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>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
MADAME CLERK, IF YOU CAN CALL
THE ROLL TO ASCERTAIN THE
PRESENCE OF A QUORUM.

[ROLL CALL].

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CLERK.
AT THIS TIME, I'VE BEEN INFORMED
BY THE CLERK WE HAVE A QUORUM.
I WOULD LIKE ALL GUESTS TO
PLEASE RISE, INCLUDING MY
COLLEAGUES.

OUR LOVELY CLERK WILL TAKE US
THROUGH AN INVOCATION TODAY.
I ASK THAT EVERYONE REMAIN
STANDING AS SHE LEADS US INTO
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
O GOD OF OUR BEING AND BECOMING,
WE ENTER A NEW YEAR IN THE
SPIRIT OF REFLECTION.

WE LOOK BACK TO DECISIONS MADE
AND ISSUES WE HAVE DEALT WITH,
AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE
ISSUES OF THE COMING YEAR.
THE DECISIONS THAT WE HAVE YET
TO MAKE.

WE ASK FOR YOUR WISDOM.
WE ASK FOR YOUR STRENGTH IN
HELPING US TO BECOME BETTER
SERVANTS OF YOUR LOVE.
WE TAKE THIS TIME AT THE TURNING
OF THE YEAR TO THANK YOU FOR THE
GIFT OF ANOTHER YEAR AMIDST THE
HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF OUR
BEAUTIFUL CITY.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF
LIFE AND THE ABUNDANCE THAT IS
OURS.

MAY WE ALWAYS REJOICE AT THE
SPLENDOR OF CREATION.

ON THIS DAY, WE ACKNOWLEDGE
ISSUES THAT GENERATE A LOT OF
FEELINGS.

MAY YOU GRANT OUR PUBLIC
SERVANTS WISDOM TO MAKE THE
DECISIONS THAT WILL BRING THE
GREATEST GOOD TO THE GREATEST
NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

WE ASK YOUR BLESSING AND
GUIDANCE IN THIS NEW YEAR.
WE PRAY IN MANY NAMES BY WHICH
YOU ARE KNOWN.
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.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CLERK.
AT THIS TIME, COUNCILOR EDWARDS
HAS A SPECIAL PRESENTATION.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, COLLEAGUES.
THIS IS A SPECIAL PRESENTATION
TO REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE
EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNITY TO SHOW
THAT DESPITE D.C.'S
UNWILLINGNESS TO WORK, BOSTON
KEEPS MOVING AND BOSTON SHINES
EVEN BRIGHTER.

WE ARE NOW ON THE 26th DAY OF
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.
THOUSANDS OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
WORKERS REMAIN FURLOUGHED OR
WITHOUT PAY.

THAT INCLUDES HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE
IN BOSTON.

THE BUNKER HILL MONUMENT IS
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, SO THIS
SHUTDOWN COMES AT THE CLOSURE OF
THE MONUMENT TO TOURISTS, BUT
THAT HASN'T NECESSARILY KEPT
THEM OUT AND IT HASN'T STOPPED A
LOT OF FOLKS FROM COMING THERE
AND ALSO TRASHING THE PLACE.

WE ARE UNDERSTAFFED AND PEOPLE
ARE CLEANING UP THE PARK ON A
REGULAR BASIS.

WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE AMAZING
VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COMMUNITY OF
CHARLESTOWN AND THE BOSTON
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE
GONE OUT EVERY FEW DAYS TO THE
MONUMENT TO CLEAN IT UP TO MAKE
SURE WE TAKE CARE OF OUR
COMMUNITY WHETHER D.C. CHOOSES
TO WORK OR NOT.

I WANTED TO PERSONALLY THANK THEM AND SAY THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT THEY REPRESENT.

WE HAVE MEMBERS FROM CHARLESTOWN.

SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE CHRIS AND ARTHUR HERE TODAY.

I WANT TO GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THEY'VE POSTED SIGNS ENCOURAGING VISITORS TO USE WASTE STALLS AS WELL.

I AM JUST SO PROUD OF THEM, BUT ALSO WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM PUBLICLY FOR THEIR WORK.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I HAVE SOME CERTIFICATES AS WELL TO PRESENT TO THEM TO MAKE SURE WE SHINE OUR BRIGHTEST IN BOSTON.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> IF YOU WANT TO COME UP FOR A PHOTO.

COME ON UP.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS. MOVING ON TO APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

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

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

MOVING ON TO COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0173, MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING HOME RULE PETITION TO THE GENERAL COURT ENTITLED "PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW REGARDING A FIRE CADET PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

>> DOCKET 0137 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

>> DOCKET 0174 --

>> I'M SORRY, MADAME CLERK. THAT'S WRONG.

DOCKET 0173 AT THIS TIME, I ASK

THAT THAT BE REMOVED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PROPERLY ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. DOCKET 0174, MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT FROM THE BOSTON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,502,050,000 FOR THE COST RELATED TO THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE HARRISON AV COMPLETE STREET CORRIDOR PROJECT.

>> DOCKET 0174 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION.

>> DOCKET 0175, MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO SUBMIT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST DATED JANUARY 14th, 2019, FOR THE ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, JAMAICA PLAIN, McKINLEY K-12, BOSTON, THE CURLEY K-8, THE MAYOR LYON, 9-12, BRIGHTON, THE JOSIAH QUINCY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

>> THAT WILL ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

>> DOCKET 0176, MESSAGE AND ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. MYECHIA MINTER-JORDAN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION BOARD OF HEALTH FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 15, 2020.

DOCKET 0177, MESSAGE AND ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JACQUELINE RIVERS AS A MEMBER OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION'S BOARD OF ELEMENTARY WITH TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 15, 2022.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY?
THIS IS DOCKET 0176 AND 0177.

>> I REQUEST A BRIEF RECESS PLEASE, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> GRANTED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THE BRIEF RECESS FOR DOCKET

0176 AND 0177 THEY WILL BE
PLACED IN THE COMMITTEE ON
HEALTHY WOMEN, FAMILIES, AND
COMMUNITIES.

MOVING ON TO REPORTS OF PUBLIC
OFFICERS AND OTHERS.

>> MADAME PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU
LIKE ME TO READ 0178 THROUGH
0181?

>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

THANK YOU, MADAME CLERK.

>> 0178, NOTICE WAS RECEIVED
FROM THE CITY CLERK IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE
ORDINANCES OF 1979 REGARDING
ACTION TAKEN BY THE MAYOR AND
PAPERS ACTED UPON BY THE CITY
COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF
DECEMBER 5th, 2018.

DOCKET 0179, 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
DECEMBER 12, 2018.

DOCKET 0180, COMMUNICATION WAS
RECEIVED FROM CONGRESSWOMAN
AYANNA PRESSLEY IN SUPPORT OF
COUNCILOR GARRISON.

DOCKET 0181, COMMUNICATION WAS
RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT CAMPBELL
OF THE FILING OF A REPORT ON
DIVERSITY IN BOSTON'S PUBLIC
SAFETY AGENCIES: WHERE WE ARE
NOW AND HOW WE CAN IMPROVE.

>> DOCKETS 0178 THROUGH 0181
WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

MOVING ON TO MOTIONS, ORDERS,
AND RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET 0182, THE FOLLOWING
ORDER FOR HEARING ON ADMISSION
TO BOSTON'S EXAM SCHOOLS.

>> COUNCILOR JANEY, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAME
PRESIDENT.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME IN THIS
REFILE.

FOLKS, REMEMBER WE FILED THIS
HEARING ORDER LAST YEAR.

VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.

WHEN IT COMES TO DEALING WITH

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN OUR SCHOOLS, THIS ISSUE REALLY CAME TO LIGHT IN RECENT YEARS WHEN ON MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY A FEW YEARS BACK

MEGGIE AND KYLIE LAUNCHED BLACK AT BLS.

THESE ISSUES ARE STILL PREVALENT.

WE SAW IN THE REPORT, THE RAPP REPORT INSTITUTE AT HARVARD, MADE SOME DECISIONS ON HOW WE CAN DEAL WITH THE ADMISSIONS POLICY TO MAKE IT MORE INCLUSIVE.

THERE WERE LOTS OF SUGGESTIONS ON THE TABLE, AND THIS HEARING ORDER WILL SIMPLY -- OR THE HEARING ITSELF WILL LET US EXPLORE WAYS TO LOOK AT ADMISSIONS AND HOPEFULLY MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF OUR STUDENTS IN OUR CITY CAN BENEFIT FROM AN EDUCATION AT ANY ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP. I LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING MY COLLEAGUES, PARENTS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, EVERYONE IN THIS CONVERSATION AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY. LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK ON THIS.

ANYONE LOOKING TO SPEAK OR ADD THEIR NAME?

MADAME CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR WU. AT THIS TIME, DOCKET 0182 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

>> DOCKET 0183, COUNCILORS JANEY AND ESSAIBI-GEORGE OFFERED THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING ON SOBER HOUSING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

>> COUNCILOR JANEY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAME PRESIDENT.

I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE FOR COSPONSORING THIS REFILE WITH ME AND FOR HER

LEADERSHIP ON ISSUES REGARDING RECOVERY.

YOU KNOW, THIS IS STILL A VERY -- UNFORTUNATELY, WE STILL STRUGGLE WITH THIS ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF ADDICTION. WE CERTAINLY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT AS INDIVIDUALS ARE SEEKING RECOVERY THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO GET INTO TREATMENT, THAT THE HOMES DO HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN THIS.

WHAT WE KNOW FROM INCIDENTS LAST YEAR AND SOME IN THE PAST IS THAT THEY TEND TO BE CLUSTERED IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS AND NOT OTHERS, SO THE QUESTION IS REALLY HOW DO WE HAVE -- AT LEAST THE ONES THAT ARE REGISTERED.

THAT'S THE OTHER ISSUE. WE DON'T KNOW.

THERE IS NO REAL ENGAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY.

THESE ARE JUST POPPING UP WHEREVER THEY WANT TO.

THOSE WHO VOLUNTARILY REGISTER ARE CLUSTERED IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES, AND I THINK IT IS JUST WORTH HAVING A CONVERSATION TO UNDERSTAND HOW RESIDENTS CAN BE ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS, HOW WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE NOT BEING PITTED AGAINST THOSE WHO ACTUALLY NEED RECOVERY, AND THAT SOME OF THE BAD PLAYERS WHO EXIST ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PREY ON PEOPLE WITH ADDICTION.

AGAIN, I LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING ALL OF YOU IN THIS IMPORTANT CONVERSATION.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY. ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER OR ADD THEIR NAME? MADAME CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR GARRISON AS WELL AS THE CHAIR. DOCKET 0182 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH, AND RECOVERY.

>> DOCKET 0184, COUNCILORS EDWARDS AND ZAKIM OFFERED THE FOLLOWING: AN ORDINANCE REAUTHORIZING CONDOMINIUM

CONVERSION PROTECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

>> COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THIS IS REALLY FOLLOWING UP ON A CONVERSATION THAT WE'VE HEARD MANY, MANY TIMES ABOUT ASSURING WHEN PEOPLE ARE CREATING CONDOS, THAT OUR TENANTS ARE NOT DISPLACED AND WE'RE NOT BECOMING A LESSER CITY BECAUSE OF IT.

THIS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE I THINK LATE 1999.

THE ABILITY TO RENEW IT AND AGAIN EXPRESS OUR COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING TENANTS IS SOMETHING I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

THIS CONDO CONVERSION ORDINANCE IS ACTUALLY GOING TO SUNSET IN DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR, SO THIS IS A CALL TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO RENEWING THAT ORDINANCE THAT WE HAVE DONE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS SO FAR.

I WANT TO THANK THE LEADERSHIP OF MY COLLEAGUE AND HIS PARTNERSHIP IN THIS ORDINANCE AND ALSO JUST IN GENERAL YOUR BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND HAVING BEEN THE CHAIR OF HOUSING BEFOREHAND AND WORKING WITH ME A GREAT DEAL.

I WANT TO THANK YOU, JOSH -- COUNCILOR ZAKIM, FOR ALL THAT.

IT IS ASKING US TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT WITH THIS WONDERFUL ORDINANCE.

IT PROVIDES NOTICE PERIODS.

IT PROVIDES RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL.

IT PROVIDES RELOCATION ASSISTANCE FOR OUR ELDERLY AND MOST VULNERABLE FOLKS, LIMITATIONS ON RENT INCREASES, AND JUST CAUSE EVICTIONS FOR TENANTS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE NOT EVICTED FOR NO REASON.

I SUGGEST THE BODY CONTINUE TO RECOMMIT.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR ON THE
COMMITTEE OF HOUSING AND
DEVELOPMENT FOR HER PARTNERSHIP
ON THIS.

2014, THIS BODY REAUTHORIZED
RATHER REOPTED INTO THE STATE
LAW.

IT IS ONE OF THE FEW STATE LAWS
WE HAVE RIGHT NOW IN THE
COMMONWEALTH THAT ARE DIRECTLY
ADDRESSING SOME OF THE HOUSING
PRESSURES AND THE PRESSURES OF
THE MARKET HERE IN BOSTON
PARTICULARLY AROUND
DISPLACEMENT, PROTECTING
LONG-TERM RESIDENTS WHEN THEIR
HOMES ARE CONVERTED TO
CONDOMINIUMS OR CO-OPS.

ONE IMPORTANT THING WE DID FIVE
YEARS AGO WAS WE EXPANDED THE
AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE
CONVERTERS OR OWNERS WERE
REQUIRED TO PAY TO HELP PEOPLE
RELOCATE, ESPECIALLY OUR
SENIORS.

IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS EASY FOR
US TO DO HERE IN THE CITY
COUNCIL WITH THE PARTNERSHIP OF
THE WALSH ADMINISTRATION, AND IT
IS SOMETHING THAT IS AT A
MINIMUM OF WHAT WE NEED TO BE
DOING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON.

ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THIS LAW
IS MAKING SURE PEOPLE IN OUR
COMMUNITIES KNOW ABOUT IT.

THERE ARE SO MANY FOLKS WHO
WOULD HAVE FALL UNDER THESE
PROTECTIONS.

NOT ENOUGH, BUT THERE ARE A LOT
OF PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON -- TENANTS, RESIDENTS --
THAT ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR
RIGHTS.

WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH
DND AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND
THE FOLKS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY
TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW ABOUT
THESE PROTECTIONS.

THIS IS STATE LAW.

THIS IS IT.

WE OPT IN.

THIS IS THE LAW OF THE LAND.

I URGE SWIFT PASSAGE OF THIS TO MAKE SURE IT DOES NOT EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

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

>> I ADD MY NAME, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A CONVERSATION.

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

>> PLEASE ADD MY NAME, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> MADAME CLERK, ADD COUNCILOR JANEY, COUNCILOR ZAKIM, COUNCILOR WU, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

DOCKET 0184 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

>> DOCKET 0185, COUNCILORS O'MALLEY AND WU OFFERED THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING ON FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING ALL NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS TO COMPLY WITH NET-ZERO CARBON REQUIREMENTS IN BOSTON.

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

>> I'M DELIGHTED TO PARTNER WITH MY FRIEND, THE COUNCILOR FROM

ROSINDALE.

IT IS THE RESULT OF A PROCESS THAT I WAS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH EACH AND EVERY OVER THE PAST YEAR.

THAT IS NET-ZERO CARBON.

IT UTILIZES ENERGY THAT IS SUPPLIED OR OFFSET BY 100% RENEWABLE SOURCES AND DOES NOT ADD TO GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS.

BUILDINGS IN BOSTON ACCOUNT FOR A MAJORITY, MORE THAN 50%, OF ALL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. THEY COME FROM BUILDINGS.

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON LOWERING THOSE EMISSIONS AND HAVING A POSITIVE IMPACT AS IT RELATES TO STORMS, AS IT RELATES TO RESILIENCY, AS IT RELATES TO CHANGING MANMADE

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE RESULT
ITS HAD ON THE CITY.

LAST NIGHT, THE MAYOR
RECOMMITTED TO HAVING BOSTON BE
CARBON FREE BY 2050.

IT WAS SURPRISING TO ME AND
PERHAPS TO SOME OF YOU THAT WE
ARE CLOSER NOW TO 2050 THAN WE
ARE TO 1987.

IT IS 31 YEARS AWAY FROM 2050,
AND WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT
OF WORK TO DO.

ONE THING WE CAN DO RIGHT OFF
THE BAT AS WE TALK ABOUT NEW
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, NEW
SCHOOLS, NEW LIBRARIES, NEW
POLICE STATIONS.

I'M DELIGHTED TO PARTNER WITH
THE COUNCILOR FROM ROSINDALE.
I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A
HEARING, AND I INVITE ALL OF YOU
TO CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF
THESE GREAT EFFORTS.

>> COUNCILOR WU, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
I JUST RISE TO THANK THE LEAD
SPONSOR ON THIS FOR HIS WORK
OVER THE ENTIRE LAST YEAR,
CONVENING NUMEROUS SESSIONS IN
HIS USUAL STYLE, BRINGING
EVERYONE TO THE TABLE,
REPRESENTING ALL DIFFERENT
VIEWPOINTS.

I'M EAGER TO PUSH THIS AND SEE
THIS GET DONE THIS YEAR.
JUST ECHOING COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY'S COMMENTS, WE KEEP
BANGING THE DRUM, BUT THERE'S
REALLY IN SOME WAYS NO TIME LEFT
TO BE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN BE
DOING AROUND CLIMATE CHANGE.
FORGET 2050.

THE U.N. HAS SAID EMPHATICALLY
THAT 2030 IS THE DEADLINE FOR
THE ENTIRE PLANET AND THE WORLD
TO GET OUR ACT TOGETHER.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE SUBSTANTIAL
CHANGES IN PLACE BY 2030, IT
WILL BE TOO LATE TO REVERSE OR
EVEN IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY ON THE
PLANET.

SINCE THAT REPORT CAME OUT OVER

THE SUMMER, SUBSEQUENT REPORTS HAVE NOT ONLY CONFIRMED THAT BUT HAVE ACTUALLY SAID THAT REPORT WAS MORE LAX THAN THE LATEST NUMBERS.

EVERY BIT OF DATA AND RESEARCH THAT IS COMING OUT IS ADDING TO THE URGENCY AND SAYING WE AT ALL LEVELS WILL DO WHAT WE CAN, LOOKING AT 2020 AND THINKING ABOUT NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE COUNTRY, BUT WE HAVE OUR PLATFORM HERE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN DO.

THIS IS REALLY THE LEAST THAT WE COULD AND SHOULD BE DOING IN TERMS OF REQUIRING IMMEDIATELY THAT ALL CITY BUILDINGS SATISFY THIS STANDARD AND DOING WHAT WE CAN TO ENSURE WE'RE WORKING WITH OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE STATE TO PUSH THAT ACROSS EVERY SECTOR. NOT JUST PUBLIC SECTOR AND MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU. ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER?

ADD COUNCILOR CIOMMO, COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR FLYNN, COUNCILOR ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

DOCKET 0185 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY AND PARKS.

>> COUNCILOR 0188, COUNCILORS EDWARDS AND CAMPBELL OFFERED THE FOLLOWING: AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT -- DOCKET 0186, COUNCILORS O'MALLEY AND BAKER OFFERED THE FOLLOWING ORDER REGARDING A TEXT AMENDMENT FOR BOSTON ZONING CODE FOR GROSS FLOOR AREA.

>> IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO THE ZONING CODE.

AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, WE TALK ABOUT FLOOR AREA RATIO, OR FAR, THAT'S CURRENTLY MEASURED BY THE EXTERIOR FACES OF THE WALL. THIS WOULD REDEFINE THAT TO MEASURE FROM THE INTERIOR OF THE WALL PROVIDED THAT IT WAS USED FOR INSTALLATION NET ZERO

CARBON.

A THICKER WALL WITH MORE

INSULATION MAKES FOR A MORE
ENERGY EFFICIENT.

YOU ARE PAYING LESS IN UTILITY
COSTS NO MATTER WHAT YOU USE.
BUT A BUILDING ENVELOPE THAT HAS
MORE INSULATION ACTS LIKE A
THERMOS.

ENERGY SAVINGS ARE INCREASED, SO
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAME OUT
OF OUR CONVERSATION AS WE TALKED
ABOUT NET-ZERO CARBON THAT WAS
REALLY THE TRIFECTA.

ENVIRONMENTALISTS THOUGHT IT WAS
GREAT.

DEVELOPERS THOUGHT IT WAS GREAT.
THE BUILDING TRADE THOUGHT IT
WAS GREAT.

IT WILL TAKE A ZONING CODE
AMENDMENT CHANGE, WHICH IS
SOMETHING THAT WE NOT ONLY IN
OUR POWER BUT IS OUR
RESPONSIBILITY THAT CAN REALLY
PLAY A ROLE.

THIS IS SOMETHING WE CAN SEE
TANGIBLE RESULTS IN A HAVE SHORT
ORDER.

I APPRECIATE THAT, MADAME
PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON
THIS MATTER OR ADD THEIR NAME?
ADD COUNCILOR CIOMMO, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, COUNCILOR ZAKIM
AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

DOCKET 0186 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO
THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING,
DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION.

>> DOCKET 0187, COUNCILORS
EDWARDS AND JANEY OFFERED THE
FOLLOWING HOME RULE PETITION FOR
A SPECIAL LAW REGARDING AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON
TO ESTABLISH AN INVESTOR AND
COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES TRANSFER
FEE.

>> COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YOU HAVE
THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

[INAUDIBLE].

QUITE FRANKLY, SPECULATION IS

SOMETHING WE CANNOT SUSTAIN IN BOSTON AND ALSO THAT WE CANNOT BUILD OUR WAY OUT OF THE HOUSING CRISIS WE FIND OURSELVES IN.

I'M SO PROUD TODAY TO STAND WITH MY COLLEAGUE, KIM JANEY, AND COLLEAGUES AT THE STATEHOUSE, REPRESENTATIVE CONNELLY AND COREY, SAYING WE NEED TO DO MORE.

THE WAY TO DO THAT IS TO HIT AT THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM AND TO STOP SPECULATION.

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE AS A CITY WE SAY WE'RE NOT FOR SALE AND THAT OUR BOSTON HOUSING MARKET IS TRULY FOR FAMILIES, THE MIDDLE CLASS, AND FOLKS TRYING TO ASSURE THAT THEY CAN LIVE AND WORK HERE.

THIS IS NOT THE NEW STOCK MARKET, WHICH IS WHAT IT HAS BECOME.

IT'S BECOME A PLACE WHERE FOLKS CAN OWN -- PREVENT PEOPLE FROM OCCUPYING AND MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE BY SIMPLY HAVING A PIECE OF THE PROPERTY.

THAT'S A PROBLEM BECAUSE WE HAVE DISPLACEMENT.

WE HAVE PEOPLE LOOKING TO LIVE HERE.

WE HAVE PEOPLE LOOKING TO BE ABLE TO STAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

THIS GREAT CITY OF BOSTON HAS AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES.

THOSE OPPORTUNITIES I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AND BECOME A HOMEOWNER.

I LOOK AT PEOPLE FROM MY GENERATION WHO WILL NEVER SEE THAT HAPPEN IN THEIR LIFE.

IT IS DEPRESSING SOMETIMES, BUT I BELIEVE THAT -- AND BASED ON THE WORDS OF OUR ADMINISTRATION AND OUR MAYOR LAST NIGHT -- THAT NOT ONLY CAN WE DO THIS, BUT WE CAN LEAD THE NATION IN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW TO STOP SPECULATION, HOW TO GENERATE REVENUE, AND HOW TO MAKE SURE WHEN YOU COME TO BOSTON TO OWN PROPERTY, YOU'RE REALLY OWNING A

PART OF OUR FUTURE AND BUILDING COMMUNITY, NOT JUST BUILDING. I'M EXCITED TO WORK WITH THE MAYOR, AND I'M EXCITED TO WORK WITH MY COLLEAGUES HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS TRANSFER FEE IS SOMETHING THAT WE PASS OUT OF THIS BODY WITH FULL SUPPORT AND THAT WE GET IT TO THE STATEHOUSE WITH A MOVEMENT THAT I FEEL IS BUILDING EVERY SINGLE DAY IN CAMBRIDGE, SUMMERSVILLE, NEWTON, AND OTHER CITIES AROUND. THEIR HOUSING MARKETS ARE OFTEN NOT FOR SALE. THEY WANT PEOPLE COMING THERE TO LIVE. THIS IS A MOVEMENT THAT'S ONLY GOING TO GET LOUDER AND STRONGER BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY WE DO NEED THE REVENUE TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WHILE WE HAVE VERY LOW PROPERTY TAX RATES -- AND THAT'S SOMETHING I FULLY SUPPORT -- WE DO NEED MORE MONEY. OUR IDP HAS PRODUCED OVER \$100 MILLION. OUR LINKAGES PRODUCE ABOUT \$40 MILLION. IF THIS TRANSFER FEE WERE TO PASS AT THIS RATE OF 6%, WE'RE TALKING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. WE'RE BRINGING SPECULATORS TO THE TABLE, SAYING, YOU NEED TO PAY FOR WHAT YOU'RE BREAKING. YOU NEED TO STOP BREAKING OUR HOUSING MARKET AND BREAKING OUR BACKS AND INFLATING THE HOUSING PRICES TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE CAN'T BECOME HOMEOWNERS. THAT I'M HAPPY TO SAY I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST TO STOP. WHEN IT COMES TO THE FOLKS WHO ARE COMING INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND JUST TURNING OVER PROPERTIES, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE AVERAGE PERSON WHO HAS A PROPERTY, WHO HAS BOUGHT IT, WHO LIVED IN IT, AND WHO ONE DAY WANTS TO MAKE MONEY OFF OF IT. BUILDING WEALTH IS IMPORTANT. IT'S NECESSARY.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING HERE ONLY TO MAKE MONEY AND AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE REGARDLESS OF THE PAIN THEY MAKE.

I'VE SEEN IT IN EAST BOSTON. WE HAD FLIPPERS COME IN, A YOUNG MAN IN HIS 20s, BUILT ABOUT 70 UNITS.

IN ORDER TO MAKE THAT MONEY, HE EVICTED AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

TWO OF THE WALLS FELL DOWN IN THE BUILDING THAT HE FLIPPED BECAUSE HE WAS MOVING SO FAST. HIS JOB WAS TO MAKE MONEY. HE WOULD THROW ON SOME PAINT ON AN EMPTY BUILDING AND QUICKLY SELL IT.

HE DISPLACED OTHER TENANTS IN OTHER BUILDINGS THAT HE DIDN'T BUY BECAUSE HIS WORK WAS SO SHODDY.

THIS KIND OF SPECULATION IN OUR COMMUNITY IS SOMETHING WE CANNOT SUSTAIN.

WE ARE IN A BOOM ECONOMY. WE HAVE MONEY COMING HERE. THAT IS A GOOD THING.

THIS WILL NOT STOP THAT. THIS WILL ASSURE SPECULATORS ARE PAYING INTO THE POT.

JUST LIKE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPERS ARE DOING RIGHT NOW. THEY PAY INTO THE POT THEIR

LINKAGE FEES, BUT SPECULATORS ARE NOT DOING THAT AND THIS IS INVITING THEM OR DEMANDING THAT THEY DO THAT.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR CITY IS NO LONGER PART OF THE NEW STOCK MARKET.

I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR LEADERSHIP FROM OUR MAYOR TO BE SURE HE'S PART OF THE SAME MESSAGE IN GENERATING THOSE REVENUES.

PROGRAMS SUCH AS DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE AND THE BOSTON HOME BUYERS PROGRAMS, THE ACQUISITION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM ALLOWING NONPROFITS TO BUY TRIPLE DECKERS, THESE ARE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS THAT THE CITY ALREADY

HAS.
I'M ONLY HOPEFUL THAT WE
GENERATE FUNDS TO BE SURE THOSE
PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO GROW.
THE ACQUISITION OPPORTUNITY
PROGRAM, THE GOAL OF THE
ADMINISTRATION IS TO HAVE 1,000
NEW UNITS UNDER THAT PROGRAM.
IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE NEED TO
ACQUIRE 83 UNITS A YEAR BY 2030
AT A COST OF \$70 MILLION.
THAT WOULD BE 1,000 NEW RESIDENT
UNITS THAT ARE PERMANENTLY
AFFORDABLE WHEN BUYING AT THE
MARKET RATE.
LET'S PROTECT BOSTON.
LET'S MAKE SURE OUR HOUSING IS
FOR FOLKS TO LIVE HERE, AND I
LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR LEADERSHIP,
YOUR GUIDANCE, YOUR MENTORSHIP.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS.
COUNCILOR JANEY, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.
>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAME
PRESIDENT.
I ALSO WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR
EDWARDS NOT ONLY FOR HER
PARTNERSHIP ON THIS PIECE OF
LEGISLATION BUT FOR HER
LEADERSHIP.
SHE'S BEEN A FIERCE ADVOCATE
AROUND HOUSING AND MAKING SURE
THAT BOSTON STAYS AFFORDABLE FOR
RESIDENTS WHO CURRENTLY LIVE
HERE.
THIS COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR HAS
ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO ADDRESS
THE HOUSING CRISIS.
FOR EXAMPLE, LAST YEAR, WE
PASSED THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL,
BUT WE NEED TO DO MUCH MORE.
WE NEED TO MAKE BOLD ACTION.
WE NEED TO SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE
THAT BOSTON IS NOT FOR SALE.
WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT BOSTON
CONTINUES TO BE A CITY FOR
FAMILIES, FOR WORKERS, FOR
PEOPLE WHO WANT TO COME AND
INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
THIS LEGISLATION WILL HELP US
SLOW THINGS DOWN AND CREATE
REVENUE TO INVEST IN AFFORDABLE
HOUSING FOR RESIDENTS WHO ARE

HERE.

BOTH COUNCILOR EDWARDS AND I HELD HEARINGS LAST YEAR ON THESE ISSUES AT HER HEARING, AT HER WORKING SESSION, AT MY HEARING ON GENTRIFICATION IN ROXBURY. WE HEARD A CLEAR MESSAGE FROM RESIDENTS THAT THEY WANT TO SEE THE LUXURY REAL ESTATE MARKET SLOW DOWN AND MORE INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

WE HEARD HOW THE HIGH COSTS ARE CAUSING RESIDENTS, MANY WHO ARE LOOKING TO BUY AND MAKE THEIR FIRST PURCHASE AND INVEST IN A COMMUNITY, RAISE THEIR FAMILIES, BUILD AND CREATE COMMUNITIES WITH THEIR NAMES.

IT'S CAUSING THEM TO LOOK OUTSIDE OF THE CITY BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO DO IT HERE, SO WE OWE IT TO OUR CONSTITUENTS, TO THE RESIDENTS OF THIS CITY. THIS IS ABOUT FAIRNESS.

IT'S ABOUT EQUITY.

IT'S ABOUT JUSTICE.

IT'S REALLY ABOUT CLOSING THE WEALTH GAP, AND PEOPLE CAN'T BUY A HOME IF THE MARKET IS OVERRUN BY PEOPLE WHO ARE FLIPPING PROPERTIES.

IT REALLY PUTS IT OUT OF REACH FOR REGULAR PEOPLE.

THIS HOUSING CRISIS IS IMPACTING PUBLIC HEALTH, THE QUALITY OF LIFE, AND WE NEED TO DO MUCH MORE.

I'M PROUD AGAIN TO PARTNER THIS PARTICULAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD DISCOURAGE THE PRACTICE OF FLIPPING.

IT WILL GENERATE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WE CAN INVEST AND HELP PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BUY THEIR FIRST HOME, WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO REALLY PARTNERING WITH ALL OF YOU. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION.

WE'VE GOT TO BE BOLD HERE, AND WE'VE GOT TO TAKE ACTION AND SEND THAT MESSAGE TO FOLKS WHO WANT TO USE OUR CITY AND USE

THIS HOT MARKET AS A WAY TO LOCK PEOPLE OUT.

AGAIN, I APPRECIATE YOU.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

I LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE COUNCIL AS WELL AS MY COLLEAGUES AT THE STATE AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. I RISE TO COMMEND THE MAKERS ON THIS PROPOSAL.

CERTAINLY, THIS PROPOSAL HAS GOTTEN A LOT OF ATTENTION.

MY OFFICE HAS GOTTEN OUTREACH AND HEARD FROM FOLKS.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE LANGUAGE HERE IS THAT YOU HAVE PUT FORWARD A BOLD SOLUTION THAT IS NOT JUST TALK AND DISTILLS DOWN WHAT YOU HEARD OVER THE COURSE OF LAST YEAR WITH HEARING AFTER HEARING AFTER HEARING.

THIS IS A REAL SET OF ACTIONS THAT WE CAN TAKE, AND IT SETS THE STANDARD FOR ACCESSIBILITY AT THE CITY LEVEL.

YOU ASK FOR A CERTAIN -- THE ABILITY TO TAKE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF ACTION SO WE ALWAYS HAVE THAT DECISION WHERE IT BELONGS, HERE IN CITY GOVERNMENT, TO ADJUST HOW THE CITY IS DOING AND TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT REALTIME FEEDBACK FROM RESIDENTS.

THERE WILL BE MUCH CONVERSATION ON THIS, BUT THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT THIS IS PIECE OF LEGISLATION IS WORKING TO DO AND NOT JUST TALK.

THIS IS ONE OF A WHOLE SUITE OF PROPOSALS THAT WE ALL, AND PARTICULARLY THESE TWO SPONSORS, ARE PUTTING FORWARD.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF THESE COME TO FRUITION AND THAT OUR PARTNERS AT THE STATEHOUSE WILL CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE CITY IS BEST EQUIPPED TO MAKE SURE DECISIONS ON WHAT THE LEVEL

OF FEES OR TAXES OR ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD BE AND ASKING FOR THAT FULL 25% AND GIVING US THE ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS AND DETERMINATIONS.

WE CONTINUE TO RESPOND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE RESIDENTS.

>> COUNCILOR CIOMMO, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. I RISE TO ASK THAT MY NAME BE ADDED AND LOOK FORWARD TO THIS CONVERSATION.

ONE THING THAT POPPED INTO MY HEAD IS DURING OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HARVARD DURING THEIR LAST MASTER PLAN, WE IMPLEMENTED A PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOCAL ALLSTON-BRIGHTON CDC. THEY PURCHASED PROPERTIES WITH THE SOLE PURPOSE OF RESELLING THEM TO OWNER/OCCUPANTS.

I WANT TO BE SURE WE'RE MINDFUL OF PROGRAMS SUCH AS THIS THAT ACTUALLY ARE A POSITIVE FOR MY COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE SUCH A LOW OWNER OCCUPANCY RATE.

WE ALSO NEED TO REALIZE THAT TAXES AND FEES IMPACT BEHAVIOR.

I DON'T DISAGREE THAT WE CAN'T NECESSARILY BUILD OUR WAY OUT OF, BUT CERTAINLY BUILDING IS A MAJOR PART OF THAT SOLUTION.

JUST WANT TO BE MINDFUL ABOUT HOW THESE TAXES IMPACT DEVELOPERS' BEHAVIORS, BUYERS' BEHAVIORS AND SUCH.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT CONVERSATION.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO. I'M ASSUMING YOU WANT TO ADD YOUR NAME.

MADAME CLERK, ADD COUNCILOR CIOMMO, COUNCILOR ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

DOCKET 0187 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

>> DOCKET 0188, COUNCILORS EDWARDS AND CAMPBELL OFFERED THE FOLLOWING: AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND THE ELIMINATION OF SYSTEMIC BIAS IN THE WORKPLACE.

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU.

I WOULD LIKE TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD COUNCILOR ZAKIM AS AN ORIGINAL COSPONSOR BEFORE I START.

>> ANY OBJECTIONS?

SEEING AND HEARING NONE, PLEASE ADD THE ADDITIONAL SPONSOR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SO, WE FIND OURSELVES IN A WONDERFUL, I THINK, OPPORTUNITY OR TIME FOR OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY REFLECT ON NOT ONLY THE HISTORY OF BOSTON BUT HOW FAR WE'RE GOING TO GO.

THE STATE OF THE CITY WAS A WONDERFUL EVENT, A PROGRESSIVE STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR ABOUT COMMITMENT TO OUR DIVERITY AND ASSURING WE WON'T BACK DOWN DESPITE D.C. OR OTHER ENTIIES OR FOLKS THAT AREN'T OPEN TO IMMIGRANTS, AND I WAS INSPIRED BY THOSE WORDS.

HONESTLY, I CANNOT BE MORE THANKFUL TO SEE THAT KIND OF LEADERSHIP COME FROM THE MAYOR. SO, I WANT TO TAKE THAT ENERGY AND LEADERSHIP BEHIND THOSE WORDS TO SAY WE CAN GO FORWARD TOGETHER.

THIS IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO TAKE AWAY POWER FROM THE MAYOR OR THE ADMINISTRATION.

INSTEAD THIS IS REALLY SUPPORTING THE CALL TO US AS A CITY TO LOOK AT OURSELVES AND REFLECT ON HOW WE GOT HERE. TOO MANY OF OUR CITY DEPARTMENTS DO NOT REFLECT THE DIVERSITY, ALBEIT RACE, OF BOSTON. AND THAT'S NOT THE FAULT OF ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL.

THIS IS A MATTER OF SYSTEMIC BIAS THAT GENERATIONS HAVE BUILT UP ON, AND AS AN ADMINISTRATION COMES INTO POWER, IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SIMPLY LOOK AT ONE

SPECIFIC INCIDENT, WRITE ONE REPORT, AND THEN HOPE THAT SOMEHOW WE'RE GOING TO TACKLE SYSTEMIC BIAS.

I DON'T NEED TO REPEAT MY COMMENTS AND MY CRITICISMS OF THE RECENT REPORT ABOUT THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. IN SHORT, I FOUND IT VERY LACKING, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY WHEN WE DO CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION, CITY COUNCIL OR THE MAYOR, IT SHOULD MEAN SOMETHING.

IT SHOULD MEAN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A HARD LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY WE'RE HERE.

THIS COMMISSION'S JOB WOULD BE TO DO JUST THAT.

AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION THAT HAS FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MAKE SURE WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT SYSTEMIC BIAS, WE'RE DOING IT IN A HOLISTIC WAY.

THERE'S NO PRESSURE.

THERE'S NO SENSE OF POLITICAL LEAD OR WANT BUT SIMPLY TO SAY HOW DID WE GET HERE.

HOW DO WE GET OUT OF THAT?

THE COMMISSION MAY NOT HAVE THE EXPERTISE TO ALWAYS LOOK AT THOSE ISSUES, SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE THAT THE COMMISSION BE ABLE TO PUT OUT RFPs TO GET EXPERTS TO COME TO THE TABLE AND WRITE THE ANALYSIS.

THAT DID NOT HAPPEN WITH THIS REPORT.

WE PICKED SOMEONE WE ALREADY WORKED WITH, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEPARATE THOSE BOXES.

THE ATTORNEYS THAT WE HAVE THAT ARE BRILLIANT, THAT ARE DEFENDERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, SHOULD DO JUST THAT.

DO WHAT THEY'RE CONTRACTED TO DO AND THAT IS FINE.

I HAVE BEEN THAT KIND OF ATTORNEY.

I HAVE WORKED DEFENDING CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESSES AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE NOT

OVERLY BURDENED BY
DISCRIMINATION CASES.

I HAVE DONE THAT, AND I'VE HAD
THAT MIND-SET.

I DON'T OPPOSE IT, BUT I DO NOT
THINK YOU PULL FROM THE SAME BOX
OF ATTORNEYS AND TAKE A NEUTRAL
POSITION WHEN DEFENDING A
DEPARTMENT IN COURT.

ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION THAT
WOULD PUT UP THOSE RFPs AND
WOULD ALLOW FOR FOLKS WHO ARE
NOT CURRENTLY DEFENDING THE CITY
OF BOSTON OR DO NOT HAVE A
CONTRACT TO DO SO WOULD COMPETE
TO DO THAT ANALYSIS.

WHEN THOSE REPORTS COME IN, SUCH
AS THE RECENT ONE, THAT HAS 21
RECOMMENDATIONS, THEY WOULD
MONITOR HOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS
ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

THAT OR WE COULD HAVE A HEARING
EVERY SIX MONTHS IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON TO LOOK AND SEE WHAT'S
GOING ON.

I WOULD RATHER GIVE IT TO A
COMMISSION WHOSE JOB IS TO LOOK
AT IT.

THIS COMMISSION WILL BE LOOKING
AT HOW THAT CULTURE IS SHIFTING
OR NOT WITH RESOURCES AND WOULD
NAME NAMES.

WHO IS IN THE NAME OF THIS
CULTURE SHIFT?

START TO HOLD PEOPLE
ACCOUNTABLE.

THIS IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A
MEDIATION COMPONENT BETWEEN TWO
INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES.

THIS WILL NOT BE SOMETHING THAT
IF I HAVE AN ISSUE WITH A
COLLEAGUE, I'M GOING TO RUN TO
THIS COMMISSION TO HAVE A REPORT
DONE ABOUT WHAT THIS COLLEAGUE
IS NOT DOING.

THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE HR FOR.

THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE MACD FOR,
THOSE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS.

THIS IS WHEN YOU HAVE HAD 15 TO
18 CONCERNS.

THIS COMMISSION'S JOB IS TO
FIGURE OUT HOW WE GOT HERE AND
HOW WE CAN GET OUT OF HERE.

I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL JOIN

IN IN SAYING, YES, WE WANT THAT
KIND OF INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS.
WE WANT THAT KIND OF CHECK IN
ABOUT WHAT WE DO RECOMMEND.
WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO SAY WHEN
WE CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT
INVESTIGATION -- AND IT WOULD
PROVIDE POWERS FOR THE CITY
COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR TO CALL
THOSE INVESTIGATIONS -- WHEN WE
DO THAT, WE'LL BE HONEST ABOUT
WHAT WE SEE.

THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS AND
ZAKIM FOR THE PARTNERSHIP,
PARTICULARLY COUNCILOR ZAKIM FOR
YOUR WORK ON THESE ISSUES AS
CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL
RIGHTS EVEN BEFORE I JOINED THE
COUNCIL.

I THINK COUNCILOR EDWARDS SUMMED
IT UP.

THIS IS IN RESPONSE NOT ONLY TO
THE RECENT REPORT WITH RESPECT
TO THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT, THE WOMEN
FIREFIGHTERS IN THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT, BUT REALLY LOOKING
AT ALL OF THE REPORTS THAT COME
OUT AFTER THE MAYOR OR THE
COUNCIL CALLED FOR AN
INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION, WHAT
HAPPENS TO THOSE REPORTS, HOW DO
WE HOLD THOSE ACCOUNTABLE.

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY WHEN WE
CALL FOR THESE INVESTIGATIONS,
WHO IS DOING THE INVESTIGATION?
WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS WHEN
DOING THOSE INVESTIGATIONS?

IN THIS PAST YEAR, WE HAD
CONCERNS COMING OUT OF BOSTON
WATER AND SEWER.

THERE WERE A LOT OF EMPLOYEES
THAT WORKED FOR THAT DIVISION.
REAL CONCERNS WITH THAT
REGARDING DISCRIMINATION AND
BIAS.

WE CALLED FOR AN INVESTIGATION,
AND THEN WE DON'T HEAR ANYTHING,

AND SO THIS IS ABOUT SETTING A COMMISSION TO TAKE IT OUT OF THE PURVIEW OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND PUTTING IT IN THE HANDS OF THOSE MORE NEUTRAL AND OBJECTIVE SO WE DON'T CONTINUE TO GO BACK TO THESE DEPARTMENTS AND HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH EMPLOYEES WHO ARE HAVING A REALLY TOUGH TIME. OUR EMPLOYEES AREN'T MAKING THIS STUFF UP.

THESE ARE REAL INCIDENTS THAT ARE HAPPENING TO PEOPLE, AND LET ME TELL YOU OUR EMPLOYEES -- AND WE ALL KNOW THIS -- ARE DEDICATED TO THE CITY OF BOSTON. FROM THE COUNCIL SIDE, THEY WORK REALLY HARD AND THEY'RE UNDERPAID, SO WE HAVE TO DO OUR BEST TO TAKE CARE OF.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO NOT JUST TALK ABOUT DOING SOMETHING WITH RESPECT TO DISCRIMINATION BUT ACTUALLY TAKING ACTION.

I'M EXCITED TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU ON THIS.

WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK INTO WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE AUTHORITY AROUND THE BPDA AND THE SEWER COMMISSION, BUT WE WANTED TO PULL THEM IN, GIVEN JUST INCIDENTS THAT HAVE COME UP.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE EVERYONE, SO WE'RE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS.

THIS IS A STARTING POINT THAT IS IN THE FORM OF AN ORDINANCE SO PEOPLE KNOW WE'RE SERIOUS AND WE ACTUALLY WANT TO DO SOMETHING, SO I'M EXCITED TO WORK WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU ON THIS PRESSING WORK.

THANK YOU, COUNCILORS, FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR ZAKIM?

>> THANK YOU, MR. VICE PRESIDENT.

I WANT TO THANK COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND THE DISTRICT COUNCILOR FROM EAST BOSTON FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

ON THIS ISSUE, PARTICULAR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL.
YOUR REPORT THAT IS ON THE
DOCKET TODAY IS NOT ALL
ENCOMPASSING, BUT IT HAS SOME
IMPORTANT DATA IN THERE.
AND IT SHOWS US WHY THIS IS
NECESSARY REGARDLESS OF THE BEST
INTENTION FROM ANYONE INSIDE
THIS BUILDING OR OUTSIDE THIS
BUILDING.

IT IS QUITE CLEAR THERE'S A
PROBLEM.

1% OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE
CITY OF BOSTON TO BE WOMEN IS
UNACCEPTABLE.

REGARDLESS OF THE BEST
INTENTIONS, REGARDLESS OF THE
POLICIES AND INVESTIGATIONS AND
AGREEMENTS, WE NEED TO ADDRESS
SOME OF THESE SYSTEMIC ISSUES.
THAT IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT
AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION IS
ESTABLISHED THAT CAN DO THIS AND
THAT CAN DIG DEEP AND LOOK HOW
TO DO THIS.

WE'RE NOT JUST GOING TO ISSUE
ONE REPORT.

WE'RE GOING TO STRIVE FOR
SYSTEMIC CHANGE.

NOT TO BE TOO CLICHE ABOUT IT,
BUT IT IS A TIME FOR
SELF-REFLECTION FOR THE CITY OF
BOSTON.

AND WE INCLUDED THE CITY COUNCIL
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS
COMMISSION.

WE'RE NOT EXEMPTING OURSELVES.
WE HAVE WORK TO DO HERE AS WELL,
AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO START
DOING.

IT'S GREAT, AND I TRULY BELIEVE
THAT EVERYONE WHO SITS AROUND
THIS CHAMBER, THE MAYOR WALSH
AND HIS ADMINISTRATION, IS
WORKING ON THESE ISSUES AND IS
COMMITTED TO THESE ISSUES, SO WE
NEED TO TAKE ANOTHER STEP.

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE'RE DOING
EVERYTHING WE CAN BECAUSE IN
2019 BOSTON CAN AND SHOULD BE
BETTER, SO I'M PROUD AS CHAIR OF
OUR CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO
CONTINUE THIS WORK WITH THE

COSPONSORS AN HOPEFULLY WITH ALL OF YOU, OUR COLLEAGUES, AND HOPEFULLY MAYOR WALSH AND HIS ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING WE AGREE ON. WE HAVE SHARED GOALS ON THIS, AND WE CAN AND MUST ACHIEVE THEM.

>> THANK YOU.

SORRY.

PLEASE ADD COUNCILOR WU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILOR, COUNCILOR FLYNN, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR ROB PLEASE PUTS 0188 IN THE COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

>> DOCKET 019 -- I'M SORRY, 018ED, COUNCILOR FOR HEARING REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE OF THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

>> COUNCILOR YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT THIS IS THE FIRST OF MANY IMPORTANT REFILES.

AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE HELD HEARING TO EXPLORE ALL POSSIBLE GOVERNING STRUCTURES FOR THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE LAST DECEMBER.

THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE IS A DIRECT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND ADVOCATES TO ADDRESS THE EDUCATION POLICY DECISIONS BEING MADE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

FOR OUR CHILDREN.

WE KNOW AT THE VERY LEAST AND IN THE MOST IMMEDIATE TIME WE NEED TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION, THE APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AND PROCESS OF THE CITIZENS NOMINATION PANEL.

CONTINUES TO BE A PART OF OUR WORK AHEAD TO MAKE ANY IMPACTFUL CHANGE THERE NEEDS TO BE MULTIPLE, THOUGHTFUL, PUBLIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING ANOTHER ROBUST CONVERSATION IN THIS NEW YEAR WITH STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND ADVOCATES AS WELL AS MY COLLEAGUES IN THE AD ADMINISTRATION.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON
THIS MATTER ADD THEIR NAME.
MADAM CLERK ADD COUNCILOR
EDWARDS, COUNCILOR JANEY,
COUNCILOR GARRISON, COUNCILOR
OWE MA'AMLY, COUNCILOR WUA WELL
AS THE CHAIR.

WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

>> THANK YOU.

>> DOCKET NO. 0190, COUNCILOR
McCARTHY AND JANEY OFFER THE
FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING TO
EXAMINE AND DISCUSS BEST EQUITY
PRACTICES IN CITIES A LICENSING
PROCESS AND POTENTIAL FOR SOCIAL
EQUITY PROGRAM.

COUNCILOR JANEY YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM
PRESIDENT I FIRST JUST WANT TO
OPEN UP BY EXTENDING MY
GRATITUDE TO CONGRESSWOMAN
PRESSLEY AND COUNCILOR
McCARTHY WHO HAD TO STEP AWAY.

THEY FILED THIS LAST YEAR.
THERE'S SO MUCH MORE WORK TO BE
DONE TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS
EQUITY AS THIS INDUSTRY EMERGES
BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT
TO INTRODUCE THIS AGAIN SO I'M
NOW A SPONSOR ON THIS DOCKET AND
I'M EXCITED TO ENGAGE WITH FO
FOLKS, WITH STAKEHOLDERS WITH
POTENTIAL ENTREPRENEURS WHO WANT
TONE SURE THE SAME THAT THERE IS
IN FACT EQUITY.

WE ALREADY KNOW THROUGH THE WAR
ON DRUGS HOW THAT HAS IMPACTED
COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, POOR
COMMUNITIES AND NOW WITH THIS
EMERGING INDUSTRY THERE IS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY BUILD
WEALTH BUT CLOSE THE WEALTH GAP
IN BOSTON.

IF WE DO THIS RIGHT.

WOULD R WE'RE NOT HERE THAT WAS
DECIDED BY VOTERS BACK IN 2016.
THE QUESTION NOW IS HOW DO WE
ROLL THIS OUT.
HOW DO WE DO SO IN AN EQUITABLE

WAY WHO WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THIS.

WHAT WE FOUND AT THE HEARING THAT I HELD A MONTH AGO WAS THAT THERE IS A LOT MORE WORK TO BE DONE, FOR EXAMPLE, NOT ASKING THE QUESTION AROUND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OR EQUITY THAT IS AN EASY FIX THAT I BELIEVE HAS BEEN RESOLVED.

WE ALSO LEARNED THAT THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF 52 ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

OF I SHOULDN'T SAY ALL OVER THE PLACE.

WE SHOULD HAVE THEM FLOUT THE CITY.

MAKE SURE THAT YES OUR RESIDENTS ARE ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS BUT WE DON'T WANT TO SHUT THE DOOR ON APPLICANTS WHO ARE EQUITY APPLICANTS OR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT APPLICANTS.

WHAT I'M GOING TO DO THROUGH THIS REFILE, THROUGH MY COMMITTEE, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS CONTINUE TO ENGAGE WITH STAKEHOLDERS, CONVENE STAKEHOLDERS SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY WAYS THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS EQUITY AS THIS INDUSTRY UNFOLDS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

I LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING ALL OF YOU IN THIS WORK.

WE NEED TO -- THERE'S A LOT THAT WE NEED TO DO.

WHAT I KNOW AND UNDERSTAND IS IF WE DO NOTHING THAT WE CONTINUE TO PERPETUATE THE INCOME DIVIDE AND WEALTH GAP WITHIN THE CITY. WE HAVE TO BE INTENTIONAL. WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT THERE IS EQUITY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING ALL OF YOU AND STAKEHOLDERS WHO CAME TO THE HEARING WHICH WAS PACKED SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK ON SOME LANGUAGE AND ON A PROGRAM FOR BOSTON.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN OFFERS THE

FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING REGARDING CITY REGULATIONS FOR PROXIMITY OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES TO DAYCARE CENTERS AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS AND REQUIRING CERTAIN BUSINESSES TO BE SITUATED AS TO NOT IMPAIR TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

IT ALSO REQUIRES THAT CANNABIS BE SEPARATED BY HALF MILE. THIS AMENDMENT THAT CANNABIS BE SITUATED 500 FEET FROM K-8 SCHOOLS.

AMENDMENT 432 HAS GOOD IN INTENTIONS AND I COMMEND THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF BPDA FOR STABBING THESE RULES.

THIS HEARING ORDER CALLS FOR THE COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE SEPARATING CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM ADDITIONAL PLACES WHERE MANY MINORS MAY GATHER.

THIS INCLUDES PLAYGROUNDS AND DAYCARE OR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

THIS IS NOT INTENDED TO PLACE UNREASONABLE BURDENS ON NEW BUSINESSES.

COUNCIL ALREADY INVESTIGATING BUFFER ZONES FOR LICENSED REHABILITATION FACILITIES.

AS THIS INDUSTRY CHANGES WE MUST REVIEW ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY STEPS AND POTENTIAL BLIND SPOTS ALONG THE WAY.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN. COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER?

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR GARRISON, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILOR WU WU, DOCKET 0191 WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

>> DOCKET NO. 019 COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE OFFERS FOR

HEARING FISCAL YEAR 2019 BOSTON
PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, YOU
HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
THIS IS A REFILE FOR UPDATE ON
BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRANSPORTATION BUDGET FOR 2019
AS WE PREPARE FOR FISCAL YEAR
'20 BUDGET.

LAST YEAR I HELD A HEARING ON
THIS TOPIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF
THIS BODY BEING BETTER PREPARED
HEADING INTO THE NEXT BUDGET
CYCLE.

BPS CONTINUES TO HAVE COST OVER
RUN YEAR AFTER YEAR, LAST YEAR
WE REALIZE MID SCHOOL YEAR
REPORT THAT WE WERE ALREADY OVER
BY \$6 MILLION IN SPENDING ON BPS
TRANSPORTATION.

THAT IS WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO
HAVE THIS ANALYSIS DONE AT THIS
POINT IN THE SCHOOL YEAR SO THAT
WE UNDERSTAND THE TRUE SPENDING
TO DATE AND HOW WE CAN HAVE A
MORE ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE BPS
TRANSPORTATION BUDGET.

AND THIS WORK ALSO GIVES US AN
OPPORTUNITY, AFFORDS US AN
OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT OR
IDENTIFY ANY MISSED
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAVINGS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THIS
HEARING, I LOOK FORWARD TO IT
BEING PLACED IN THE WAYS AND
MEANS COMMITTEE THIS IS A VERY
BUDGET-SPECIFIC HEAR AND LOOK
FORWARD TO SPENDING
UNDERSTANDING BPS'S FY19
SPENDING YEAR TO DATE IN
PREPARATION FOR THIS NEXT CYCLE.
THANK YOU.

IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR
EDWARDS, COUNCILOR CIOMMO,
COUNCILOR JAY KNEE, COUNCILOR
GARY TON.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILOR WU
AS WELL AS THE CHAIR OF DOCKET 0
0192 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

>> DOCKET COUNCILOR FLYNN AND
CAMPBELL OFFERS THE FOLLOWING
ORDER FOR HEARING TO DISCUSS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, THIS IS A REFILE.

AS A FORMER PROBATION OFFICER FOR TEN YEARS I WORK CLOSELY WITH VICTIMS AND COMMITTED ACTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS WELL.

WE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN KNOWING THAT THE NATION OFTEN LOOKS TO US FOR GUIDANCE DUE TO OUR PROGRESSIVE POLICIES AND OUTLOOK ON SO MANY DIFFERENT ISSUES.

HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO JANE DOE THE MASSACHUSETTS COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE I'M AFRAID THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE NOT IMMUNE TO THIS BEHAVIOR.

ACCORDING TO THE DATA COMPILED BY JANE DOE PASSION MASS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND 2010 NATIONAL VICTIM AND PARTNER SURVEY STATISTICS INDICATE THAT MASSACHUSETTS WAS ON PAR WITH NATIONAL AVERAGES.

HIGHLIGHTED A COUPLE OF STATS. ONE IN THREE WOMEN -- ONE IN FIVE MEN IN MASSACHUSETTS HAVE EXPERIENCED RAPE, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AND ASSAULT, STALKING BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER.

11% OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS 6% OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS REPORTED BEING HURT SOME TIME IN THEIR LIFE.

IN ADDITION IT WAS NOTED THAT THESE STATISTICS MAY NOT ACCOUNT FOR IMMIGRANTS, MEMBERS OF THE L LGBTQ COMMUNITY OR THOSE WHO MAY BE HESITANT TO CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT.

I RECOGNIZE AGAIN THIS IS UNCOMFORTABLE ISSUE TO TALK ABOUT, HOWEVER I BELIEVE WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO SEEK WAYS TO REDUCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INCREASE REPORTING FOR ALL COMMUNITIES.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE EDUCATE PEOPLE FROM EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD,

PROVIDE COMFORTING AND SAFE
ATMOSPHERE FOR VICTIMS AND OFFER
OUTLET FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE
HESITANT TO SPEAK OUT.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO I VISITED CAFE
IN THE SOUTH END HAD AN
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO STAFF AT
THIS LOCATION AND WOMEN THAT
WERE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE.

ADDITIONALLY, MADAM PRESIDENT,
THIS IS WORK THAT I WOULD LIKE
TO CONTINUE AND LOOK TO BUILD ON
FROM BACK WHEN MY MOTHER, KATHY
FLYNN WORKED ON THIS IMPORTANT
ISSUE AS WELL.

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS I WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION
TO MAKE SURE WE ARE DOING ALL WE
CAN AS A CITY TO INCREASE
AWARENESS ABOUT DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT IN OUR
CITY.

MAKE SURE WE ARE DOING ALL WE
CAN TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC THAT
WE'RE DOING ALL WE CAN TO
SUPPORT VICTIMS AND OFFER
OPPORTUNITIES FOR REPORTING FOR
ALL COMMUNITIES.

HOPEFULLY FIND WAYS TO REDUCE
AND BRING ABOUT AN END TO THIS
CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN
AND THANK YOU FOR THE
PARTNERSHIP AGAIN THE REFILE BUT
I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE
CONVERSATIONS OF COURSE DEFINING
MORE CLEAR TERMS HOW THE CITY
CAN STEP UP TO SUPPORT THESE
ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DOING
INCREDIBLE WORK.

MADAM CLERK, ANYONE ELSE LOOKING
TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER?

IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR
CIOMMO, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GE
GEORGE, COUNCILOR EDWARDS,
COUNCILOR GARRISON, COUNCILOR
JANEY, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY,
COUNCILOR WU AS WELL ASCARIS KI
KIM.

WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE
COMMITTEE.

>> DOCKET 0194 COUNCILOR ESSAIBI

GEORGE AND JANEY OFFER THE FOLLOWING, REGARDING POLICY FUNDING CHANGES FOR MADISON PARK VOCATIONAL FAMILIAR HIGH SCHOOL AND IMPROVING SCHOLARSHIPS.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> MADAM PRESIDENT, THE DOCKET SHOULD READ ALSO COUNCILOR WU.

>> ANY OBJECTION?

>> MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR WU AS THIRD COSPONSOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO REVISITING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT MADISON PARK TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES.

MADISON PARK WILL BE ANOTHER PRIORITY FOR ME DURING THE FY20 BUDGET CYCLE.

LAST YEAR WE HELD MULTIPLE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS PROVIDING FEEDBACK FROM STUDENTS, FACULTY, UNION REPS AND MORE THROUGH RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM THOSE CONVERSATIONS WE ARE NARROWING OUR FOCUS TO TACKLE THESE MAIN ISSUES.

ADMISSIONS POLICY INCREASING FUNDING AND PARTNERSHIP L. IS CERTAINLY MORE THAN JUST THESE THREE ISSUES, BUT THESE ARE THE AREAS WHERE WE CAN MAKE A GREAT IMPACT QUICKLY.

I THINK THAT ALTHOUGH THIS IS A REFILE IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT IF IT'S REFILE WITH MUCH CLEARER FOCUS ABOUT THE WORK AHEAD IN THE COMING MONTHS AND REST OF THIS YEAR.

I HOPE THAT OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND THIS YEAR ALONG WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE WILL MAKE REAL PROGRESS IN THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN AND SUPPORT THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN WHAT IS ALREADY HAPPENING AT MADISON PARK TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOTH THE STUDENTS, FOR THE SCHOOL, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, FACULTY BUT ALSO FOR THE EVENT EMPLOYERS OF

THESE STUDENTS AT BOTH WORKPLACE, COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ALL THAT HAVE FOR OUR KIDS.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

COUNCILOR JANEY YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT I WANT TO THANK COSPONSORS COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE AND COUNCILOR WU FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP.

WE SPENT MUCH OF LAST YEAR, MOST OF LAST YEAR WORKING ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE, REALLY TRYING TO HIGHLIGHT AND ELEVATE MADISON, ENGAGE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH SCHOOL VISITS, THROUGH POLICY BRIEFINGS, THROUGH THE HEARING THAT WE HAD TALKING WITH DIFFERENT PARTNERS.

VERY IMPORTANT WORK, WE HEARD THROUGHOUT THAT CONCRETE WAYS THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD I'M EXCITED TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION AROUND ADMISSIONS POLICY, AROUND HOW MADISON IS FUNDED, IT'S ONE OF THE MANY HIGH SCHOOLS THAT ARE IN MY DISTRICT, IT CERTAINLY PLAYS A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR PORTFOLIO, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE BEING SUPPORTED.

I'VE VERY TALKED ABOUT HOW SO MANY STUDENTS ARE BEING LOCKED OUT OF THE BUILDING BAMA WE SEE I'M GLAD TO SEE THERE ARE MORE AND MORE PARTNERSHIPS WITH DIFFERENT UNIONS AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES BUT NOT JUST ABOUT THE BUILDING TRADE, THERE ARE OTHER TRADES, THIS IS A SCHOOL THAT IS TEACHING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE ENTREPRENEURS, BUT REALLY PLAYS VERY IMPORTANT ROLE I'M EXCITED TO EM PARK ON THIS CAMPAIGN TO WORK WITH MY COLLEAGUES FOR THIS YEAR AND WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT THE STUDENTS AND THE

EDUCATORS AND THE WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ADD MADISON I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AS COSPONSORS AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MY COLLEAGUES ALL STAKEHOLDERS ON THIS, THANK YOU THANK US, COUNCILOR JANEY, COUNCILOR WU YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COSPONSORS ON THIS, AFTER A YEAR OF ALL OF OUR WORK AND VISITS AND SECTIONS I AM MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER THAT HAVING A THRIVING AND INCLUSIVE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL PIPELINE IS THE WAY TO BE ADDRESSING INCOME AND EQUALITY. IT IS THE FASTEST WAY FOR THE CITY TO BE IMMEDIATELY PROVIDING STABILITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'VE HEARD UNIVERSAL SUPPORT FROM, OF COURSE FROM THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES AND MADISON PARK COMMUNITY AND ALUMNI WHO ARE READY TO GO AND EAGER TO SEE THESE CHANGES IMPLEMENTED, BUT FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHO SEE THIS AS CRITICAL TO THEIR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PIPELINES AND THEIR FUTURE EMPLOYEES WE HEAR THIS FROM EVEN HIGHER EDUCATION WHERE MANY OF THE VERY SUCCESSFUL VOC TECH HIGH SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE ARE SENDING KIDS NOT JUST DIRECTLY INTO THE TRADES, AS IS THE TRADITIONAL STEREOTYPE, BUT IN ADDITION TRAINING THEM FOR THESE TECHNICAL JOBS THAT PEOPLE WILL STILL BE THE NOT NECESSARILY DOING THE ACTIONS OF BUILDING AND COMPILING AND AUTOMATION TAKE OVER BUT WE ALWAYS NEED SMART INFORMED PEOPLE TO BE MANAGING THE SOFTWARE, THE TECHNOLOGY AND THAT'S A PLACE, PARTICULARLY WITHIN HOSPITAL INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY WITH SERVICE, RETAIL SERVICES AND WITH THE NEED FOR MORE AND MORE TECHNOLOGY THAT OUR STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE JOBS. THE JOBS WILL BE HERE, THEY'RE

ALREADY HERE, THEY'RE WAITING
AND ABOUT BRINGING THESE PIECES
TOGETHER UNLOCK CAN THROUGH
ADMISSIONS POLICY THROUGH
FUNDING, THROUGH MOST UP TO DATE
SO WE CAN START TAKING ADVANTAGE
THAT HAVE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU,
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT,
THAT WAS VERY WELL STATED BY OUR
COLLEAGUE COUNCILOR WU IT'S
INTERESTING SO I RECOMMEND AND
REFERRED A LOT OF MEN AND WOMEN
TO THE BUILDING TRADES AS I'M
SURE LOT OF YOU HAVE.

IT'S INTERESTING AND EXCITING TO
SORT OF TAKE A LOOK BACK AT --
WHEN THEY FIRST CAME TO ASKING
FOR ADVOCACY THEN WHERE THEY ARE
NOW AND WHETHER THAT'S TWO YEAR,
FIVE YEAR, SEVEN YEARS, TEN
YEARS, IT'S AMAZING TO SEE,
COUNCILOR WU REALLY JUST NAILED
IT IN TERMS OF TALKING ABOUT
CLOSING THE INCOME GAP THERE.
IT'S INTERESTING TO SEE THESE
KIDS BUYING HOMES, TYPES OF CARS
AND TRUCKS THEY'RE DRIVING,
WHERE THEY'RE SENDING THEIR KIDS
TO SCHOOL.

WHICH I CONCUR LIKE TO HAVE MY
NAME ADDED I THINK THIS IS A
HUGE VEHICLE FOR US ALL OF US
INDIVIDUALLY IF WE CONTINUE TO
ADVOCATE FOR MEN AND WOMEN FROM
OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND FROM OUR
CITY TO GET INTO THE BUILDING
TRADE.

THERE'S A TREMENDOUS PATHWAY FOR
THEM AND FOR THEM TO HAVE
SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

NOT ONLY JUST WITHIN THAT TRADE
AS THEY CONTINUE TO, MANY SIPHON
OFF START THEIR OWN BUSINESS,
PLUMBING COMPANY, ELECTRIC
COMPANIES, THAT'S EXCITING TO
SEE.

I'M PROUD TO HAVE PLAYED ROLE IN
SOME SENSE WHEN YOU SEE THESE
FOLKS AND YOU SEE A VAN DRIVING
BY WITH THEIR NAME ON THE SIDE

OF IT KNOWING THAT TEN YEARS AGO
THEY CAME INTO YOUR OFFICE
LOOKING TO HAVE SOME ADVOCACY
FOR A PARTICULAR TRADE.

I THINK THIS IS A TREMENDOUS
OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CITY AND
TAKE A LOOK AT THE SKYLINE, THE
PERMITS JUST CONTINUE TO KEEP
COMING IN, ATTRACTS THE CRANES,
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS CONTINUE
TO HAPPEN IN OUR CITY.

AND GREAT VEHICLE TO HAVE BONA
FIDE STATE-OF-THE-ART TRADE
SCHOOL THAT'S WELL EQUIPPED TO
TRAIN THESE INDIVIDUALS TO MOVE
ON TO GAIN THAT GREAT CAREER AND
TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FL
FLAHERTY.

FLOUR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.
SUBJECTS SIMILAR TO THE
VOCATIONAL, COMPUTEDDER SCIENCE,
ELECTRONICS, WOODWORKING, MY
CLASSMATES NOW IN THE BUILDING
TRADES ARE DOING WELL IS BECAUSE
THAT GREAT TRAINING AND
EDUCATION THEY RECEIVED AT THE
HIGH SCHOOL.

I THINK MADISON PARK IS MAKING
PROGRESS AND I THINK I'D LOVE TO
SEE MADISON PARK PARTNER UP WITH
SOME OF THE GREAT BUSINESSES
HERE IN BOSTON WHETHER IN THE
SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT OR
DOWNTOWN IN TRAINING OUR YOUNG
STUDENTS ON WHERE ARE THE JOBS
MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO
GET A GOOD EDUCATION, GOOD
TRAINING AND THEN GET A GOOD JOB
AT ONE OF THESE COMPANIES.

I'M ALSO PROUD OF THE GREAT
PROGRESS THE BUILDING TRADES
HAVE MADE OVER THE LAST YEARS EN
ENCOURAGING AND RECRUITING
COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND WOMEN
INTO THE BUILDING TRADES AND
LIKE TO ADD MY NAME ON TO THIS
AND JUST SAY THIS IS A MAJOR
ISSUE THAT OUR COLLEAGUES ARE
FOCUSED ON.

THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD

COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR FLYNN, COUNCILOR CIOMMO MOW, COUNCILOR GARRISON, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AS WELL AS THE CHAIR. DOCKET 0194 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

>> COUNCILOR FLAHERTY AND FLYNN OFFER THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING REGARDING OVERLAY DISTRICT AND NEIGHBORHOOD WIDE.

>> COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

>> MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS THE CITY CONTINUE TO BE INTENSELY IMPACTED BY INCREASE DEVELOPED IN REVITALIZATION EFFORTS AND JUST THIS MORNING IN COUNCILOR O'MALLEY'S DISTRICT ATTENDING AN EVENT THAT WAS THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE WHICH WAS THE IMPACTS OF DEVELOPMENT IS HAVING IN THAT PART OF OUR CITY.

WHILE THE KNEW ZONING SCHEMES HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE THEY ARE STILL EXISTING DEFICIENCIES IN THOSE, PERTAINING TO MINIMUM LOT SIZE SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T HAVE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD THAT MAY ALLOW FOR DEVELOPMENT THAT COULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE CHARACTER AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING EXPEDITED HEARING THAT IS A REFILED MATTER.

I KNOW OUR COLLEAGUE IN EAST BOSTON IS GRAPPLING WITH THESE ISSUES AND SHARED SOME INFORMATION WITH HER WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERIM PLANNING OVERLAY DISTRICT OTHERWISE KNOWN AS IPOD THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TALK ABOUT THE IPOD THAT'S IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD IN SOUTH BOSTON ALONG WITH DISTRICT COLLEAGUE COUNCILOR FLYNN BUT ALSO ANTICLY OUR DISTRICT COLLEAGUES TO LEARN A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT WHAT THE IPOD DOES, HOW IT CAN BE EFFECTIVE WITH RESPECT TO MANAGING THAT GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT THAT'S OCCURRING THROUGHOUT ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND MAY SOMEBODY

DEFICIENCIES IN SOME OF THE ZONING SCHEMES WITHIN YOUR PERSPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. THERE WAS ONE IN OURS WHERE THEY WERE LITERALLY PERSPECTIVE WHICH IS COMING AND BUYING ONE AND TWO FAMILY HOMES, LEVELING THOSE HOMES THAT WERE ON BEAUTIFUL LOTS THEN COMING BACK WITH PROPOSALS FOR SIX, NINE, 12 UNITS.

IF PIGS GET FED, HOGS GET SLAUGHTER OF THE.

REPLACING WITH 10, 12 THAT'S OVER THE TOP GREEDY.

THIS IPOD WAS A WAY TO SORT OF STOP THAT FRENZY, IF YOU WILL.

VERY IMPORTANT PIECE TO LOCAL ZONING, LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING WORDS OF OUR DISTRICT COLLEAGUE BUT CAN I MY DISTRICT COLLEAGUES TO WEIGH IN ON THIS A LITTLE BIT WITH RESPECT TO YOUR DISTRICTS BECAUSE IT COULD BE VERY USEFUL TOOL IN ALLOWING TO YOU MANAGE AND ALLOWING EXPECTATIONS OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS BUT AS TO WHAT THEY'RE GOING THROUGH AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE OUR CITY FORWARD.

THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, UP THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN MAKE CHANGES THAT ARE APPROPRIATE BUT MAKE SURE THAT THE SOUTH BOSTON AND ALL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE CITY IS A PLACE FOR WORKING CLASS PEOPLE AND FAMILIES AND FOR -- ALWAYS A PLACE OF THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED AND THE POOR AS WELL I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE SOME MAJOR CHANGES TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR CITY BECOMES A STRONG PLACE FOR A GROWING MIDDLE CLASS AND OBVIOUSLY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS GOTTEN OUT OF BUILDING PUBLIC HOUSING SO IT'S UP TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND STATE GOVERNMENT TO PICK THAT YOU ROLE BUT ALSO TO BUILD HOUSING FOR

MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES ACROSS THE CITY.

I WANT TO SAY THANK TO YOU MY COLLEAGUE, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY IN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE FOR MANY YEARS IT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE IN SOUTH BOSTON.

WE WANT TO TRY TO MAKE -- KAY ANY STEPS NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE THAT SOUTH BOSTON REMAINS A COMMUNITY OF FAMILIES, OF THE ELDERLY, OF THE POOR AND WORKING CLASS PEOPLE AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU, ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER OR ADD THEIR NAME?

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, COUNCILOR GARRISON, COUNCILOR WU, COUNCILOR ZAKIM, DOCKETED 0195 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO TRANSPORTATION.

DOCKET NO. 01996.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE TO ANALYZE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN TO PROTECT SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS FROM THREATENING SITUATIONS.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. I'D LIKE TO MOVE FOR SUBSTITUTION OF NEW LANGUAGE EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE IT ON THERE, ON THEIR DESK.

>> ANY OBJECTIONS FOR SUBSTITUTIONS?

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD JUST REFLECT THOSE, NEW LANGUAGE SUBSTITUTION.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

AS A CITY PRIORITIZING THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS SHOULD ALWAYS BE THE NUMBER ONE GOAL. THE TOPIC OF SCHOOL SAFETY IS NOT NEW TO THE COUNCIL FLOOR, WE DISCUSS IT IN MANY FORMS AND MEETINGS AND THROUGH OUR BUDGET HEARINGS VIOLENCE IN BOSTON DISCUSSION IN EVERY MOMENT WE CAN WITH THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN FRONT OF US. WE NEED TO DO MORE.

OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND THEIR EDUCATORS CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED AND HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE.

THE CRISIS OF VIOLENCE IN AND AROUND OUR SCHOOLS HAVE DEVASTATING AFFECT FROM OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES, FAMILIES AND ENTIRE CITY ALTOGETHER.

AT VERY LEAST WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE EVERY SCHOOL HAS IMPROVED SAFETY PRACTICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS APPROPRIATE DOOR LOCKS FOR CLASSROOMS.

MONITOR ENTRYWAYS, SCHOOL ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAIN CAN AND OTHER PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

A SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT ALSO INCLUDES ACTIVELY ADDRESSING AND PREVENTING PHYSICAL, VERBAL AND CYBER BULLYING.

CREATING A SAFER ROUTE TO SCHOOL AND ENSURING SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS ARE CLEAR OF ANY ACTIVE DRUG USE AND USE NEEDLES AS STUDENTS DESERVE SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY CAN THRIVE ACADEMICALLY WITHOUT FEAR I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS WORK AHEAD.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW THAT WE ARE APPROACHING IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, A MONTH FROM TODAY OR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 14th, THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARK LAND SHOOTING AND IT IS ALSO NOT LOST ON ME THAT IN THIS 11 MONTHS OR SO WE'VE HAD ABOUT 100 OTHER SCHOOL SHOOTINGS OR ACTIVE SHOOTERS SHOOTING INCIDENTS AT SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED ST STATES.

WE CONTINUE TO HAVE WORK TO DO AND UNLIKELY AS ACTIVE SHOOTER CASE MIGHT BE IN ANY ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS, UNFORTUNATELY AFTER EVERY INCIDENT STATISTICALLY BECOMES MORE LIKELY.

AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PREPARED, THAT WE ARE PREPARED FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS, WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR SCHOOLS.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO AND WITH OUR STUDENTS AND HOW DO WE BETTER PROTECT THEM BECAUSE THEN THE SKILLS THAT THEY NEED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES BOTH FROM PHYSICAL HARM BUT ALSO FROM EMOTIONAL HARM AND WHAT CAN WE DO FOR OUR TEACHERS AND PACK TOUT BETTER PROTECT THEIR STUDENTS.

THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS CERTAINLY MADE SOME GAINS OVER THE LAST YEAR IN PARTICULAR AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT THOSE DISCUSSIONS AND THOSE IMPROVEMENTS BUT WE KNOW THAT THERE IS WORK TO DO.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE WORK THAT LIES AHEAD.

THE UNFORTUNATE SITUATION IN PARK LAND, BUT ANY VIOLENT ACT THAT HAS HAPPENED IN OR AROUND OUR SCHOOLS OR TO OUR STUDENTS. THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

AT THIS TIME IF YOU COULD ADD ANYONE LOOKING TO ADD THEIR NAME?

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD CIOMMO, EDWARDS, FLYNN, FL FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR GARRISON, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILOR WU WU, COUNCILOR ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

DOCKET 0196 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

>> DOCKET 0197, COUNCILORS ESSAIBI GEORGE OFFERS FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING REREGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY REQUIRING ALL BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HAVE FULL TIME NURSE AND SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST.

>> SOUL ESSAIBI GEORGE, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU AGAIN, MADAME PRESIDENT.

SINCE MY FIRST HEARING I HAVE ALONGSIDE CONGRESSWOMAN PRESSLEY FOR FULL TIME NURSE IN EVERY SINGLE SCHOOL.

OUR STUDENTS NEED TO BE SUPPORTED FOR THEIR SOCIAL,

EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIORAL, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL BEING.

WE NEED TO ADDRESS ISSUES AFFECTING STUDENTS SUCH AS TRAUMA, DEPRESSION, ANXIETY AND BULLYING.

WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE NURSES ON HAND TO TAKE CARE OF SCRATCHES AND UNFORTUNATE BUGS.

DURING THE LAST BUDGET CYCLE BPS INVESTED \$.3 MILLION IN TO ADDITIONAL NURSES, PSYCHOLOGISTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS.

BUT THERE IS STILL AN INADEQUATE NUMBER OF SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SPECIALISTS, THEY NEED TO BE IN EVERY SCHOOL, EVERY DAY TO SUPPORT ALL OF OUR STUDENTS. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT, THE ADMINISTRATION AND OUR COLLEAGUES TO IMPLEMENT POLICY REQUIRING ALL BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE FULL TIME NURSE AND SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR FLYNN, COUNCILOR GARRISON, COUNCILOR JANEY, COUNCILOR WU, COUNCILOR ZAKIM AS WELL AS COUNCILOR EDWARDS AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

ONE ISSUE I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE TABLE TWO, ISSUES MAYBE, IS IF WE CAN ALSO CONSIDER ASKING FOR SEE IF WE CAN GET FUNDING FOR FAMILY COUNSELING WHETHER IT'S THE PARENTS THAT COME TO THE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL SO THEY CAN ALSO GET COUNCILOR IF THEY DO NEED IT AS WELL. THE OTHER POINT I'D LIKE TO MAKE

IS IF WE COULD WORK TOGETHER TO
MAKE SURE THAT OUR MENTAL HEALTH
COUNCILORS ARE ALSO INFORMED IN
CERTAIN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN
ENGLISH AS WELL JUST TO MAKE
SURE THAT WE HAVE COUNCILOR ORS
THAT SPEAK VIETNAMESE OR
CANTONESE OR SPANISH AND JUST
STOW THAT WE PARTNER UP THOSE
MENTAL HEALTH COUNCILORS WITH
THE RIGHT SCHOOL AT THE RIGHT
TIME.

AT TIMES WE DO HAVE COUNCILORS
THAT WILL BRING COUNCILOR INTO
THE SCHOOL THAT DOES NOT SPEAK
THE LANGUAGE OF SOME OF THE
STUDENTS.

THAT'S AN ISSUE I'D LIKE TO
HOPEFULLY WORK WITH THE COUNCIL
AND MAYOR'S OFFICE ON AS WELL.
THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
GOING THROUGH THOSE FOLKS THAT
WANTED TO ADD THE NAME I'M NOT
SURE THE CLERK GOT THEM ALL.
IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR
EDWARDS, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY,
COUNCILOR FLYNN, COUNCILOR
GARRISON, COUNCILOR JANEY, OWE
MALLY, WU ZAKIM AS WELL AS
CHAIR DOCKET 0197 WOULD BE
ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
DOCKET NO. 0198 COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI GEORGE FOLLOWS FOLLOWING
ORDER FOR HEARING REGARDING THE
MAXIMUM AGE IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, YOU
HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU GIBB, MADAME
PRESIDENT.

I HOSTED HEARING AND PARTNERSHIP
WITH NEW COUNCILOR PRESIDENT
REGARDING OFF TRACK USE.

DURING THIS HEARING WE HEARD, A
SCHOOL THAT SPECIALIZES IN OLDER
YOUTH EXPECTING THEIR FEAR OF
GETTING PUSHED OUT MID YEAR
BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE.

FROM THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AS SOON
AS THEY TURN 22 YEARS OLD
WITHOUT LETTING THEM COMPETE --

COMPLETE THE YEAR.

WE WELCOME THESE STUDENTS TO OUR
SCHOOLS AND THEN BOOT THEM OUT
WHEN THEY'RE SO CLOSE TO
GRADUATION.

THIS IS WRONG.

MANY OF THESE STUDENTS ARE
IMMIGRANTS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE
LEARNERS SOME MAY BE STUDENTS OF
DISABILITIES.

THESE STUDENTS ARE WORKING HARD
TOWARD THEIR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
AND DESERVE THE SAME SUPPORT AS
ANY OTHER STUDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE.

>> I JUST WANT TO APPLAUD THE
SPONSOR OF THIS I THINK IT'S
VERY IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THIS,
WE HEARD CLEAR CONCERN FROM THE
STUDENTS AND FROM STAFF ABOUT
HOW THIS WAS IMPACTING THE
STUDENTS, THERE I'M SURE IT'S AN
ISSUE AT SOME OF OUR OTHER HIGH
SCHOOLS.

I WANT TO JUST HIGHLIGHT FOR ALL
OF US THAT MANY OF THE STUDENTS
THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ARE
LATE ARRIVING I AM GRANTED
STUDENTS WHO SPEAK LANGUAGES
OTHER THAN ENGLISH AND NEED
EXTRA TIME AND SUPPORT TO
COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES.

SO I THINK THIS IS A VERY TIMELY
AND IMPORTANT HEARING ORDER I
LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THE
CONVERSATION WITH ALL OF YOU,
PLEASE ADD MY NAME.

THANK YOU

>> I'D LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY ASK
IF COULD YOU ADD MY NAME AS
WELL.

I DO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL.

I THINK IT'S CRITICAL.

ONE OF THE ISSUES I TRIED TO
HIGHLIGHT ON MY FIRST YEAR IS
LANGUAGE ACCESS FOR EVERYONE
THAT SPEAKS A LANGUAGE OTHER
THAN ENGLISH BUT I THINK PEOPLE
IN THESE SCHOOLS OPEN ANOTHER
FEW YEARS FOR OLDER STUDENTS
ESPECIALLY OUR IMMIGRANT
COMMUNITIES.

PEOPLE THAT MAY NOT SPEAK

ENGLISH, LET'S GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL HERE IN BOSTON AND THEY WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IF THEY'RE ABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION, THEIR TRAINING SO THAT THEY CAN GET A JOB.

WE'RE NOT HELPING THEM IF WE KICK THEM OUT OF THE SCHOOL BEFORE THEY GRADUATE.

IT MAKES THEM LESS DESIRABLE UNFORTUNATELY WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A JOB LET'S GIVE THESE IMMIGRANTS PEOPLE THAT MAY NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, PEOPLE THAT MAY HAVE DISABILITIES, GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT IN THIS BOOMING BOSTON ECONOMY, FOR EVERYBODY, INCLUDING THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE PEOPLE THAT MAY NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND FOR DISABLED AS WE WELL.

THEY DESERVE A CHANCE AT THE AMERICAN DREAM.

THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR FLYNN. IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR FL FLYNN'S NAME.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK? IF YOU COULD ALSO ASKED COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILOR WU AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE CHAIR AS WELL THAT IS COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

DOCKET 0198 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

>> DOCKET 0199, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE OFFERS FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING REGARDING INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PLANS IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, UP THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 11,000 STUDENTS IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT HAVE A DISABILITY AND REQUIRE SPECIFIC SERVICES BASED ON THEIR NEEDS. STUDENTS AND FAMILIES GO THROUGH A DEMANDING AND INTIMIDATING PROCESS WITH AN IEP.

THAT IS ONE AREA THAT I HEAR THE

MOST FRUSTRATION ABOUT WHEN I TALK TO FAMILIES AND PARENTS. FAMILIES FEEL UNSUPPORTED, OVERWHELMED AND INCAPABLE OF ADVOCATING FOR THEIR CHILDREN. AN IEP IDENTIFIES THE NEEDS, GOALS AND SERVICES FOR A PARTICULAR STUDENT.

FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW THAT BPS CAN FULFILL THEIR CHILD'S NEEDS. BPS HAS AN OBLIGATION OF PROVIDING PROPER TRANSPORTATION, A SCHOOL NURSE, COUNSELING, A PLAN FOR TRANSITION AND MORE. IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE HAVE BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS AND MAKING SERVICES ACCESSIBLE WHILE ASSISTING STUDENTS IN TR TRANSITION.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH FAMILIES, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT IN THE ADMINISTRATION TO REVIEW THE IEP PROCESS AND POLICY AND TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS AGED 14 14-22 ACCESSING TRANSITION SERVICES AS THEY TRANSITION OUT OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO COLLEGE AND WORK AND OTHER PROGRAMS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

COUNCILOR JANEY YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAME PRESIDENT.

AND ONCE AGAIN I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SPONSOR OF THIS IMPORTANT HEARING ORDER.

I KNOW FIRSHTHAND FROM MY, ONE, MY WORK AT MASS ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN WHICH DOES A LOT OF WORK SUPPORTING FAMILIES AROUND NAVIGATING THIS PROCESS, IT'S VERY COMPLICATED PROCESS, I KNOW FIRSHTHAND FROM MY OWN EX EXPERIENCE, MY GRANDSON HAS AN IEP AND I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT CAN BE FOR PARENTS TO REALLY UNDERSTAND MUCH OF THE LANGUAGE THAT'S BEING PRESENTED, MUCH OF IT IS KIND OF THIS LEGAL LAWYER TALK.

MUCH OF IT IS MEDICAL LANGUAGE

AND THEY NEED A LOT OF SUPPORT.
I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS HEARING,
I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND
I ASK THAT WE ALSO LOOK AT GAPS.
WHAT I KNOW FROM MY WORK IS THAT
WHEN WE LOOK AT WHO NEEDS
SPECIAL EDUCATION, OFTENTIMES
THERE ARE BLACK AND BROWN
STUDENTS WHO ARE OFTEN
SUBSTANTIALLY SEPARATE PROGRAMS
AND WE HAVE HOAR STUDENTS WHO
ARE BEING INCLUDED IN THE
CLASSROOM.

SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
WE ALWAYS USE OUR EQUITY LENS AS
WE'RE THINKING ABOUT KNOTTED
ONLY HOW DO WE SUPPORT ALL
STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS BUT
MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE NOT
PERPETUATING GAPS THAT WE'RE
LOOKING AT IMPLICIT AND EXPLICIT
RACIAL BIAS AS WE APPROACH THIS.

THANK YOU AGAIN, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI GEORGE AND LOOK FORWARD
TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU AS
WELL AS THE ADVOCATES IN THE
COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY.

>> PLEASE ADD MY NAME, THANK YOU
MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILOR JARRON KNEE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT,
PLEASE ADD MY NAME EVERYTHING
BEEN THROUGH THIS YEARS AGO THE
PROCESSES AN ABSOLUTE NIGHTMARE,
CHAIR WOULD SUGGEST THAT WHEN WE
HAVE THE HEARING HOPEFULLY BE
EXPEDITED THAT THERE IS DEFINED
SPOT AND DEFINE FINISH TO THE
PROCESS.

TOO OFTEN FOLKS THAT ARE GOING
THROUGH THE IEP PROCESS IT JUST
LANGUISH THEN YOU THROW IN
SCHOOL VACATIONS AND THROW IN
THE SUMMER BREAK THEN YOU
FINALLY HAVE SORT OF A DIAGNOSIS
OR PLAN, IF YOU WILL THEN UP
UPROOTING A CHILD OUT OF A
CLASSROOM AND A SCHOOL IN A
DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOOD, JUST A
RECIPE FOR DISASTER.

LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING MY NAME
ADDED AND FOR EXPEDITED HEARING

TO TRY TO BRING SOME SENSE TO
THIS IEP PROCESS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FL
FLAHERTY.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

COUNCILOR OWE MALLLY, YOU HAVE
THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT,
JUST GOING OVER THE ROBUST
PORTFOLIO I THINK THEY ALL TIE
NICELY PARTICULARLY INTO EAST AS
WE TALK ABOUT SCHOOL SAFETY
MUCH TALK ABOUT TRANSPORTATION,
GOVERNANCE OF THE SCHOOL
COMMITTEES, TALK ABOUT BOSTON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS THESE ARE ALL
ISSUES THAT WE NEED TO BE HAVING
A CONVERSATION, CONCURRENTLY
WITH IEP AND SUPPORT FOR OUR
STUDENTS.

ONLY THING THAT I WOULD ADD TO
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I HAVE
NOTICED IN MY EIGHT BUDGETS NOW
ON THIS BODY THAT WE ARE SEEING
INCREASE IN OUR OUT OF DISTRICT
PLACEMENT FOR SERVICES WHICH I
KNOW LAST RESORT.

THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO ME.
WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SERVICE
EVERY BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STUDENT NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT'S
THE RIGHT THING TO DO BUT WE ARE
PAYING CUMULATIVELY MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS FOR OUT OF DISTRICT
PLACEMENT.

THE MORE THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY
WHAT WE NEED HOW WE CAN ADDRESS
IT WE CAN ALSO SERVICE KIDS
WHILE SAVING TAXPAYERS MONEY.
DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN TH
THAT.

THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'
O'MALLEY.

IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY'S NAME.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, UP THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

PLEASE ADD MY NAME AS WELL,
MADAME PRESIDENT, I RISE TO
SPEAK ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE,
EDUCATION FOR EVERYBODY IS

CRITICAL.

ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE
DISABILITY COMMUNITY.

I ALSO ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES
MENTIONED HAVE HAD SEVERAL
FAMILY RELATIVES THAT PARTY IN
THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM,
I'D LOOSE LIKE TO THANK BOSTON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR DOING THE
BEST THEY CAN ON THIS ISSUE.

ALSO MAYBE IT'S UP TO US DURING
THE BUDGET PROCESS TO ADVOCATE
MORE STRONGLY FOR SPECIAL
EDUCATION PROGRAMS BUT ALSO,
MADAME PRESIDENT, WE SEE A
BOOMING BOSTON ECONOMY, LOT IS
HAPPENING IN MY DISTRICT MAYBE
IT'S TIME FOR SOME OF THESE
MAJOR DEVELOPERS TO START
PLAYING A BETTER ROLE OR
FINANCIAL ROLE IN OUR PUBLIC
EDUCATION SYSTEM HELPING OUR
SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS, HELPING
OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS, HELPING
OUR MENTAL HEALTH AS WELL.

SAY THANK TO YOU MY COLLEAGUES
THAT HAVE WORKED ON THIS ISSUE
FOR MANY YEARS.

THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILOR FLYNN'S NAME.

ANYONE ELSE WANT TO -- MADAM
CLERK ALSO ADD COUNCILOR CIOMMO,
COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR
GARRISON, COUNCILOR WU,
COUNCILOR ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE
CHAIR.

DOCKET 0199 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO
THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS?

>> JUST MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION
OF DOCKET 0190 IF THERE'S NO
OBJECTION.

>> ANY OBJECTIONS TO
RECONSIDERING DOCKET 0190?

MAYBE JUST BRING IT BACK UP.

>> MADAME PRESIDENT, MAY I HAVE
MY NAME ADDED THROUGH THE CHAIR
JUST SUGGEST TO COLLEAGUES,
COSIGNERS THAT IT IS MOVEMENT
AFOOT AT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
LEVEL PROBABLY THROUGH SURGEON
GENERAL TO RECLASSIFY MARIJUANA,

I THINK IF THAT DOES THEN I
THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE AN END
TO THIS GOLD RUSH, IF YOU WILL.
JUSTLE THAT OUT AS CAUTION FLAG
YOU HAVE PEOPLE CASHING IN THEIR
LIFE SAVINGS, SORT OF RE
REPOSITIONING THEIR ASSETS, YOU
HAVE THEM EQUITY ON EXISTING
PROPERTIES ALL TO GET IN TO THE
CANNABIS GAME.

THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PROFESSIONS
IN REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION,
ALSO GIVING UP THEIR EXISTING
PRACTICE AND TRADE TO DIVE INTO
THE FEEDING FRENZY OF THE GOLD
RUSH OF MARIJUANA.

I'M SAYING THAT AT SOME POINT
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO
RELOOK AT THIS, THE MINUTE THEY
RECLASSIFY WE'LL PICK THIS UP AT
VCS AND RITE-AID AND THE FEWER
OR WILL JUST COME RIGHT OUT OF
THAT KETTLE.

FOR THOSE THAT ARE SORT OF
BANKING ON THIS IS THE NEXT
FRONTIER AND ARE READY TO CASH
IN LIFE SAVE TONGS TAKE IT TO
THE NEXT LEVEL I THROW CAUTION
INTO THE WIND AS WE START TO GO
DOWN THAT RODE AROUND WHERE
WE'RE CITING, WHO SHOULD BE
PARTICIPATING I DON'T WANT TO
SEE PEOPLE LOSE THEIR SHIRT
QUITE FRANKLY ON CANNABIS WHEN
THERE'S SO MANY MOVING PARTS
HERE.

THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FL
FLAHERTY.

MADAM CLERK ADD COUNCILOR
FLAHERTY'S NAME.

AT THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO MOVE
ON TO LATE FILES I'M INFORMED BY
THE CLARKE WE HAVE THREE PLATE
FILE MATTERS WHICH IN THE
ABSENCE OF OBJECTION WILL BE AD
ADDED TO TODAY'S 'GENERAL D.
HEARING AND SEEING NO OBJECTION
COULD BE ADDED.

JUST FOR MY COLLEAGUES, ONE --
ONE OF THE COLLEAGUES WHO IS NOT
PRESENT TODAY TWO ARE PERSONNEL
ORDERS THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T HAVE
COPIES OF THEM.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD READ INTO THE RECORD.

>> IN THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT 3, JANUARY 15, 2019.

DEAR PRESIDENT CAMPBELL, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT I WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 16. PLEASE ASK THAT THE CITY CLERK READ THIS MATTER INTO PUBLIC RECORD.

THANK YOU, SINCERE RE, FRANK BAKER, BOSTON CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3.

>> FIRST LATE FILE MATTER WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

>> CITY COUNCIL, COUNCILOR CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

>> SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF THE SECOND LATE FILE MATTER, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."

ANY OPPOSED?

AYES HAVE IT.

HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> JANUARY 26, 2019, COUNCILOR CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF THE THIRD LATE FILE MATTER.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."

ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY "NAY."

AYEs HAVE IT THIRD LATE FILE MATTER HAS BEEN PASSED.

MOVING ON TO THE GREEN SHEETS.

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

MOVING RIGHT ALONG.

I'M INFORMED BY THE CLERK THAT THERE ARE ZERO LATE FILE MATTERS FOR CONSENT 'GENERAL D. CHAIR

MOVES FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AT THIS TIME ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."

ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY "NAY."

AYEs HAVE IT, CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

COUNCILOR WU, FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

>> CONSENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT

ABOUT, GIVE YOU UPDATE ON
PREVIOUS PETITION.

>> ON PREVIOUS --
NOT TODAY.
JUST IN GENERAL.
UPDATE.

>> GO AHEAD.

>> IN OCTOBER OF 2017 THE
COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE
PETITION ON RIGHT TO CHARGE FOR
ELECTRIC VEHICLES BASICALLY
ENSURING THAT CONDO,
ASSOCIATIONS WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO
PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING
STATION THAT THEY COULD HAVE
REASONABLE REGULATION WHERE IT
COULD GO.

HAVING A PROBLEM ABOUT RE
RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY WHO
LIVED IN TWO AND THREE FAMILY
HOMES WHERE THERE WERE CONDOS
AND SO INTERPERSONAL CONFLICTS
OR WHATEVER REASONS THEY
COULDN'T AGREE ON SOMEONE BEING
ABLE TO ADD A CHARGER ON THE
SHARED DRIVEWAY OR SHARED GA
GARAGE.

OTHER STATES HAVE HAD THIS MODEL
THERE'S RIGHT TO CHARGE THAT YOU
HAVE TO LET THEM ADD THIS PUBLIC
UTILITY BUT YOU CAN TALK ABOUT
WHO PAYS FOR IT, ET CETERA.

COUNCIL PASSED, WENT UP TO THE
STATE HOUSE, VERY EXCITED TO
REPORT THAT IT WAS SIGNED INTO
LAW TWO WEEKS AGO.

I NEVER THOUGHT THIS WOULD
HAPPEN IN TERMS OF SOMETHING
MOVING THROUGH ON BEACON HILL
BUT THANKS TO ENTIRELY THANKS TO
THE EFFORTS OF OUR SPONSORS AT
THE STATE LEVEL AND SENATOR JOE
BONCORI, THANK THEM AND ANY OF
YOUR RESIDENTS WHO HAVE
QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS DIRECT THEM
TO ISD.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, WHAT PURPOSE
DO YOU RISE?

>> UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MAKE A
STATEMENT.

ANY OBJECTION?

THE FIRST STATEMENT I WANTED TO

ACKNOWLEDGE PASSING OF CONSTILT
WANT, MAHONEY IN CHARLESTOWN I
THINK IS DEFINITION OF
CHARLESTOWN PROBABLY BAPTIZE
MOST OF THE TOWNIES AND HE'S A
FIREFIGHTER, ACTUALLY, WAS
INJURED IN FIGHTING FIRES AND
HAS DELIVERED LAST RIGHTS TO
FOLKS IN THE FIRE.

SO HIS SISTER PASSED AWAY I
WANTED TO, WE SENT HIM AN
ACKNOWLEDGMENT I JUST WANTED TO
SAY MANY KNEW HIM BEFORE I EVER
DID.

KNOWN HIM FOR DECADES, HE'S BEEN
THERE IN THE FIGHT FOR THE TOWN,
SOME OF THE HARDEST MOMENTS OF
STRIVE AND CONVERSATION AND OF
COURSE PASSING OF A LOVED ONE IS
SOMETHING THAT ALSO IS SOMETHING
WE WANT TO LET HIM KNOW WE'RE
HERE FOR HIM.

THAT IF HE NEEDS TO REACH OUT,
IF HE NEEDS ANYTHING FROM THE
COUNCIL WE'RE THERE FOR HIM.
KNOWING FATHER MA HONE KNEE, HE
WON'T, NOT BECAUSE HE DOESN'T
WANT TO HE'S THAT KIND OF PERSON HE'S THERE FOR EVERYBODY
ELSE.

BUT WE HAVE TO -- I WANTED TO
SAY PUBLICLY WE'RE HERE FOR YOU,
FATHER, WE UNDERSTAND THIS WOULD
BE DIFFICULT TIME.

I WANTED TO SAY THAT VERY
BRIEFLY.

THEN ALSO, JUST TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT THIS IS CELEBRATING 100
YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT
MOLASSES FLOOD HAPPENED IN THE
NORTH END.

IT'S A SAD TRAGEDY, ACTUALLY, 21
PEOPLE DIED WERE KILLED, 150
WERE INJURED, SIX OF THOSE FOLKS
WERE CITY WORKERS.

AND IT'S A REAL TRAGEDY IN THAT
THERE WAS LACK OF REGULATION,
LACK OF CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY
TO A NEIGHBORHOOD AND AS A
RESULT, I THINK IT WAS 13 TONS
OF MOLASSES MOVED AT 35 MILES AN
HOUR WHERE THE PARK IS RIGHT NO
NOW.

THOSE TANKS BROKE OPEN FLOODED
RIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY.

WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
PASSING OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS BUT
ALSO THAT THIS IS A RESULT OF
REALLY GETTING TO ZONING
REGULATION AND SAFETY.

I'VE HEARD THAT IT MIGHT HAVE
BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST CLASS
ACTION LAWSUITS AGAINST A HUGE
CORPORATION.

AS A RESULT OF THAT MASS TR
TRAGEDY, A LOT OF THINGS HAVE
CHANGED IN OUR CULTURE.

BUT DID I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT.

MY DISTRICT IN THE NORTH END
THAT FORTUNATELY PEOPLE HAD TO
DIE FOR US TO BE A BETTER CITY,
I DIDN'T WANT THEM ON THIS 100
ANNIVERSARY TO GO WITHOUT OUR
RECOGNITION.

>> THANK, COUNCILOR EDWARDS.
QUEUE ERG, WHAT PURPOSES DO YOU
RISE.

>> REQUEST UNANIMOUS CONSTENT
TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

>> ANY OBJECTION?

GO RIGHT AHEAD.

>> I WANT TO USE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THAT
THERE IS A STRIKE HAPPENING IN
LOS ANGELES, IT IS DAY THREE OF
THE TEACHERS STRIKE AND WHEN I
WAS READING ABOUT IT, DID A
LITTLE BIT OF READING AND
REALIZED WHAT WAS ACTUALLY
HAPPENING IN LOS ANGELES, THIS
IS DAY THREE OF THEIR STRIKE.
LOS ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT IS
THE SECOND LARGEST SCHOOL
DISTRICT IN THE UNITED STATES.

THEY HAVE 640,000 STUDENTS.
THEY HAVE 900 OR SO SCHOOLS AND
ABOUT 35,000 TEACHERS.

THIS STRIKE IS NOT ABOUT MONEY
IT'S ABOUT LOS ANGELES SIZE.
FOR EXAMPLE, HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE
CLASS LIMIT OF 42.

I THOUGHT WITH 31 KIDS, IDEAL
AMOUNT IS REALLY ABOUT 25 OR 26.
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASS SIZE
LIMIT IS 36.

THINK ABOUT IN BOSTON OUR
NUMBERS ARE SO MUCH LOWER THAN
THAT.

THEY RANK FOR STUDENT-TEACHER
RATIO RANK 48 OUT OF 50 STATES.
ALSO ABOUT NURSES AND SUPPORT
STAFF.

WE TALKED TODAY ABOUT IMPORTANCE
OF HAVING FULL TIME NURSES IN
ALL OF OUR BUILDINGS, HAVE
APPROPRIATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH,
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT,
PROFESSIONALS IN OUR BUILDING.
THEY'RE LOOKING FOR THAT IN
LOS ANGELES.

THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR
REINVEST IN SCHOOL SAFETY, EVERY
SCHOOL DISTRICT ACROSS THE
UNITED STATES IS TALKING ABOUT,
SOMETHING THAT'S SO IMPORTANT
WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE SAFETY
AND WELL BEING OF OUR STUDENTS
AND CERTAINLY OF OUR STAFF AND
OUR FACULTY AND ALL OF OUR
SCHOOLS.

THIS STRIKE IS ABOUT THE VERY
THING THAT WE WORRY ABOUT HERE
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND BOSTON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

I JUST WANTED TO LEND MY VOICE
AND MY SUPPORT FOR THE TEACHERS
IN LOS ANGELES THE 35,000
MEMBERS OR SO, REALLY FOR THE
640,000 KIDS THAT ARE PART THAT
HAVE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
SPEAK.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE.

>> I PROMISE THIS WILL BE BR
BRIEF.

JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE
YESTERDAY WOULD HAVE BEEN THE 90
90th BIRTHDAY OF REVEREND
MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR.
SOMEONE WHO WE WILL CALL
BOSTONIAN FOR HIS TIME SPENT AT
BOSTON UNIVERSITY WHERE HE MET
HIS INCREDIBLE WIFE JUST WANTED
TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT WOULD HAVE
BEEN HIS 90th BIRTHDAY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU.

YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF
MY MOUTH THANK YOU FOR DOING
THAT.

I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS THEIR
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY IN DAY OF
SERVICE.

I ASK ALL COLLEAGUES AND GUESTS
TO PLEASE RISE AS WE ADJOURN
TODAY'S MEETING IN MEMORY OF THE
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

FOR COUNCILOR EDWARDS, MARY MA
HONE KNEE.

FOR COUNCILOR McCARTHY,
ANTONIO DEBACO.

FOR COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, CHUCK
McGOWAN.

HELEN STANFORD, ELIZABETH TU
TUBEAUX.

COVER COUNCILOR JANIE, MILDRED
ALEXANDRIAN, TO HAVE COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, COUNCILOR BAKER
AND THE CHAIR, A MOMENT OF
SILENCE, PLEASE.

THANK YOU.

THE CHAIR MOVES THAT WHEN THE
COUNCIL ADJOURNS TODAY IT DOES
SO IN MEMORY OF THE AF
AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS.

WE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN
TODAY ON -- AGAIN IN THIS
CHAMBER AT BOSTON CITY HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30th AT
NOON.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF
ADJOURNMENT SAY AYE.

ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY "NAY."

AYEs HAVE" COUNCIL IS
ADJOURNED.

JUST A QUICK REMINDER THAT --