE CITY. THIS IS

HOW WE DO IT.
AND SO WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO BE
IN THE WORDS OF COUNCILOR
EDWARDS GRANULAR IN THE
ATTENTION THAT WE BRING TO THIS
ISSUE TO HOLD OURSELVES
COLLECTIVELY ACCOUNTABLE,
BECAUSE THIS IS ULTIMATELY HOW
WE MAKE GREAT STRIDES IN CLOSING
THE WEALTH AND WAGE GAP.
SO AGAIN I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR
YOUR PARTNERSHIP.
THANK YOU KOR COUNCILOR TURNER
AND THANK YOU TO THE WHOLE
COMMISSION AND THANK YOU,
COUNCILOR BOWLING.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY.
>> COUNCILOR WU YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
I JUST WANT TO ADD MY GRATITUDE
TO THE SPONSORS FOR IN AND TO
COUNCILOR TURNER AND CHUCK.
I WANTED TO NOTE THAT WHEN WE
FIRST HAD SOME CONVERSATIONS
ABOUT THIS A WHILE AGO AS YOU
HAVE BEEN WORKING ON ATE LONG
TIME, IT IS LIKE WHY THIS
COULDN'T BE A COMMISSION FOR
ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND MOVE
EVERYTHING IN AND I SO
APPRECIATE THE FOCUS AND THE
PUSH TO REALLY IMPLEMENT WHAT WE
HAVE ON THE BOOKS NOW, WITH THE
RJP AND BECK AND TO SAY THAT WE
AS A CITY, HOW CAN WE HAVE THE
MORAL AUTHORITY TO ASK ANY OTHER
SECTOR TO DO THIS WORK OF
INCLUSION AND CREATING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR RESIDENTS
IF WE ARE NOT DOING EVERYTHING
WITHIN OUR OWN POWER, OUR OWN
JOBS, OUR OWN SPENDING TO DO
THAT AS WELL.
SO I AM REALLY EXCITED TO SEE
THIS COME TO THE FLOOR.
I WILL, IT ALSO REMINDS ME THAT
WE NEED TO DO THE BIENNIAL
REVIEW ON THE PROCUREMENT REFORM
ORDINANCE THAT THE COUNCIL
PASSED LAST YEAR SO A LOT OF
THREADS COMING TO THE AND REALLY
EXCITED TO SUPPORT THIS WORK.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN, YOUR THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY NAME TO BE A PART OF THIS.

ONE ASPECT I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON THAT, MADAM PRESIDENT, IS WE DO SEE A LOT OF RETURNING VETERANS, A LOT OF WOMEN VETERANS COMING BACK HOME AFTER SERVICE.

WE SEE A LOT OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT ARE COMING BACK. AND THEIR SERVICE AS WELL, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THEM GET BACK INTO THE BOSTON ECONOMY AND GET A GOOD PAYING JOB, HIGH, THEY ARE HIGHLY SKILLED, HIGHLY TRAINED AND I THINK THEY WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF THE BOSTON ECONOMY TO GET INTO THE TRADES, TO GET INTO A GOOD PAYING JOB.

SO THAT IS SOMETHING I WANT TO FOCUS ON, AT ONE OF THE COUNCIL HEARINGS I DO PROPOSE IS A HEARING ON WOMEN VETERANS AND IT IS SOMETHING MAYBE I CAN TIE IN AS WELL.

AND ALSO, MADAM PRESIDENT, IS LOOKING AT BOTH IN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY AS WELL, SEEING THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO GET BACK INTO THE WORKPLACE.

I KNOW A HOT OF -- A LOT OF DISABLED DO WANT TO WORK. THEY ARE HUNGRY TO WORK AND THEY WANT THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK, THEY CAN DO SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS.

THEY JUST AT TIMES DON'T GET THE CHANCE, OR ARE NOT AS WELCOMED AS THEY SHOULD BE BUT THAT IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON IS GIVING DISABLED VETERANS AND ALL OF THOSE IN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY, GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY, WHETHER FOR JOB TRAINING, FOR MORE EDUCATION OR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO

PURSUE THE OPTION OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS BOSTON ECONOMY.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR JANEY FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS WORK ON THIS ISSUE.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN. AT THIS TIME, MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR FLYNN, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, COUNCILOR MCCARTHY, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILOR WU AS WELL AS THE CHAIR, I AM SORRY, COUNCILOR BAKER, DOCKET 1399 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

OKAY.

I AM INFORMED BY THE CLERK THAT WE HAVE TWO LATE FILES AND WHICH IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION WILL BE ADDED TO TODAY'S AGENDA. HEARING NO OBJECTION THE MATTERS ARE ADDED.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD READ THE FIRST ONE.

>> FIRST LATE FILE MATTERS FILED BY COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.

DEAR PRESIDENT CAMPBELL PLEASE BE ADVISEDLY NOT BE ATTENDANCE OF TODAY'S BOSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2018 DUE TO A SUDDEN ILLNESS.

PLEASE ASK THAT THE CITY CLERK READ THIS MATTER INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD.

THANK YOU, SINCERELY, MICHAEL F. FLAHERTY, BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR AT LARGE.

>> THAT WILL BE PLACED ON FILE. SECOND LATE FILED MATTER WAS OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE. OFFERED IN THE CITY COUNCIL, AN ORDER FOR A WORKING SESSION REGARDING THE OPIOID CRISIS. WHEREAS ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO CREATE VIABLE SOLUTIONS TO THE OPIOID CRISIS.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED THAT
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL AND THE
BOSTON STATE DELEGATION CONVENE
A WORKING SESSION A REGARDING A
COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO TACKLE
THE OPIOID CRISIS FILED IN
COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.

>> COUNCILOR YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

AFTER SOME BACK AND FORTH,
REGARDING APPROPRIATE
NOTIFICATION ON, AND
CLARIFICATION ABOUT THE PROCESS,
TO NOTIFY, WE HAVE COVERED ALL
OF OUR BASES.

WE HAVE DONE A NUMBER OF
DIFFERENT NOTIFICATIONS.
THIS NOW WILL HAVE A DOCKET
NUMBER, REALLY I APOLOGIZE FOR
THE CON CONFUSION TO MY
COLLEAGUES AND TO MY STAFF.
AND JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE
ARE DOING THIS THING
APPROPRIATELY.

I FIND IT FRUSTRATING AND ALSO
SEE THE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING US
TO THE TABLE TO WORK ON THINGS
WE SHOULD BE WORKING THROUGH
TOGETHER AS A GROUP IN A
PRODUCTIVE MANNER.

IT IS NOT AN EFFORT TO EXCLUDE
THE PUBLIC, IT IS JUST MY DESIRE
TO CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US
TO TALK ABOUT THIS TOGETHER AND
INCLUDE NOT JUST OUR STATE
COLLEAGUES BUT EACH OTHER AT THE AT THE
TABLE AT THE SAME TIME.

AND, YOU KNOW, COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY MENTIONED THE WORD THE
CREATION OF SILOS AND THE
CHALLENGE OF SILOS WHEN THEY ARE
CREATED AND I THINK IN THE WORK
AROUND, THE OPIOID CRISIS AND
THE WORK AROUND HELPING THOSE IN
ADDICTION AND FINDING RECOVERY
WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO GET
THROUGH THIS AND OUR EFFORT HERE
IS TO CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
US TO BE TOGETHER AND TO TALK
ABOUT THE CRISIS OF OPIOID
ADDICTION TOGETHER.

WE WILL NOT HAVE PUBLIC -- THIS

MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BUT THERE WILL NOT BE PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TALK ABOUT THE WORK THAT IS UNDERWAY, THAT HAS BEEN DONE AND THAT NEEDS TO BE FOCUSED ONGOING FORWARD.

SO THIS MEETING IS ON MONDAY, THE 24TH AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE 0 CURLING ROOM.

THANK YOU, MEACH.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

AND THIS SECOND LATE FILED MATTER WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY AND JUST SO WE DON'T VIOLATE ANY OPEN MEETING LAW OR EVEN THE SPIRIT OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW WE ARE DOING IT THIS WAY, TO ENCOURAGE ALL COLLEAGUES TO PARTICIPATE. SO THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE AND THANK YOU TO YOUR TEAM AS WELL.

ANYONE WISHING TO PULL ANYTHING FROM THE GREEN SHEETS?

>> MOVING RIGHT ALONG.

I AM INFORMED BY THE CLERK THERE IS ONE LATE FILED MATTER TO BE ADDED TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.

WHICH IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION WILL BE ADDED.

SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE LATE FILED MATTER WILL BE ADDED TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.

AT THIS TIME THE CHAIR MOVES FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE; OPPOSED, NO.

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

AT THIS TIME, ANYONE LOOKING TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT?

COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE.

>> TO MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT REGARDING BOSTONIAN WHO HAS PASSED AWAY.

>> THANK YOU.

GO AHEAD.

>> I RISE TO SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE PASSING OF A GREAT FRIEND OF

MINE WHO I MET PROBABLY WHEN I WAS JUST COMING TO BOSTON AND REALLY GETTING INVOLVED IN WORKING, ORGANIZING, WORKING ORGANIZING HE HELPED ME LEARN PORTUGUESE AND TO HELP ME UNDERSTAND TO WORK AROUND WORKER COMMUNITIES.

IT IS MY DEAR FRIEND JOVAN DI SILVA, HE HAS DEDICATED IN HIS LIFE HERE NOT ONLY TO HELP FELLOW BRAZILIANS BUT TO FOUND THE BRAZILIAN IMMIGRANT CENTER, NOW THE IMMIGRANT WORKER CENTER, HE JOINED, I JOINED AS A YOUNG ATTORNEY AND I WAS NAIIVE ABOUT ORGANIZING AND HE TAUGHT IN ME SO MUCH.

IT IS A SHAME HE ULTIMATELY COULDN'T FULFILL HIS ONE -- ONE OF HIS MANY DREAMS AND THAT IS TO BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN, AND THEN EVEN MORE UNFORTUNATE THAT HE FELT THE NEED TO GO HOME TO LIVE OUT THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN DIGNITY AND RESPECT I THINK WHICH HAS BEEN ROBBED OF SO MANY IMMIGRANTS.

HE IS A GREAT FRIEND AND I -- WE JOKED A LOT OF TIMES ONLINE WHEN I COME TO BRAZIL I AM GOING TO HIS BEAUTIFUL HOME HE SAVED UP TO BUILD SO IT WAS DEVASTATING TO FIND OUT HE DIED IN BRAZIL. WITH FAMILY.

SO I HAVE CREATED THIS -- HE WAS AN AL TO BE, ALTON BRIGHTON RESIDENT AND DID EVERYTHING HE COULD FOR THAT COMMUNITY AS WELL SO I DRAFTED OR HAVE THIS CERTIFICATE IN HIS NAME AND TO HIS FAMILY I JUST WANT TO SAY, JOVAN -- [SPEAKING IN PORTUGUESE]

>> SO TO HIS FAMILY, THANK YOU SO MUCH, HE TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING ON THE CITY COUNCIL BECAUSE OF HIM AND WHEREVER THERE IS A FIGHT FOR JUSTICE SHE THERE AND I KNOW I WILL SEE HIM AGAIN ONE DAY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS. ANYONE ELSE WANTING TO MAKE

ANNOUNCEMENT?

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE ALL GUESTS, COLLEAGUES AND STAFF TO PLEASE RISE AS WE ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. I WILL GRAB SOMETHING.

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>> FOR COUNCILOR CIOMMO, MARY MARGARET FITZPATRICK.

FOR COUNCILOR JANEY, MURIEL PATTON THE MATRIARCH OF THEIR FAMILY.

FOR COUNCILOR MCCARTHY, LIEUTENANT MICHAEL CHATMAN, FOR COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, LINEHAN, FOR COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, REGINA SPREGA, FOR COUNCILOR WU, FRED CONSTANTINE, FOR COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, COUNCILOR JANEY AS WELL AS THE CHAIR, RAHIM BARACK OBAMA-A.

>> FOR THE CHAIR KAREN GLASGOW, FOR COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, BARBOSA DESILVA AND FOR THE ENTIRE COUNCIL BECAUSE HIS NAME WAS REFERENCED TODAY, LIONEL ROGDON.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU.

THE CHAIR MOVES TODAY THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING WE DO SO IN THE MEMORY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE NAMED. WE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET HERE AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT NOON IN THIS CHAMBER AT BOSTON CITY HALL, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNMENT SAY AYE. THE AYES HAVE IT. COUNCIL IS ADJOURNED.

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