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WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE EACH AND EVERY CHILD AND MAKE SURE WE GIVE THE WRAP-AROUND SUPPORT BECAUSE WE KNOW AS I KNOW THAT THE ISSUES IN THIS CITY ARE INTERSECTIONAL.

THEY SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED TO THE CARE OF A PARENT.

SO I CONTINUE WITH MY STATEMENT. I HAD TO GET THAT OFF MY CHEST. I KNOW THE CITY AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY ARE WORKING HARD EACH AND EVERY DAY.

OUR PARENTS ARE ROCK STARS. THEY ARE.

IS THE CITY OF BOSTON IS APPROXIMATELY 53% PEOPLE OF COLOR.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMPRISES OF 75% BLACK AND BROWN CHILDREN AND 85% CHILDREN OF COLOR.

WHEN IT COMES TO OUR THREE EXAM SCHOOLS, WE'RE UNDERREPRESENTED.

ONLY 20% ARE IN ENROLLED IN THE HISTORIC BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL.

THIS IS EVIDENCE OF RACIAL INEQUITY AND THIS IS A PARTICULAR EVIDENCE OF THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO CHANGE THE NARRATIVE IN BOSTON.

AND REALLY THE QUESTION THAT I WANT TO ASK IS DO WE WANT TO BE A CITY THAT IS ONLY EQUITABLE RHETORICALLY OR DO WE WANT A CITY THAT IS EQUITABLE IN RE

REALITY.

I APPLAUD BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR IMPLEMENTING ISEE AND I APPLAUD THE EXAM SCHOOL INITIATIVE.

I BELIEVE IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN CONVENIENCE TO SOLVE THE RACIAL GAPS.

I DON'T COME WITH CRITIQUES.

I COME WITH SUGGESTIONS.

FIRST, I SUGGEST WE ELIMINATE

THE EXAM ALTOGETHER.

IT'S BEEN PROVEN THAT ACADEMIC SUCCESS IS A GREAT INDICATOR OF WHAT A YOUNG PERSON WILL DO IN THEIR FUTURE.

ELITE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS HAVE DELETED THE ACT AND THE SAT ALTOGETHER.

THEY BELIEVE THAT AN ACADEMIC RECORD IS BETTER THAN A STANDARDIZED TEST SCORE OR ACADEMIC INDICATOR OF WHERE THEY STAND INTELLECTUALLY.

NUMBER, I SUGGEST IF WE HAVE TO KEEP THE EXAM, BPS MUST EXPAND THE SCOPE OF ADMISSIONS TO CONSIDER FACTORS BEYOND THE ISEE.

STUDENTS ARE GREATER THAN TEST SCORES AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED HOLISTICALLY AND NOT NUMERICALLY.

IF WE'RE GOING TO ADMINISTER THE ISEE, WE HAVE TO GET EVERY STUDENT READY FOR THE TEST.

STUDENTS MUST TAKE AN EXAMPLE AT THEIR OWN RISK BECAUSE THE CURRICULUM THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN DISADVANTAGES THEM ON THIS TEST.

AND USUALLY ONLY THE STUDENTS WHO ARE ABLE TO GET THOSE EXTRA RESOURCES, THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO GET THE PRIVATE TESTING AND THOSE ABLE TO GET THE SUPPORT THEY NEED HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE TO DO WELL ON THIS EXAM.

I IMPLORER TO GET OUR STUDENTS THE EDUCATION THEY NEED RATHER THAN THINGS OUTSIDE OF THEIR CONTROL.

AT LAST, WHEN OUR CHILDREN DO GET TO THE EXAM SCHOOLS, THE CITY SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY'RE SUPPORTED AND THAT THEY'RE NOT WALKING INTO HOSTILE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENTS.

I IMPLORER THE CITY TO MAKE SURE THERE'S CULTURAL PROFICIENCY AND CULTURAL CONFIDENCE ON THE PART OF ALL EDUCATORS THAT WORK WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, BPS

SHOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH FORWARD
THE WORK OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY
SUSTAINING PRACTICES.

AS I CLOSE ON THIS DAY, I WANT
TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT
NARROWS IN CONVERSATION.
NARROWED SO MUCH SO THAT WE
MESSAGE THROUGH YOUNG PEOPLE
THAT IF THEY DO NOT ATTEND THESE
SCHOOLS, THEIR EDUCATION IS
SUBPAR.

I'M REMINDED OF THE YOUNG LADY I
WORKED WITH IN THE NAACP AND
TRANSFER FROM BOSTON LATIN TO
ANOTHER BPS SCHOOL.
EVERYONE TOLD HER SHE HAD JUST
LOST OUT ON THE GREAT
OPPORTUNITY IN LIFE.
THAT HER CHANCES OF SUCCESS WERE
GREATLY DIMINISHED THAT
SHOULDN'T BE THE MESSAGE WE'RE
GIVING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.
THAT SHOULDN'T BE WHAT WE'RE
TELLING THEM.

AND I HOPE TO WORK WITH EACH AND
EVERY ONE OF YOU TO MAKE SURE
WE'RE RACING THE STANDARD OF OUR
SCHOOLS AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
GIVING THE SAME PRIDE TO THE
EXAM SCHOOLS TO EACH AND EVERY
SCHOOL IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
I CLOSE ON THIS AS A PROUD
PUBLIC SCHOOL PRODUCT THAT WENT
ON TO GEORGETOWN, NORTHEAST
SCHOOL OF LAW.

I ASK THAT WE COME TOGETHER AND
LET'S MOVE THE BALL ALONG TO
ENSURE THAT EQUITY IS THERE FOR
ALL OF OUR STUDENTS.
SO I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR
TIME.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
TO BRING THIS CONVERSATION
FORWARD.

AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
WITH EACH OF YOU TO CHANGE THE
NARRATIVE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON,
TO CLOSE OPPORTUNITY AND
ACHIEVEMENT GAPS AND TO MAKE
SURE WE'RE CREATING A MORE
EQUITABLE CITY FOR OUR CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THANK YOU, MARE, MADAM PRESIDENT
AND COUNCILLOR JANEY.
WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE STEPS THAT
HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN AN EFFORT TO
MOVE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN A
DIRECTION OF PROVIDING
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR ALL
STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF RACE,
GENDER, LANGUAGE, ECONOMIC
STATUS, DISABILITY OR INCOME.
I ALSO WANT TO KNOW THAT THE
PILOTED EXCELLENT FOR ALL
PROGRAM IS A PROMISING PRACTICE
AND WE HOPE THAT IT IS EXPANDED.
BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS A RICH
DIVERSITY.
WE HEARD THE FIGURES IN TERMS OF
THE DISPARITY.
IF WE ARE TO LOOK AT THE
PATTERNS OF UNDERREPRESENTATION
WITHIN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
EXAM SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS PROCESS,
WE MUST DO A FACT-BASED ANALYSIS
OF WHAT DRIVES THESE
DISPARITIES.
FOR EXAMPLE, BPS HAS A
REQUIREMENT ON SUCCESS MUNICIPAL
BIDS THAT ASKS FOR
"DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT THAT
ASSESSMENTS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR
A DIVERSE POPULATION."
ALSO, WITHIN THE BIDDING
PROCESS, BPS TYPICALLY ELICITS
BIDS FROM MULTIPLE VENDORS AND
USUALLY APPROVES THE QUALIFYING
VENDOR WITH THE LOWEST BID.
YET SINCE 2012, OVER THREE
ADMINISTRATIONS BPS HAS AWARDED
SOLE CONTRACTS TO THE
EDUCATIONAL RECORDS BUREAU, ERB,
THE NONPROFIT BEHIND INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM ISEE TO THE
TUNE OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WITH
NO ELICITED BIDS FROM OTHER TEST
VENDORS.
SO WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?
WELL, ACCORDING TO A GBH REPORT
BUT MALI BORGAN, "THE ERBs 2017
STUDY LACKS SUFFICIENT SAMPLE
SIZES OF STUDENTS OF COLOR TO
MAKE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT HOW A
HIGH SCORE ON AN ENTRANCE TEST
CORRESPONDED TO THEIR

PERFORMANCE IN HIGH SCHOOL."

ALSO, WE HEARD ABOUT THE RAPPORT REPORT BY DR. GOODMAN WHERE IT STATES "MANY TALENTED BLACK AND HISPANIC STUDENTS IN BPS DO NOT ENROLL AT EXAM SCHOOLS DUE TO VARIOUS FACTORS THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO EXCEED IN THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS."

WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT THE ISEE IS NOT IN LINE IN STUDENTS TO BE TAUGHT.

RESOURCES TO MANIPULATE THE SYSTEM TO THEIR CHILD'S ADVANTAGE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN BLACK AND LATINEX STUDENTS LACK THE SAME RESOURCES AND PROMOTE EXTORTION AND DENY ACCESS, WE CONTEND THAT IF WE ARE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, THE KEY CLUE OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF THE EXAM SCHOOLS ADMISSION PROCESS ON BLACK AND LATINEX STUDENTS, WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO EXAMINE ALL CONTRIBUTING FACTORS, NOT JUST DO THIN SLICING.

FOR EXAMPLE, DISPROPORTIONATE ACCESS TO SCHOOL PLACEMENT. WE ARGUE THE DISPROPORTIONALITY IN THE SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS PROCESS IS REPRESENTATIVE OF DISPARITIES THAT EXIST THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

WE KNOW THAT THERE'S NOTHING MORE POWERFUL THAN PROVIDING ALL STUDENTS WITH ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTION, YET BLACK AND BROWN STUDENTS HAVE LESS ACCESS TO LEVEL ONE SCHOOLS.

ALSO, SCHOOLS LOCATED IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN BOSTON LACK SUFFICIENT RESOURCES, INEQUITABLY FUNDED AND DISPROPORTIONATELY CLOSED.

FURTHER, THE RESEARCH INFORMS US WHEN A DISTRICT EMPLOYS A QUANTITY OF EDUCATORS, THE RESULTS CAN BE DRAMATIC IN GRADES, OUTCOMES, GRADUATION RATES AND COLLEGE READINESS FOR ALL STUDENTS ESPECIALLY BLACK AND BROWN STUDENTS.

WE YET CONTINUALLY FIND THAT

BLACK TEACHERS ARE NOT BEING HIRED OR RETAINED IN BPS IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CONTINUE TO BE LACKING.

WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS IF WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF ENROLLMENT DATA.

IF WE ASK THE QUESTIONS WHY ARE SO SOME FEW BLACK AND LATINEX STUDENTS, WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO PROBE WHY ARE THERE SO MANY BLACK AND LATINEX STUDENTS LABELLED WITH HIGH INCIDENT DISABILITIES ENROLLED IN SUBSTANTIALLY SEPARATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

WE MUST ALSO ASK WHY ARE SO MANY BLACK AND LATINEX MALES ENROLLED IN SEGREGATED SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS IN BOSTON LIKE THE THREE MCKINLEY SCHOOLS.

IF WE LOOK AT DISPROPORTIONALITY, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL PATTERNS OF EXCLUSION AND SEGREGATION BECAUSE THESE ARE SYSTEMATIC ISSUES OF INEQUITY THAT IMPACT WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH REGARD TO THE EXAM SCHOOL PROCESS.

IN ORDER TO CONFRONT ISSUES OF UNDERREPRESENTATION, WE MUST CONFRONT QUALITY OF INSTRUCTION ISSUES, GROUPING AND LABELLING PRACTICES, SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT, STAFFING ISSUES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT.

WE HAVE TO ENGAGE IN SCHOOL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SCHOOL CLOSURES AND FUNDING AS THESE ARE ALL INTERRELATED AND THUS IMPACTING EXAM SCHOOL ADMISSION.

WE HAVE TO EXAMINE AND CHANGE HOUSE -- HOW THESE ISSUES SHOUT OUT STUDENTS THAT ARE BLACK AND BROWN.

WE HAVE TO ASK HOW DO BPS POLICIES AND PRACTICES PERPETUATE THESE DISPARITIES. HOW DOES A FIELD OF RESEARCH INFORM US ABOUT CORRECTING THESE INEQUITIES.

MOVING THE DISTRICT TOWARDS CHANGE THAT WOULD ELIMINATE THESE DISPARITIES HAS BEEN LIKE

HARNESSING THE WIND.

HOWEVER, RESEARCH INFORMS US THAT CHANGING THE NARRATIVE IS CLEARLY POSSIBLE IF OPINIONS CAN MAKE CHANGES TO POLICIES THAT FUEL RACE-BASED OPPORTUNITY GAPS.

WE CONTEND THAT A TEST ON WHAT IS CAUGHT, NOT ON WHAT IS BOUGHT, ALONG WITH OTHER RESEARCH PRACTICES WITH KNOWLEDGE AND HONOR THE GIFTS AND TALENTS OF ALL BPS STUDENTS, NOT JUST SOME.

I MUST MAKE A STATEMENT ABOUT A COMMENT THAT WAS MADE ABOUT STUDENTS AT THE EXAM SCHOOLS WITH DISABILITIES.

I WORKED AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATOR IN BPS FOR MANY YEARS.

THAT IS AN INTRACTABLE CONTINUING PROBLEM IN THAT STUDENTS DO GET IN, BUT WHEN THEY REQUIRE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS SUCH AS A NOTE TAKER IF THEY STRUCKLE WITH EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING, WHICH IS PRIMARILY ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS AND TIME MANAGEMENT, SOMETIMES THEY FALTER.

SO WE NEED TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE IN THE EXAM SCHOOLS AS WELL AND HOW THE DISTRICT NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN THOSE ENVIRONMENTS AND BE SUCCESSFUL.

THANKS VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

LAUREN, DO YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

>> I'LL BE BRIEF, I THINK.

THERE'S A COUPLE THINGS I'LL POINT OUT.

ONE IS THAT WE HEAR THIS COMMENTS FROM MULTIPLE FOLKS THAT SAY THIS IS MORE THAN JUST EXAM SCHOOLS.

THIS IS ABOUT ENSURING EQUITY ACROSS BPS, THIS IS JUST PART OF A LARGER EFFORT BY GROUPS LIKE OURS, LIKE THE NAACP TO WORK

TOGETHER ACROSS BPS TO ENSURE EQUITY FOR THINGS RANGING FROM TRANSPORTATION, TO TESTING IN GENERAL.

THIS IS THE FIRST AND THIS WON'T BE THE LAST CONVERSATION THAT WE'RE HAVING ABOUT EQUITY.

THIS IS ONE OF MANY COMPONENTS. THE SECOND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE IS, WE CERTAINLY CELEBRATE AND WELCOME THE CHANGES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS PROPOSING RANGING FROM THINGS LIKE SNACKS AVAILABLE NOR STUDENTS WHO ARE DOING THE EXAM SCHOOL INITIATIVE TO HAVING THE TEST AVAILABLE TO HAVE THE TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE.

WE WELCOME ALL THOSE.

THE REASON THE RECOMMENDATIONS WE PUT FORWARD AS BROAD AS THEY ARE IS THAT IS WHAT THE COMMUNITY TOLD US.

THEY FELT HAVING TO CHANGES MADE WAS NOT THE SAME AS TEACHING A CHILD ALGEBRA OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR RATHER THAN IN THE MATTER OF WEEKS.

SO WE BELIEVE THAT THOSE SMALLER CHANGES ARE NECESSARY ESPECIALLY IMPLEMENTED QUICKLY.

WE DON'T BELIEVE THEY REPLACE THE NEED FOR SYSTEMWIDE CHANGE TO ADDRESS THE EQUITY CRISIS, NOT JUST AT THE EXAM SCHOOLS BUT IN BPS GENERALLY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION TODAY.

I HAVE A BRIEF QUESTION.

WE'VE TALKED A LOT TODAY ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE ISEE AND WHETHER OR NOT THAT IS THE TEST, WHETHER IT SHOULD BE MCAT OR SOME OTHER MEASUREMENT IF A TEST WERE TO REMAIN.

AS A FORMER TEACHER, I'M NOT A SUPER FAN OF THE MCAT.

BUT HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THROUGH THE ISEE IN COMPARISON TO OTHER TESTS IF THE TESTS WERE TO STAY AS AN OPTION AS IT IS RIGHT NOW AND THE UNFORESEEABLE FUTURE?

>> ONE OF THE REASONS THE MCAT IS NOT ONE OF OUR SUGGESTIONS, FROM OUR LATINEX AND ELL COMMUNITY PARTNERS, THERE WAS PUSH BACK ON THE STUDENTS THAT -- IMMIGRANTS IN THE UNITED STATES THAT COME AND AFTER A YEAR ARE FORCED TO MAKE A TEST. WE'LL SHOW MCAT QUESTIONS IN SPANISH AND CHALLENGE THE AUDIENCE TO SEE IF THEY CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS IN A NONLANGUAGE AND SEE IF THEY CAN DO IT CONSIDERING THE TIME CONSTRAINTS.

ONE PROGRAM WE HAVE HIGHLIGHTED IS A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS WITHOUT WALLS IN WASHINGTON D.C. WASHINGTON D.C. LIKE BOSTON IS SEGREGATED. IT'S AN EXAM SCHOOL THAT DOESN'T REFLECT THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE DISTRICT. THEY ALSO HAVE A SCHOOL-BASED EXAM.

A SCHOOLS WITHOUT WALLS EXAM. WHAT THE PILOT PROJECT IS PROPOSING TO TAKE THE TOP 15 STUDENTS IN EACH OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ELIGIBLE TO WRITE THE EXAM AND THEN THEY WILL BE ENTERED INTO A LOTTERY FOR ADMISSION.

RATHER THAN RELY ON A NATIONWIDE TEST, WHICH IS RECOGNIZED THE STUDENTS OF COLOR WERE DOING POORLY ON COMPARED TO THE WHITE COUNTER PARTS, USE A RANKED MODEL AND FUNNEL THEM TO A SCHOOL SPECIFIC EXAM THAT IS GEARED TOWARDS THE CURRICULUM TAUGHT IN D.C.

SO THAT'S PART OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING OF HAVE SOMETHING GEARED TO THE CURRICULUM RATHER THAN SOMETHING NATIONWIDE THAT IS NOT GLOBALLY VALIDATED.

>> WE'RE NOT A FAN OF HAVING THE MCAT AS A SUBSTITUTE. THERE'S SOME RESEARCH THAT ENDORSES THAT. BUT THE COMMENTS THAT WERE

RAISED BY LAUREN, WE AGREE WITH.
WE BELIEVE THE TESTS SHOULD BE
CHANGED FOR ISEE IS NOT
APPROPRIATE FOR STUDENTS OF
COLOR.

IF YOU USUALLY USE IT, YOU'LL
GET THE SAME RESULTS.

WE ALSO BELIEVE WHILE WE APPLAUD
BPS FOR PROVIDING TUTORIALS THAT
IT'S MORE THAN THAT.

STUDENTS NEED CONTENT AND
INSTRUCTION IN COURSE WORK THAT
IS DIFFERENT.

THAT WORK IS NOT ALIGNED WITH
WHAT THE BPS CURRICULUM
INSTRUCTION IS.

SO WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE TEST
SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED, THAT IS
ANY TEST WILL BE BIASED, BUT
THAT IS LESS BIAS, BUT SHOULD BE
AUGMENTED BY OTHER MEASURES IN
STUDENTS OF STUDENTS WORKS, THE
GRADING PROCESS, STUDENTS
TALENTS AND ABILITIES IN OTHER
AREAS, THEIR LEADERSHIP, THEIR
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT, A VARIETY OF
WAYS TO AUGMENT A SIMPLE TEST
AND TO PERHAPS HAVE A TEST AND
NOT HAVE AS MUCH WEIGHT AS IT
CURRENTLY STANDS.

BUT WE DO BELIEVE THERE ARE
OTHER OPTIONS.

THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE MORE
THAN HAPPY TO HAVE A FURTHER
DISCUSSION ABOUT.

>> I WON'T REPEAT WHAT THEY HAVE
SAID, WHICH I AGREE WITH, BUT WE
SHOULD HAVE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE
LOOK AT OUR CHILDREN.

WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB AT SEEING
THE WHOLE PERSON, NOT JUST
REDUCING THEM DOWN TO TEST
SCORES.

I HEARD A COMMENT EARLIER, EVEN
IF A KID DOES DO WELL, HE MIGHT
NOT GET IN.

THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE
NEED TO RECONSIDER.

I THINK LOOKING AT A MORE
COMPREHENSIVE MODEL HELPS US
THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT A CHILD
THAT MIGHT TEST OUT OF THE ROOM.
ALSO A YOUNG PERSON THAT DOES
BETTER IN A CLASSROOM BUT MIGHT

NOT DO AS WELL ON A TEST.
I HOPE WE'RE DRIVING TOWARDS A
MODEL AND LOOKS AT OUR YOUNG
PEOPLE AS WHOLE PERSONS AND NOT
JUST AS EITHER TEST SCORES OR
THEIR GRADES.
THEY SHOULD BE REDUCED TO THAT.
WE SHOULD TRUST OUR EDUCATORS.
THAT'S REALLY WHAT COMES OUT OF
THIS MORE THAN ANYTHING.
OUR TEACHERS KNOW, THEY KNOW,
THEY KNOW THEIR STUDENTS.
THEY KNOW THE ONES THAT EXCEL
AND THE STRENGTHS AND
WEAKNESSES.
THEY WOULD KNOW EXACTLY FROM THE
COMMENTS GIVEN THROUGH
RECOMMENDATION WHETHER THIS
YOUNG PERSON CAN ACTUALLY DO THE
WORK AT THE NEXT LEVEL OR NOT.
I THINK THAT'S THE MODEL WE
SHOULD BE DRIVING TO BECAUSE I
THINK TEST MODELS ARE NOT AS
DEPENDABLE AS WE MIGHT SUGGEST.
THAT EASY QUICK MANDATE SOLUTION
TO REAL BIGGER PROBLEMS THAT ARE
NOT THOUGHT ABOUT WHEN IT COMES
TO SEEING THE YOUNG PEOPLE AS
WHOLE PERSONS.
>> THANK YOU.
>> I'D LIKE TO ADD THAT ONE OF
OUR FOUNDING MEMBERS, GENE
McGUIRE, WOULD ARGUE WE SHOULD
QUIT THE TESTS.
SHE GOT IN LATIN SCHOOL WITHOUT
A TEST.
OBVIOUSLY HAS TONE VERY WELL AND
CONTINUES TO HAVE ILLUSTRIOUS
CAREER.
>> THANK YOU.
WE'LL REVERSE ORDER QUICKLY.
COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL.
>> THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, GUYS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.
NOT JUST TODAY BUT THROUGHOUT
THE COMMUNITY.
I APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU DO AND
NOT JUST ON THIS SPECIFIC ISSUE
BUT THE LARGER ISSUES OF EQUITY,
DIVERSIFICATION.
I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT.
I HAVE TO RUN TO ANOTHER MEETING
THAT IS EXTERNAL TO THIS

MEETING.

I APOLOGIZE IT'S GONE OVER, THIS IS A CONVERSATION WE'LL CONTINUE.

WHAT IS MADE CLEAR TODAY, THERE'S FOLKS FROM EVERY WALK OF LIFE, EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE CITY OF BOSTON THAT CARES DEEPLY ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND THE LARGER ISSUE AND PEOPLE WILLING TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND GET TO WORK.

SOME IN THE SHORT TERM HAS BEEN DONE AND WE'LL PUSH TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE SHORT TERM SOLUTIONS ARE AND THE LONG-TERM.

HOPEFULLY ATTACHING A TIME LINE TO RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE LONG-TERM SO WE'RE NOT COMING BECOME A YEAR, TWO YEARS AND HAVING MADE A DECISION WITH WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO SYSTEMICALLY. COUNCILLOR JANEY, THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

I STEPPED OUT DURING COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY'S -- I RAN TO THE LADY'S ROOM.

I HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH HIM ABOUT THAT.

BUT I APPRECIATE YOU SPEAKING UP.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WORK ON THESE VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES.

I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE, SPENDING THE VAST MAJORITY OF MANY CAREER IN THE NONPROFIT WORLD AND THE ADVOCACY COMMUNITY THAT DESPITE THE NUMBER OF CHALLENGES THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE WITH OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM, THE FACT THAT WE'RE MOVING FORWARD OR TAKING STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IS IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF THE ADVOCATES IN THE ROOM THAT CONTINUE TO PUSH AND CONTINUE TO

KEEP HOLDING ALL OF US
ACCOUNTABLE.
SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.
I'M INTERESTED IN ANSWERING AND
I KNOW WE'RE RUNNING LATE.
I WON'T KEEP YOU LONG.
I'M INTERESTED TO SEE IF THE
THREE OF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE
AMONG THE FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS
THAT WERE PRESENTED AS WE OPEN
THIS HEARING AND IF NOT AMONG
THOSE FOUR ANOTHER
RECOMMENDATION.
THEN I MIGHT HAVE A FOLLOW UP
QUESTION DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU
SAY.
SO PEOPLE CAN QUICKLY NAME WHAT
YOUR FAVORITE WOULD BE.
JUST THE FAVORITE.
NOT ANY COMMENTARY.
>> THE HOLISTIC MODEL.
>> I WOULD ECHO THAT.
WE DO NEED A HOLISTIC MODEL TO
LOOK AT ALL THE STUDENTS --
>> THE HOLISTIC MODEL.
>> THAT'S MY PITCH THE WHOLE
TIME.
>> SO A FOLLOW UP QUESTION KIND
OF RELATED TO THE DISPARITY.
SO YOU MENTIONED THE DISPARITIES
WITHIN OUR SCHOOLS, WHICH WE
KNOW WE HAVE.
THEY'RE PART OF THE LARGER
SOCIETY.
I THINK THIS CAME UP AT THE
EVENT THURSDAY EVENING THAT YOU
HOSTED.
IF WE'RE LOOKING AT THE HOLISTIC
MODEL, WHICH I'M NOT ARGUING
AGAINST, MORE AND MORE
UNIVERSITIES ARE DOING THAT AS
WELL, SO I THINK THERE'S
PRECEDENCE THERE.
IF IN FACT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
SOME FAMILIES HAVE MORE ACCESS
TO ATHLETICS OR MORE ABILITY TO
PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS OR
COMMUNITY SERVICE OR AN
INTERNSHIP OR OTHER THINGS THAT
WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT AS
WE'RE LOOKING AT YOUNG PEOPLE
AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE
LARGER WORLD AROUND THEM AND
OTHER STUDENTS ARE VERY MUCH

CONNECTED TO THOSE TYPES OF THINGS, THOSE TYPES OF EXPERIENCES, HOW WOULD YOU THEN -- HOW WOULD WE MOVE FORWARD GIVEN THAT WE KNOW THAT SOME STUDENTS WOULD HAVE MUCH MORE ACCESS OR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNSHIPS OR ATHLETICS AND OTHER STUDENTS WOULDN'T?

IF WE USE THAT AS A WEIGHT, WE CONTINUE TO SEE THE DISPARITIES?

>> THIS DOVETAILS TO ANOTHER CONVERSATION FOR ANOTHER DAY.

I WILL SAY THE CITY HAS TO TAKE OWNERSHIP FOR ACCESS.

I GREW UP IN A SYSTEM WHERE THEY GAVE ME A SAXOPHONE TO LEARN TO PLAY.

I PLAYED THAT UNTIL I GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL.

I WAS IN CHORUS.

MY PEERS, WE PLAYED FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, RAN TRACK.

WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT HOW DO WE COMPREHENSIVELY SUPPORT AND FUND THE REALITIES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

SO I THINK WE'LL HAVE THE CONVERSATION BY MOVING TOWARDS A HOLISTIC MODEL, WE ALSO NEED A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW WE HELP THINK ABOUT BUDGETARY RESPONSES TO THESE ISSUES WHERE THERE ARE HUGE INEQUITIES AND GAPS AS WELL.

THAT WILL BE WHERE I HOPE WE HAVE THAT CONVERSATION.

HOW DO WE STRENGTHEN ARTS PROGRAMS AND HOW DO WE MAKE SURE WE CAN SUPPORT FAMILIES TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN GET BACK AND FORTH FROM PRACTICE.

HOW DO WE MAKE SURE WE'RE SUPPORTING EDUCATORS AND NOT CUTTING PARTS OF THE BUDGET THAT WILL SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF A YOUNG PERSON.

I'D LOVE TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION.

I'M ALL IN.

AS A CITY WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF SUPPORTING EVERY PART OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WHICH I DON'T

THINK WE DO WELL AT TIMES.
IF WE MOVE WARDS THIS MODEL,
WHICH WE SHOULD, WE NEED TO
THINK ABOUT IMPLEMENTING
PROGRAMMING AND PUTTING SUPPORTS
AROUND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SO THAT
THEY CAN EXCEL.

SO MANY SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES COME FROM OUTSIDE
OF JUST THE ACADEMIC
OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE THERE.
FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS, BASEBALL,
VIOLIN, BAND.

THERE'S SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES
THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE MAY BE
MISSING OUT ON BECAUSE WE'RE NOT
LOOKING THEM AS THE WHOLE BEING
AND REDUCING THEM TO TEST SCORES
AND GRADES.

I WOULD FORCE AND PUSH US TO
THINK ABOUT WHAT DOES THAT LOOK
LIKE, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DO
THIS WORK AND WHAT TYPE OF MONEY
DO WE WANT TO PUT BEHIND THESE
EFFORTS TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT
CLOSING RACIAL OPPORTUNITY AND
ACHIEVEMENT GAPS.

>> I ARGUE THAT NEED TO SUPPORT
OUR TEACHERS AND LOOK AT THE
INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES IN THE
CLASSROOM.

IF OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE HIGH
QUALITY INSTRUCTION, WE FEED TO
HAVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE
CONTENT, WITH THE STANDARDS, THE
OUTCOMES THAT WE EXPECT TO
ACHIEVE.

ALL TEACHERS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS
TO HIGH QUALITY PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT, ONGOING SUPPORT SO
THAT THEY CAN BRING THE
STRATEGIES AND THE INTERVENTIONS
TO THE CLASSROOM.

THAT'S ONE THING RIGHT NOW THAT
BPS IS LOOKING.

NEEDS TO BE SEAMLESS ASSIGNMENT
WITH WHAT HAPPENS IN EVERY
SCHOOL IN BPS, EVERY GREAT SO IF
WE HAVE A POPULATION OF STUDENTS
THAT MOVES FREQUENTLY, IF THEY
MOVE FROM ONE SCHOOL TO ANOTHER,
THEY'LL BE READING THE SAME
NOVEL, THEY'LL BE ENGAGED IN THE

SAME CONTENT AT THE SAME LEVEL.
THAT'S A PIECE THAT NEEDS TO BE
WORKED ON.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OR PLAN FOR THE
ENTIRE DISTRICT AND HOW IS THAT
INSTRUCTION ALIGNED FROM CLASS
ROOM TO CLASSROOM.

WHAT DO ALL STUDENTS NEED TO
KNOW AND BE ABLE TO DO AT A
GREAT LEVEL AND WHAT ARE WE
DOING TO ENSURE THAT THAT
HAPPENS.

SO IF WE START THERE, THAT IS A
HUGE START.

I THINK THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN
MOVING TOWARDS THAT IN THE PAST.
PERHAPS HAS MOVED AWAY FROM
THAT.

I THINK IF YOU TALKED TO
TEACHERS, THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE
THIRSTY FOR, PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT, USE OF TECHNOLOGY,
MAKING SURE THEY HAVE BOOKS IN
THE CLASSROOM.

COPY PAPERS SHOULD NOT BE
SOMETHING THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE
TO PAY FOR THEMSELVES.

YOU GO INTO A SCHOOL AND YOU ASK
TEACHER WHAT'S DO THEY NEED?
THAT I NEED BOOKS, THEY NEED TO
NOT HAVE -- MAKE COPIES OF BOOKS
BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE
PHYSICAL BOOKS.

THEY NEED TECHNOLOGY.

SO WE NEED TO SUPPORT OUR
TEACHERS, HONOR THE WORK THEY'RE
DOING AND ENSURE THEY HAVE EVERY
TOOL, EVERY STRATEGY AND SUPPORT
THEY NEED IN ORDER TO DO A GREAT
JOB.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND THANK YOU TO
THE PANELISTS FOR YOUR INPUT.

IT WAS VERY HELPFUL.

JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
BPS FOR BEING HERE AS WELL AND
FOR OUR TEACHERS FOR DOING THEIR
VERY BEST TO BRING A QUALITY
EDUCATION TO EVERY CHILD.

IT CAN BE DIFFICULT.

I THINK WE'RE DOING MUCH BETTER
NOW.

WE HAVE GOOD LEADERSHIP,
EXCELLENT TEACHERS.
BOSTON WORKS BEST WHEN WE WORK
TOGETHER AND THESE TYPE OF
CONVERSATIONS MAKE US A BETTER
CITY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR RUE.

>> THANK YOU.

MY POLICY DIRECTOR HAS BEEN IN
THE ROOM.

I'LL REVIEW THE TAPES.

FOLLOW UP OFF LINE WITH YOU ALL.
SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO MAKE
SURE I STAY ENGAGED IN AND TALK
THROUGH SPECIFIC IDEAS.

>> COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR
TESTIMONY, DEDICATION AND YOU,
MADAM CHAIR FOR LEADING THIS
DISCUSSION.

>> THANK YOU.

>> SO I DO APPRECIATE YOU BEING
HERE AGAIN AND YOUR PATIENCE
BEING THE LAST GROUP AT THE END
OF A LONG HEARING.

IT'S MUCH APPRECIATED FOR YOUR
TIME TODAY.

ALSO, YOUR DEDICATION BECAUSE I
KNOW FOR THE MOST PART YOU
VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO DO THE
WORK THAT YOU DO.

I DO WANT TO EXTEND MY
APPRECIATION FOR THAT.

COUNCILLOR JANEY AS LEAD
SPONSOR --

>> MANY THANKS.

MANY THANKS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING IN
THE WORK TOGETHER.

THANK YOU.

>> I HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE
PUBLIC REMAINING TO TESTIFY.

S THAT MISS LINDA FREEMAN.

WHEN YOU COME DOWN, PREPARE TO
SPEAK QUICKLY.

WE DO HAVE ANOTHER HEARING
COMING IN AFTER THIS.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

>> GO AHEAD.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR.

I'LL MAKE THIS AS QUICK AS
POSSIBLE.

WHEN THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THE EXAM SCHOOLS, STUDENTS THAT TRANSFER FROM LIKE PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS MAY BE DUE TO THE FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR DON'T WANT TO DO IT ANYMORE. SO THAT'S ONE REASON. I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO ASIAN LANGUAGES AND ETHNICITY THAT ARE VARIED AND DISTINCT IN THE BPS SCHOOLS AND THE STUDENTS ARE AWARE OF IT. WHEREVER THEY ARE IN THE DISTRICT. THE DISTRICT ITSELF MAY NOT AUTOMATICALLY RECOGNIZE THE DISTINCTIONS. WHEN THE STUDENTS TALK WITH EACH OTHER AND FIGURE OUT WHO LIVES WHERE AND HOW, THEN THEY KNOW THE VARIATIONS OF THE DIALECT. I FOUND THAT OUT JUST LISTENING TO THE STUDENTS CASUALLY. THIS PRONUNCIATION OR DIALECTS VARY EVEN WITH OTHER NATIVE LANGUAGES AMONG OUR ELL STUDENTS. PARENTS FLUENCY IN ENGLISH IS ALSO FUELED IN THE INSTITUTION NATURALIZED RAISISM. IT'S BEEN PERPETUATED FOR YEARS. WHY? BECAUSE I'VE GOTTEN A TASTE OF IT. THOSE WHOSE PATHS'S COME ACROSS WHO HAVE LESS FLUENCY IN ENGLISH ARE THOUGHT TO BE OF LESS EDUCATED. IT'S NOT SO. THAT HAS TO STOP. IT IS DISDAINFUL, IT'S DISGUSTING. IT'S NOT RIGHT. THE OTHER THINGS WITH TERRITORIAL CHALLENGES THAT AFFECT ENROLLMENT INTO THE EXAM SCHOOLS. WE HAVE ENOUGH NEIGHBORHOOD CHALLENGES. OUR STUDENTS GET THROUGH ENOUGH THE SECOND THEY STEP OUT THE DOORWAY. GETTING ON THE BUSES, TRAVELLING TO WHEREVER THEIR SCHOOL IS.

THEN THEY LEAVE SCHOOL AND THEY
COME BACK TO TERRITORIAL
CHALLENGES.

IF THEY'RE KNOWN THAT THEY'RE
GOING FOR -- GOING TO AN EXAM
SCHOOL, THEN IT ALSO ADDS INTO
THE DYNAMICS.

REMINDER ROBO CALLS MAY BE
NEEDED TO BE TRANSLATED TO THE
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME.

TRANSPORTATION MBTA FARE, WHICH
ARE ABOUT TO GO UP.

MAY BE CHALLENGING ON A FAMILY'S
BUDGET.

ESPECIALLY A WORKING PARENT OR
PARENTS OR GUARDIAN.

THE LOCAL OF THE WORKING PARENTS
COME INTO PLAY.

THE OTHER THING, NOT BEING ABLE
TO GO TO TAKE THE EXAM IS

THERE'S NO EXTENDED FAMILY FOR
THE SIBLINGS.

SO IF YOU TAKE A SINGLE CHILD
EXAM, YOU HAVE TO DRAG THE REST
OF THE FAMILY WITH YOU.

THAT'S COSTLY.

THE OTHER PART IS HOUSING LOSS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, LINDA.

THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

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>> WELCOME FOR OUR HEARING ON
USE OF PUBLIC WAYS.

I'M CHAIRMAN WU.

I'M JOINED BY COUNCILLOR ZAKIM
AS WELL AS COUNCILLOR ED FLYNN.

I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT
THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS BEING
RECORDED AND BROADCAST LIVE AND
STREAMING ON THE CITY OF BOSTON
WEBSITE.

SO IF YOU COULD SILENCE YOUR
CELL PHONES AND OTHER DEVICES,
WE'LL MAKE SURE TO MOVE ALONG.

TODAY WE'LL START -- WELCOMING A
PANEL THAT WILL INCLUDE OUR
CHIEF OF ENVIRONMENT OF ENERGY
AND OPEN SPACE AND OUR DIRECTOR
OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING.

THESE GENTLEMEN HAVE ALLOWED
FOR -- AGREED THAT WE'LL TAKE A
FEW MINUTES OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY
BEFORE WE GET TO THEM BECAUSE
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN

WAITING A LONG TIME.

I'LL GIVE MY COLLEAGUES A CHANCE
TO GIVE AN OPENING STATEMENT
AND TAKE THREE MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC THAT WILL SPEAK AND HAND
IT OVER TO THE PANEL.

>> THANK YOU.

I WANT TO THANK EVERY ONE FOR
THEIR PATIENCE.

I'LL BRIEF AND LAY THE GROUND
WORK FOR WHY WE CALLED FOR THIS
HEARING.

IT'S -- OVER THE LAST FIVE PLUS
YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN PRIVILEGED
TO REPRESENT AMONG OTHER AREAS,
THE BACK BAY, DISTRICT 8,
THERE'S BEEN A PROLIFERATION OF
ROAD RACES, WALKS, PARADES, SOME
POLITICAL IN NATURE WHICH NOBODY
COULD HAVE PREDICTED AFTER --
PARTICULARLY AFTER 2016 AND
THAT'S THE KIND OF EXPRESSION
THAT WE WANT TO SUPPORT.

THERE'S DOZENS EVERY YEAR.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT
REALLY FROM THIS PANEL AND AS WE
CONTINUE INTO IN DISCUSSION,
WHAT THE GUIDELINES ARE, THE
FRAME WORK IS FOR APPROVING
PARTICULARLY NEW EVENTS IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

OBVIOUSLY THE WALK FOR HUNGER,
THE BOSTON MARATHON,
LONG-STANDING BELOVED
INSTITUTIONS NOT JUST ABOUT THE
CITY OF BOSTON BUT IN OUR
COMMUNITY.

WHAT THE PROCESS IS, WHO THE
FINAL DECISION MAKER IS AND WHAT
CAN BE DONE TO MITIGATE THIS.

IF THERE'S SIGNIFICANT
DISCUSSIONS AND HOW TO ENCOURAGE
EVENTS THAT MAY BE A GOOD FIT,
PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT REQUIRE
STREET CLOSURES.

BUT TO MITIGATE SOME OF THE
NEGATIVE IMPACTS WHAT ARE OFTEN
POPULAR AND POSITIVE EVENTS.

WE WANT TO FIGURE OUT THE
PROCESS, IF THERE'S A WAY TO
CHANGE IT FROM A POLICY
STAND-POINT LEAD AND MAKING SURE
THE THAT RESIDENTS ARE NOTIFIED.
NOT JUST IN DISTRICT 8 BUT

ACROSS THE STATE.
AND MAKE SURE THE COMMUNICATION
WITH TRANSPORTATION AND THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT AND A COMMON
SENSE APPROACH TO SOME OF THESE
ROAD CLOSURES.

MAKING SURE WE'VE HAD A LOT OF
SUCCESS WITH COMMISSIONER EVENTS
AND I HOPE TO CONSIDER THAT WITH
COMMISSIONER GROSS AND MAKING
SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO GET
IN AND OUT OF THEIR HOMES ON THE
SIDE OF COM AVE AND MAKING SURE
THE POLICE OFFICERS ON DETAIL
THERE'S HAVE THE DISCRETION.

SOMEONE SAYS I'M LIVING THERE,
CAN I COME IN OR OUT, TO DO THAT
IN A WAY THAT IS SAFE.

THERE'S A COMMON SENSE SOLUTION
TO THIS ISSUE TO UNDERTAKE.

I'LL END IT THERE AND SAVE THE
REST FOR QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR FLYNN?

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WU.
COUNCILLOR ZAKIM AS WELL.

MY ONLY COMMENT THAT I WOULD
LIKE TO MAKE IS I WANT TO THANK
THE PANELISTS FOR BEING HERE AND
MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR YOUR MANY
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND
LEADERSHIP IN HELPING OUR CITY,
YOU KNOW, PUT A GREAT LIGHT ON
THE CITY THROUGH THE TOURISM,
THROUGH THE PARKS AND
TRANSPORTATION.

YOU GUYS WORK GREAT AS A TEAM
AND YOU WORK GREAT WITH THE
NEIGHBORHOODS.

THERE'S A LOT OF EVENTS
HAPPENING IN OUR CITY.

I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU AND
YOUR STAFF THAT BOSTON IS DOING
SO WELL.

BUT IT TAKES A TEAM EFFORT.
IT'S ALSO WORKING CLOSELY WITH
THE NEIGHBORHOODS.

I THINK YOUR STAFF HAS BEEN
DOING THAT, AND I JUST WANT TO
SAY THANK YOU FOR MANY YEARS OF
HELPING THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

SO NOW WE TURN TO PUBLIC
TESTIMONY.

THERE'S ONE INDIVIDUAL SIGNED UP.

ELLIOT LAFFER AND I'LL TAKE UP TO TWO MORE INDIVIDUALS IF ANYBODY WISHES TO SPEAK WITH. AFTER WE'LL END IT UP AT THE END AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU.

I'M ELIOT LAFFER.

I'VE LIVED ON COMMONWEALTH AVENUE FOR 45 YEARS, WHICH IS AMAZING WHEN YOU'RE 12 YEARS. I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT A WONDERFUL STREET IS IN THE SPRING AND THE OTHER EVENTS THERE.

I WOULD WANT TO HAVE THEM THERE TOO, IF I WERE COMING FROM OUTSIDE.

ANY ONE OF THESE IS WONDERFUL. SOME OF THEM WE'VE CELEBRATED. YOU DIDN'T MENTION BASEBALL TEAMS AND FOOTBALL TEAMS. I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYBODY COMPLAIN ABOUT THEM YET.

WHEN YOU HAVE THEM, WHAT SEEMS LIKE ALMOST EVERY WEEKEND AND FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED THEIR WEEKENDS TO DO A LOT OF ERRANDS THAT THEY CAN'T DO DURING THE WEEK, IT CAN BE VERY CHALLENGING.

I CAN REMEMBER WHEN I WAS WORKING ONCE COMING HOME, THE EVENING WHEN THERE WAS ONE OF THESE 5:00 ROAD RACES AND HAVING TO SIT A BLOCK FROM MY HOUSE FOR AN HOUR WAITING FOR THE STREET TO CLEAR.

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS COMING. I'M USUALLY FAIRLY INFORMED ABOUT THIS.

SO NOTICE IS AN ISSUE, THE ABILITY TO GET IN AND OUT OF YOUR HOMES AND TO GET ACROSS THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THESE EVENTS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AROUND THE CITY. WE'RE A BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOOD, WE'RE NOT THE ONLY BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE CITY.

I SUSPECT WE'RE NOT THE ONLY NEIGHBORHOOD WITH LONG STREETS. THESE EVENTS CAN BRING THEIR

BENEFITS AND ALSO WHATEVER
NONBENEFITS THEY HAVE TO OTHER
NEIGHBORHOODS AS WELL.
WE HAVE ONE OTHER ISSUE ABOUT
THE EVENTS PROLIFERATING.
THEY SEEM TO BE DRAWING
HELICOPTERS.
THE NOISE FROM THE HELICOPTERS
IS, AGAIN, IF IT WAS THERE FOR
TWO MINUTES, YOU WOULDN'T NOTICE
IT.

WHEN THEY'RE THERE FOR HOURS, IT
SEEMS TO HAPPEN.

IT STARTS TO BE VERY ANNOYING.
SO IT'S A QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE.

THERE'S BIGGER QUALITY OF LIFE
ISSUES IN THE CITY AND IN OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD.

BUT IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE AND WE
APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME
TO DIG INTO THIS AND SEE IF WE
CAN DISTRIBUTE THE PLUSES AND
MINUTES AROUND THE CITY BETTER.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANKS VERY MUCH.

WOULD ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SPEAK
AT THIS TIME?

THANK YOU.

WE'LL HAND IT OVER TO OUR
PANELISTS.

AND THEN TAKE QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS FROM COLLEAGUES.

>> THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
TESTIFY TODAY.

MY POSITION WAS CREATED IN 2014
TO REFLECT THE MAYOR'S PROMISE
TO SEPARATE THE CITY'S
STRATEGIES FROM ARTS AND CULTURE
STRATEGY SO EACH CAN FOCUS ON
THEIR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS.

MY OFFICE FALLS UNDER THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT,
WHICH IS HEADED BY JOHN BARROS.

I WORK TO BRING ATHLETIC EVENTS
AND CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES
TO BOSTON AND MARKET THE CITY
NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

MY MISSION IS TO ATTRACT NEW
INVESTMENT AND INVITE THE WORLD
TO EXPERIENCE OUR CITY.

AS DIRECTOR OF THE SPORTS AND
ENTERTAINMENT, I HAVE THE
PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS THE

CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC EVENT CITY.
YOU HAVE TO APPLIED FOR PERMITS
THROUGH THE PUBLIC EVENT
COMMITTEE.

WHETHER THE EVENT IS FREE OR
TICKETED, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR
INVITATION ONLY, DOESN'T MATTER.
IT'S STILL NECESSARY TO APPLY.
PUBLIC EVENTS INCLUDE ROAD
RACES, BLOCK PARTIES, FESTIVALS
AND PARADES.

IN 2018, WE OVERSAW THE
PERMITTING OF 568 PUBLIC EVENTS
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CITY.

IN 2017, WE HAD 545 PUBLIC
EVENTS.

THE COMMISSION OF MY OFFICE IS
TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION IN
PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS FROM BOSTON
RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO OUR
CITY.

WE SUPPORT THE TOURISM TRY AND
SUPPORT TV, FILM AND PRODUCTION
AND MARKETING THE CITY TO
CONVENTIONS AND VISITORS AND
GUIDE EVENT PLANNERS THROUGHOUT
THE PERMITTING PROCESS.

DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF EVENT,
AN EVENT PLANNER MAY NEED
PERMITS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

MY OFFICE'S JOB IS TO HELP
PLANNERS NAVIGATE THE PROCESSES
THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

WE FACILITATE MEETINGS AND
GUIDANCE.

WE DO NOT ISSUE PERMITS.

WE USE OUR APPLICATION FORM TO
WALK PEOPLE THROUGH THE PROCESS
OF GETTING THE PERMITS NEEDED TO
HOST THEIR EVENT.

SINCE WE TAKE OUR ROLE AS
FACILITATOR SO SERIOUSLY, WE
HAVE A THOROUGH ONLINE FORM,
WHICH ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FILLED
OUT WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE
EVENT.

ONCE WE RECEIVE AN APPLICATION,
WE SET UP A MEETING WITH THE
PUBLIC EVENT COMMITTEE TO OUR
MEETINGS.

I'M CONTINUALLY IMPRESSED BY THE
HARD WORK OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE PUBLIC EVENT COMMITTEE.

THEY ENSURE THAT ALL OF THE EVENTS TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

THE PUBLIC EVENT COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM A DOZEN OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

THESE ARE THE FOLKS THAT COME TO OUR WEEKLY EVENT MEETINGS.

THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE PREVENTION, THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, INSPECTIONAL SITUATIONS, ISD, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN THE CITY HALL PLAZA, EMS, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS IF THEY'RE HAVING FOOD TRUCKS AND ALSO LICENSING BOARD AND LIQUOR COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT AND LICENSING.

WE ALSO CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES ON ALL OF OUR EVENTS AND WE ALSO HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM THE MBTA AND THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF CONVERSATION AND RECREATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO ANSWERING ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS TO THE COUNSEL AT THIS TIME OR AFTER CHRIS SPEAKS.

>> THANK YOU.

JUST VERY BRIEFLY.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN, COUNCILLOR WU, THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUGH.

JUST A CONTEXT OF HOW BUSY OUR CITY IS AND THE BREADTH OF THE BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

YOU GET A SENSE OF WHAT OUR RESIDENTS ARE PARTICIPATING IN DAILY.

I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS THE COMMISSIONER OF BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION AND IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018 ALONE, 4, 084 PERMITS WERE ISSUED BY BOSTON PARKS.

OF THOSE, 1,351 WERE FOR ADULT ATHLETICS.

991 FOR YOUTH.

194 FOR WEDDINGS AND 11 FOR CLOSING AND RENOVATIONS OF OUR PARKS.

THE NUMBERS, 4,084 PERMITS, DOES NOT REFLECT ACTUAL INSTANCES OF AN EVENT, A LITTLE LEAGUE COULD PULL A PERMIT BUT HAVE AN ENTIRE SEASON WITH THEM.

VERY BRIEFLY, I'D BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORKING FOLKS OF THE PERMITTING DIVISION LEAD BY PAUL McCaffrey. OF COURSE, THEY'RE WORKING IN CONCERT WITH THE SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT AS DIRECTOR BRUSETT MENTIONED.

AS A UNIVERSE OF PASSIVE AND ACTIVE RECREATION THAT GOES BEYOND THE PERMIT HOLDERS, OUR PARKS ARE DESIGNED TO MAXIMIZE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY YOUTH. IN RECENT YEARS THROUGH THE MAYOR'S PARKS FIRST INITIATIVE WITH SUPPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PUT A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON INCLUSIVE DESIGN.

WE WANT TO ENSURE OUR OPEN SPACES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL REGARDLESS OF ABILITY AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE CITY HAVE BEEN MAKING THE SAME COMMITMENT.

IT'S WITHIN THIS CONTEXT OF ACTIVITY THAT BOSTON PARKS IS OFTEN HOST FOR THE SETUP AND FINISHING OF EVENTS THAT INVOLVE THE CLOSING OR PARTIAL CLOSURE OFF PUBLIC WAYS.

THE DEPARTMENT NEVER CLOSE AS PUBLIC WAY FOR AN EVENT.

THAT APPROVAL IS ONLY GRANTED THROUGH THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE PROCESS THEY MY COLLEAGUE DESCRIBED.

AS THE DIRECTOR EMPHASIZED PUBLIC SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL ARE SECOND TO NONE AND I'M IMPRESSED BY THE PROFESSIONALISM OF BOSTON FIRE, BOSTON POLICE AND EMS AND THE OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAND

COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY.
THE BOSTON TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLIC WORKS,
DCR AND MANY OTHERS.
BOSTON PARKS PARTICIPATES ON
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE IN A
WEEKLY BASIS TO MAKE SURE THAT
THERE'S AS MUCH COORDINATION AS
POSSIBLE WITH THESE OTHER
DEPARTMENTS.

I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR
QUESTIONS AS WELL AS WE'RE
JOINED BY OUR HARD WORKING
COLLEAGUE, THE CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR THE BOSTON TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT, EDDY HASPERT.

>> WE'RE LOOKING AT PLANS AND
THE OPERATIONS PLANS FOR A SAFE
EVENT IN COORDINATION WITH
BOSTON POLICE, BOSTON FIRE AND
EMS, ET CETERA.

SO WE HAVE A NICE WORKING
COMMITTEE.

MY ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF THAT IS
TIMOTHY BERBINE WHO DOES A GREAT
JOB PULLING THAT TOGETHER ON THE
TRANSPORTATION SIDE.

A LOT OF THOUGHT THAT GETS PUT
IN WITH THIS, THE WHOLE TEAM
PUTTING TOGETHER THAT PLAN
RELATIVE TO, YOU KNOW, ROADWAY
DETOURS, IMPACTS, ET CETERA THAT
POTENTIALLY COULD COME ABOUT.
WE WANT TO KEEP THE CITY OPEN
AND VIRAL.

THAT'S OUR MISSION WITHIN THE
TRANSPORTATION REALM.

WE STRIVE TO DO THAT.

I'M GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I KNOW HOW MUCH IS ON YOUR
PLATES.

OUR OFFICE IS ALWAYS REACHING
OUT TO YOU ON A WIDE VARIETY OF
ISSUES.

THANKS NOR MAKING TIME TODAY.
COUNCILLOR ZAKIM?

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.
I HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS GOING
THROUGH THE APPROVAL PROCESS.
MAYBE THIS IS BEST TO YOU, KEN.
I'M NOT SURE.

WHO DECIDES?

IS IT THE SPECIAL EVENT
COMMITTEE TAKES A VOTE AND SAYS,
YOU KNOW, WE SHOULD ALLOW THIS
TO MOVE FORWARD, WHETHER IT'S A
RACE, WHETHER IT'S A PARADE,
WHATEVER IT IS?

IS THAT TYPICALLY HOW IT
HAPPENS?

>> YEAH, SOME OF THE QUESTIONS
YOU HAVE.

ANYONE HOSTING AN EVENT HAS TO
GO ONLINE AND APPLY FOR THE
EVENT.

WHETHER THE EVENT IS FREE OR
TICKETS OR OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
I MENTIONED PUBLIC EVENTS, BLOCK
PARTIES, FOOD AND BEVERAGES.

WHEN SOMEONE SUBMITS AN
APPLICATION, THEY HAVE TO HAVE
AN AGREEMENT, THEY HAVE TO HAVE
THE MAPS OF THE STREETS OR ROADS
AND THE SIZES AND DIMENSION OF A
STRUCTURE THEY'RE BUILDING.

MANY EVENTS REQUIRE THE
APPLICANT TO ENSURE THEIR EVENT
AS WELL AS THE CITY OF BOSTON.

AFTER THEY APPLY ONLINE, MY
OFFICE, JOYCE JUDGE, WILL CALL
AND DISCUSS THE APPLICANT.
SHE WILL APPLICANT COME IN WITH
THEIR SITE PLAN AND ALL THE
INFORMATION THEY HAVE FOR THE
EVENT.

WHO THEY'RE REACHING OUT TO.
WE SIT WITH THE DIFFERENT
DEPARTMENTS AND THEN THEY GO
AROUND AROUND EVERYONE
INTRODUCES THEMSELVES TO EACH
OTHER AS WHAT DEPARTMENT THEY'RE
REPRESENTING AND THE APPLICANT
GOES THROUGH THE ACTUAL EVENT.

AT THAT TIME ANYONE FROM THE
CITY WILL BE SIGNING OFF ON WHAT
PERMITS THEY'LL NEED, WHETHER
IT'S BUILDING STAGE, GENERATE
PERMITS FOR FIRE, ISD,
ET CETERA.

ONCE THAT HAPPENS, THEY HAVE TO
BRING THE PERMIT AND HAVE THEM
SIGNED OFF BY THE DISTRICT
CAPTAIN IN EACH NEIGHBORHOOD.
THEN THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE
PERMITTING PROCESS OF WHAT

PERMITS THEY NEED.

ONCE THEY GET ALL OF THOSE PERMITS FROM ALL THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES IN THE CITY, THEY WILL END UP ON LICENSING ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR AND WILL ENTER A SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION OR ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE.

>> SO FOR A ROAD RACE, THEY GO TO THE LICENSING BOARD?

>> A ROAD RACE, FIRST THING THEY HAVE TO DO, SEND A LETTER IN ADVANCE TO THE COMMISSIONER. THEY WILL -- SHE WILL LOOK AT THE LETTER AND WORK WITH TIM. THEY WILL EITHER ACCEPT IT OR DENY THAT ROAD RACE DEPENDING ON WHAT IT IS.

THEY WOULD COME TO OUR MEETING. WHEN THEY COME TO A MEETING, WE HAVE AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET OF ALL EVENTS IN THE CITY, WHETHER IT'S THE RED SOX, THE CELTICS, THE BRUINS, ANY CONCERT AT THE GARDEN, ANY CONCERTS AT FENWAY, ALL PARKS EVENTS.

SO WE CAN GO THROUGH THAT LIST. IF THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A ROAD RACE FOR SEPTEMBER 15, WE PUT LAST YEAR WE PUT IN SEPTEMBER 15 THAT WE WERE NOT ACCEPTING MORE APPLICATIONS BECAUSE THERE WAS TOO MUCH GOING ON.

WE MONITOR THAT AND FIGURE OUT WHETHER THAT CAN BE -- IF THE RACE COULD BE FEASIBLE.

SINCE 2014, WE HAVE NOT ADDED ANY ADDITIONAL ROAD RACES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW ONE-OFF EVENTS THAT HAVE COME, LIKE THE REALTOR ARE UP LAST YEAR OR ANY WALKS OR CELEBRATIONS.

THE GENTLEMAN TALKED ABOUT THE HELICOPTERS.

THEY WERE FROM THE RALLIES AND THE MARCHES THAT WOULD COME THROUGH.

THEY -- OR A 10 K MARATHON ON THE BAA.

THAT'S WHERE THE HELICOPTERS COME THROUGH.

LIKE WHEN IT COMES DOWN IT TO, IT IS THE COMMISSIONER FIANDACA OR BMD WHO HAVE THE FINAL WORD

ON A ROAD RACE?

>> IT WOULD BE A WHOLE -- IT WOULD JUST BE A WHOLE SLEW, IT DEPENDS IF THEY RACED ON JUNE 1ST AND THERE ARE ALREADY TOO MANY EVENTS IN THE CITY WE COULDN'T DO IT.

>> JUST TO CLARIFY ONE THING, BUT WHEN THE REQUEST COMES IN FOR A ROAD RACE, THAT IS THEN FORWARDED TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE. THERE IS NO DECISION MADE AT THAT TIME, IT NEEDS TO BE WHOLLY VETTED THROUGH ALL OF THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY ABOUT THE VIABILITY OF THAT APPLICATION BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER WOULD SIGN OFF ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS THERE A STAGE IN THIS APPLICATION FOR A NEW EVENT, WHETHER IT IS SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE OR ANYONE INVOLVE SAYS YOU SHOULD GO MEET WITH THE RELEVANT CIVIC ASSOCIATION? WE HAVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD 0 ASSOCIATION OF BACK BAY REPRESENTED HERE, YOU KNOW, I THINK THE LIST, TO THE CLOSURE LIST BPD PUTS OUT IS VERY GOOD. IT IS VERY USEFUL, ONE OF MY CONCERNS, THOUGH IS THAT IS OFTEN THE FIRST INFORMATION THAT I GET AS A DISTRICT CITY COUNCILOR AND I THINK PROBABLY THAT MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS GET ABOUT THE EVENT, IT IS A GREAT SERVICE AND, YOU KNOW, TO THE EXTENT THAT MAYBE WE COULD INCORPORATE THAT WITH O AND S BECAUSE THEY PUT OUT THEIR WEEKLY UPDATES BY NEIGHBORHOOD, I THINK THAT WOULD ADDRESS SOME OF THE NOTICE ISSUES BUT NOT FULLY. I DO THINK ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF THIS CITY AND ONE OF THE REASONS I THINK OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SO TRY BRANDT AND STRONG HAS BEEN THE ENGAGEMENT OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, BLOCK ORGANIZATIONS, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER THEY CHOOSE TO STYLE

THEMSELVES IN THIS PROCESS, AND AT LEAST GET NOTIFICATION EARLY ON, PERHAPS WHEN THEY COME TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRST TIME WOULD BE USEFUL.

AND I WOULD ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING THAT.

>> YES.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANOTHER QUESTION, SOMETHING I HAVE RAISED IN THE PAST, HAVE THERE BEEN ANY EFFORTS OR SUGGESTIONS WITH EVENTS THAT ARE NOT QUITE AS ICONIC AS THE MARATHON, AS THE JUAN FOR HUNGER THAT ARE NOT GEOGRAPHICALLY -- TO EXPLORE OTHER VENUES.

I THINK IT WAS LAST YEAR WE HAD THE J.P. MORGAN CORPORATE CHANNEL AND THE BA A-10 K, VERY SIMILAR ROUTE IF NOT IDENTICAL WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS OF EACH OTHER IN JUNE.

THOSE ARE BOTH INCREDIBLY WELL ATTENDED, 10-KS, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF PEOPLE GETTING THEIR IN, RAISING MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE, BUT THAT REALLY DO STRANGLE THE NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU KNOW, CORPORATE CHALLENGE SOUNDS TO ME LIKE SOMETHING THAT MIGHT MAKE SENSE IN A FINANCIAL DISTRICT, IN THE SEAPORT, YOU KNOW, AREAS THAT ARE VIBRANT, THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE THERE IS A LOT OF SPACE AND ON THE WEEKENDS THERE IS NOT A LOT GOING ON OVER THERE.

SO WHAT IS THE APPROACH TO SOMETHING LIKE THAT? HAS THAT BEEN BROACHED WITH SOME OF THESE ORGANIZERS AND HOW WOULD WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT?

>> WE HAVE -- WE HAVE MOVED SEVERAL RACES TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CITY, EAST BOSTON, FOR EXAMPLE.

WE HAVE MOVED A LOT OF RACES OVER THE SOUTH BOSTON WHERE WE USE STATE BOULEVARD WHICH IS STATE WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION COME IN, BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES WHO WILL SAY WHETHER OR NOT

A RACE COULD BE HAD.
WE MOVE RACES OVER TO FRANKLIN
PARK, AND THERE IS ALSO A 5K
ROUTE THAT WE LOOKED AT OVER IN
EAST BOSTON WE ARE TRYING TO
NAVIGATE ALL OF OF OUR 5K WALKS
TO GO OVER.

THERE ARE NO NEW EVENTS OVER
THERE IN THE AREA, EVERYTHING
THAT HAS BEEN THERE HAS BEEN
THERE FOR 10, 15 YEARS.
THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THOSE
RACES.

>> AND SO I WOULD SAY THAT THERE
IS A STRONG INTEREST ON THE PART
OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE TO MOVE
IT TO OTHER GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF
THE CITY AND FRANKLY, WORKING
WITH SOME OF OUR REGIONAL
PARTNERS TO REALLY EXPLORE
OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE CITY
LIMITS AS WELL, LIKE WE WANT TO
RECEIVE THE ECONOMIC COBENEFITS
OF THESE EVENTS, HOWEVER WE DO
REALIZE THAT SOME OF THE ROOTS
ARE BIG ENOUGH THAT THEY CAN BE
A BURDEN HONESTY RESIDENTS, SO
THE PLACES WITHIN THE CITY THAT
WE HAVE BEEN PROMOTING AS A
SPECIAL EVENT LOCATIONS ARE
PLACES LIKE MILLENNIUM PARK AND
WEST ROCKS ROSS, THE 5K ROUTE
WHICH INVOLVES THE EAST BOSTON
GREENWAY, THAT THE DIRECTOR
MENTIONED AND THEN ANY
OPPORTUNITIES ALONG THE COAST OF
DORCHESTER AND SOUTH BOSTON AS
WELL. I WILL SAY, AND THIS WILL
COME AS NO SPRINGFIELD, THAT
THERE IS A STRONG DESIRE, URGE
FOR NEW EVENTS COMING TO THE
CITY TO REALLY PARTICIPATE IN
THAT ICONIC GEOGRAPHY AND THE
ARCHITECTURE OF THE BACK BAY,
THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE SHOULD
NECESSARILY ACCOMMODATE THEM.

>> I APPRECIATE THAT AND I
APPRECIATE HEARING ABOUT THE
EFFORTS TO DISTRIBUTE THESE A
LITTLE MORE.
I WOULD SAY AND I HAVE GOTTEN,
YOU KNOW, GIVEN THE TIMING OF
THIS AS MANY FOLKS -- I HAVE A

STACK OF WRITTEN TESTIMONY.

>> MANY OF THEM HAVE SUGGESTED THE ES SPLA MAD, I KNOW THAT IS .. STATE PROPERTY, BUT NOT DISRUPTIVE TO TRAFFIC, NOT DISRUPTIVE TO ACCESS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

I THINK YOU JUST MENTIONED DADE BOULEVARD, SIMILARLY, YOU KNOW, ANOTHER AREA TO LOOK AT, NOT JUST FOR THESE NEW APPLICANTS BUT FOR FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD USING IT FOR A WHILE, I WILL SAY THIS CERTAINLY ISN'T ON ANY OF YOU THREE.

I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT IT IS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOT HERE TO TALK ABOUT THIS.

I THINK BOTH FROM A DECISION MAKING STANDPOINT IT IS OR ON OR IMPORTANT TO HAVE THEM AT THE TABLE BUT ALSO ONE OF THE EASIEST WAYS TO MITIGATE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THIS IS FOR THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE ENFORCING THE ROAD CLOSURES TO HAVE SOME DISCRETION FROM COMMAND STAFF TO OBVIOUSLY CONSISTENT WITH PUBLIC SAFETY IF THERE IS A BREAK, YOU KNOW, FOR A WHILE IN THE RUNNERS, MAYBE, YOU KNOW, THE FASTEST FOLKS THEY GOT THERE AND THEN WHERE I WOULD BE IN THE MIDDLE, BACK OF THE PACK THERE IS A BIT OF A GAP, YOU KNOW, AND I SEE THAT SOMETIMES AND THERE ARE SOMETIMES DISCRETION MAYOR EXERCISE BUT THAT NEEDS TO COME FROM THE TOP.

I THINK PEOPLE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE DOING WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO AND DOING THEIR JOB, SO I WOULD HOPE THAT WHETHER IT IS DISTRICT CAPTAIN OR IT IS DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT IN PLANNING OR IT IS THE COMMISSIONER, WHOMEVER IT IS, DOES PARTICIPATE IN THIS, BECAUSE I THINK THAT ALONE COULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS MITIGATING THE IMPACT, IT DOESN'T MITIGATE THE NOISE AND THE HELICOPTERS AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY

DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FAA, WITH THE STATE OVER THE YEARS ABOUT HELICOPTERS, YOU KNOW, ON FENWAY, BACK BAY, BEE BEACON HILL, THAT MAY BE, BEACON HILL, THAT MAY BE SOMETHING BEYOND US AS A CITY RIGHT NOW BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE CAN DO WITH THE EXISTING THINGS AND WE HAVE HAD SUCCESS AROUND THE MARATHON WHICH IS GREAT AND I THINK PART OF THE SUCCESS OF THAT IS BECAUSE IT IS SUCH A WELL-KNOWN EVENT THAT WE CAN PLAN FOR IT PRETTY SUCCESSFULLY AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT, YOU KNOW, FOR MANY OF THESE EXISTING RACES THAT DO REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT CLOSURES, AND LISTEN A 5K THAT IS HAPPENING FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M. OR WHATEVER IT IS ON A SUNDAY HAS A SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT AND LESSER IMPACT THAN THE J.P. MORGAN CORPORATE CHANNEL WHICH I BELIEVE IS IN THE EVENING, A 10-K, SO I GUESS A BIG GOAL OF THIS HEARING IS TO, ONE, MAKE SURE WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THESE THINGS, BUT ALSO ALMOST EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE E-MAILS I RECEIVED TALK ABOUT IN GLOWING TERMS HOW PEOPLE LOVE THE VIBRANCY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THEY WANT TO SUPPORT THESE CAUSES BUT THAT THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN TWEAK TO MAKE IT BETTER AND THE NOTICE GOES A LONG WRAY TO DO THAT, SO IT IS ENCOURAGING TO HEAR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO WORK ON THAT.

>> I THINK YOUR POINT IS WELL MET, COUNCILOR.

WHILE THERE IS STRONG COORDINATION AROUND THE EVENT LOGISTICS THEMSELVES AND WHAT IS GOING TO MAKE FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVENT, WE COULD CERTAINLY ENGAGE WITH BPD AND THE BFS, BPD TO TRY TO APPLY THE SAME LEVEL OF ORGANIZATION WE DO AROUND THE MARATHON PLANNING, TO SOME OF THESE SMALLER EVENTS TO MAKE IT EASIER ON THE BURDEN ON THE

NEIGHBORHOOD.

>> AND I DO THINK -- THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME I SAY IT, I DO THINK IF WHOMEVER IS IN CHARGE, WHETHER IT IS THE DISTRICT COMMANDER, D 4, IN THIS CASE, OR ELSEWHERE, YOU KNOW,, TO GIVE THE WORD TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO ARE OUT THERE PROTECTING THESE EVENTS AND MANNING THE TRAFFIC PAIR YEARS, BARRIERS, LISTEN, USE YOUR JUDGMENT IF SOMEONE LIVES RIGHT THERE, AND I PERSONALLY HAVE HAD SOME MIXED SUCCESS OVER THE YEARS ON THAT FRONT, SO I DO WANT TO SAY TO THAT, THAT GOES A LONG WAY TOWARD RESOLVING SOME OF THESE CONCERNS.

I THINK THAT IS PROBABLY -- FROM MY QUESTIONS RIGHT NOW, I DO THINK -- I DO APPRECIATE THIS. I APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH US AND AS I SPRAYED THE BEGINNING, IDEALLY, YOU KNOW, SOME OF THESE MINOR POLICY CHANGES CAN BE PUT IN PLACE ON YOUR SIDE OF THINGS AND THERE WON'T BE A LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. WE DON'T NEED TO DO THIS, BUT GETTING THOSE GUIDELINES OUT THERE, WORKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, PROGRAMS THE DISTRICT CITY COUNCILORS, AND AT SOME LEVEL AND, YOU KNOW, I KNOW IT WAS 4,084 PERMITS A YEAR, WE DON'T NEED TO BE A PART OF EVERY ONE OF THOSE, BUT CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION, I DO APPRECIATE, IT IS GOOD TO SEE THE DATA AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY STAFF WHO PORED OVER YEARS OF THIS DATA THAT WAS PROVIDED TO PUT THIS, YOU KNOW, A READABLE FORM FOR ME TO BE INFORMED ABOUT THIS. I KNOW THERE IS A LOT THERE, BUT LIKE I SAID FROM THE BEGINNING THIS IS SOMETHING I THINK SOME COMMON SENSE FIX ACCOUNTS REALLY ADDRESS AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

>> I JUST WANTED TO MENTION ONE THING.
ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE, THROUGH SOME OF THE CONFERENCE CALLS WE GET INTO, WE ARE INVESTING IN A DESTINATION MARKET EVENT IMPACT CALCULATOR WHICH IS GOING TO BE BASICALLY GIVE US THE OVERALL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SOME OF THESE EVENTS.

>> I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE HAS JOINED US AS WELL.

OKAY.

SO I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS THAT BUILD ON WHAT COUNCILOR ZAKIM WAS SAYING.

SO FIRST IS, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE JUST TO PROVIDE, I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS WRITTEN DOWN IN ONE PLACE, BUT SORT OF A SET OF STEPS FOR WHAT THE DIFFERENT PERMITS OR, YOU KNOW, WHERE PEOPLE -- WHERE DO THEY SEND THE LETTERS TO FOR EACH OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF EVENTS, JUST SO WE KNOW WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN BLOCK PARTY, ET CETERA.

>> IF YOU GO ON TO TOURS AND SPORTS WEBSITE THERE IS A SECTION CALLED HOW TO, AND HOW TO FILL OUT A PUBLIC EVENT APPLICATION AND BRING YOU THROUGH THE THREE DIFFERENT STEPS AND TELL YOU THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS I MENTIONED POLICE, FIRE, IFD, ET CETERA AND GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT PERMITS YOU MIGHT NEED SO WHEN YOU ARE COMING INTO THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PULL THAT UP AND IT IS ALL ONLINE.

>> OKAY.

GREAT.

IS IT -- JUST A ONE-PAGER SOMEWHERE OR IS IT YOU HAVE TO CLICK THROUGH STEP-BY-STEP OR DOES IT LIVE IN --

>> IT IS RIGHT ON THE SITE.

>> OKAY.

>> WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE IT --

>> ANYTHING YOU HAVE WOULD BE GREAT.

I THINK AS WE ARE TRYING TO THINK ABOUT THIS, EVEN THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF PUBLIC EVENTS IS HELPFUL.

SO IS THERE ANY CONSIDERATION NOW OF KIND OF WHAT IS A REASONABLE NUMBER OR FREQUENCY OF EVENTS PER GEOGRAPHY, PER NEIGHBORHOOD OR SOMETHING THAT -- PER BLOCK?

>> WE TOOK THE WHOLE CITY AND WE FIGURED OUT HOW MANY EVENTS WERE IN EACH 0 NEIGHBORHOOD, WE FIGURED HOW MANY EVENTS AND HOW MANY CLOSE, HOW MANY ROAD CLOSURES IN EACH NEIGHBORHOOD.

>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM IS A POPULAR DISTRIBUTE.

WE TRY TO STEER THEM INTO DIFFERENT BARTZ OF THE CITY, ROXBURY, HYDE PARK, ROSLINDALE, SOUTH BOSTON, SOMETIMES IN THE SEAPORT WE DO SOME STUFF, BUT WE WANT TO SEPARATE AS MUCH AS WE CAN OUT OF THIS DISTRICT.

>> SO JUST TAKING COUNCILOR ZAKIM'S DISTRICT OR EVEN A BACK BAY AS KIND OF THE ONE END OF THE SPECTRUM, HOW OFTEN IS IT EVERY SINGLE WEEKEND? EVERY SINGLE WEEKEND DAY OR WHAT IS THE KIND OF FREQUENCY?

>> WE COMPRISED A LIST OF ALL OF THE EVENTS IN 2017, 2018 OF HIS DISTRICT AND WE CAN GET YOU THAT EXACTLY WHAT WAS THERE AND WHAT WAS NOT.

WE DID INCLUDE SOME EVENTS IN THE SOUTH END, SO THEY ARE IN THERE BUT WE CAN GET THAT TO YOU.

OKAY.
THANK YOU.

>> BUT IT IS MOST WEEKENDS, IT IS MOST WEEKENDS.

>> FROM WHAT MONTH --

>> ROADWAYS -- THE MARATHON STARTS.

>> APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER.

>> OKAY.

SOME STUFF IN NOVEMBER BUT NOT A

LOT.

>> AND DURING THAT KIND OF APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER WINDOW, IS IT SAT AT A AND SUNDAY OR, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OR TRY TO RESERVE SOME BLOCK OF TIME?

..
>> WE WILL SHARE THE CALENDAR WITH YOU.

THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT A LOT OF THE PARKS, A LOT OF THE EVENTS ARE IMPACTFUL IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

>> YES.

>> SO THE SCOPE REALLY CHANGES WITH THE TYPE OF EVENT.

FOR MAJOR EVENT THAT USED THE COMAVE ROUTE, CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG BUT SIX OR SEVEN OF THOSE THAT REALLY IMPACTED SOMEONE GETTING OUT OF THEIR DRIVEWAY OR ACCESSING THEIR CAR.

>> OKAY.

>> HOWEVER, BETWEEN THAT AND THE BLOCK PARTIES AND THE ADDITIONAL FACILITY OF THE EVENTS THAT HAPPEN ON 0 THE COMMON .. AS WELL AS ANY FILMING OR CONSTRUCTION THAT IS HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IT CAN GET VERY BUSY.

WHAT I WOULD ALSO ADD IS THAT IN THE BACK BAY YOU ALSO HAVE THE ADDITION OF COPLEY SQUARE SO, YOU KNOW, IF THERE IS A MAJOR EVENT HAPPENING AT COPLEY SQUARE THERE COULD BE A PARTIAL CLOSURE OF DARTMOUTH OR JUST AN IMPACT WITH LOADING IN AND LOADING OUT OF THE COPLEY SQUARE AS WELL.

>> WE TOOK A TALLY JUST TO KIND OF GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE IN 2017, WHICH IS RIGHT AFTER WE TALKED ABOUT THE ELECTION THERE, COUNCILOR ZAKIM'S DISTRICT HAD 16 BLOCKS THAT, AND THEN WE HAD [WALKS, AND SEVEN PARADES, THROUGHOUT THE SEVEN PARADES, THOSE WERE MORE OF THE PRO FEST PARADES, AND THAT DECREASED IN 2018.

>> OKAY.

AND SO THE WAY THAT IT WORKS NOW IS IT JUST FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE FOR A PARTICULAR TIME AND

LOCATION?

SO FOR EXAMPLE IF THERE IS A WALK THAT HAS BEEN KIND OF GOING A COUPLE OF YEARS NOW AND SOMEONE ELSE WANTS TO DO SOMETHING IS IT -- DO YOU KIND OF REEVALUATE EVERY YEAR OR WHAT IS THE SCHEDULING PRIORITY?

>> LIKE FOR INSTANCE THE BAA, THE MARATHON, IT IS USUALLY --

>> YES, THE MARATHON ASIDE.

>> BUT WE WORK WITH ALL OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEES, WE WORK WITH WHOEVER IT IS, USUALLY IT IS A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. AND ALSO EVENTS, AND DEPENDS ON WHEN THE EVENT IS GOING TO BE AND HOW MANY EVENTS ARE IN THE CITY.

WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT IS DOING ON AT FENWAY PARK.

>> I JUST WANT TO ADD ON TO WHAT THE DIRECTOR IS SAYING, THERE IS ALWAYS A DEFERENCE TO THE EXISTING EVENTS.

>> SO BASICALLY -- AND HOW FAR OUT ARE YOU SCHEDULING?

DO YOU ISSUE PERFORM --

>> ABOUT A YEAR.

>> A YEAR.

SO BASICALLY IF THERE IS MORE INTEREST IN ADDING EVENTS, YOU KIND OF HAVE TO, WHOEVER KIND OF LAYS CLAIM IN THE YEAR BEFORE ESSENTIALLY GETS THE RIGHTS OF FIRST REFUSAL OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND THEN OTHERS WILL GET RECOMMENDED TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION OR DIFFERENT DATE OR DO YOU EVER KIND OF FLAT OUT REJECT ANY OF THEM?

>> WE TRY NOT TO REJECT ANYTHING.

WE 32 I DO MAKE IT IF IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE IT CAN HAPPEN OVER THERE AND WE DID A LOT OF THAT WITH A LOT OF GROUPS FROM LAST YEAR.

>> SO TWO NEW THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOURISM SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DEPARTMENT WITH IS CREATING A 5K ROUTE WITHIN THE

COMMON ITSELF AND ALSO WITHIN FRANKLIN PARK TO TRY TO GET OUT OF THE BUSINESS OF CLOSING ROADS BECAUSE IT IS SO IMPACTFUL. THAT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL, HOWEVER, THAT IS NOW STARTING TO RUN INTO THE TRADITIONAL YEARLY EVENT THAT WE HAVE AT BOTH OF THOSE PARKS, AND SO REALLY WE ARE AT CAPACITY AT THOSE.

>> AND THIS IS TANGENTIAL AND PROBABLY A TOPIC FOR A DIFFERENT DATE BUT IT FEELS LIKE THERE IS GOING TO BE NO STOPPAGE OF MORE INTEREST IN HOSTING EVENTS AND THERE WILL BE MORE AND MORE -- WHICH IS A GOOD THING FOR THE CITY PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND CREATING THESE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS, BUT THAT IF EVERY WOKED IN THE "TEAL LOCATION, THE IDEAL TIME IS CLAIMED BY SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN THERE BEFORE, THERE JUST SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING .. INEQUITABLE ABOUT THAT AND WHETHER IT IS SOME FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC OF, YOU KNOW, WE ARE THESE GOOD HOSTS IN A BAD NEIGHBORHOOD AND THAT MEANS THERE IS SUCH A HIGH DEMAND FOR PEOPLE WANTING TO DO SOMETHING IF THEY WEREN'T RESPONSIBLE ACTORS, MAYBE THEY SHOULDN'T -- TAKE A YEAR OFF AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS OR A DIFFERENT, THEY FALL DOWN IN PRIORITY THAT IS GIVEN, AND/OR EVEN ASSUMING EVERYONE HANDLES THE NEIGHBORHOOD A INTERACTION REALLY WELL AND THAT THERE ARE NO COMPLAINTS, EVEN JUST THE IDEA THERE SHOULD BE SOME FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY ON HOW THEY WANT THEIR KIND OF THE MITT GAIGHTS THAT THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH, THE IMPACT THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH, SHOULD THIS GO TO THAT, THIS OR THAT CAUSE? MAYBE THERE IS A LOCAL ORGANIZATION THAT WANTS TO DO A WALK THEY WOULD MUCH RATHER BE INCONVENIENCED FOR THAN SOME NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT IS

COMING IN AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN.

SO I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS ROOM FOR THAT CONVERSATION SOMEWHERE, BUT I THINK BACK BAY SHOULD BE ON THE TABLE WHEN IT COMES TO TALKING ABOUT THAT SINCE THEY THEY ARE THE EPICENTER OF THESE TYPE OF EVENTS BUT THINKING THROUGH CITY WIDE IF THERE IS A POLICY AROUND HOW -- REEVALUATION THAT HAPPENS YEAR AFTER YEAR, UNDERSTANDING THE ORGANIZATIONS NEED STABILITY TO CONTINUE GROWING EVENTS TOO, SO YOU ARE IN A TOUGH SPOT I KNOW, BUT JUST THROWING THAT OUT THERE.

>> ALL RIGHT.

I THINK YOUR POINT IS WELL MET. AND WE CERTAINLY LEARNED A LOT FROM COUNCILOR ZAKIM'S COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE PROCESS OF DEALING WITH THE FREEDOM RALLY ON BOSTON COMMON RECENTLY. AND CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, NO EVENT SHOULD GET TO THAT POINT BEFORE THE CITY TAKES ACTION, SO I THINK THE MORE WE CAN INCORPORATE THAT THOUGHTFULNESS IN OUR APPROACH TO SCHEDULING THESE EVENTS WE WOULD BE -- WE BENEFIT FROM THAT.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, ANYTHING AT THIS POINT?

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

>> NO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

I APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN.

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE RESIDENTS AND THE OTHER FOLKS I REPRESENT.

I FEEL ENCOURAGED BY THIS, ESPECIALLY AS WE ARE GETTING INTO THE SPRING SEASON.

SO I DO JUST WANT TO REITERATE THAT TWO -- I THINK TWO OF THE MOST CRUCIAL ACTION ITEMS THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED, YOU KNOW, MAYBE NOT OVERNIGHT BUT PRETTY

CLOSE IS TRYING TO INCORPORATE THOSE ROAD CLOSURE LISTS WITH O AND SS, OUTGOING NEIGHBORHOOD E-MAILS, TRYING AND AGAIN SINCE WE ARE PROBABLY ALREADY SET FOR THIS YEAR BUT MOVING FORWARD, AS NEW APPLICANTS COME IN, IF IT IS OF A SIGNIFICANT SIZE AND I WILL LEAVE IT TO YOUR JUDGMENT WHAT QUALIFIES, LOOPING IN THE RELEVANT CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND/OR, YOU KNOW, OUR DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL OFFICES AND BRINGING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTO THIS DISCUSSION ABOUT USING SOME COMMON SENSE DISCRETION ON HOW FOLKS GET IN AND OUT OF THEIR HOMES DURING THESE EVENTS I THINK ARE THREE THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN FAIRLY EASILY THIS PREPARATION FOR THE COMING SPRING.

ABSOLUTELY.

>> ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK?

>> FEEL FREE TO COME DOWN TO THE MICROPHONE AT THIS TIME.

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>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS MIKE GEORGE.

I AM HERE AT THE INVITATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF THE BACK BAY, WHICH I AM A MEMBER.

MY COMMENTS ARE MY OWN. AND WITH NAB, I HEAD UP A GROUP OF CONDOMINIUM MANAGEMENT GROUP THAT LOOKS AT HOW WE MANAGE THE BUILDINGS.

I ALSO SERVE AS NABB'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ASSOCIATION FOR DOWNTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS ADCO.

>> JUST TO SUMMARIZE A COUPLE OF THINGS AND AT ADD DCO TRANSITIONS FROM SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM RENTALS INTO THE AREA OF TRANSPORTATION, THERE ARE SOME BROADER TRANSPORTATION ISSUES THAT ARE RAISED BY THIS -- BY THIS ISSUE TOO.

WHILE WE MAY BE THE MOST

AFFLUENT NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS OF THE BACK BAY WE ARE ALSO THE MOST MEDICALLY NEEDY AND AS THE CONGESTION IN THE STREETS CLOGS UP OUR NEIGHBORS, IT AT SOME POINT IMPACTS THE ABILITY FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO GET THROUGH.

I UNDERSTAND POLICE AND FIRE ARE AT THE TABLE ON THESE MEETINGS BUT WE ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT BEING ABLE TO GET ACCESS TO THE GREAT MEDICAL FACILITIES WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, IN THE CITY.

THE SECOND I WOULD SAY IS THAT I APPLAUD THE IDEA OF GETTING ECONOMIC IMPACT INDICATOR, I AM A RETIRED PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, 25 YEARS IN THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER, AND UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTY IN BRINGING IN METRICS AND FACT FACED DECISION MAKING INTO THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

I HAVE NOT HEARD A LOT OF -- WELL I HEARD SOME KIND OF INITIAL ANALYTICAL APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM IN TERMS OF COMPILING DATA AND COLLECTING DATA.

I DIDN'T HEAR A LOT MORE ABOUT METRICS, ABOUT A DECISION-MAKING PROCESS THAT IS READILY ACCESSIBLE.

SO I GUESS IF WE HAVE TO BUY SOMETHING TO GIVE US THAT SOMETHING THAT IS GREAT.

SO I APPLAUD THAT, SO WE CAN MOVE TOWARD A MORE FACT BASED -- PARTICULARLY SINCE THE IMPRESSION IS THAT THE BUSINESSES DON'T PARTICULARLY BENEFIT FROM THESE EVENTS, SO THOSE WOULD BE A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS I HAVE. YOU KNOW, AND AS USUAL, WE ARE WILLING AND VERY MUCH WELCOME THE ENGAGEMENT AND THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY AND APPRECIATE THE UNDERSTANDING ON THAT. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC INTERESTED IN SPEAKING
NOW?

>> ANY FINAL COMMENTS FROM OUR
PANELISTS?

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
TIME.

THIS WILL CONCLUDE OUR HEARING
ON DOCKET NUMBER 0131, ORDER FOR
A HEARING REGARDING THE USE OF
PUBLIC WAYS, THIS HEARING IS
ADJOURNED.

>>