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>> GOOD AFTERNOON.  
MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD PLEASE  
CALL THE THE ROLE.

>> COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> PRESENT.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE?

COUNCILOR FLAHERTY?

>> HERE.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> HERE.

>> COUNCILOR GARRISON?

>> HERE.

>> COUNCILOR JANEY?

>> PRESENT.

>> COUNCILOR McCARTHY.

>> HERE.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY?

>> PRESENT.

>> COUNCILOR WU?

COUNCILOR ZAKIM?

>> MADAM PRESIDENT, WE DO HAVE A  
QUORUM.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE ALL  
GUEST, COLLEAGUES AND STAFF TO  
RISE AS OUR LOVELY CLERK BRINGS  
US THROUGH INFOCATION TODAY AND  
I WOULD ASK THAT EVERYONE  
REMAINS STANDING AS HE LEADS US  
IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

O THOU WHO MADE US ONE NATION  
OUT OF MANY PEOPLE AMIDST OUR  
DIVERSITIES OF RACE, TRADITION,  
AND FAITH, UNITE US IN A COMMON  
LOVE OF FREEDOM.

REVIVE US IN THE SPIRIT OF  
DEVOTION TO THE COMMON GOOD SO  
THAT WE MAY OPEN DOORS TO THE  
NEGLECTED AND OPPRESSED, CLEANSE  
THE HEART OF OUR NATION FROM  
THAT GREED WHICH PREYS UPON  
OTHERS.

EN DOW OUR LEADERS WITH WISDOM  
THAT THEY MAY STAND AMONG  
NATIONS AS AN EXAMPLE OF  
BENEVOLENCE AND EXALTLED  
JUSTICE.

HELP THEM TO MAKE THIS LAND A  
COMMON WORKSHOP OF ITS PEOPLE  
WHERE ALL MAY FIND THEIR PLACE  
AND WORK KEY TO DO THEIR BEST.  
HEAR THESE WORDS.

I WOULD HAVE YOU DAY BY DAY FIX  
YOUR EYES UPON THE GREATNESS OF  
YOUR COUNTRY UNTIL YOU BECOME  
FILLED WITH LOVE FOR HER, AND  
WHEN YOU ARE IMPRESSED BY THE  
SPECTACLE OF HER GLORY, REFLECT  
THAT IT HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY MEN  
AND WOMEN WHO KNEW THEIR DUTY  
AND HAD THE COURAGE TO DO IT.  
AND THESE WORDS OF THE HEBREW  
PSALMIST, LET THE PEOPLE GIVE  
PRAISE, O GOD OF ALL NATIONS.  
THANK YOU.

>> AT THIS TIME COUNCILOR BAKE  
HER JOIN US TO LEAD US IN THE  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

>> THANK YOU.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD AMEND  
THE RECORD TO REFLECT THAT  
COUNCILOR BAKER IS PRESENT.  
AT THIS TIME COUNCILOR BAKER HAS  
A SPECIAL PRESENTATION.

>> GENTLEMAN, THE BOYS ARE  
COMING DOWN.

I JUST GOT BACK FROM A TRIP TO  
LOOK AT JOB TRAINING OVER IN  
IRELAND.

WE WENT TO LIMERICK.

TIM, COME ON UP.

SORRY, TIM.

YOU'RE LEAVING.

SO I WANT TO INTRODUCE SOME  
PEOPLE FROM DONEGAL.

WHEN WE WENT TO DONEGAL, THE  
DONEGAL CITY COUNCIL IS DIRECTLY  
INVOLVED WITH JOB TRAINING WITH  
THEIR PEOPLE.

THEY HAVE BRICK-AND-MORTAR SITES  
CONTROLLED BY THE DONEGAL CITY  
COUNCIL WHERE THEY'RE TRAINING  
PLUMBERS, CARPENTER,  
ELECTRICIAN, WELDERS, CATERERS,  
JUST FABULOUS PROGRAMS.

AND WHAT WE WERE SHOWN OVER  
THERE WAS THE WARMTH OF THE  
IRISH.

WE WERE WELCOMED LIKE WE WERE  
BROTHERS.

I GUESS WE HAVE SOMETHING GOING  
ON OVER HERE.

BUT I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE  
THAT WE -- I JUST WANTED TO MAKE  
SURE THAT WE BROUGHT THESE  
GENTLEMAN OVER HERE SO WE COULD  
RECOGNIZE THE GOOD WORK THEY ARE  
DOING OVER THERE, BUT ALSO THE  
PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH  
BOSTON.

WE THINK WE HAVE SOME  
COMPLICATED POLITICAL STUFF.  
THEY'RE DEALING WITH BREXIT.  
DONEGAL IS ACTUALLY A COUNTY  
THAT'S PART OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
IRELAND, SURROUNDED BY NORTHERN  
IRELAND.

SO IF YOU CAN PICTURE IT,  
THERE'S PLACES DONEGAL WOULD BE  
LIKE DRIVING OVER TO  
CHARLESTOWN, AND WHEN THE  
BORDERS WERE MANY PLACE, YOU  
WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE THE REPUBLIC  
OF IRELAND, ONE CHECKPOINT, AT  
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE,  
THERE WOULD BE AN ENGLISH  
CHECKPOINT.

SO WHEN BREXIT HAPPENED -- NOT  
WHEN BREXIT HAPPENED, BUT WHEN  
THE EUROPEAN UNION HAPPENED,  
THOSE BORDERS ALL DISAPPEARED.  
SO PART OF BREXIT IS CONCERN  
THERE MAY BE HARD BORDERS AGAIN.  
WE'VE ALL HAD THE DISCUSSION  
AROUND BORDERS.

WITHOUT, THAT I'LL INTRODUCE THE  
BOYS.

YOU KNOW TIM.

WE HAVE SEAMUS O'DONNELL, LORD  
MAYOR, WE HAVE MARTIN HARLEY,  
DEPUTY MAYOR, AND WE HAVE GARY  
MARTIN, WHO IS ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT FOR DONEGAL.

WITH THAT I'LL BRING THE LORD  
MAYOR UP AND LET HIM SAY A FEW  
WORDS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, FRANK.

COUNCIL MEMBERS, LADIES AND

GENTLEMEN WHO ARE GEARED HERE TODAY, IT'S A GREAT HONOR FOR ME AS MAYOR OF DONEGAL TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY.

IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT WEEK FOR ALL OF IRELAND.

WE KNOW THE BREXIT IS COMING UP AND THE PARADES AND THE STANDSTILL THIS CITY WILL COME TO TO RECOGNIZE THE EXPLOITS AND BRILLIANCE THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY NOT ONLY IRISH AND THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON.

THEY ASKED FOR IT.

THEY HAVE COME TO BOSTON OVER THE LAST NUMBER OF YEARS.

WE HAD TWO MEMBERS LAST WEEK, TIM AND FRANK, OVER IN DONEGAL LAST WEEKEND.

WE SHOWED THEM WHAT WE'RE ABOUT.

WE ARE A COUNTY IN THE NORTHWEST OF IRELAND THAT ARE GOING TO BE MASSIVELY AFFECTED BY BREXIT.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY SUMMARILY KNOW BREXIT, IT'S GOING TO BRING BRITAIN OUT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

MOST OF OUR LAND BORDER IS WITH COUNTIES THAT ARE IN BRITAIN.

WE HAVE THREE OR FOUR KILOMETERS OF LAND BOARDER WITH THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, AND WHILST WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND AND WILL REMAIN IN THE E.U., THERE WILL BE A HARD BORDER IT LOOKS LIKE BETWEEN OUR COUNTY AND DERRY, WHO WE WORK SO CLOSELY WITH.

WE HAVE BEEN IN THE CITY ON JOINT TRADE MISSIONS ON DONEGAL AND DERRY ON JOINT TRADE MISSIONS.

WHAT WE'RE SAYING TO YOU IS THAT WE ARE A RESILIENT PEOPLE IN DONEGAL.

WE ARE A RESILIENT PEOPLE IN THE NORTH OF IRELAND, BUT WE DO NEED ALL OF THE HELP AND ASSISTANCE THAT WE CAN BRING ABOUT.

IF COMPANIES, BE IT FROM THE UNITED STATES OR BE IT ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD, WANT TO BASE IN BRITAIN AND WANT TO BASE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION, WE STRADDLE

THE BORDER ON TWO SIDES.  
WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR  
COUNTERPARTS IN DERRY CITY.  
THERE IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY  
THAT WE CAN WORK AND CREATE A  
BASE IN BRITAIN AND BASE IN THE  
EUROPEAN UNION FOR YOU.  
FRANK HAS OUTLINED THE MAGNITUDE  
OF THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE WITHIN  
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL, FOR  
EXAMPLE, THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF  
PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR US AS A  
COUNCIL BUT WHO LIVE IN DERRY.  
AND THE REAL EFFECTS OF HARD  
BORDER MAY COME TO PASS.  
THERE COULD BE A CUSTOMS POINT.  
THERE COULD BE CHECKPOINTS IN  
THE MORNING AND EVENING.  
THE FREE MOVEMENT  
OF PEOPLE WILL BE DETRIMENTAL TO  
THE MOVEMENT OF AND THE  
NORMALIZATION OF WORKING THERE.  
WE ARE, AS FRANK HAS SAID, VERY  
MUCH OPEN FOR BUSINESS.  
WE ARE A RESILIENT, TACTFUL,  
EXPERIENCED PEOPLE IN DONEGAL  
AND IN THE NORTHWEST OF IRELAND.  
WE HAD THE GUYS OVER LAST WEEK  
LOOKING AT SOME OF OUR EDUCATION  
SECTORS, HOW WE TRAIN PEOPLE TO  
GO STRAIGHT INTO THE WORKFORCE,  
AND WE HAVE COMPANIES FROM ALL  
OVER THE WORLD LOCATED IN DOBY  
GAL, AND WE ENSURE WHETHER THEY  
NEED AN APPRENTICE SHIP, A HIGH  
SCHOOL DEGREE, A MASTER'S  
DEGREE, WE CAN TAILOR, FIT, AND  
SUIT THROUGH OUR COURSES THE  
WORKFORCE THAT IS NEEDED AND THE  
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ARE BASED WITH US HAVE.  
AN WE'RE VERY WILLING AND OPEN  
AND RECEPTIVE TO SHARING OUR  
EXPERIENCES WITH THE CITY OF  
BOSTON AND WITH THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA SOME IF YOU  
CAN LEARN FROM US, WE'RE MORE  
THAN WELCOME TO THAT, BECAUSE WE  
HAVE LEARNED AN AWFUL LOT FROM  
YOUR GOOD SELVES HERE THIS  
MORNING.  
WE HAVE AN EVENT COMING UP IN  
DONEGAL.  
IT'S CALLED "DONEGAL CONNECT."

AND IT'S BETWEEN THE 27th OF  
SEPTEMBER AND THE 6th OF  
OCTOBER.

IT IS ABOUT INVITING OUR  
DIASPORA BACK TO OUR COUNTY BACK  
TO THE NORTHWEST OF IRELAND FOR  
A CELEBRATION BY WAY OF A  
THANKSGIVING FOR HOW WELL THE  
PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT OUR SHORES  
IN MORE DIFFICULT TIMES HAVE  
DONE FOR THEMSELVES AND EQUALLY  
WE WANT TO GIVE PEOPLE AN  
OPPORTUNITY, WHETHER IT'S YOUR  
KIDS, WHETHER IT IS YOURSELVES  
WHO WANT TO LOCATE, BE EDUCATED,  
WORKERS START BUSINESS, SET UP  
BUSINESS, INVEST, EXPAND, THAT  
THE OPPORTUNITIES EXIST THERE.  
AND WE EQUALLY ARE GOING TO TRY  
TO GET A TRADE MISSION OVER FROM  
YOURSELVES, MAYBE THE MAYOR'S  
OFFICE, SO THAT WE CAN SHARE  
WITH YOU GUYS THE EXPERIENCE  
THAT WE HAVE HAD BECAUSE OF WHAT  
WE HAVE LEARNED OVER THE LAST  
NUMBER OF YEARS.

SO I WON'T HOLD YOU BACK FROM  
YOUR IMPORTANT WORK.

I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE.

I'M DELIGHTED TO SEE GREEN TIES  
AND DONEGAL EMBLEMS AND PEOPLE  
WHO WERE SO HOSPITABLE TO US  
THIS MORNING.

I AM JOINED THIS MORNING BY MY  
DEPUTY MAYOR, DEPUTY MARTIN  
HARLEY, AND OUR CHIEF OF STAFF  
IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
SECTOR AND THE DIASPORA GARY  
MARTIN.

ON BEHALF OF THE THREE OF US, WE  
THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR  
YOUR HOSPITALITY, AND WE LOOK  
FORWARD THE FORGING STRONGER  
RELATIONSHIPS AND WORKING  
CLOSELY WITH YOURSELVES, BECAUSE  
WE DO SEE BOSTON AS A GATEWAY  
CITY FOR OUR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO  
SET THEMSELVES UP IN THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA.

WE WILL DO THE SELLING FOR YOU,  
AND IF YOU WANT TO DO A BIT OF  
SELLING FOR US.

WE'LL BE VERY RECEPTIVE TO THAT,  
AS WELL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> ON BEHALF OF FRANK BAKER,  
MYSELF, AND THE BOSTON CITY  
COUNCIL, WE DO HAVE THREE SMALL  
GIFTS FOR YOU TO TAKE BACK.  
THEY'RE THE CITY OF BOSTON  
FLAGS, AND HOPEFULLY YOU FLY  
THEM PROUDLY OVER IN DONEGAL AT  
SOME POINT IN TIME.

THEY'RE THE BIG BOY, SO WE HOPE  
YOU HAVE A BIG FLAGPOLE.

>> WE CERTAINLY WILL.

>> BURLY, BEEFY.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> YOU'RE WELCOME.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR BAKER AND  
THANK YOU TO VYÁH COUNTS HAIR  
McCARTHY.

MOVING ON TO THE 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 OBJECTION,  
THE MINUTES ARE SO APPROVED.

MOVING ON TO COMMUNICATIONS FROM  
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

>> MESSAGE ON SUPPLEMENTAL  
PROVISIONS.

FY19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$732,604  
TO COVER THE FY19 COST ITEMS  
CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON AND THE BOSTON  
PUBLIC LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL  
STAFF ASSOCIATION KNOWN AS  
P.S.A.

THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ARE  
OCTOBER 1, 2016, THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, AND OCTOBER  
1, 017, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30,  
2020.

THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE  
CONTRACT INCLUDE BASE WAGE  
INCREASES OF 2% EFFECTIVE THE  
FIRST PAY PERIOD OF JANUARY OF  
EACH FISCAL YEAR AND A NEW STEP  
STARTING IN 2019 FILED IN THE  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK ON  
MARCH 11, 2019.

DOCKET NUMBER 0502, MESSAGE IN  
ORDER TO REDUCE THE FY19  
APPROPRIATIONS OF THE RESERVES

FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY \$732,604 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT FOR THE FY19 INCREASES CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATION.

>> DOCKET 0501 THROUGH 0502 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

>> DOCKET 0503, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPECTED AN AMOUNTED OF \$280,000 IN THE FORM OF A GRANT FOR THE SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL USE INITIATIVE AMENDMENT BY FY18 AND FY19 AWARDED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE GRANTS WILL FUND THE COMPREHENSIVE INTERAGENCY STRATEGY THAT CONNECTS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES TO REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

>> DOCKET 0503 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

>> MADAM PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ DOCKET 0504 THROUGH 0508.

>> THANK YOU.

THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0504, MESSAGE IN ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE ARE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL DiMELLA AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 2020.

DOCKET NUMBER 0505, MESSAGE FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL NICHOLS AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING OX 1, 2021.

DOCKET NUMBER 0506, MESSAGE FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNAISE FOUREAU



AS A MEMBER OF THE SCONING  
COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING MAY  
1, 20201.

DOCKET NUMBER 0507, MESSAGE IN  
ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF  
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JILL HATTON  
AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING  
COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING MAY  
1, 2021.

AND DOCKET NUMBER 0508, MESSAGE  
IN ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF  
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOANNE  
KEITH, A MEMBER OF THE ZONING  
COMMISSION, FOR A TERM ENDING  
OCTOBER 1, 2021.

>> DOCKETS 0504 THROUGH 05 08  
WILL BE GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE  
ON DEVELOPMENT AND  
TRANSPORTATION.

MOVING ON TO REPORTS OF PUBLIC  
OFFICERS AND OTHERS.

>> MADAM CLERK,LY READ DOOK ET  
0509 THROUGH 0514?

>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT, THANK  
YOU.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0509 NOTICES  
THE 6:00 A.M. ON MONDAY MARCH  
112019 UNTIL 2:00 P.M. MONDAY  
MARCH 11, 2019.

DOCKET NUMBER 0510 NOTICES THE  
APPOINTMENT OF GIORDANA MECAGNI  
AS A MEMBER OF THE ARCHIVES AND  
RECORD COMMISSION FOR A TERM  
EXPIRING JANUARY 3, 2022.

DOCKET NUMBER 0511 NOTICES THE  
CITY CLERK IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
CHAPTER 6 OF THE ORDINANCES OF  
1979 REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN BY  
THE MAYOR ON PAPERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL ON ITS MEETING OF  
JANUARY 30, 2019.

DOCKET 0512, NOTICES RECEIVED  
FROM THE CITY CLERK IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE  
ORDINANCES OF 1979 REGARDING  
ACTION TAKEN BY THE MAYOR OF  
PAPERS ACTED UPON BY THE CITY  
COUNCIL AT ITS FEBRUARY 13, 2019  
MEETING.

ON DOCKET NUMBER 0513, NOTICES  
FROM THE CITY CLERK IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE  
ORDINANCES OF 1979 REGARDING  
ACTION TAKEN BY THE MAYOR OF

PAPERS ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2019.

AND DOCKET NUMBER 0514, NOTICES RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 16, CHAPTER 6, EXCUSE ME, OF THE ORDINANCES OF 1979 REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE MAYOR ON PAPERS ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN ITS MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2019.

>> DOCKETS 0509 THROUGH 0514 WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0139, THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS TO WHICH WAS REFERRED ON JANUARY 9, 2019, DOCKET NUMBER 0139, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING GOOD FOOD PURCHASING STANDARDS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, SUBMITS A REPORT RECOMMENDING THE ORDER OUGHT TO PASS A NEW DRAFT.

>> COUNCILOR?

>> GOOD MORNING, MADAM PRESIDENT.

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO WITHDRAW DOCKET 0139 DUE TO THE FACT THAT OUR COLLEAGUE AND THE LEAD SPONSOR IS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO JURY DUTY.

SO I'M ASKING THIS REMAIN IN COMMITTEE AND AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME WHEN THE JURY SERVICE AND CIVIC SERVICE IS COMPLETE, WE'LL BRING IT FORWARD TO THE COUNCIL FOR A VOTE.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

AT THIS TIME DOCKET 0139 WILL REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

WE'LL TAKE ACTION ON IT IN THE FUTURE.

THANK YOU.

MOVING ON TO MEARLTS RECENTLY HEARD FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

>> THANK YOU.

DOCKET NUMBER 0176, MESSAGE IN ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. MYECHIA MINTER-JORDAN AS A MEMBER OF

BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH  
COMMISSION'S BOARD OF HEALTH FOR  
A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 15,  
2020.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ THE  
SECOND ONE ALSO?

>> YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0305, MESSAGE  
IN ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE  
APPOINTMENT OF PHILLOMIN  
LAPTISTE AS A MEMBER OF THE  
BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION  
FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 15,  
2022.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
I RISE TODAY TO DISCUSS DOCKET  
0176 AND 0305.

YESTERDAY THE COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTHY WOMEN, FAMILIES, AND  
COMMUNITIES HELD A HEARING.

I WANT TO THANK MY DEAR  
COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND, THE  
DISTRICT COUNCILOR FROM SOUTH  
BOSTON FOR HIS PARTNERSHIP AND  
SOME GREAT QUESTIONS.

WE COMBINED THE TWO DOCKETS  
BECAUSE THEY ARE TWO  
APPOINTMENTS.

ONE IS A REAPPOINTMENT.

THE OTHER IS A NEW APPOINTMENT  
TO THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH  
COMMISSION BOARD.

THESE ARE TWO EXCEPTIONAL  
CANDIDATES.

ONE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE IN  
DR. MYECHIA MINTER-JORDAN, A  
WEST ROXBURY RESIDENT AND THE  
DIRECTOR OF THE DIMICK COMMUNITY  
HEALTH CENTER.

SHE'S BEING APPOINTED FOR HER  
SECOND FULL TERM.

SHE WAS ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS  
ON THE BOARD THAT LED ON SOME OF  
THE ANTI-TOBACCO INITIATIVES AS  
WELL AS ISSUES SUCH AS FOOD  
EPIDEMICS, FOOD DESERTS AND  
H1N1.

THE OTHER APPOINTMENT IS A NEW  
ADDITION TO THE BOARD HOPEFULLY.  
HER NAME IS PHILLY LAPTISTE.  
SHE IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
THE BOWDEN STREET HEALTH CENTER

WHICH SERVES 11,000 PATIENTS.  
THE DIMICK COMMUNITY CENTER  
SERVES ABOUT 18,000 PATIENTS.  
THESE ARE AMONG THE BEST  
REGARDED COMMUNITY HEALTH  
CENTERS IN BOSTON.

WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME AT THE  
HEARING DISCUSSING THE PURPOSE  
OF THE BOARD AND OTHER WAYS WE  
CAN BOTH EMPANEL THE BOARD TO  
CONTINUE TO DO GOOD WORK AS IT  
RELATE TO HEALTH DISPARITIES,  
REFERENCE SOME WORK THAT THE  
GOOD COUNCILOR FROM DISTRICT 7  
ANDRY TEAMING UP ON AS IT  
RELATES TO BLACK MORTALITY  
RATES, GIVING BIRTH AS WELL AS  
FOOD DESERTS, SMOKING CESSATION  
PROGRAM, THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC,  
THE LIST GOES ON AND ON.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THERE IS  
ZERO STIPEND ASSOCIATED WITH  
THESE BOARD SEATS.

THESE ARE INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC  
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO DO THIS  
BECAUSE THEY WANT TO GIVE BACK  
TO THE CITY THAT WE ARE LUCKY  
ENOUGH TO CALL HOME.

THEY WOULD BOTH BE EXCEPTIONAL  
ADDITIONS TO THE BOARD.

>> JADIANN: I'M PARTICULARLY  
APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR EFFORTS TO  
MAKE SURE OUR PUBLIC HEALTH  
COMMISSION SERVES EVERYONE,  
REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY CAME  
FROM, WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE, WHO  
THEY LOVE, HOW THEY IDENTIFY.  
I THINK IT'S A FORWARD THINKING,  
PROGRESSIVE HEALTH COMMISSION.  
THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS ARE  
CERTAINLY IN LINE WITH THAT  
MISSION.

I LOOK FORWARD -- I AM  
RECOMMENDING THE PASSAGE OF  
THESE DOCUMENTS AND THE  
CONFIRMATION OF THESE TWO  
APPOINTMENTS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR  
O'MALLEY.

I'M ASSUMING YOU WANT TO SUSPEND  
THE RULES?

ACTUALLY, NO, DO YOU WANT  
HEARING?

>> WE HAD A HEARING.  
I'M RECOMMENDING PASSAGE AND  
CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT.  
>> THANK YOU.  
COUNCILOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.  
>> THANK YOU FOR THE  
OPPORTUNITY.  
I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO  
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY FOR A ROBUST  
HEARING.  
IT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE.  
I WOULD LIKE TO LET OUR  
COLLEAGUES KNOW THAT THE TWO  
PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING NOMINATED  
ARE CHECKPOINT SHUNNAL LEADERS  
IN PUBLIC HEALTH IN OUR CITY.  
THEY HAVE DONE A TREMENDOUS  
AMOUNT OF WORK BRINGING PEOPLE  
TOGETHER BUT PROVIDING  
EXCEPTIONAL HEALTHCARE TO PEOPLE  
THAT DESPERATELY NEED IT,  
INCLUDING OUR IMMIGRANT  
COMMUNITY, PEOPLE LIVING IN  
PUBLIC HOUSING, LOW-INCOME  
FAMILIES.  
SO I WANT TO ECHO WHAT MY  
COLLEAGUE COUNCILOR O'MALLEY  
SAID ABOUT THE EXCEPTIONAL  
BACKGROUND OF BOTH OF THESE  
DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS THAT  
WILL SOON JOIN THE BOARD.  
THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.  
AT THIS TIME COUNCILOR O'MALLEY,  
WHO IS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTHY WOMEN, FAMILIES, AND  
COMMUNITIES SEEKS ACCEPTANCE OF  
2 COMMITTEE REPORT AND PASSAGE  
OF DOCKETS 0176 AND 0305.  
I WILL TAKE THEM SEPARATELY.  
FIR DOCKET 0176, ALL THOSE IN  
FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE.  
ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.  
THE AYES HAVE IT.  
DOCKET 0176 HAS BEEN PASSED.  
AND FOR DOCKET 0305, ALL THOSE  
IN FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE.  
ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.  
THE AYES HAVE IT.  
DOCKET 0305 HAS BEEN PASSED.  
>> DOCKET 0143, ORDER FOR  
HEARING TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES  
OF CREATING A TRAFFIC

ENFORCEMENT UNIT WITHIN B.P.D.  
AND EXPLORING THE PROS AND  
CONTINUES OF INSTALLING TRAFFIC  
ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS.

>> THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES  
COUNCILOR McCARTHY.

SORRY.

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY  
OUT.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

BECAUSE OF GUYS LIKE YOU.

ALL RIGHT.

DOCKET NUMBER 0143, WE HAD A  
HEARING YESTERDAY.

IT WAS A GREAT HEARING.

THIS HEARING WAS SPONSORED BY  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREA  
CAMPBELL REPRESENTING THE BOSTON  
POLICE DID WAS KEVIN McCULLC  
RIK.

GINA FIANDACA WAS THERE.

THE BOSTON CYCLISTS UNION WAS  
THERE, AS WELL.

CLEARLY FROM THE DATA WE SAW,S  
BE NEEDS TO WORK ON ITS SAFE  
STREETS, WHETHER YOU'RE WALKING,  
BIKING, DRIVING, OR POSSIBLY  
RIDING A SCOOTER LATER ON, WE  
NEED TO GET AHEAD OF THIS.

THAT WAS VERY CLEAR FROM THE  
HEARING THAT WE HELD YESTERDAY.  
EXPLORING OF TRAFFIC CAMERAS WAS  
A MAJOR DISCUSSION OF THE OVER  
TWO-HOUR-LONG HEARING LAST  
NIGHT.

ITS POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES WERE  
DISCUSSED.

WE'LL LEAVE THE DISCUSSION IN  
COMMITTEE, BUT BEFORE I SIT DOWN  
IF I COULD HAND IT OVER TO THE  
SPONSOR, PRESIDENT CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR  
McCARTHY, AND THANK YOU TO MY  
COLLEAGUES WHO ALSO PARTICIPATED  
IN THE HEARING, BUT ALSO FOR  
YOUR ADVOCACY SEPARATELY AROUND  
THE BUDGET AND OTHER ORDINANCES  
AND LEGISLATION TO MAKE SURE WE  
REALIZE THE GOALS OF VISION ZERO  
AND BOSTON 2030.

AS DISTRICT COUNCILORS IN  
PARTICULAR, THIS IS A  
CONSTITUENT ISSUE IN CASES WE  
SEE ALL THE TIME, PEOPLE GETTING

HIT BY CARS.

IT'S NOT SAFE TO WALK DOWN THE STREET TO, CYCLE.

SOMETIMES THESE CALLS INVOLVE SOMEONE BEING KILLED IN OUR DISTRICT.

THE HEARING ADDRESSED THE NEED THE MOVE FASTER AND QUICKER WITH RESPONDING TO THESE ISSUES, AND TO DO SO IN A SORT OF COMPREHENSIVE WAY.

YES, I APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF COUNCILOR BAKER IN THIS COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO LOWERING THE SPEED LIMITS AND NOW COUNCILOR FLYNN PICKING THAT BACK UP TO LOWER IT EVEN FURTHER.

BUT THAT IS FUTILE AS WE DON'T HAVE ENFORCEMENT GOING WITH IT. WE DON'T HAVE STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO OUR STREETS, SPEED HUMP, IF WE DON'T INVEST IN SLOW STREETS.

RIGHT NOW THERE ARE SOME COMMUNITIES THAT WERE SELECTED FOR SLOW STREETS, AND THERE ARE RESOURCES IN SLOW STREETS, BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE MAYBE A YEAR OR TWO OR LONGER FOR THEM TO SEE THE BENEFITS OF SLOW STREETS.

THAT'S FRANKLY TOO LONG.

WHAT WE HEARD YESTERDAY IN PUBLIC TESTIMONY WAS SO POWERFUL, EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE NOT A TON OF FOLKS THAT TESTIFIED, BUT THERE WAS ONE WOMAN WHO WAS A PHYSICIAN.

AN ER PHYSICIAN AT B.M.C. WHO HERSELF HAD BEEN STRUCK WHILE RIDING HER BIKE AND WAS JUST SORT OF HARASSED BY A CAR WHEN SHE WAS TRYING TO GET TO WORK.

AND SHE SAID, WE HAVE MORE URGENCY OR MORE OF A SENSE OF URGENCY WITH RESPONDING TO LEAVES IN THE GUTTER OR STREET CLEANING THAN WE DO WITH PEOPLE DYING WALKING AND CYCLING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

SO WE HAVE TREMENDOUS WORK TO DO TO GET FOLKS TO SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPONDING TO THIS ISSUE AND TO TREATING THIS AS A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE, JUST LIKE SOMEONE GETTING SHOT AND

STABBED, PEOPLE ALSO DYING FROM OTHER MEANS, AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE MEANS.

SO THERE'S A LOT MORE THAT WE CAN DO, AND THE HEARING WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF B.P.D. TO DO ENFORCEMENT, HOW WE AUGMENT EXISTING DEPARTMENTS TO DO THIS WORK, HOW WE CAN ACTUALLY FUND A TRAFFIC ANALYST TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE GOOD DATA WHICH CURRENTLY ISN'T THE CASE, WHICH WE CAN DO THROUGH OUR NEXT BUDGET CYCLE.

SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ON THAT.

AND WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTOMATED CAMERAS, THERE WERE FOLKS WHO TESTIFIED IN FAVOR OF THAT.

THIS REALLY INVOLVES STATE HOUSE LEGISLATION THAT HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD, AND I SAY, EVEN THOUGH IT'S IN THE STATE HOUSE, IF IT AFFECTS THE RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, WE SHOULD HAVE CONVERSATIONS ON IT TOONCHES I THOUGHT IT WAS A REAL ROBUST CONVERSATION.

THANK YOU COUNCILOR McCARTHY FOR DESIGNING IT AND SHAPING IT AND FOR SCHEDULING IT SO QUICKLY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION WITH ALL OF YOU WITH RESPECT TO THESE PRESSING ISSUES.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. DOCKET 0143 WILL REMAIN IN THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

>> THANK YOU.

MOVING ON TO MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET 0515, COUNCILOR ZAKIM OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS FREE-STANDING SIGNS.

>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. THIS IS NOT QUITE A REFILE, BUT IT IS A CONTINUING DISCUSSION



THAT HAD BEEN IN COUNCILOR  
FLIRT'S COMMITTEE UNDER A PILOT  
ORDINANCE PROGRAM FOR WHAT ARE  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS SANDWICH BOARD  
SIGNS ON OUR CITY SIDEWALKS.

THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ISSUE  
FOR CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS AND  
EVEN CERTAIN STREETS AROUND  
ACCESS FOR FOLKS WHO HAVE  
PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS, PEOPLE  
WITH STROLLERS, PEDESTRIANS AS  
WE TALK ABOUT SCOOTERS.

THAT CLUTTER ON OUR SIDEWALKS IS  
IMPORTANT.

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN DOWN  
NEWBURY STREET ANY TIME  
RECENTLY, THERE ARE A LOT OF  
CROWDS WHICH IS GOOD, IT'S GOOD  
FOR BUSINESS.

THERE ARE ALSO A LOT OF SANDWICH  
BOARD SIGNS ON NARROW SIDEWALK.  
THAT MAKES IT SOMETIMES  
IMPASSABLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE  
WINTER WHEN WE HAVE KNOW AND ICE  
ON THE GROUND.

I HAVE ENOUGH TROUBLE NAVIGATING  
THAT AREA.

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE SOMEONE WHO  
IS IN A WHEELCHAIR USING A  
WALKER, HAVING A STROLLER, ET  
CETERA.

SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT  
THAT WE TALK TO I.S.B. AND CODE  
ENFORCEMENT, ANOTHER RELEVANT  
AGENCY TO HOW TO ADDRESS.

THIS THERE ARE CERTAINLY AREAS  
IN MY DISTRICT AND I KNOW IN  
AREAS ACROSS THE CITY WHERE  
SANDWICH BOARDS ARE NOT AN  
IMPEDIMENT, WHERE SIDEWALKS ARE  
WIDE ENOUGH FOR -- WHERE THE  
CROWDS ARE NOT AS THICK.

EVEN BOYLSTON STREET IN BACK BAY  
MAKES SENSE FOR THAT.

NEW ON NEWBURY STREET WE  
CONTINUE TO HAVE COMPLAINTS FOR  
RESIDENTS, EVEN FROM WIZ --  
BUSINESS OWNERS WHO DON'T WANT  
THEM, BUT THEY FEEL IF THEIR  
COMPETITORS ARE USING THEM, THEY  
FEEL AS THOUGH THEY HAVE TO PUT  
THEM OUT SOME WE WHAT HAVE TO  
FIND SOMETHING THAT MAKES SENSE  
AND ENSURES THIS CITY'S

COMMITMENT TO BUSINESS.  
I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR  
FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY FOR  
HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS  
DISCUSSION.  
THANK YOU.  
GOD BLESS YOU.  
AND REALLY I LOOK FORWARD TO  
HAVING THIS HEARING AND TRYING  
TO FIGURE SOMETHING OUT, WHETHER  
IT'S POLICY, LEGISLATIVE, OR WE  
CAN DO IT ADMINISTRATIVELY.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ZAKIM.  
ALWAYS GOOD TO HAVE LAUGHTER AND  
LOVE IN THE AIR.  
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.  
>> PLEASE ADD MY NAME TO THIS.  
THIS INITIALLY STARTED OUT IN  
RESPONSE TO A CITY-WIDE PROBLEM  
IN OUR LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS  
WITH SIDEWALK SIGNS AND SANDWICH  
BOARDS, ET CETERA.  
SO I KNOW WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON  
IT.  
I KNOW THE PILOT PROGRAM HAS  
PRODUCED SOME POSITIVE DIVIDENDS  
ACROSS THE DISTRICT WITH THE --  
ACROSS THE DISTRICT WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF BOYLSTON AND  
NEWBURY AND SOME OF THE  
SURROUNDING STREETS BECAUSE IT'S  
SUCH A CONDENSED COMMERCIAL  
DISTRICT WITH A LOT OF BUILDINGS  
HAVING MULTIPLE BUSINESSES IN  
THE SAME FINGERPRINT AND THE  
RACE TO GET ADVERTISEMENT AND  
CUSTOMERS NAVIGATING THE STREETS  
OVER THERE, PARTICULARLY IN THE  
FALL WEATHER.  
OR THOSE THAT HAVE LIMITATIONS  
OR DISABILITIES.  
IT'S DIFFICULT.  
SO THIS MAY BE SOME -- THIS  
DISTRICT MAY WARRANT SORT OF A  
CARVE-OUT, IF YOU WILL, TO THE  
PILOT PROGRAM.  
THAT'S SOMETHING CLEARLY WE  
SHOULD TALK ABOUT IN THE  
HEARING, BUT LOOK FORWARD TO AN  
EXPEDITED HEARING TO TRY TO  
BRING SOME RELIEF TO DISTRICT  
8 AS IT PERTAINS TO THIS, BUT  
THE CAVEAT, IT SEEMS TO BE, THE

PILOT PROGRAM SEEMS TO BE WORKING IN OTHER DISTRICTS. I REFER TO MY DISTRICT COLLEAGUES, YOUR BROADWAYS, YOUR DORCHESTER AVENUE, YOUR CENTER STREETS AND MAIN STREETS ALL SEEM TO BE WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS ORDINANCE. IT SEEMS TO BE PROVIDING SOME DIVIDENDS FOR FOLKS OVER THERE. THAT SAID, DISTRICT 8 SEEMS TO BE SORT OF A DIFFERENT BEAST, IF YOU WILL.

SO WORTH A DISCUSSION. THANK YOU, MADAM PRIME MINISTER.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

ANYONE ELSE?

COUNCILOR BAKER, COUNCILOR CIOMMO, COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR FLYNN, GARRISON, McCARTHY, JANEY.

DOCKET 0515 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

>> DOCKET 0516, COUNCILOR GARRISON AND ESSAIBI GEORGE OFFER THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR A HEARING ON VETERANS POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER KNOWN AS P.T.S.D. AND IMPROVING AWARENESS OF AND ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR VETERANS.

>> COUNCILOR GARRISON, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOUR MIC WAS ON.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. I'M HAPPY TO HAVE COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE COSPONSOR THIS CALLING FOR A HEARING ON VETERANS POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, P.T.S.D., AND IMPROVING AWARENESS AND ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR OUR VETERANS.

IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE THAT EXPERIENCE CAN NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN COMBAT SITUATIONS.

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT P.T.S.D. IMPACTS UP TO 20% OF VETERANS OF OPERATIONS, IRAQ, FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, THE GULF WAR AND THE VIETNAM VETERANS. IN ADDITION TO WALLS, P.T.S.D. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, 55% OUT OF 100 WOMEN AND 30% OUT OF 100 MEN HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL HARASSMENT OR SEXUAL ASSAULT. AT SOME POINT WHEN SERVICE IN THE MILITARY, WHICH CAN OFTEN RESULT IN PROLONGED AND RECURRING TRAUMATIC STRESS OVER TIME.

RISK FACTORS FOR P.T.S.D. AMONG PEOPLE IN THE MILITARY INCLUDE A COMPROMISED SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS.

PREVIOUS TRAW MARK DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE.

A POOR SOCIAL SYSTEM, HOMELESS, FAMILY HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY, LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES.

THOSE WITH P.T.S.D. AND HAVE A COOCCURRENCE DISORDER AND CONDITIONS SUCH AS MAJOR OR MINOR DEPRESSION PUTS THEM AT A RISK OF SUICIDE.

IN 2008 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REPORTED THAT SUICIDE RATES INCREASED FOR BOTH VETERANS AND NON-VETERANS, HIGHLIGHTING THE REALITY OF THE SUICIDE IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN THAT AFFECTS PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF VETERANS WHO DIE EACH DAY BY SUICIDE IN 2018 REMAIN UNCHANGED AT 20% AND THE SUICIDE RATE INCREASED FASTER AMONG VETERANS WHO HAD NOT AVAILED THEMSELVES OF VM A. HEALTHCARE BENEFITS VERSUS THOSE WHO HAD.

THIS IS AN URGENT NEED FOR OUR CITY.

WE CAN BETTER SERVE THEM CARING NOT JUST FOR THEIR PHYSICAL WELL-BEING, BUT ALSO FOR THEIR MENTAL HEALTH AS WELL AS.

THANK YOU.

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

>> VERY BRIEF, THANK YOU SO MUCH  
FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, COUNCILOR  
GARRISON, AS WELL AS MY  
COLLEAGUE WHO IS NOT HERE,  
COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

I WANTED TO KNOW THIS IS AN  
INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT  
CONVERSATION.

AS WE'VE SEEN WITH MISSION 22,  
OVER 20 VETERANS COMMIT SUICIDE  
ON A DAILY BASIS.

SO I THINK IT'S INCUMBENT FOR US  
AS A CITY TO MAKE SURE WE'RE  
PROVIDING THE APPROPRIATE  
RESOURCES, MAKING SURE WE'RE  
MEETING THEM WHERE THEY ARE, AND  
MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE FILLING  
IN ANY GAPS FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
ISSUES, REMOVING ALL STIGMA TO  
ASSURE THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR  
COUNTRY FEEL THEY CAN COME BACK  
TO THIS CITY WHO CALL HOME AND  
BE COMPLETELY RECEIVED, WHOLLY  
TAKEN CARE OF AND ABSOLUTELY  
RESPECTED.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR  
LEADERSHIP IN THIS AND HAVING  
THAT CONVERSATION.

I LOOK FORWARD TO COMING UP WITH  
AS MANY WAYS OF POSSIBLE TO MAKE  
SURE OUR VETERANS WHEN THEY COME  
BACK OR ANY PERSON WHO IS EVER  
SERVED FEELS DIGNIFIED IN  
BOSTON.

>> AND ADD YOUR NAME?

>> YES, PLEASE.

>> MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD  
COUNCILOR EDWARDS, BAKER,  
CIOMMO, FLAHERTY, FLYNN, JANEY,  
McCARTHY, O'MALLEY, ZAKIM, AS  
WELL AS THE CHAIR.

DOCKET 0516 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO  
THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS,  
MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0517,  
COUNCILORS FLYNN AND FLAHERTY  
OFFER THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR A  
HEARING TO DISCUSS SERVICES FOR  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE

FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
MADAM PRESIDENT, MAY I SUSPEND  
RULE 12 AND ADD COUNCILOR  
EDWARDS AS A SPONSOR?

>> ANY OBJECTIONS?

>> MADAM CLERK, IF WE COULD ADD  
COUNCILOR EDWARDS AS THE THIRD  
ORIGINAL COSPONSOR.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
MADAM PRESIDENT, ACCORDING TO  
THE BOSTON LANGUAGE AND  
COMMUNICATIONS ACCESS, OVER 13%  
OF BOSTON RESIDENTS HAVE AT  
LEAST ONE DISABILITY, AND I KNOW  
THE CITY OF BOSTON COMMISSION ON  
DISABILITIES IS DOING  
EXCEPTIONAL WORK ACROSS OUR  
NEIGHBORHOODS IN HELPING THOSE  
IN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY  
ACCESS VITAL CITY SERVICES UNDER  
THE COMMISSIONER.

SHE'S PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL  
LEADERSHIP ON SO MANY ISSUES  
IMPACTING THE DISABILITY  
COMMUNITY.

THEY MEET REGULARLY IN THIS  
CHAMBER AND THEY TALK ABOUT WAY  
THAT'S CAN IMPROVE SERVICES FOR  
THOSE WITH DISABILITIES ACROSS  
THE CITY.

THE LANGUAGE COMMUNICATION  
ACCESS PROGRAM IS AN OPPORTUNITY  
AND A PROGRAM THAT ENSURES THAT  
ANYONE THAT DOES COMMUNICATE  
WITH VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS IS  
ABLE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE ALSO IN  
A LANGUAGE, IN THEIR OWN  
LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

SO DURING THIS BUDGET PROCESS  
SEASON, I ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE  
THAT WE HAVE A ROBUST DISCUSSION  
ON WAYS THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE  
THAT THOSE IN THE DISABILITY  
COMMUNITY, THEIR VOICES ARE  
HEARD AND WE HAVE TO ADVOCATE  
MORE EFFECTIVELY FOR THOSE IN  
THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY.

THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO  
FOCUS ON, MADAM PRESIDENT, AND  
FINALLY, THE AMERICANS WITH  
DISABILITIES ACT PROVIDES, AS WE  
ALL KNOW, FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO

PROVIDE EQUAL ACCESS TO THOSE IN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY.

IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST FEDERAL LEGISLATIONS PASSED IN 50 YEARS.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL CITY SERVICES AND EVERYWHERE IN BOSTON IS A.D.A. COMPLIANT.

THAT'S A TOP PRIORITY FOR MAYOR WALSH, WHO HAS DONE GREAT WORK ON THAT WITH THE COMMISSIONER AND MYSELF, WHO IS ALSO ACTIVE IN DISABILITY COMMUNITY HERE IN THE CITY.

I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR WORK ON DISABILITY ACCESS FOR MANY YEARS AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS.

THIS IS -- I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A CONVERSATION OVER THE NEXT 30 TO 60 DAYS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MADAM PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE LEAD SPONSOR FOR HIS GREAT WORK AND FOR RECOGNIZES MY EFFORTS IN THIS SPACE OVER THE YEARS.

I KNOW THIS COMING JULY WE'LL BE CELEBRATING THE 29th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND ALL THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE LOCALLY, STATEWIDE AND NATIONALLY, TO ENSURE THAT DISABLED PERSONS HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAME SERVICES THAT EVERY OTHER AMERICAN DOES.

IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT OUR CITY WILL BE -- THE CITY'S AGE WILL BE RAPIDLY INCREASING ACCORDING TO THE 2014 AGING IN BOSTON REPORT.

THERE WILL BE AN APPROXIMATE 52% INCREASE IN THE OLDER POPULATION IN BOSTON BY 2030.

THAT'S PRETTY SIGNIFICANT.

AND SO WITH MORE OF OUR RESIDENTS CHOOSING TO AGE IN PLACE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, THERE WILL BE AN EVEN GREATER NEED FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS TO MEET THE NEEDS

OF OUR ELDERLY NEIGHBORS AND  
EVEN A GREATER DEMAND ON THE  
INHOME HEALTHCARE.

I KNOW ON THIS BODY COUNCILOR  
ZAKIM AND I HAVE LED EFFORTS  
WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDING HOME  
HEALTHCARE WORKERS WITH PERMITS  
SO THEY CAN PARK IN RESIDENT  
PARKING AREAS WITHOUT SUFFERING  
FROM TICKETING AND TOWING OF  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS WHILE  
THEY'RE TAKING CARE OF OUR  
RESIDENTS AS WELL AS THOSE THAT  
ARE WITH HOSPICE THAT ARE DYING.  
SO THOSE ARE THINGS THAT I'M  
GOING TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR  
AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK  
THROUGH THE SPONSORSHIP OF  
COUNCILOR FLYNN AND OUR OTHER  
COLLEAGUES.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR  
FLAHERTY.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND  
THANK YOU FOR ADDING ME AS AN  
ORIGINAL COSPONSOR.

THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT  
CONVERSATION FOR MANY OF US.  
I WANT TO ECHO SOME OF THE  
COMMENTS THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE  
SAID, BUT ALSO ADD TO THE FACT  
THAT IF WE DESIGN A COMMUNITY,  
OUR CITY, FOR THOSE WITH  
DISABILITIES, THEN ALL OF US  
WILL HAVE ACCESS.

SO COMING FROM THE PERSPECTIVE  
OF SOMEONE IN A WHEELCHAIR OR  
WHO HAS MOBILITY ISSUES, IF WE  
CAN DESIGN AND THINK OF OUR  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE,  
THINK OF HOW WE MOVE IN AND OUT  
OF OUR BUILDINGS FROM THAT  
PERSPECTIVE, THEN EVERY SINGLE  
ONE OF US WILL HAVE ACCESS TO  
THE BUILDING.

ON TOP OF, THAT I WANT TO MAKE  
SURE THAT PER THIS CONVERSATION  
THAT WE INCLUDE PARENTS OF ADULT  
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.  
IN MANY CASES THE PARENTS OF  
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ARE  
INVOLVED IN THE EDUCATION SPACE,



AND WE'RE TALKING WITH B.P.S.  
BUT SOME OF THOSE KIDS HAVE AGED  
OUT AND ARE STILL IN NEED OF  
SERVICES, AND FOR THIS COMMUNITY  
TO ALSO RECOGNIZE AND TO SUPPORT  
THOSE PARENTS WHO WILL BE  
PUTTING IN A LOT OF WORK FOR THE  
REST OF THEIR LIVES TO ENSURE  
THEIR ADULT CHILDREN ARE  
RESPECTED AND HAVE DIGNITY.  
I WANT TO POINT OUT THE WORK OF  
SPECIAL COUNTIES IN CHARLESTOWN  
WHO IS DEDICATED TO MAKING SURE  
THOSE KIDS HAVE A VOICE.  
I WANT TO POINT TO THE LATINO  
PARENTS WHO ARE HERE AND WHO  
HAVE RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE,  
LATINO PARENTS IN SUPPORT OF  
THEIR KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.  
THERE IS A MOVEMENT.  
, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE IT  
DOESN'T STAY WITHIN THE  
EDUCATION SPACE.  
IT'S PART OF THE DISABILITY  
CONVERSATION TO SUPPORT THESE  
PARENTS.  
I WANT TO BRING UP OUR OWN GREAT  
DEAR FRIEND ROCCO WHO RECENTLY  
LOST HIS LAST PARENT, HIS  
FATHER, AND THE GRIEVING, I  
DON'T KNOW THAT WE DID HAVE ANY  
SORT OF GRIEVING SERVICES FOR  
ADULT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL  
NEEDS WHO ALSO LOSE THEIR  
PARENTS.  
THERE IS A GAP THAT WE ARE NOT  
MEETING, AND WE ARE NOT FILLING.  
THIS CONVERSATION NEEDS TO  
INCLUDE THEM.  
SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE  
THAT I'M BEYOND EXCITED ABOUT  
THIS.  
BUT IF WE DO NOT INCLUDE THOSE  
PARENTS OR THOSE ADULT CHILDREN  
WITH DISABILITIES, TAKING THEM  
AGAIN AWAY FROM THE EDUCATION  
SPACE, THEN WE'LL MISS OUT ON AN  
IMPORTANT VOICE AND PERSPECTIVE.  
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS.  
ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON  
THIS MATTER ADD THEIR NAME.  
MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD  
COUNCILOR BAKER, CIOMMO,  
GARRISON, JANEY, O'MALLEY,

ZAKIM, McCARTHY, AS WELL AS  
THE CHAIR.

DOCKET 0517 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO  
THE COMMITTEE ON CITY  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND  
VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0518, COUNCILOR  
ZAKIM OFFERED THE FOLLOWING  
ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING  
ENFORCEMENT OF THE BOSTON TRUST  
ACT.

>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
IN 2014, MY FIRST TERM ON THE  
CITY COUNCIL, I WAS VERY PROUD  
TO INTRODUCE THE BOSTON TRUST  
ACT, WHICH AT THE TIME WAS THE  
MOST PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION IN  
THE COUNTRY REGARDING LAW  
ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION WITH  
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS  
ENFORCEMENT.

I WAS INCREDIBLY PROUD WHEN THIS  
BODY, ALL 13 MEMBERS SUPPORTED  
THAT LEGISLATION.

MAYOR WALSH SIGNED IT.

AT THE TIME COMMISSIONER EVANS  
ISSUED ORDERS IMPLEMENTING IT,  
ENSURING THAT THE@Nto BOSTON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT, ONE, DISREGARDS  
DETAINER REQUESTS FROM ICE  
UNLESS THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY  
CRIMINAL WARRANTS.

IT ENSURES PEOPLE CAN CALL AND  
INTERACT WITH THE POLICE WITHOUT  
FEAR OF IMMIGRATION  
REPERCUSSIONS.

IN 2014, IT WAS A DIFFERENT  
TIME.

IT WAS A DIFFERENT  
ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON.  
AND I THINK, ONE, WE NEED TO  
ALWAYS BE LOOKING AT WAYS TO GET  
BETTER AND IMPROVE.

BUT THE REAL IMPETUS FOR THIS  
HEARING ORDER WAS INCIDENTS THAT  
WERE RECENTLY REPORTED ON WBUR  
AND THE "BOSTON GLOBE" AND OTHER  
NEWS OUTLETS AROUND THE CITY OF  
REALLY TROUBLING CLAIMS ABOUT  
BOSTON POLICE WORKING WITH  
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS  
ENFORCEMENT, WORKING WITH A

PRIVATE BUSINESS OWNER WHO WAS SEEKING TO RETALIATE AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE FOR FILING A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM, AND WE NEED TO, ONE, EXAMINE THAT PARTICULAR INCIDENT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR CITY'S POLICIES AND LAWS ARE BEING FOLLOWED.

YOU KNOW, WHEN THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION LABOR DEPARTMENT BRINGS CHARGES THAT YOU'RE COOPERATING TOO MUCH WITH IMMIGRATIONS AND CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT, THAT'S PRETTY UNUSUAL, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT TROUBLES ME GREATLY AND SOMETHING I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON WANTS TO BE DOING SOME WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THE TRUST ACT IS BEING COMPLIED WITH ON A DAILY BASIS. WE NOW HAVE TO LOOK AT FIVE YEARS LATER, DOES IT NEED TO BE ENHANCED OR CHANGED.

I THINK OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IN GENERAL HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB.

BOTH COMMISSIONER EVANS AND NOW COMMISSIONER GROSS IN IMPLEMENTING IN GENERAL THE LETTER OF THE LAW OF THE TRUST ACT, BUT CAN WE DO BET CENTER CAN WE DO MORE HERE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE DOES FEEL SAFE? BECAUSE IT MAKES US ALL SAFER. WE HAVE OUR GREAT DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON.

AT EAST FROM MASSACHUSETTS, THAT IS WORKING VERY HARD TO FIX THIS PROBLEM AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. THAT'S REALLY WRIT HAS TO BE FIXED.

BUT CITIES AND TOWNS AND STATES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY IN THE MEANTIME TO DO THE BEST WE CAN, TO WORK WITH THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN MASSACHUSETTS WHO MAY NOT BE PROPERLY DOCUMENTED THROUGH IMMIGRATION STATUS BUT WHO ARE HERE IN OUR CITY, WORKING HERE, WHO ARE TRIEDING THE TRAINS AND BUSES WITH US, WHO ARE GOING TO

SCHOOL WITH OUR CHILDREN AND WHO HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE FREE OF PERSECUTION, TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN THEY'RE THE VICTIM OR WITNESS OF A CRIME, AND THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT, I DON'T WANT TO DWELL ON IT TOO MUCH BECAUSE THIS IS A LARGER CONVERSATION, BUT THE CLAIMS THAT WERE OUTLINED IN NEWS REPORTS ARE INCREDIBLY DISTURBING.

THE CITY COUNCIL HAS A RESPONSIBILITY, AN OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY AGENCY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

SO WE'RE GOING TO EXAMINE THAT. I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THIS HEARING AND HEARING FROM CERTAINLY THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE WALSH ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL ADVOCATES AND OTHERS AROUND THE CITY AND AROUND THE COMMONWEALTH ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

AND AGENTS OF THE IMMIGRATION. AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THAT SEPARATION.

I THINK THAT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT DOES NOT SERVE US WELL TO COMINGLE THOSE THINGS.

SO THIS HEARING, I THINK, I'M VERY EXCITED TO HEAR ABOUT HOW BOSTON HAS ABIDED BY THE ORDINANCE THAT IT PASSED AND HOW BOSTON CAN DO BETTER.

I DO WANT TO ADDRESS WHAT I'VE READ ABOUT IN THE NEWSPAPER ABOUT THE I.C.E. TASK FORCE THAT EXISTS IN B.P.D. AND THAT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE TRUST ACT ORDINANCE WE PASSED.

I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW THE TRUST COMPONENT OF THE TRUST ACT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO TRANSPARENCY AND DATA AND HOW WE CAN SEE AS A CITY COUNCILLOR, STILL NEED TO SEE A LOT OF THAT DATA TO ASSURE THAT WE ARE ABIDING BY THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THAT LAW.

SO THIS CONVERSATION COULDN'T BE MORE TIMELY.

I THINK IT'S GREAT TO HAVE IT ON

A REGULAR BASIS AND I THINK WE DON'T WANT TO BE KNEE JERKING TO EVERY SINGLE ISSUE WHERE WE HEAR ABOUT AN IMMIGRATION FLARE-UP, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE, WHEN WE PASS AN ORDINANCE WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT AND WITH THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE, IT MEANS SOMETHING, BECAUSE IT MEANT SOMETHING TO ME.

IT MEANT SOMETHING TO OUR IMMIGRANTS, CONSTITUENTS, IT MEANT SOMETHING TO A LOT OF PEOPLE IN TERMS OF A SIGH OF RELIEF IN BELIEVING THAT IMMIGRATION STATUS IS NOT A BARRIER TO JUSTICE.

IN BOSTON IMMIGRATION STATUS IS IRRELEVANT TO HOW YOU GET JUSTICE.

I WANT TO MAINTAIN THAT REPUTATION AND COWMPLETS THANK YOU.

>> ADD YOUR NAME COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> YES.

COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

TO THE MAKER, DO WE KNOW WHAT JOSEEEÉ MARTIN, FLORES, WHAT THE UNDERLYING CHARGES WERE AND WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED?

DO WE KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS?

>> NO, BUT I'M SURE WE CAN FIND THOSE AFTER THE FACT OR EXPLORE THAT FURTHER IN THE HEARING.

AND COUNCILLOR ZAKIM CAN, I THINK, TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT.

RIGHT NOW, I THINK WE CAN PROCEED WITH STILL ASSIGNING IT TO A COMMITTEE.

RIGHT, COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY?

THANK YOU.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD YOUR NAME?

>> YES.

MADAM CLERK, ADD COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, CIOMMO, FLYNN, AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS.

>> DOCKET 05189 COUNCILLOR GARRISON OFFERS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION THAT THE RENOVATION

OF THE HISTORIC ALEXANDER HOTEL  
FOLLOW THE HEIGHT OF THE  
BUILDING AND THE GUIDELINES OF  
THE SOUTH END/ROXBURY DISTRICT.  
>> COUNCILLOR GARRISON, YOU HAVE  
THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
I HAVE FOUND THIS RESOLUTION IN  
RELATION TO THE HISTORIC  
ALEXANDER HOTEL THAT THE CITY  
COUNCIL ADVISES THAT THE ZONING  
CODE WHICH IS CAREFULLY CRAFTED  
DUE TO PUBLIC INPUT BE RESPECTED  
TO THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING  
AND THE CENTER RENOVATION BE  
ASSUMED UNDER THE GUIDELINES AND  
GOVERNANCE OF THE BYLAWS THAT  
DIRECT THE ROXBURY LANDMARK  
DISTRICT.

I HAVE HEARD FROM COUNTLESS  
RESIDENTS BOTH IN PERSON AND ON  
THE PHONE ABOUT THEIR MANY  
CONCERNS WITH THE PROPOSAL OF  
THIS HISTORIC SITE.

THE MAIN CONCERNS WHICH I  
OUTLINED IN MY FORMER RESOLUTION  
HAVE TO DO WITH PARKING,  
SHADOWS, STRUCTURE INTEGRITY AND  
APPEARANCE.

AT THE VERY LEAST, THERE NEED TO  
BE A SUBSTANTIVE LESSON OF THE  
HEIGHT, REQUIRED POTENTIAL  
PARKING AND PROJECTION OF THE  
IMPACT OF THE SHADOWS ON  
RESIDENT WINDOWS AND ROOFS.

THE HOURS BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND  
6:00 P.M. IN ALL FOUR SEASONS,  
WHICH MUST BE A REQUIREMENT OF  
ANY ADDITION TO THE HOTEL.

ADDITIONALLY, THE USE OF  
PREDOMINANTLY GLASS TOWERS  
CANNOT BE CONSIDERED A  
COMPLEMENT TO THE VICTORIAN  
HOUSING ENVIRONMENT, BUT RATHER  
IS CONTRASTING AND DISTRACTION  
FOCAL POINT.

I AND MANY OTHERS HAVE SERIOUS  
CONCERNS ABOUT THE ALEXANDER  
HOTEL PROCESS BEING PUSHED BY  
DEVELOPERS OF THE B.P.D.A.  
WITHOUT REAL COMMUNITY INPUT AND  
IN VIOLATION OF THE ZONE LAWS  
AND THE SOUTH END ROXBURY  
LANDMARK DISTRICT GUIDELINES.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR  
GARRISON.

COUNCILLOR JANEY.

>> I RISE REPRESENTING ROXBURY  
AND SOUTH END AND THIS HOTEL IS  
IN MY DISTRICT.

I HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN THE  
ARTICLE 80 PROCESS FOR MANY  
MONTHS.

MY STAFF AND I HAVE ATTENDED  
MULTIPLE MEETINGS AND WORKED  
VERY CLOSELY WITH RESIDENTS,  
WITH NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS, WITH  
THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM, WITH THE  
BOSTON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY TO MAKE SURE THAT  
RESIDENTS BOTH IN ROXBURY AND  
SOUTH END ARE FULLY ENGAGED IN  
DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS PROJECT.

I HAVE RECEIVED JUST TO DATE  
CLOSE TO 100 E-MAILS FROM SOUTH  
END AND ROXBURY RESIDENTS AND  
THE VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE ARE  
IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT.

FOR DECADES, THE SITE OF THE  
HOTEL ALEXANDER HAS BEEN AN  
EYESORE AND A BLIGHTED PIECE OF  
PROPERTY.

THIS IS AT THE CORNER OF  
WASHINGTON STREET AND MASS AVE.  
FOR MANY YEARS, IT'S BEEN A  
MISSED OPPORTUNITY BRIDGE THE  
GAP BETWEEN THE SOUTH END AND  
ROXBURY.

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL  
PROPOSALS OVER THE YEARS BUT  
NONE HAVE COME TO FRUITION, TO  
GREAT FRUSTRATION OF MANY OF  
THOSE WHO LIVE IN CLOSE  
PROXIMITY TO THE SITE.

WHILE MANY RESIDENTS ARE NOT  
THRILLED ABOUT ADDITIONAL  
HEIGHT, MOST UNDERSTAND THAT  
IT'S A NECESSARY TRADEOFF TO  
BUILD THIS HOTEL.

I'M PLEASED THAT BY MY URGING  
THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM HAS  
LISTENED TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN  
FORMULATING A ROBUST COMMUNITY  
BENEFITS PACKAGE VALUED AT OVER  
A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS.  
IT INCLUDES COMMITMENTS TO  
HIRING BOSTON RESIDENTS, PEOPLE

OF COLOR AND WOMEN, AND IN ADDITION, THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED LOCAL 26, WHICH WAS NOT AN EASY FEAT, AND THEY ARE COMMITTED TO LOCAL HIRING AND A DIVERSE WORKFORCE.

I'M ALSO GLAD THEY HAVE PROPOSED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PUBLIC GROUND IMPROVEMENTS, AGAIN AT THE REQUEST OF DISTRICT NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE NEAR THE SITE.

AND I SHOULD POINT OUT WHILE THIS IS ON THE CORNER OF WASHINGTON AND MASS AVE, THEY ARE ROOKING TO DO MORE THAN THAT PARTICULAR CORNER BUT ALL FOUR CORNERS.

THIS IS A MAJOR INTERSECTION AND IT ALSO ABUTS YOUR DISTRICT, COUNCILLOR BAKER, AND, SO, TWO OF THOSE CORNERS ARE YOUR CORNERS THAT WE'LL SEE SOME IMPROVEMENTS WITH.

TWO OF THEM ARE MINE.

AND THEY'VE ALSO COMMITTED TO RESTORING THE HISTORIC FACADE, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE WHO HAVE COME.

THEY WANT TO SEE THIS BUILDING PRESERVED AND RESTORED.

WHILE SOME VIEW THIS AS PRIMARILY A SOUTH END ISSUE, I WANT TO MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THIS HOTEL IS IN ROXBURY ON THE ROXBURY SOUTH END BORDER, AND I HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT ROXBURY RESIDENTS AS WELL AS SOUTH END RESIDENTS WERE LISTENED TO EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

I'VE NOMINATED ROXBURY RESIDENTS TO THE A.I.G.

I'VE ASKED THE DEVELOPER TO MAKE SURE THEY UTILIZE LOCAL VENDORS AND PROMOTE DUDLEY SQUARE AND NOT JUST WASHINGTON GATEWAY FOR LOCAL SHOPPING AND DINING OPTIONS, AND I'VE WORKED WITH THEM TO INCLUDE JOBS TO ROXBURY RESIDENTS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MADISON PARK TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL HIGH



SCHOOL.

AND IN TERMS OF THIS BODY, IT IS NOT OUR JOB TO PREEMPT THE ROLE. THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY ENGAGED, AND I ENCOURAGE ALL OF US TO STAY ENGAGED, PARTICULARLY RESIDENTS WHO LIVE NEAR THE SITE AND WHO CARE ABOUT THIS TO STAY ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS THROUGH THE B.P.D.A. BOARD, SOUTH LANDMARKS COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

WE SHOULD ALLOW PEOPLE TO WEIGH IN AND I OBJECT TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND ASK THIS MATTER NOT BE ADOPTED.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR JANEY. I DON'T THINK THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES ON ADOPTION.

SINCE THERE'S AN OBJECTION, THAT IS NOTED.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR BAKER, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. I RISE IN OPPOSITION OF THIS RESOLUTION AS IT SEEKS TO DELAY OR HALT A PROJECT THAT HAS HAD A VERY ROBUST COMMUNITY PROCESS. WE SHOULD ALLOW IT TO PROCEED THROUGH THE PROPERLY CHANNELS. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, SOUTH END AND ROXBURY RESIDENTS AS WELL AS THOSE DRIVING DOWN MASS AVE ON WASHINGTON HAVE LOOKED AT THIS BLIGHTED PROPERTY OVER 30 YEARS. MY CONSTITUENTS FEEL CONFIDENT IN THE CURRENT DEVELOPER'S INTENTION TO RETAIN THE BEAUTIFUL FACADE OF THE HOTEL ALEXANDRIA AND TURN IT BACK TO THE GEM IT ONCE WAS.

I BELIEVE IN ORDER FOR THIS 150 ROOM, 13-STORY HOTEL WITH BROWN FLOOR AND ROOFTOP SPACE TO COME TO FRUITION IS IN THE FORM OF SOME ZONING RELIEF.

TO PUT IT INTO PERSPECTIVE, TO BE ABLE TO RESTORE THIS HISTORIC FACADE, AND THEY'RE GOING TO DO ALL FOUR SIDES OF THE BUILDING, NOT JUST THE FRONT FACADE,

SIDES, BACK, IT WILL COST APPROXIMATELY 6 TO SEVEN DOLLARS MILLION TO JUST RESTORE THAT FACADE. THAT'S BEFORE WE GET INTO ANYTHING VERTICAL. SO YOU HAVE TO GRANT THE ZONING RELIEF TO BE ABLE TO GET WHAT I THINK THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY WANTS IS THAT FACADE RETURNED. THE PREVIOUS DEVELOPER WANTED TO DO -- TO RESTORE THE FACADE, WANTED TO GO OVER 20 STORIES. SO TO PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE, THERE WILL BE EIGHT OR NINE LESS STORIES, 13 STORIES WHICH, YOU KNOW, THAT TAKES A LITTLE BIT FOR PEOPLE TO SWALLOW. WE HAVE AT THE MENTION COUNCILLOR JANEY HAS DONE AS DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL, IT'S INCUMBENT ON US TO INSERT OURSELVES INTO THESE PROJECTS AND MAKE SURE OUR COMMUNITIES ARE TAKEN CARE OF AROUND THESE PROJECTS. COUNCILLOR JANEY HAS DONE THAT. THAT'S WHY I STAND IN OPPOSITION OF THIS RESOLUTION. THANK YOU MADAM PRESIDENT. >> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR BAKER. COUNCILLOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR. >> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, AND ALTHOUGH I DON'T REPRESENT THIS AREA OF THE SOUTH END, IT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR ALL OF THE SOUTH END. I PROBABLY REPRESENT AN AREA JUST ABOUT A QUARTER MILE OUTSIDE OF THAT HOTEL. OVER THE LAST 15 MONTHS IN THE CAMPAIGN, THIS WAS OFTEN A TOPIC OF DEBATES AND WHEN WE GOT SWORN IN LAST YEAR, THIS WAS DOESED AT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS. COUNCILLOR JANEY WHO IS ALSO THERE ANSWERING DIFFICULT QUESTIONS, PROVIDING EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP ON AN ISSUE THAT IS IMPORTANT TO THE ROXBURY COMMUNITY, TO THE SOUTH END COMMUNITY, AND, SO, ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T GET INVOLVED IN THIS

ISSUE THAT MUCH, I DID WATCH FROM AFAR COUNCILLOR JANE AND COUNCILLOR BAKER ON THEIR LEADERSHIP, HELPING SHEPHERD THIS PROCESS TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE'S VOICE WAS HEARD DURING THIS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

SO I WANT TO ECHO WHAT COUNCILLOR BAKER SAID IS, YOU KNOW, I SAW THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS OF COUNCILLOR JANEY AND COUNCILLOR BAKER UP FRONT, AND I HAVE HEARD FROM CONSTITUENTS AS WELL ON THE SOUTH END, AND I WILL NOT BE SIGNING ON OR SUPPORTING THIS.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR FLYNN. ANYONE ELSE LOOK TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER OR ADD THEIR NAME? IF THE COUNCIL DOESN'T ASSIGN THIS TO A COMMITTEE WHERE THE FOLKS FROM THE PUBLIC CAN COME IF THEY LIKE.

0519 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE ON PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

DOCKET 0520 --

>> BEFORE WE READ THAT DOCKET, IF WE COULD AMEND THE ATTENDANCE RECORD TO REFLECT COUNCILLOR WU IS ACTUALLY HERE.

THANK YOU.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 5020, COUNCILLORS WU AND JANEY OFFERED THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING ELIMINATING THE RIDERSHIP FARE ON MBTA BUS ROUTE 28.

>> COUNCILLOR WU, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. APOLOGIES FOR MY IN AND OUT.

I'M ON BREAK FROM JURY DUTY SO GLAD THE TIMING WORKED OUT. OTHER WISE WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO LET MY CO-SPONSOR SPEAK. THE MBTA VOTED PAST MONDAY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FAIR HAIKS WITH SMALL AMENDMENTS THAT WERE THANKS TO THE ADVOCACY OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND

PUBLIC AND MAYOR AND SO MANY OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS SAYING NOW IS THE TIME WHEN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS LIKELY EXPENSIVE FOR PEOPLE AS IT IS. SO THIS IS A HEARING ORDER THAT IS A NEXT STEP AS NOW WE'RE PAST THE FAIR HIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY AT A VERY IMPORTANT DECISION-MAKING POINT FOR THE M.B.T.A. WHEN IT COMES TO FAIR POLICY.

THE T OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS WILL BE IMPLEMENTING WHAT'S CALLED AFC2.0 PROGRAM, A TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM THAT WILL MOVE TO CASH LIST SPARE COLLECTION ON BUSES AND ALLOW FOR MORE DATA COLLECTION ON OTHER POINTS OF ENTRY.

IT GIVES A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY SO THE T COULD OFFER DISCOUNTED FARES TO CERTAIN GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS OR ELIMINATE FARES ALTOGETHER FOR CERTAIN BUS LINES OR ON CERTAIN DAYS TO HAVE THE WEEK OR YEAR.

AS THEY'RE IMPLEMENTING THIS, IT'S EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE AND THEY ARE INSTALLING -- THEY PLAN TO INSTALL STATIONS TO LOAD UP YOUR CHARLIE CARD ALONG CERTAIN ROUTES BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY CASH ON BOARD.

AND THE METRIC WHO JUST SAID IT'S OKAY IF THERE'S A QUARTER-MILE WALK OR A HALF-MILE WALK TO A LOADING STATION FOR MOST FREQUENTLY USED BUS STOPS. THERE ARE EXTREME EQUITY ISSUE WHEN IT COMES TO THAT CASHLESS TRANSITION, AND WE KNOW THAT COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE DEPEND ON CASH WILL NOT BE WELL SERVED BY JUST THE STATION EVERY QUARTER A MILE OR HALF MILE AWAY TO LOAD UP YOUR CAR, BECAUSE THEY WILL NEED TO BE OFTENTIMES LOADING MORE FREQUENTLY THAN NOT AND FOLKS ARE NOT CARRYING LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH WHERE THEY CAN DO ONE DEPOSIT AND RIDE FOR THE WEEK.

ALSO THERE ARE MAJOR CIVIL

RIGHTS ISSUES WHEN IT COMES TO THE ENFORCEMENT PIECE.

THE T IS PLANNING TO USE A PROOF OF PAYMENT SYSTEM WHICH MEANS THEY WON'T CHECK IF YOU GET ON BUT WILL BE RANDOM CHECKS WITH POTENTIALLY POLICE OFFICERS OR OTHERS COMING ON TO THE BUS ASKING PASSENGERS AT RANDOM TO SHOW THAT THEY HAVE PROOF OF PAYMENT AND THEY WILL JUST DO THESE CHECKS AND THEN GIVE A HEAVY PENALTY, A FEE OR FINE IF YOU DON'T HAVE PROOF WHEN THEY ASK YOU FOR IT.

THERE HAVE BEEN QUESTIONS ABOUT WHO WILL DO THE ENFORCEMENT -- WILL IT BE CIVILIANS, THOSE IN UNIFORM, AS WE'RE BEING MINDFUL OF CONCERNS AROUND COMMUNITY TRUST AND RELATIONSHIPS AND EVEN THE POTENTIAL FOR PERCEPTION OF PROFILING.

SO GIVEN THAT THERE ARE MAJOR FINANCIAL BARRIERS FOR RESIDENTS, GIVEN THERE IS MAJOR NEED TO IMPROVE BUS SERVICE PARTICULARLY, GIVEN THERE WILL BE CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES AND EQUITY IMPACTS, WHAT COUNCILLOR JANEY AND I ARE PUTTING FORTH TODAY AND ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IS FOR A CONVERSATION TO TALK ABOUT ONE STEP TO ADDRESS ALL OF THE ISSUES.

THE 28 BUS LINE IS THE MOST HEAVILY USED BUS LINE ON AVERAGE WEEKDAY BASIS, MORE THAN 12,000 RIDERS ON THE AVERAGE WEEKDAY, 45% DO NOT HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE, 534% DON'T OWN A CAR, 65% ARE LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS, AND 90% ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR. THIS BUS ROUTE IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CORRIDOR FOR THE CITY RUNNING FROM MATTAPAN SQUARE TO RUBBLE STATION WHERE RESIDENTS CAN WALK TO A JOB IN THE LONG WOOD MEDICAL AREA, WHICH IS ADDING THOUSANDS OF JOBS EVERY YEAR. SO IF WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE SPEEDING UP OF BUSES ALONG BLUE HILL AVE THAT THE PRESIDENT

AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH CITY ON, THIS WOULD BE A MEASURE THAT WOULD ALSO ENSURE THE PEOPLE HAVE NO BARRIERS TO ACCESS THAT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CORRIDOR.

THIS IS A ROUTE THAT I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION ABILITY.

SECRETARY POLLACK AND I SPOKE YEARS AGO FOR POTENTIAL TO BE PILOTS ON CERTAIN BUS LINES WHEN THE TECHNOLOGY ROLLED OUT. SHE WAS OPEN TO THAT WHEN WE SPOKE ABOUT IT.

THIS IS A WAY TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING WHEN FOLKS SAY IT IS NOT FAIR THAT FARES ARE GOING UP AND IT IS NOT RIGHT THAT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WHICH BENEFITS EVERYONE IS SO HARD TO ACCESS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM PRESIDENT, AND MANY THANKS TO COUNCILLOR WU FOR HER PARTNERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP ON THESE VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES. I WILL KEEP MY REMARKS VERY BRIEF BECAUSE SHE HIT ON SO MANY IMPORTANT POINTS AND ALL THE DATA POINTS.

THE 28 BUS ROUTE IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROUTE AS COUNCILLOR WU HAS ALREADY INDICATED.

CERTAINLY ONE OF THE BUSIEST THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CITY.

IT CONNECTS MATTAPAN TO GROVE HALL TO DUDLEY SQUARE AND THEN TO RUGALS.

IT IS THE BUS ROUTE FOR ME.

I TOOK THE 28 THIS MORNING TO GET HERE TO CITY COUNCIL THIS MORNING.

THIS IS VERY MUCH AN EQUITY ISSUE AND AN ECONOMIC JUSTICE ISSUE FOR THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE.

WE KNOW THAT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, POOR COMMUNITIES SPEND MUCH LONGER TIME IN TERMS OF

THEIR COMMUTE GETTING TO AND FROM WORK OR TO SCHOOL, TO DOCTORS' APPOINTMENTS, ET CETERA, AND WE NEED TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO EASE THAT BURDEN. A CASHLESS FARE WOULD BE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND CERTAINLY IN TERMS OF MOVING THIS BUS MORE QUICKLY, BUT WE CERTAINLY HAVE TO FOLLOW AND MAKE SURE IT IS IMPLEMENTED WITH THE RIGHT INTENTION AROUND EQUITY AND THAT WE ARE NOT ADDING A FURTHER BURDEN FOR THE PEOPLE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO HELP WITH THIS.

I ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS HEARING. I EXPECT IT WILL BE AMAZING AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THAT CONVERSATION.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

>> VERY BRIEFLY, I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF THE MAKERS OF THIS INCREDIBLE ORDINANCE, BUT I ALSO WANTED TO ADD TO THE CONVERSATION BECAUSE I THINK IT IS A MATTER OF MOVING CASHLESS IS AN EQUITY ISSUE AND ENSURING FOLKS USUALLY HAVE TO HAVE A BANK ACCOUNT, HAVING ACCESS TO PULL YOUR MONEY OUT PHYSICALLY WHEN YOU CAN GET IT AND WE'VE SEEN A DEARTH OF BANKS IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES.

GETTING ACCESS TO CASH, THERE ARE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE TO PAY MORE TO GET THE CASH THAT THEY HAVE.

SO I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE, ALSO.

I MEAN, IN AS MUCH AS THE TRAIN HAS ALREADY LEFT AND THEY ARE GOING CASHLESS, WE AS THE CITY OF BOSTON NEED TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHERE TO PROVIDE FOR THE MACHINES TO ALLOW FOLKS TO LOAD UP.

I ENCOURAGE CITY HALL TO BE A LOCATION, THE LIBRARY TO BE A LOCATION, ALL OUR BCYF

FACILITIES TO BE A LOCATION WHERE PEOPLE CAN LOAD CARS. PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PLACES WHERE WE FREQUENT ANYWAY, AND AS MUCH AS THERE IS A PUBLIC SERVICE ENTITY WHERE PEOPLE CAN LOAD CARS TO HELP COMPENSATE WITH EQUITY ISSUE.

I AGREE WITH COUNCILLOR WU THIS WHOLE QUARTER MILE ASSUMPTION PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS AS LONG AS YOU PUT IT WITHIN A QUART MILE ON THE BUS ROUTE I DON'T THINK IS REALISTIC.

I THINK WE CAN STEP UP AS A CITY AND I WOULD LOVE TO WORK WITH THE DIFFERENT PLACES AND PROPERTIES THAT WE HAVE WHERE THE LOAGD STATIONS CAN BE ADDED.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD YOUR NAME?

>> YES, PLEASE.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILLOR EDWARDS' NAME, COUNCILLOR BAKER, FLAHERTY, FLYNN, COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILLOR ZAKIM, AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

I WILL JUST ADD, ON THE -- FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WU, COUNCILLOR JANEY.

I WILL ADD ON THE ACCESSIBILITY PIECE, THERE WAS A LETTER IN THE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PROBABLY A MONTH AGO, SPECIFICALLY LOOKING AT CARD ACCESSIBILITY.

I WAS SAYING TO THE MAYOR WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT EXTENDING IT TO BUSINESS.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS WANTED TO FLAG THAT.

THANK THE MAYOR FOR PARTS POTION OF CITY HALL.

THANK YOU AND THANK YOU AGAIN, COUNCILLOR WU.

DOCKET 0520 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION.

AT THIS TIME I'M GOING TO MOVE ON TO THE GREEN SHEETS TO PULL SOMETHING OUT OF ORDER THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE A VOTE ON THAT WE ACTUALLY NEED THE PARTICIPATION



OF COUNCILLOR WU WHO HAS TO  
EVENTUALLY GET BACK TO JURY  
DUTY.

ANY OBJECTION TO TAKING A DOCKET  
ON THE GREEN SHEETS OUT OF  
ORDER?

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD READ  
THE DOCKET INTO THE GREEN SHEET.

>> THIS IS ON THE ASSIGNED FOR  
FURTHER ACTION PAGE 2 OF THE  
GREEN SHEETS, MESSAGE AND ORDER  
FOR YOUR APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE  
SALE OF CERTAIN PORTION OF  
PUBLIC WAY KNOWN AS GOLD STREET,  
AS SHOWN ON THE PLAN ENTITLED  
CITY OF BOSTON, PUBLIC WORKS  
ENGINEERING DIVISION,  
DISCONTINUANCE PLAN, GOLD STREET  
SOUTH BOSTON, DATED NOVEMBER 9,  
2018, SPECIFICALLY CONTAINING  
6,261 SQUARE FEET, THE  
DISCONTINUED PARCEL.

THIS IS DOCKET 0107, WHICH  
RECEIVED ITS FIRST READING.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.  
COUNCILLOR WU, YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

JUST RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS FIRST  
READING TWO WEEKS AGO, AND WE  
ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE TWO  
WEEKS -- SORRY -- TWO VOTES TWO  
WEEKS APART, AND AS A REFRESHER,  
THIS IS IN COUNCILLOR FLYNN'S  
DISTRICT AND IT WOULD BE GIVING  
THE COMPETITION TO GIVE AN  
UNUSED, TOO NARROW WAY AS TO BE  
EXPANDING THE PUBLIC ACCESS OR  
THE ACCESS POINTS OF TWO  
ABUTTING PROPERTIES WHICH THE  
COUNCIL APPROVED TWO WEEKS AGO.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WU.

AT THIS TIME, WE'LL TAKE A  
SECOND VOTE.

DOCKET 0107.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD CALL  
THE ROLE.

>> COUNCILLOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL, YES.

COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, YES.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, YES.

COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY YES.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN, YES.

COUNCILLOR GARRISON, YES.

COUNCILLOR JANEY, YES.

COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, YES.

COUNCILLOR WU, YES.

COUNCILLOR ZAKIM, YES.

MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET NUMBER

0107 IS (INAUDIBLE).

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

DOCKET 0107 HAS BEEN PASSED.

MOTIONS, ORDERSERS AND

RESOLUTIONS.

IF YOU COULD READ DOCKET 0521.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0521,

COUNCILLORS FLYNN AND FLAHERTY

OFFERED THE FINAL ORDER FOR

HEARING TO DISCUSS CITY SERVICES

AND PUBLIC FACILITIES IN THE

SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT.

>> COUNCILLOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE

THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

MAY I REQUEST TO SUSPEND RULE 12

AND ADD COUNCILLOR WU AS A

SPONSOR?

>> ANY OBSERVED TO SUSPENDING

RULE 12 AND ADDING COUNCILLOR

WU?

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD

COUNCILLOR WU AS A THIRD

ORIGINAL CO-SPONSOR OF DOCKET

0520.

THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> THE SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT

IS A RAPIDLY GROWING AREA OF THE

CITY.

PROJECTIONS FOR 2030 COULD BE

THAT THE POPULATION MIGHT BE AT

30,000 OR 25,000.

CURRENTLY, IT DOESN'T HAVE A

POLICE STATION, IT DOESN'T HAVE

A FIRE STATION.

THE CITY COUNCIL NICK COLLINS

THAT REPRESENTS THE AREA CALLED

FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY WHICH I

SUPPORT, AND ALSO THE RESIDENTS

OF THAT NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD LOVE

TO SEE A COMMUNITY CENTER THERE

AND EVENTUALLY SOME TYPE OF

LOCATION WHERE THERE COULD BE A

POLLING LOCATION AS WELL.

BECAUSE OF THE GROWING

POPULATION, WE ARE CONCERNED

THAT THERE IS NO FIREHOUSE DOWN

IN THE AREA, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SEVERAL FIREHOUSES IN AND AROUND THE DOWNTOWN AREA, INCLUDING SOUTH BOSTON, INCLUDING HIGH STREET AS WELL, THAT, AS WE ALL KNOW, IF THERE IS TRAFFIC ON A FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 5:00, AND THERE'S AN EMERGENCY WITH THE GROWING TRAFFIC IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR A FIRE TRUCK TO GET THERE IN A TIMELY MANNER. WE HAD CONVERSATIONS IN THE PAST, MYSELF AND COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY, WITH THE BOSTON POLICE AND WITH THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL. SO WE'RE OUT ASKING FOR A HEARING BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT HAVE ACCESS TO THE BASIC CITY SERVICES JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD -- POLICE, FIRE, LIBRARY, COMMUNITY SERVICE, COMMUNITY CENTER, AND THAT'S SOMETHING WE WANT TO FOCUS ON AND, AS WE APPROACH THE BUDGET PROCESS, WE WANT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO HAVE SEE WHAT WE POSSIBLY CAN DO TO MAKE THE SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT TO MAKE SURE THAT CITY SERVICES ARE DOWN THERE. I'M GLAD SHE'LL PARTNER WITH COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY WHO HAS WORKED ON THIS ISSUE FOR MANY YEARS IN WITH COUNCILLOR WU HAS ALSO WORKED ON THIS ISSUE FOR MANY YEARS AS WELL. AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY WHEN I WAS YOUNG TO WORK IN THE SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT WHEN THERE WAS ONLY TWO OR THREE BUILDINGS DOWN THERE. I WAS A POPOVER BOY FOR ANTHONY'S AND IT WAS VIRTUALLY NO TRAFFIC DOWN THERE AND NOW IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO GET IN AND OUT OF THERE. SO IT IS A PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERN FOR ME. AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE HEARING AND LOOKING FORWARD TO

WORKING CLOSELY WITH MY  
COLLEAGUES AS WELL.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT  
THROUGH THE CHAIR.

DOES HE HAVE THE RECIPE FOR  
THOSE POPOVERS?

THEY WERE FABULOUS.

BUT I CONCUR WITH THE SPONSOR'S  
COMMENTS, THE SOUTH BOSTON  
WATERFRONT POPULATION WILL  
NEARLY TRIPLE TO \$20,000  
RESIDENTS WITH APPROXIMATELY  
13,000 NEW JOBS COMING INTO THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD ALONE.

SO DESPITE THAT GROWTH AS  
MENTIONED, THERE'S NO SCHOOL, NO  
LIBRARY, NO COMMUNITY CENTER, NO  
FIRE STATION, NO POLICE STATION,  
NO E.M.S. STATION, THEY HAVE NO  
BALL FIELDS IF KIDS WANT TO PLAY  
BASEBALL OR BASKETBALL AND  
THERE'S NOT EVEN A POLLING  
LOCATION.

SO MUCH MORE WORK TO BE DONE.

AS WE'RE HAVING THE  
CONVERSATIONS WITH NEW  
BUSINESSES LOOKING TO LOCATE  
THERE, WITH NEW DEVELOPMENTS AS  
WELL AS NEW RESTAURANTS, WE  
SHOULD ALSO BE HAVING A  
DISCUSSION ABOUT THE BASIC CITY  
SERVICES AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE  
RESIDENTS DOWN IN SOUTH BOSTON  
WATERFRONT'S QUALITY OF LIFE.  
SO IT'S THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE I  
KNOW.

ED AND I ARE DOWN THERE MEETING  
WITH RESIDENTS.

LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXPEDITED  
HEARING.

LET'S HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH  
MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS AND MAKE SURE  
THEY CAN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR  
CITY TO IDENTIFY LOCATIONS IN  
AROUND THE SOUTH WATERFRONT  
WHERE WE HAVE BASIC CITY  
SERVICES AND AMENITIES THAT WILL  
MAKE THE WORLD LOOK DIFFERENT.  
LOOK FORWARD TO THE HEARING.  
THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR  
FLAHERTY.  
COUNCILLOR WU, HAVE THE FLOOR.  
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE  
TWO SPONSORS WHO HAVE BEEN  
PARTNERED AND ADD MY NAME, ECHO  
EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD DESERVES NOT  
JUST SERVICES AND ACCESS TO  
THOSE SERVICES BUT JUST  
GATHERING SPACES FOR PEOPLE TO  
CREATE COMMUNITY AND  
PARTICULARLY FOR A SUB  
NEIGHBORHOOD THAT HAS BEEN AT  
THE UP CENTER OF EXTREMELY RAPID  
DEVELOPMENT AND WHERE RESIDENTS  
FELT THEIR DESIRE TO KEEP THE  
IMPROVEMENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
SERVICES AND AMENITIES TO KEEP  
GOING AT THE SAME PACE  
DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN GOING, THAT  
THERE'S BEEN MORE GROWTH OF BIG  
GLASS TOWERS AND LESS SO THEIR  
CONCERNS HAVE BEEN ITERATED OVER  
AND OVER AGAIN THEY NEED ACCESS  
TO A LIBRARY AND SCHOOLS AND  
EVERYTHING ELSE THAT A  
NEIGHBORHOOD SHOULD HAVE.  
AS A DEVELOPMENT PROCESS HAS  
BEEN GOING, IT'S BEEN  
FRUSTRATING FOR THEM TO NOT EVEN  
HAVE SPACES TO GATHER TO  
ORGANIZE, TO AMPLIFY THEIR  
VOICES, TO HAVE THAT FEEDBACK  
INTO THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.  
SO THERE ARE MANY REASONS AND  
MANY RIPPLE EFFECTS ABILITY WHAT  
HAPPENS WHEN THERE ISN'T  
COMMUNITY SPACE.  
FINALLY, THE PUSH ON THIS  
COUNCIL EITHER TO SPLIT  
PRECINCTS OR REPRECINCT THE CITY  
OVERALL, THERE'S ONE BIG  
CHALLENGE WITH THE SEAPORT,  
SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT AREA,  
WHICH IS THERE IS NO PLACE THE  
POLLING LOCATION CAN GO EXCEPT  
MAYBE DISTRICT HALL AND THAT IS  
A QUASI PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP WHERE  
THE LEASE IS ABOUT TO EXPIRE AND  
HAS NOT BEEN PUSHED BACK, BUT  
THERE'S NOT A PLACE WHERE  
RESIDENTS WHO NEED TO VOTE COULD  
NECESSARILY GO TO DO THAT RIGHT  
AWAY.

NOW SENATOR COLLINS HAS PROPOSED  
A LOT OF OTHER IDEAS LIKE A  
LIBRARY OR INFORMATION CENTER,  
AND, SO, WE JUST NEED THAT  
PHYSICAL SPACE IN THE  
CONVERSATION ABOUT IT.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WU.  
COUNCILLOR BAKER, YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
POINT OF CLARIFICATION.

COLLINS IS A SENATOR, I WORKED  
PRETTY HARD TO GET HIM THERE,  
BUT THIS HEARING ORDER IS LONG  
OVERDUE IN THE NICEST WAY  
POSSIBLE.

YOU KNOW, RIGHT?

(LAUGHTER)

SENATOR COLLINS HAS BEEN DOING  
THIS FOR A WHILE AND THIS  
HEARING IS LONG OVERDUE FOR US  
TO SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS AND  
IDEAS.

WE SHOULD AT LEAST BE LOOKING AT  
IT WHERE WE SAY EVERYBODY SHOULD  
HAVE PARKS, LIBRARIES, PUBLIC  
REALM SPACE FOR THEMSELVES AND  
IT'S TIME WE ARE TALKING ABOUT  
ABOUT THIS.

I DO LOVE A NICE POPOVER, TOO.

>> ADD YOUR NAME COUNCILLOR  
BAKER.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP  
COUNCILLORS FLYNN AND FLAHERTY  
ON THIS CONVERSATION.

OUTRIGHT, THEY WILL BE LOOKING  
AT YOU BECAUSE WE'RE EXPECTING A  
MASSIVE POPULATION GROWTH AND  
THE STANDARDS THAT YOU WILL SET  
FROM THIS HEARING, I HOPE THAT  
YOU WILL CONSIDER SETTING  
STANDARDS FOR EITHER EVERY  
AMOUNT OF PEOPLE, THRRBLED BE A  
BALL FIELD, THERE ARE CHILDREN  
OR SOME SORT OF SAFETY MECHANISM  
OR AN AMBULANCE.

WE HAD TO FIGHT SO HARD FOR THE  
EXTRA AMBULANCE WE GOT, AND THAT  
SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A FIGHT.  
OUR POPULATION SHOWED WE NEEDED  
IT, MASS PORT WAS SHARING IT  
WITH US.

NOT ONLY DOES THIS CONVERSATION DEAL WITH THE WATERFRONT IN YOUR DISTRICT BUT MAKING SURE THAT AS OUR COMMUNITIES GROW, AND THEY ALL GROW, CERTAIN STANDARDS COME OUT OF THAT TO MAKE SURE THAT NO MATTER HOW WITH THE CERTAIN ORDINANCE OR WHATEVER WE PASS, WE WILL BE ASSURED THAT THE POPULATION GROWTH, WE WILL BE PROVIDING THE STRUCTURE TO GO WITH IT.

I CAN POINT OUT CHARLESTOWN LOOKING AT THE BUNKER HILL DEVELOPMENT, TRIPLING IN SIZE AS WELL, AND HOW THE MAKE SURE EVERY COMMUNITY GETS THEIR FAIR SHARE.

WE WILL BE RESPONDING AND ACTING AFTER THE FACT AND BE FIGHTING FOR AN AMBULANCE YEARS AFTER THE FACT THAT WE NEEDED ONE, AND WE ALMOST LOST A CHILD BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE APPROPRIATE AMBULANCE RESOURCES IN EAST BOSTON.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. I HOPE WE CAN GET STANDARDS FOR THE GROWTH OF BOSTON.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILLOR BAKER, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, COUNCILLOR GARRISON, COUNCILLOR JANEY, COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILLOR ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

DOCKET 0521 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION. MOVING ON TO PERSONNEL ORDERS.

>> DOCKET 0522, COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

>> JUST A MINUTE.

(INAUDIBLE).

GO AHEAD, MADAM CLERK.

DOCKET 0522, COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

>> COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0522.

( VOTING )

THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 0522  
HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0523,  
COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL FOR  
COUNCILLOR GARRISON --  
>> COUNCILLOR GARRISON SEEKS  
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND  
PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0523.

( VOTING )

THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 0523  
HAS BEEN PASSED.

COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION IF  
THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO DOCKET  
0518.

LIKE TO ADD MY NAME ADDED TO  
0518.

>> ANY OBJECTION?

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD  
COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY AS WELL AS  
WU TO 0518.

IN A POINT OF CLARIFICATION  
THROUGH THE CHAIR OUR COLLEAGUES  
DID RESEARCH SO THE GENTLEMAN  
MENTIONED IN THE FIFTH, I THINK  
IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE BECAUSE  
OTHERS MAY NOT HAVE SIGNED ON TO  
IT AND THEY SIGN ON IF THEY FIND  
OUT THE REASON WHY THIS INCIDENT  
HAPPENED.

>> OKAY, BUT I WOULD SAY I DON'T  
WANT TO GO ANY FURTHER BECAUSE  
WE WANT TO TRY TO GET THROUGH  
THIS MEETING, OBVIOUSLY.

IF OTHERS WANTS TO SIGN ON OR  
HAVE QUESTIONS, THEY CAN TALK  
THROUGH LANGUAGE TO COUNCILLOR  
ZAKIM.

BUT AT THIS POINT WANT TO MOVE  
FOR RECONSIDERATION, ADD YOUR  
NAME, COUNCILLOR WU AND MOVE ON  
TO THE REST OF THE DOCKETS.

MINDFUL OF A LUNCH DATE  
SCHEDULED WITH ONE OF OUR  
COLLEAGUES.

THANK YOU COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY  
AND WU.

MOVING ON TO LATE FILES.

AT THIS POINT, I AM INFORMED BY  
THE CLERK THERE ARE THREE LATE  
FILES -- ACTUALLY THREE LATE  
FILES WHICH IN THE ABSENCE OF



OBJECTION WILL BE ADDED TO  
TODAY'S AGENDA.

HEARING AND SEEING NO  
OBJECTIONS, THE THREE LATE FILE  
MATTERS ARE -- ARE ADDED.  
MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD READ  
THE FIRST INTO THE RECORD.

>> FROM THE OFFICE OF BOSTON  
CITY COUNCILLOR MICHELLE WU,  
DEAR MADAM CLERK, I AM WRITING  
TO INFORM YOU AM UNABLE TO  
ATTEND THE FULL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING TODAY BECAUSE I AM  
SELECTED TO SERVE ON A JURY.  
I WILL DO MY BEST TO ATTEND PART  
OF THE MEETING IF THE COURT  
SCHEDULE ALLOWS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, DON'T  
HESITATE TO CONTACT ME,  
SINCERELY, MICHELLE WU, BOSTON  
CITY COUNCILLOR AT LARGE.

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

A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, ALL  
THREE OF THESE ARE NOTIFICATIONS  
FROM COLLEAGUES WHO ARE EITHER  
LATE OR ABSENT ON THE THIRD OF  
THE PERSONNEL ORDER.

THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T SEE THEM.  
THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

>> YOU'RE WELCOME.

FROM THE OFFICE OF BOSTON CITY  
COUNCILLOR AT LARGE ANNISSA  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, MARCH 12, 2019,  
DEAR MADAM CLERK, PRESIDENT  
CAMPBELL AND COLLEAGUES, PLEASE  
BE ADVISED THAT I WILL BE ABSENT  
FROM THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON  
FEBRUARY 13, 2019.

I AM CURRENTLY IN TUNISIA  
PARTICIPATING IN A PEER EXCHANGE  
PROGRAM TO THE ARAB-AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE.

DESPITE MY ABSENCE, I WOULD LIKE  
TO OFFER MY SUPPORT FOR DOCKET  
NUMBER 0139, AN ORDINANCE  
REGARDING GOOD FOOD PURCHASING  
STANDARDS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.  
ANNISSA ESSAIBI-GEORGE,  
COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE.

>> THE SECOND LATE FILE MATTER  
WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

>> THIRD LATE FILE MATTER IN  
CANALS MARCH 11, 2019,

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL FOR  
COUNCILLOR GARRISON.

>> THE THIRTY LATE FILE MATTER  
WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

I APOLOGIZE, IT WILL NOT BE  
PLACED ON FILE.

I THINK THIS PERSON WOULD LIKE  
TO BE PAID.

SO THE THIRD LATE FILE MATTER  
WHICH IS A PERSONNEL ORDER TO  
COUNCILLOR GARRISON'S OFFICE, MY  
APOLOGIZE.

THE THIRD LATE FILE MATTER, ALL  
THOSE IN FAVOR TO HAVE THE  
PASSAGE OF THE THIRD LATE FILE  
MATTER --

( VOTING )

THE THIRD LATE FILE MATTER HAS  
BEEN PASSED.

ANYONE LOOKING TO REMOVE  
ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE  
GREEN SHEETS MAY DO SO AT THIS  
TIME.

MOVING RIGHT ALONG, MOVING ON TO  
THE CONSENT AGENDA, AND I AM  
INFORMED BY THE CLERK THAT THERE  
ARE NO LATE FILES FOR THE  
CONSENT AGENDA.

SO THE CHAIR MOVES FOR ADOPTION  
OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AT THIS  
TIME.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF ADOPTION  
SAY AYE.

( VOTING )

THE AYES HAVE IT, THE CONSENT  
AGENDA IS ADOPTED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS?

COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, YOU HAVE  
THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
I ASK FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO  
MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT.

>> ANY OBJECTION?

YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
I JUST WANTED TO REMIND ALL  
COLLEAGUES AND ASSEMBLED GUESTS  
AND THOSE WATCHING THAT TOMORROW  
WE'LL BE HOSTING THE FLAG  
RAISING FOR IRELAND.

AROUND 11:00, WE'LL BEGIN WITH A  
WONDERFUL PROGRAM IN THE  
PIAMONTE ROOM.

WE HAVE GREAT FOOD, IRISH STEP

DANCERS, BAGPIPES, A CHOIR.  
THE CONSUL GENERAL FROM IRELAND  
WILL JOIN US.  
SEAN KINE, A MINISTER FOR THE  
IRISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE HERE.  
THE FLAG RAISING SHOULD BE  
AROUND 12:30, QUARTER OF 1:00,  
IS JOIN US.  
SHOULD BE A GREAT EVENT AS WE  
KICK OFF THE HIGH HOLIDAY  
WEEKEND.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
MADAM PRESIDENT.  
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR  
O'MALLEY.  
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.  
>> THANK YOU.  
I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FOR  
UNANIMOUS CONSENT.  
>> COUNCILLOR.  
I'M HERE WITH VERY SAD NEWS.  
I WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THE  
PASSING OF A GIANT IN EAST  
BOSTON.  
MARY ELLEN WELCH LEFT US LAST  
WEEK.  
SHE WAS A FOURTH GENERATION EAST  
BOSTONNIAN.  
HER FAMILY REACHES ALL THE WAY  
BACK TO WHEN EAST BOSTON WAS  
IRISH BEFORE IT BECAME ITALIAN,  
BEFORE NOW TODAY IT IS A LATINO  
COMMUNITY MAJORITY.  
WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE NEWS LAST  
WEEK, I HAVE NEVER DEEPLY CRIED  
SO MUCH FOR SOMEONE'S LOSS IN MY  
DISTRICT BECAUSE SHE KNEW ME  
BEFORE I KNEW ME.  
SHE WAS A SUPPORTER OF ME AND  
ASSUMPTION I COULD DO SOMETHING  
IN POLITICS BEFORE I KNEW I  
WOULD.  
MARY ANN WELCH, THE CLOSEST  
COMPARISON IS SHE IS EAST  
BOSTON'S MELANIE CASS.  
SHE'S THE REASON WHY WE HAVE THE  
GREENWAY.  
SHE'S THE REASON WHY THE AIRPORT  
RESPECTS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.  
SHE IS THE REASON WHY SO MANY  
FOLKS KNOW THAT EAST BOSTON HAS  
A VIBRANT, ACTIVE COMMUNITY.  
AIR, INC. GOING AGAINST THE

AIRPORT TO THIS DAY IS BECAUSE  
OF HER.  
NOAH IS BECAUSE OF HER.  
SO MANY THINGS COME FROM HER.  
SHE IS ONE OF THE MAVERICK  
STREET MOTHERS, AND WE'RE LOSING  
THEM ON A REGULAR BASIS.  
THE GREAT OAKS ARE FALLING, AND  
IT'S A FRIGHTENING MOMENT FOR A  
LOT OF US BECAUSE HER LEADERSHIP  
AND HER ACTIVISM HAS BEEN SUCH A  
GUIDING LIGHT FOR US.  
WE ALWAYS KNEW WE WOULD BE OKAY  
BECAUSE MARY ELLEN WELCH IS  
THERE.  
WHO'S ON THE SITE?  
MARY ELLEN WELCH.  
WHO IS WILLING TO PUT HER BODY  
ON THE HIGHWAY TO STOP THE  
AIRPORT EXPANSION WITH OTHER  
MOTHERS,?  
MARY ELLEN WELCH.  
SHE IS THE KIND OF ACTIVISM  
WE'VE INHERITED.  
SHE IS NOT ONLY A MEMBER OF THE  
MAVERICK STREET MOTHERS.  
SHE WAS CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR MEL  
KING WHEN HE WAS RUNNING.  
SHE WAS PROGRESSIVE BEFORE IT  
WAS TOOL.  
SHE TOOK THE HIT PROUDLY BECAUSE  
IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.  
THERE'S NO WAY TO REALLY EVER  
DESCRIBE THE LOSS THAT WE HAVE  
AND FEEL AS A COMMUNITY.  
AND IN TYPICAL MARY ELLEN WELCH  
STYLE, SHE DOESN'T WANT A GREAT  
MEMORIAL.  
SHE WANTS US TO KEEP MOVING.  
SHE WANTS US TO KEEP GOING AND  
KEEP FIGHTING.  
IT IS THROUGH HER AND THAT  
INSPIRATION THAT I KEEP MOVING  
FORWARD AND NEVER APOLOGIZE FOR  
EVER STANDING UP FOR THIS  
NEIGHBORHOOD.  
MARY ELLEN WELCH IS A GIANT.  
SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.  
I TRULY BELIEVE EVERY TIME EAST  
BOSTON OR BOSTON HAS A CHALLENGE  
OR INHALES JUSTICE, SHE IS WITH  
US.  
I THANK YOU TODAY FOR MY  
COLLEAGUES FOR SIGNING THIS

MEMORIAL.

THIS WILL BE GIVEN TO HER FAMILY  
TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY  
UNDERSTAND THAT WE KNOW WHO HAS  
TRANSITIONED.

AND I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE  
THAT THIS BODY DIDN'T GO BY  
WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING HER  
PRESENCE AND HER LOSS.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR  
EDWARDS.

COUNCILLOR BAKER, YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
QUICKLY, I WANTED TO INVITE  
EVERYONE TO OUR LUNCH TODAY.  
WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT MIND,  
BODY TECHNIQUES.

THIS ORGANIZATION IS IN PINE  
STREET'S WOMEN'S END, STATE  
HOSPITAL.

THE WOMEN'S RECOVERY PROGRAM,  
RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOLS, THEIR  
PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE BOYS AND  
GIRLS CLUB AND THEY'RE ALSO  
TOURING THE THOMAS SPA THIS  
AFTERNOON WITH THE DOCTOR FROM  
B.M.C. THAT'S GOING TO IMPLEMENT  
THE PROGRAM.

HOPEFULLY EVERYONE CAN COME.  
INVITE YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF AND  
EVERYBODY ELSE THAT'S  
INTERESTED.

EVERYTHING WE DO, THE ROOT OF  
OUR SOCIETAL ISSUES, YOU CAN  
TRACE BACK TO TRAUMA.  
UNTIL WE START DEALING WITH THAT  
DOWN ON THE BASE, WE'RE GOING TO  
CONTINUE WITH THESE PROBLEMS  
THAT WE HAVE.

SO PLEASE COME AND LET PEOPLE  
KNOW IF THEY WANT TO BE  
INTERESTED IF THEY WANT TO COME  
AND LISTEN.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR BAKER.  
AND JUST ONE QUICK NOTE TODAY IS  
OUR LOVELY CAREY JORDAN FROM  
CENTRAL STAFF, IT'S HIS  
BIRTHDAY.

SO HAPPY BIRTH AT A TO CARRIY.  
WE CAN'T DO THIS WORK WITHOUT  
HIM.

A POINT BEFORE I MOVE ON TO

MEMORIALS, OBVIOUSLY WE HAD RESIDENTS SHOW UP TODAY FOR -- TO VOICE THEIR CONCERN AND TO PROTEST, AND WE'RE ALL FOR PROTEST, AND I JUST WANTED SAY WE APPRECIATE YOUR PASSION. WE APPRECIATE THE WAY IN WHICH YOU DID THE PROTEST TODAY. JUST TO A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, THERE HAD BEEN A COLLEAGUE IN COMMUNICATION WITH SOME OF THE FOLKS RELATED TO THIS ISSUE. PREVIOUS TO THE PROTEST THAT TOOK PLACE A FEW WEEKS AGO, AND WHO HAD ACTUALLY COMMITTED TO DOING A HEARING. SO I THINK THE ONE PREVIOUS I THINK WAS ABOUT INDIVIDUALS VERSUS THE ISSUE. TODAY I THINK WAS ABOUT THE ISSUE. SO I JUST WANTED TO FRAG THAT EVERYONE HERE, I THINK, IS PASSIONATE -- I KNOW IS PASSIONATE ABOUT THE WORK, PASSIONATE ABOUT PEOPLE HAVING A SPACE AND A PLATFORM TO SHARE WHATEVER IS ON THEIR HEARTS WITH RESPECT TO THIS CITY. EACH OF US IS WORKING IN DIFFERENT WAYS TO CLOTHE INEQUITIES AND GAPS TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR OR SOME OF THE POOREST COMMUNITIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON HAVE A VOICE, THAT THEIR STORIES ARE SHARED, THAT THEY HAVE A PLATFORM. SO I WANTED TO APPLAUD MY COLLEAGUES IN PARTICULAR FOR THE WORK YOU DO EVERY SINGLE DAY THAT OFTEN DOESN'T GET THE RECOGNITION IT PROBABLY DESERVES, TO ALSO APPLAUD THE PROTEST TODAY AND THANK YOU FOR HOW YOU SHOWED UP IN THE CHAMBER TODAY AND AT SOME POINT LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THAT PASSION SHOW UP FOR SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES WE'RE WORKING ON WHETHER AROUND DIVERSITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, EQUITY IN BUSINESS, OUR VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH,

HOMELESSNESS, MAKING SURE THAT EVERY STUDENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON HAS A QUALITY EDUCATION. THE LIST IS LONG AS COUNCILLORS WORK, AND THE FIGHTS ARE SOMETIMES BEHIND THE SCENES ON BEHALF OF OUR CON STITCH WEDNESDAY.

SO I THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND STAFF AS WELL.

THANK THE TEAMS AND INTERNS. THOSE WHO ARE UNDERWORKED AND UNDERPAID, WE OFTEN SAY THAT, THANK YOU TO YOU GUYS.

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS COMING BACK TO CITY HALL TO DO THIS DIFFICULT WORK.

IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY.

THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE GUEST, STAFF AND COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE RISE AS WE ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING IN MEMORY TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: FOR COUNCILLOR JANEY, OLA FIELDS.

FOR COUNCILLOR FLYNN AND FLAHERTY, JODY LOWANGO.

FOR COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, EDNER MCGINNIS.

ELLEN LEE MCCARTHY, GRACE WESLINE AND FOR ALL COUNCILLORS, MARY ELLEN WELSH.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.

THANK YOU.

THE CHAIR MOVES THAT WHEN THE COUNCILLOR ADJOURNS TODAY IT DOES SO IN MEMORY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN IN THIS CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 20th AT 12 NOON.

( VOTING )

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE COUNCIL IS ADJOURNED.