

MADAM CLERK CALL THE ROLL FOR THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM.

>> COUNCILOR FRANK BAKER, CAMPBELL, EDWARDS, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.
COUNCILOR GARRISON -- COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

>> YOU HAVE THE FORUM.

>> THANK YOU MADAM CLERK.

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED A QUORUM IS PRESENT.

AT THIS TIME IF ALL COLLEAGUES, GUESTS AND STAFF RISE AS WE INTRODUCE THE CLERGY FOR TODAY.

AND I ASK EVERYONE REMAINING STANDING AFTER FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

>> THANK YOU MADAM PRESIDENT.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE MY FRIEND, THE PASTOR OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD AROUND THE CORNER FROM WHERE I LIVE.

PASTOR GORDON FROM GEORGIA APPENDING B.U. SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

WHAT I AM IMPRESSED, HE IS PART OF THE NEW GENERATION OF ACTIVIST LEADERS, ACTIVIST PASTORS ENGAGES WITH US AS PARTNERS, ALSO HOLDING US ACCOUNTABLE FOR THINGS WE ARE DOING IN OUR COMMUNITIES, IN OUR DISTRICTS AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR ADVOCACY AND PARTNERSHIP IN ALL WE DO TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY AND ENTIRE CITY OF BOSTON STRONG.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE, PLEASE.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME, TO ALL OF THE OTHER COUNCILLORS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS, A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN BOSTON.

GLAD TO BE ALIVE AND SERVE AND LIVE IN A GREAT CITY.

PLEASE, BOW YOUR HEADS AS WE PRAY.

ALMIGHTY GOD THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF A NEW DAY.

A DAY IN WHICH WE CAN LIVE, A DAY IN WHICH WE ALSO ARE CALLED TO SERVE OTHERS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR, GOD, THIS GREAT CITY.

THANK YOU FOR THE HISTORY WE HAVE AND THE FUTURE SET BEFORE US.

FOR EVERY CITY COUNCILOR AND PUBLIC SERVANT HERE.

GOD FOR EVERY FIGHTER AND ACTIVITY ACTIVIST FOR JUSTICE AND FIGHTING FOR WHAT IS RIGHT.

AND IN THIS SESSION WE ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE, GOD.

WE ASK THAT THE IDEALS OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, PEACE, PROSPERITY AND THAT THE CALLING IS TO SERVE OTHERS.

ESPECIALLY AS WE'RE REMINDED OF JESUS CHRIST WHO WANTED TO SERVE THE LEAST, THE LAST AND THE LEFT OUT, HELP US, GOD TO, LOOK TOWARDS THAT IN YOUR HOLY NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

>> AMEN, AMEN.

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

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

MADAM CLERK, AMEND ATTENDANCE RECORD TO REFLECT COUNCILLOR BAKER IS WITH US. AND NOW MOVING ON TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS, MOVING ON TO APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

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

SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING ARE SO APPROVED.

MOVING ON TO COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR.

>> DOCKET 1010, MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND AN AMOUNT OF \$25,000 IN THE FORM OF A GRANT FOR A HARVARD SERVICE FELLOW,

AWARDED BY THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.
THE GRANT WILL FUND THE HARVARD PRESIDENTIAL CITY OF BOSTON FELLOWSHIP.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

COUNCILLOR, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

I RISE TO ASK SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 1010.

IT'S A SMALL GRANT AND WE WANT TO GET IT IN THE RIGHT HANDS SO THAT WE CAN START THAT FELLOW.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 1010.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

>> AYE.

>> ANY OPPOSED, NAY.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1010 HAS BEEN PASSED.

MADAM CLERK AMEND ATTENDANCE RECORD TO REFLECT COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY IS HERE.

IF I'M CORRECT, WE HAVE EVERYONE NOW.

IS THAT RIGHT?

>> YES.

>> OKAY.

MOVING ON TO REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS.

DOCKET.

>> 1411, THE CONSTABLE BONDS OF MICHAEL WARE AND MOHAMOUD MOHAMOUD HAVING BEEN DULY APPROVED BY THE COLLECTOR TREASURE WAS RECEIVED AND APPROVED.

>> ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

>> AYE.

>> THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1011 APPROVED UNDER THE USUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

>> WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ 1012.

>> DOCKET 1012, NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE ORDINANCES OF 1979, REGARDING ACTION TAKEN BY THE MAYOR ON PAPERS ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS ITS MEETING OF JUNE 12 WITH, 2019.

DOCKET 1013, NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE ORDINANCES OF 1979, REGARDING ACTION TAKEN BY THE MAYOR ON PAPERS ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS ITS MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2019.

DOCKET 1014, NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MAUREEN JOYCE AS COMPTROLLER, CITY AUDITOR, EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 2019.

DOCKET 1015, NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF INDIRA ALVAREZ, AS INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, EFFECTIVE JUNE 10, 2019.

DOCKET 10 '16, NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DION IRISH AS COMMISSIONER OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE JUNE 10, 2019.

DOCKET 1017, NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS ARINIELLO EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, 2019.

DOCKET 1018, NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ENEIDA TAVARES, EFFECTIVE JUNE 10, 2019.

DOCKET 1019, NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF HIS ABSENCE FROM THE CITY ON FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019, UNTIL 5:30 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019.

DOCKET 1020, COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREA CAMPBELL OF THE FILING OF HER REPORT "ACTION FOR BOSTON CHILDREN."

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

DOCKETS 1012 1020 PLACED ON FILE.

>> MOVING ON TO MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

>> WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ FROM 0964 THROUGH 0967?

>> YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

>> THANK YOU.

DOCKET 0964, MESSAGE AND ORDER FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND TAX ORDER FOR FY 2020.
DOCKET 0965, MESSAGE AND ORDER FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR FY 2020.

DOCKET 0966, MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$40 MILLION IN THE OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS KNOWN AS OPEB LIABILITY TRUST FUND, ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 20 OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 232B.

AND DOCKET 0967, MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$36,400,000 FROM THE CITY'S CAPITAL GRANT FUND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS.

THESE PROJECTS ARE ALIGNED WITH THE GOALS OF GO BOSTON 2030, THE CITY'S TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN.

THE FUNDS SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE EXPECT GRANT FUND FROM THE PARKING METER FUND.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

JUST A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, THESE BUDGETS INCLUDE OUR OPERATING BUDGET AS WELL AS OUR SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FY '20 AND WE'LL LATER GET TO THE CAPITAL BUDGET FROM THE GREEN SHEETS.

FOR NOW WE'LL JUST FOCUSES ON THESE.

COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.

>> UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO SPEAK ON THE ENTIRE BUDGET INCLUDING CAPITAL WHICH WE'LL CALL FOR THE SECOND VOTE.

>> ANY OBJECTION?

>> THANK YOU.

>> WOULD YOU LIKE TO WAIT TO PULL THE CAPITAL FROM THE GREEN SHEETS?

>> YES.

>> AFTER YOU SPEAK ON THESE?

OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

THE FY '20 BUDGET REVIEW INCLUDED 28 HEARINGS ON THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET. DETAILS ON DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS, A HEARING DEDICATED TO PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS.

I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU, MY COLLEAGUES, FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO A FELLOW REVIEW OF THE BUDGET OVER THE COURSE OF TWO MONTHS AND OVER 55 HOURS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS. THE DOCKETS CURRENTLY BEFORE US REPRESENT THE RESUBMITTED BUDGET WHICH CONTAINS IMPORTANT EDITIONS FOR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL AND MANY REFORMS THIS BODY HAS ASKED FOR, INCLUDING THE 38.6 MILLION DOLLAR TRANSFER FROM THE CITY'S COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESERVE IN THE FY '20 BPS BUDGET TO COVER THE FY '20 COST OF THE BOSTON TEACHERS UNION CONTRACT, WHICH INCLUDES A COMMITMENT TO PUTTING A NURSE IN EVERY BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COVER THE COSTS OF WASTE REMOVAL AND RECYCLING, FOLLOWING A RIGOROUS PROCUREMENT PROCESS.

FUNDING TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN BPD FORENSICS UNIT.

FUNDING TO PROVIDE BPS FUNDS WITH ACCESS TO PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS, ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO MAINTAIN CRITICAL FACILITY SERVICES AT BPL BRANCH LIBRARIES.

ADDITION OF A BPD TRANSPORTATION ANALYST POSITION.

AND FUNDING TO BUILD CAPACITY AND IMPROVE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS THROUGH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRANT ADVANCEMENT.

THIS BUDGET ALSO MAKES IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS IN UNIVERSAL PRE KINDERGARTEN WITH A GOAL OF CLOSING THE 1500 SEAT GAP IN THE NUMBER OF QUALITY SEATS WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

ENDING CHRONIC AND YOUTH HOMELESSNESS WITH CREATION OF 50 ADDITIONAL UNITS OF

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL NEEDED SUPPORT FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

FUNDING FOR GO BOSTON 2030 PROJECTS, LIKE IMPROVEMENTS TO MAJOR ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES, SIDEWALKS, BUS LANES, BIKE CORRIDORS AND MORE.

NEW SUPPORTS FOR ADDICTION SERVICES THROUGH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVICES.

A NEW LONG TERM COMMITMENT TO FUNDING THE ARTS.

EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY OUR POLICE, FIRE AND EMS FORCES AND MEET THE DEMANDS OF OUR GROWING CITY.

PREPARING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH CLIMATE RESILIENCE EFFORTS AND ZERO WASTE PROGRAMMING AND FUNDING OUR FIXED OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING PENSIONS, DEBT SERVICE, AND STATE ASSESSMENTS.

THE FY '20 BUDGET IS THE LARGEST IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY.

MADE POSSIBLE BY THE DEVELOPMENT BOOM OF THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE BIGGEST IN THE CITY'S HISTORY, AND STRONG AND EFFECTIVE FISCAL MANAGEMENT OVER MANY YEARS.

AND THOUGH CITY COUNCILLORS WE ALWAYS WANT MORE FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS, THIS IS A GOOD BUDGET.

OVERALL FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE, REFLECTING INVESTMENTS IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD AND ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF CITY SERVICES.

I ASSUME THIS ROLE AS CHAIR OF COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS IN 2009 IN THE MIDST OF THE GREAT RECESSION.

THE FY '10 BUDGET WAS 2.4 BILLION DOLLARS.

BPS WAS \$817 MILLION.

AND WE WERE PUTTING \$20 MILLION AGAINST OUR OPEB LIABILITY.

AS A REMINDER, THAT IS \$1 BILLION LESS THAN OPERATING, 500 MILLION LESS FOR BPS.

AND HALF OF OUR CURRENT OPEB FUNDING.

AND THE CAPITAL PLAN IS 1.5 BILLION.

AGAIN, ALMOST 1 BILLION LESS THAN TODAY.

UNTIL FY '12 WE HAVE TO USE RESERVES, CASH TO MAKE UP THE DEFICITS IN REVENUE AND STATE AID.

AND WORK WITH THE RESIDUAL EFFECTS OF THE WEALTH LOST BY RESIDENTS AND HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF UNEMPLOYMENT SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION.

FY 10 AND 11 BUDGETS INCLUDED WAGE FREEZES, LAYOFFS, DEEP BUDGET REDUCTIONS EFFECTING THE CITY'S OPERATION ANSWER THE CAPITAL PLAN HAD TO DEFER PROJECTS ALL OVER THE CITY.

I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE FROM MY SPEECH REGARDING THE BUDGET IN 2010.

A VOTE TO SUPPORT THIS BUDGET IS CERTAINLY NOT PAINLESS.

WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER AS A BODY FOR MONTHS TO MAKE OUR PRIORITIES CLEAR.

DEEP BUDGET CUTS AND LAYOFFS ARE NEVER EASY.

AND CUTS DURING THESE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES ARE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO BEAR.

BUT THAT VOTE FOR THIS BUDGET IS A RESPONSIBLE VOTE AND A VOTE THAT SETS UP THE CITY FOR SUCCESSFUL FUTURE.

AND I BELIEVE WE ARE IN THAT SUCCESSFUL FUTURE RIGHT NOW.

THROUGHOUT MY TENURE AS CHAIR, I FEEL WE HAVE COMMITTED TO MAKE THE ABSOLUTE MOST OF OUR AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

STRAINED AND LIMITED AS IN FY 2010 OR MOST WE HAVE EVER HAD AS TODAY.

AS I STAND BEFORE TO YOU ASK FOR YOUR VOTE ON THIS LAST BUDGET OF MY TIME HERE, I COMMEND THE ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS PRUDENT FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING OUR FUTURE, EVER MINDFUL OF CHALLENGES WE FACE IN THE PRESENT SUCH AS CURRENT STATE OF UNDERFUNDING OF SCHOOLS, THE UNCERTAIN FEDERAL LANDSCAPE THAT AFFECT OUR FUTURE.

AND I COMMEND MY COLLEAGUES FOR ASKING THE TOUGH QUESTIONS ENSURING THIS REVIEW ILL LIST SITS TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY ACROSS THE CITY.

AS WE ALL WORK FOR MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE THAT OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL CITY

RESIDENTS, OPPORTUNITY TO AFFORD QUALITY HOUSING TO, FEEL SAFE ON OUR STREETS, TO RECEIVE A QUALITY EDUCATION, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ECONOMY, AND TO ENJOY OUR GREEN SPACE.

THE FY '20 BUDGET REFLECTS THE CITY'S AWARENESS OF THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY: ADDICTION, CLIMATE CHANGE, DISPLACEMENT.

WHILE THERE IS ALWAYS MORE WE WOULD LIKE DO, I AM COGNIZANT OF THE NEED TO WORK WITHIN OUR MEANS.

AND PAY OFF OUR DEBTS TO ENSURE THAT THOSE THAT COME AFTER US CAN CONTINUE IN THIS WORK.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO MY COLLEAGUES ON THE COUNCIL.

THANK YOU TO MY CO CHAIR, COUNCILLOR TIM MCCARTHY AND CHAIR OF EDUCATION, ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE, FOR CO CHAIRING AND TAKING LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THIS BUDGET.

THANK YOU TO THE MAYOR AND HIS TEAM FOR HARD WORK, EMMA, JUSTIN, JIM WILLIAMSON, ELLEN HATCH, JACK, ALL THE ANALYSTS IN THE BUDGET OFFICE.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT LAURA, RON AND ELLEN, NEIL ALL THE DEPARTMENT HEADS.

THE COUNCIL BUDGET DIRECTOR, I HAVE TO SAY DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB, MICHELLE, OUTSTANDING JOB WITH THE HELP OF CARL.

MY CHIEF OF STAFF, TOM JACKSON, DEBT, DANIEL, AND EVERYONE HOLES WORKED TO PUT THIS BUDGET TOGETHER AND REVIEW IT THOROUGHLY.

I AM PLEASED TO ASK FOR YOUR VOTE THAT REPRESENT THE CULMINATION OF THESE EFFORTS. IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO SEARCH AS THE CHAIR OF WAYS AND MEANS FOR THE PAST 11 YEARS. TO MY COLLEAGUES LEAVING AT THE END OF THE YEAR WITH ME, I AM PROUD TO HAVE SERVED ALONGSIDE YOU, SUCH DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANTS AND TO MY COLLEAGUES CONTINUING ON TO NEW TERMS NEXT YEAR AND BEYOND, THE FUTURE IS IN GOOD HANDS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CONTROL CIOMMO.

AT THIS TIME IF FOLKS WANT TO SPEAK ON THE BUDGET, THEY CAN SPEAK ON THE BUDGET NOW AND I WOULD JUST ASK FOLKS SPEAK ON THE ENTIRE BUDGET NOW.

COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU.

I WILL BEGIN BY SUSPENDING MY SELF IMPOSED RULE OF NOT NAMING COLLEAGUES FROM THE FLOOR BY SAYING JOB WELL DONE, MARK CIOMMO.

YOU HAVE BEEN THE WAYS AND MEANS CHAIR FOR EVERY YEAR I HAVE BEEN ON THIS BODY, WHICH I CAME IN AT THE END OF 2010.

THIS WAS MY 9TH BUDGET.

YOU HAVE SERVED THIS CITY WITH HONOR, WITH DISTINCTION.

WE WILL CERTAINLY MISS YOU IN THIS BUILDING.

WE KNOW YOU WON'T BE TOO FAR.

BUT CONGRATULATIONS, MY FRIEND, ON A REMARKABLE CAREER AND ANOTHER GREAT, PROBABLY THE BEST BUDGET THAT I WILL VOTE ON TO HAVE CAPPED IT OFF.

SO JOB WELL DONE ON THAT.

SIMILARLY, THANK YOU TO EMMA, JUSTIN, NEIL, THE ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION.

OUR FOLKS FROM BPS.

ESPECIALLY I WANTED TO THANK SUPERINTENDENT.

LAURA CALLED TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET THE OTHER NIGHT.

THAT WAS THE FIRST SUPERINTENDENT WHOEVER CALLED ME ON A BUDGET VOTE.

IT WAS MY FOURTH SUPERINTENDENT SINCE I HAVE BEEN HERE.

I THINK THAT REALLY SPEAKS TO THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT AND THE MARK THAT SHE SERVED THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS.

I WILL BE VOTING YO THE OPERATING BUDGET.

I WILL BE VOTING YO THE BPS BUDGET AND I WILL BE VOTING YO THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

THIS HAS BEEN AS SMOOTH A PROCESS AS WE HAVE SEEN IN MY TIME ON THIS BODY CERTAINLY. AND ONE THING THAT I'M PARTICULARLY PROUD OF IS THE FACT THAT THIS BODY REALLY ACTS AS A TRUE PARTNER WITH THE ADMINISTRATION IN CRAFTING MANY OF THE INITIATIVES IN THE

BUDGET.

THERE'S NO QUESTION THE BULK OF THE POWER, SORT OF DYNAMIC IN BOSTON GOVERNMENT LIES WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

BUT I AM INCREDIBLY PROUD OF EACH ONE OF YOU AND THE PROOF IS LITERALLY IN THE PUDDING.

WE ARE SEEING SOME INITIATIVES PUT FORTH BY THIS BODY THAT ARE REFLECTED IN THIS BUDGET.

AS IT RELATES TO NURSING, STAFFING LEVELS IN OUR SCHOOLS, COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI GEORGE HAS DONE GREAT WORK IN THAT SPACE.

WORKING ON MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN THE SCHOOL, SOMETHING WE HAVE LED ON, THAT IS NOW REFLECTED.

SOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES COUNCILLOR WU AND I HAVE WORKED ON IS NOW BEING REFLECTED IN THIS BUDGET.

THIS IS A STRONG BUDGET, A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET.

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT VOTE WE TAKE EACH AND EVERY YEAR.

I DEFY ANYONE TO CHALLENGE THAT.

WE ALL HAVE A JOB, WE ARE REELECTED AS A DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, 74, 75,000 OR AT LARGE COUNCILLOR, 680,000 INDIVIDUALS EVERY YEAR AND MOST IMPORTANT ROLE OF OUR JOB IS TO PROVIDE SOUND FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT THE CITY REMAINS ON THIS UPWARD TRAJECTORY.

HAVING A BUDGET THAT REFLECTS THE VIBRANCY, DIVERSITY, VALUES OF THE CITY.

THIS IS AS STRONG A BUDGET AS I HAVE VOTED FOR.

PROUD TO VOTE FOR IT.

THANK YOU AGAIN MARK FOR GREAT CAREER AND GREAT LEADERSHIP.

WE'LL MISS YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SO FIRST I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOU FOR CHAIRING WAYS AND MEANS FOR ALL THE YEARS THAT YOU HAVE, BUT CERTAINLY MY LAST 18 MONTHS AS THE COUNCILLOR.

THIS IS MY SECOND BUDGET AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR OPENNESS AND HELPING NEWER COUNCILLORS NAVIGATE THIS PROCESS.

I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE CENTRAL STAFF IN PARTICULAR, MICHELLE, SHANE, CORA, CANDACE.

THERE ARE ITEMS LACKING.

IN THE OPERATING BUDGET I AM EXCITED TO SEE STRONG INVESTMENT AND MAKING SURE THAT RESIDENTS HAVE STABLE, SECURE HOUSING.

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET INCLUDES 45% INCREASE IN D & D'S BUDGET, ALLOWING SUBSTANTIAL PROCESS IN FIGHTING CHRONIC YOUTH AND FAMILY HOMELESSNESS TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS SEEKING TO BUY AND IMPROVE, REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES.

AND GROW INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS LIKE ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNIT PROGRAM, INTERGENERATIONAL HOME SHARE PROGRAM, PROVIDING HOUSING STABILITY FOR THOSE AT RISK OF DISPLACEMENT AND HOME OWNERSHIP POSSIBILITIES.

BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY.

I APPRECIATE THE INVESTMENTS THERE.

AS THE CHAIR OF SMALL BUSINESS, I'M ALSO GLAD TO SEE FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS.

THE NEW CERTIFICATION MANAGERS TO HELP MBES AND WBES GET CERTIFIED AS SUCH BY THE CITY.

AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGING INDUSTRIES.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE RECEIVE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IN OUR FAIR SHARE OF RESOURCE IT IS BUDGET INCLUDES INVESTMENTS IN ENSURING ALL BOSTONIANS COUNTED IN THE CENSUS.

I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN INVESTMENT IN INTERVENTION.

THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF WORK DO.
WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER IN THAT AREA.
WE NEED DO A BETTER JOB AT RESPONDING TO TRAUMA, SUPPORTING FAMILIES.
WHILE THERE'S SOME IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS IN CLEAN UP AND RECOVERY SERVICES INCLUDING STAFFING, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE ORCHARD GARDEN SCHOOL IN MY DISTRICT, WE STILL NEED TO DO MUCH MORE TO COMBAT THE OPIOID CRISIS AND MITIGATE ITS IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES ALL THROUGHOUT OUR CITY.
FINALLY, I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO CREATE A CITY FUNDED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HELP FAMILIES STAY IN THEIR HOMES.
IN TERMS OF THE BPS BUDGET, TOGETHER WITH THE BTU CONTRACT AND WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE TODAY, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS.
ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL IS COMMITMENT TO BRINGING FULL TIME NURSE TO EVERY SCHOOL BUILDING AND TO ADDING 23 STUDENTS FACING MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.
WE NEED TO FILL THESE POSITIONS WITH DIVERSITY.
STAFF AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF OUR STUDENTS.
ANOTHER IMPORTANT INVESTMENT THAT I HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR MANY, MANY, MANY YEARS, CERTAINLY LONGER THAN I'VE BEEN ON THIS BODY IS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL HIGH QUALITY PRE K TO ALL FOUR YEAR OLDS WHO WANT IT.
THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT INVESTMENT HERE.
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL OF THOSE DOLLARS SPENT ON CREATING BPS CLASSROOMS.
BUT THESE ARE IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS ALL THE SAME.
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE INVESTMENT FOR MADISON PARK.
MANY OF US, MICHELLE, ANIS, ADVOCATING FOR MADISON PARK, SOME CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BUILDING BUT WE NEED MORE FOR PROGRAMMING.
I WILL CONTINUE ADVOCACY FOR MADISON PARK.
IN TERMS OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET, I'M PROUD TO HAVE ADVOCATED FOR THE EXPANSION OF DUDLEY SQUARE COMPLETE STREETS WHICH WILL NOW EXTEND, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT GATEWAY PARTICULARLY FOR THE DUDLEY AREA AND SUPPORTING BUSINESSES THERE AND CONNECTING TO OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS AS WELL AS THE HIGHWAY THERE.
VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE THE TRANSPORTATION HUB THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ALL OF DUDLEY MORE SAFE AND LESS CONGESTED.
ALSO HAPPY TO HAVE SECURED IMPORTANT HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDING FOR MALCOLM X PARK IN MY DISTRICT WHICH DESPERATE LY NEED INVESTMENT AS WELL AS ANOTHER 100,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO JONES PARK WORKING WITH NEIGHBORS AND RESIDENTS THERE TO DO A REDESIGN.
AND THERE ARE OTHER IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS.
SO I AM PLEASED ABOUT THE INVESTMENTS IN HOW THEY WILL IMPACT MY DISTRICT OVERALL.
THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK TO DO AND I LOOK FORWARD TO DOING THAT WORK WITH ALL OF YOU IN THE FUTURE.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR.
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. VICE CHAIR.
FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND I THINK WE'LL ECHO THIS TODAY AND VERY MUCH OKAY TO DO THIS.
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MICHELLE, SHANE, CORA, KERRY, CANDACE AND THE REST OF CENTRAL STAFF FOR THEIR WORK ON THE BUDGET.
THEY'RE THE FORCES BEHIND THE SCENES THAT ENSURE WE HAVE A SMOOTH BUDGET.
I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MEMBERS OF MY OWN TEAM ESPECIALLY CHIEF OF STAFF, JESSICA RODRIGUEZ WHO LEADS THIS PROCESS IN OUR OFFICE.
I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO COMMEND AND THANK COUNCILLOR CIOMMO NOT JUST FOR LEADING THE BUDGET BUT FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS DISTRICT AND TO THIS BODY.
I LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS THROUGH YOUR LEADERSHIP AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.

WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL I THINK BEFORE I WAS SWORN IN, WE HAD LUNCH AND YOU SUGGESTED TO ME THAT FOR ME TO THE MY JOB AND DO IT WELL, THAT I SHOULD ASK TO BE ON THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, THAT I SHOULD ATTEND EVERY BUDGET HEARING AND REALLY BE A PART OF THIS PROCESS BECAUSE IT IS TRULY THE WAY THAT WE UNDERSTAND ALL THAT OUR CITY HAS TO OFFER, ALL THAT OUR CITY DOES.

WHAT OUR CITY VALUES, AND I KNOW THAT YOU VALUE THIS PROCESS AND I APPRECIATE YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND MENTORSHIP AND YOUR LEADERSHIP THROUGH THIS PROCESS.

AS A CITY COUNCILLOR AT LARGE REPRESENTING THE ENTIRE CITY OF BOSTON, THE BUDGET PROCESS IS AN IMPORTANT TIME TO REFLECT ON THE ISSUES IMPACTING ALL OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE CITY.

IT IS ALSO AN INCREDIBLE RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE AS A COUNCIL TO ENSURE THAT AS A CITY WE ARE BEING FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE AND THOUGHTFUL WITH OUR SPENDING.

AS A CITY COUNCILLOR MY VOTE REFLECTS THE FACT THAT OUR SPENDING PRIORITIES DIRECTLY IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO GET POLICY DECISIONS DONE.

AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH, RECOVERY, I RECOGNIZE IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE FY '20 BUDGET THAT WILL IMPROVE THE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE.

ESPECIALLY THE \$5 MILLION INVESTMENT TO SUPPORT THOSE IN CHRONIC AND YOUTH HOMELESSNESS BY CREATING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND SECTOR TOES THE CONNECTIONS TO EMPLOYMENT, RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FOUR HOMELESS PEER NAVIGATORS FORMERLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHO MOVE WITHIN THE SHELTER SYSTEM TO CONNECT CURRENTLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH PERMANENT HOUSING PATHWAYS.

EXPANSION OF THE BOSTON SUBSTANCE USE STREET TEAM FOR ACCESS, INTERVENTION, NEXT STEPS ARE SUSTAINED IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION BUDGET.

THIS BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES CAPITAL FUNDING FOR THE LONG ISLAND BRIDGE, WITH INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF RECOVERY BEDS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH I AM HAPPY THAT BOTH VERSIONS OF THE BUDGET RECOGNIZE THE URGENCY THAN IN REBUILDING THE BRIDGE AND REOPENING A NEW RECOVERY CAMPUS.

WHEN REBUILT THE LONG ISLAND RECOVERY CAMPUS WILL SERVE AS INVALUABLE PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCE THAT BOSTON AND THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE REGION NEEDS TO PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC AND THE COMPREHENSIVE CONTINUUM OF CARE SERVICES NECESSARY FOR LONG TERM RECOVERY.

IN ADDITION IT WILL SHELTER INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND ALLEVIATE THE OVERBURDENED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN BOSTON.

AS A BOSTON RESIDENT, I AM ALSO PLEASED BY THE INVESTMENTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY. THROUGHOUT MY WORK ON THE COUNCIL TRAFFIC AND SAFE STREETS CONTINUES TO BE AMONG THE TOP CONCERNS FOR OUR RESIDENTS, WHICH IS WHY I HAVE ADVOCATED ALONGSIDE CONSTITUENTS FOR FUNDING TO HIRE TRANSPORTATION CRASH ANALYST, A POSITION THAT LOST GRANT FUNDING AT THE BEGINNING OF LAST YEAR.

AFTER TWO BUDGET CYCLES OF ADVOCACY DURING THE HEARINGS FOR BPD AND BTD I AM PROUD THE RECOMMITTED BUDGET PRODUCED FUNDING TO HIRE A TRANSPORTATION CRASH ANALYST. THIS ROLE WILL MAKE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR STREETS ARE SAFE FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS.

I'M ALSO PROUD THAT THE RESUBMITTED BUDGET INCLUDES INVESTMENT OF 150,000 DOLLARS IN THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO FUND ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN THE FORENSICS UNIT.

THE FORENSICS REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN THE MOST RECENTLY PASSED CRIME BILL, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT OUR CITY CAN MEET THOSE STANDARDS.

ALSO ALLOWS US TO ADDRESS THE URGENT NEED TO REDUCE THE BACKLOG OF DATA FOR OUR VICTIMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

AT THE BUDGET HEARING FOR BPD THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS INVESTMENT WAS CONFIRMED BY COMMISSIONER AND I'M PROUD THE COUNCIL PLAYED A ROLE TO MAKE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MORE EFFICIENT.

THIS INVESTMENT WILL NOT, IS NOT THE ANSWER TO ENDING VIOLENCE IN OUR CITY.

HOWEVER, IT DOES HELP RESOLVE CASES AND BRING TO JUSTICE FOR THOSE VICTIMS THAT ARE WAITING FOR ANSWERS THAT ARE BACKLOGGED WITHIN BPD'S CRIME LAB.

THERE IS CERTAIN THERE I A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

THE INVESTMENTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY ALSO INCLUDES ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM AND ADDING NEW CADET PROGRAM TO BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOSTON POLICE.

AFTER ATTENDING AND PARTICIPATING IN ALMOST 30 BUDGET HEARINGS, I RISE TODAY TO VOTE YES FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET AND THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

I BELIEVE THESE MAKE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN OUR CITY.

IT REFLECTS OUR ADVOCACY FROM THE RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS.

AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, I HAVE THOUGHTFULLY CONSIDERED MY VOTE. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS IS NOT A PERFECT BUDGET, BUT INCLUDES WHAT'S FUNDAMENTALLY NECESSARY IN INVESTMENTS TO SCHOOLS, INVESTMENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN YEARS OF ADVOCACY.

AS YOU KNOW, I AM A FORMER BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER AND TAUGHT IN OUR HIGH SCHOOL AT EAST BOSTON HIGH FOR 13 YEARS.

I KNOW FROM FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE THE COMMUNITIES THAT EXIST AND OUTSIDE OF OUR SCHOOLS CARES DEEPLY ABOUT OUR KIDS HAVING A SEAT IN OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR VOICE, OUR FAMILIES HAVING A VOICE.

I ENCOURAGE PARENT ADVOCACY, I WANT OUR STUDENTS TO SUCCEED ACADEMICALLY, AND I WISH FOR THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO ALL OF OUR KIDS' NEED.

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROVIDES IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS TO PROVIDE OUR KIDS WITH THE BASE LINE STUDENT FACING RESOURCES TO MITIGATE CONDITIONS OUR KIDS FACE.

TO SET UP OUR CHILDREN FOR SUCCESS AND RESOLVE SYSTEMATIC FAILURES IN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM, THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL, PHYSICAL WELL BEING OF OUR CHILDREN MUST BE A PRIORITY.

WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH HIGH QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT IS WELCOMING AND SAFE FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN.

I AM PARTICULARLY EXCITED THAT AFTER A LENGTHY NEGOTIATION, THE CONTRACT THAT THE BOSTON TEACHERS UNION INCLUDES A FULL TIME NURSE IN EVERY BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL. THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT IS NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART.

AS A MOTHER OF FOUR MAKING SURE THAT ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS HAVE A FULL TIME NURSE WAS AT THE TOP OF MY LIST OF BUDGET PRIORITIES AND HAS BEEN AT THE TOP OF MY LIST SINCE ARRIVING HERE ON THE COUNCIL.

WHICH IS WHY I HELD A HEARING EARLIER THIS YEAR TO REQUIRE AS A POLICY THAT EVERY BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL HAVE A MINIMUM OF ONE FULL TIME NURSE.

ADDITIONALLY THROUGH THE BTU CONTRACT WE'RE INVESTING IN MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, ADDITIONAL STAFFING FOR INCLUSION CLASSROOMS AND FULL TIME PARAPROFESSIONALS FOR ALL K 2 CLASSES CITY WIDE.

I'M ALSO PLEASED THAT THE BTU CONTRACT ALLOCATES ADDITIONAL 100,000 DOLLAR INVESTMENT TO COMBAT STUDENT HOMELESSNESS.

WE HAVE ALMOST 5,000 STUDENTS IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND THIS IS AN ISSUE I HAVE PUSHED FOR SINCE DAY ONE.

AFTER RECEIVING TWO HOURS OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT MY HEARING ON IEPs FOR STUDENTS THAT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORTS, I AM PLEASED THE EDUCATION BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES A \$577,000 INVESTMENT TO ESTABLISH A PROPORTIONATE SHARE TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING IEP MEETINGS AND EVALUATIONS, TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS ALONG WITH OTHER INVESTMENTS IN THE SPECIAL ED DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS FOR ALL OF OUR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS.

COMBINED THE OVERALL EDUCATION BUDGET MAKES IMPORTANT STRIDES TO REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY IN ACHIEVEMENT GAP AND ADDRESS IMPACT OF SOCIOECONOMIC DISPARITIES. THE EDUCATION BUDGET IS NOT A PERFECT BUDGET BUT THESE ARE INVESTMENTS THAT WE CANNOT IGNORE AND SAY NO TO.

THESE ARE INVESTMENTS THAT WILL HELP IMPROVE THE SERVICES AND SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS.

MY VOTE TODAY SERVES TO RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE INVESTMENTS, BUT ALSO THE WORK THAT STILL IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE OUR KIDS WITH THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE. I REMAIN DISAPPOINTED IN THE LACK OF INVESTMENT TO RENOVATE THE FACILITIES AT MADISON PARK, VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, THE CITY'S ONLY VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL. IT DESPERATELY NEED REPAIRS, UPGRADED TECHNOLOGY, AND EXPANDED CLASSROOM SPACE. BUT THE BUDGET IS NOT THE END FOR US TO IMPLEMENT CHANGE, MORE IS AT THE NOR IS IT THE END WITH OF ADVOCACY.

DAY WILL VOTE YES ON THE EDUCATION BUDGET, WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE AND WORK TOWARD IMPROVING OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR FAMILIES AND CITY OF BOSTON. THIS IS NOT A PERFECT BUDGET AND THERE ARE SO MANY INVESTMENTS I WOULD ASK TO BE ADDED TO THE BUDGET.

I AM DISAPPOINT WE HAD WEREN'T ABLE TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE MOBILE SHARPS TEAM, THAT THE CITY COLLECTING ALMOST 700 NEEDLES LAST YEAR.

IT IS CRITICAL WE INCREASE FUNDING FOR THAT AND LOOK FOR WAYS TO MITIGATE THE CHALLENGES OF IMPROPERLY DISCARDED NEEDLES.

I'M ALSO HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL FIND TIME TO INVEST IN INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BEST COLLEGE INITIALS, MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS THAT PARTNER WITH BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF MENTAL HEALTH ON OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. ULTIMATELY I AM TAKING MY VOTE BECAUSE THIS BUDGET IS A CULMINATION OF ADVOCACY AND PAST BUDGET CYCLES, SERVES AS STRONG FOUNDATION FOR WORK AHEAD.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING DOWN THIS PATH WITH MY COLLEAGUES ON THE COUNCIL, THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON, AND OF COURSE THE ADMINISTRATION.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU, VICE CHAIR.

FIRST AGAIN I'LL ECHO ALL OF MY OTHER COLLEAGUES IN THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE FOR YOUR MENTORSHIP, YOUR PATIENCE.

EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREE, YOU TALKED ABOUT WAYS TO GET TO A SOLUTION, OPPORTUNITIES FOR ME TO EXPLORE TO, MAKE PHONE CALLS.

I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE THAT PATIENCE AND KINDNESS IN REACHING OUT.

YOU WEREN'T EVEN TRYING TO CONVINC ME TO COME TO YOUR SIDE BUT TRYING TO CONVINC ME OR TELL ME ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH I COULD ADVOCATE FOR MY SIDE EVEN BETTER.

I THINK I REALLY DO APPRECIATE THAT LEADERSHIP AND THAT KINDNESS.

I WANT TO THANK AS MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ALL OF THE CENTRAL STAFF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COME FORWARD, WHO HELPED OUT IMMENSELY.

ALSO STAYING HERE LATE NIGHTS FOR ALL HEARINGS BUT ESPECIALLY DURING BUDGET SEASON, A SPECIAL KIND OF TIME FOR US.

I JUST WANT TO APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE.

I AM GOING TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE CAPITAL AND THEN THE OPERATING AND THEN I'LL GET TO THE SCHOOL BUDGET.

WITH REGARD TO THE CAPITAL BUDGET, I AM VERY PROUD TO SAY THE DISTRICT 1 DID VERY WELL.

MANY BUDGET, ONE THING I'M VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT AND THAT IS HOUSING.

FOR THE FIRST TIME THE CITY OF BOSTON IS GOING TO BE BONDING IN HOUSING TO THE TUNE OF \$30 MILLION TO ASSURE THE LARGEST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN NEW ENGLAND IS GETTING INFUSE OF FUNDING IT NEEDS TO PROVIDE DIGNIFIED, SAFE, CLEAN HOUSING FOR MOST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUAL.

I SUPPORT THAT.

I THINK THE MAYOR, I THANK THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION FOR LEADERSHIP.

I THINK IT'S INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TO NOTE AND HIGHLIGHT PARTNERSHIP IN EAST BOSTON MASTER PLAN AND GOING FORWARD LITERALLY AS I UNDERSTAND THEY'RE WALKING ON THE

STREETS WITH EAST BOSTONIANS TO MAKE SURE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS ACTUALLY PART OF DESIGNING AND PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE.

SO I WOULD JUST NOTE I'M GOING TO BE ADVOCATING AND WE HAVE HEARD FROM FOLKS IN CHARLES TOWN THAT WE DESPERATELY NEED THAT COMMITMENT AND ON THE STREET, ON THE GROUND COMMUNITY LED MASTER PLANNING.

I HOPE THE ADMINISTRATION WILL LOOK AT THAT AS WE GO FORWARD.

WITH REGARD TO OPERATING BUDGET, THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS IN THERE.

I DEFINITELY THINK THE ADMINISTRATION HEARD OUR CONCERNS ESPECIALLY WHEN IT CAME TO DIVERSITY AND TRAINING AND ENSURING PEOPLE WOULD WORK FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON FEEL VALUED AND THEY'RE NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

AND THAT WE DON'T SET A SYSTEM THAT CONTINUES AND PERPETUATES SYSTEMIC BIAS.

I THINK ONE OF THE BEST WAYS FOR THE CITY DO THAT IS LOOK AT THE RESOURCE WE HAVE AND I BELIEVE THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED IN HIS STATE OF THE CITY THAT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WOULD BE COMING BACK.

I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT THAT IS BY FAR ONE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE INSTITUTIONS THAT WE HAVE AND PROTECTIONS THAT MANY OF US HAVE IN BOSTON THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE IN THE STATE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE ADMINISTRATION FULFILLING ITS COMMITMENT TO APPOINTING 7 PEOPLE TO THAT ADMINISTRATION.

WHILE IT'S VOLUNTEER AND THERE'S NO, THEREFORE, I THINK THE ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE, THAT'S WHY IT'S NOT BUDGETED FOR, THERE ARE ADMINISTRATION COSTS FOR AN EFFECTIVE BOARD.

I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING ABOUT HOW TO MAKE SURE THE ONLINE COMPLAINT FORM IS AVAILABLE, WE HAVE SOMEONE THAT CAN TAKE THE CALLS.

I THINK THOSE ARE SMALL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS THAT WE CAN PROVIDE FOR WHEN WE BUILD A ROBUST HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.

I AM CRITICAL STILL OF THE AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT AND I THINK IT'S A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN JUST TRAINING ALONE.

I DON'T BELIEVE TRAINING IS ACTUALLY FIXING ANYTHING.

I THINK IT IS REALLY HELPING WITH SOME CONVERSATIONS BUT I DON'T SEE A TRUE INVESTMENT IN FIXING THE SYSTEMIC BIAS T HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HAS INVESTIGATORY POWERS, SUBPOENA POWERS, ABILITY TO WRITE REPORTS AT ARM'S LENGTH.

I THINK THAT INVESTMENT AND THAT MONEY SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

I DO APPRECIATE THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT AND CONSISTENT COMMITMENT TO CLEANING UP THE DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY NORTH END WITH ADDITIONAL FOUR FOR THE SUMMER. THAT IS IN RESPONSE TO THE FACT IN THE AREA, THE NORTH, THAT I REPRESENT WE GET 2 MILLION TOURIST AS YEAR TO.

SEE PUSH FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO RESPOND TO THAT, THE INVESTMENT CAPITAL THAT'S BEEN IN THE PARKS IN THE NORTH END AND EAST BOSTON I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THOSE CONTINUED INVESTMENTS.

SAME GOES FOR AS MY COLLEAGUE ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE, I'M EXCITED ABOUT LONG ISLAND, EXCITED TO SEE US GET A STEP CLOSER TO MAKING SURE WE HAVE A RECOVERY CAMPUS THAT SO MANY OF US SO DESPERATELY NEED.

AND I WANT TO THANK BTU.

THEIR ADVOCATE THAT GOT MANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE NEEDED FOR OUR SCHOOL BUDGET TO ASSURE EQUITY.

AND SO IT IS THEIR LEADERSHIP THAT I AM VERY PROUD TO SUPPORT AND VOTING FOR THEIR ULTIMATE CONTRACT.

THAT BEING SAID, I WANT TO THANK THE PARENTS FROM CHARLESTOWN WHO ARE HERE TODAY.

I WANT TO THANK THE PARENTS AND THE STUDENTS FROM EAST BOSTON WHO SHOWED UP AT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING, WHO SHOWED UP HERE IN THIS CITY COUNCIL HEARING.

I WANT TO THANK THE PARENTS AT THE WARREN PRESCOTT WHO HAD BPS COME TO THEM.

I WANT TO THANK MY COMMUNITY FOR STANDING UP TO BPS CONSISTENTLY TO FIGHT FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES.

I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS BUDGET IS NOT A RESPONSE IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM OF A BPS THAT IS LISTENING TO DISTRICT 1.

THIS BUDGET CUTS MY DISTRICT MORE THAN ANY OTHER DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, BY \$2.6 MILLION.

IF A BUDGET IS A REFLECTION OF THE VALUES OF A GOVERNMENT, THEN IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT BPS DOES NOT VALUE DISTRICT 1 SCHOOLS.

1.2 MILLION DOLLARS OF THAT 2 SOMEWHERE 6 IS JUST COMING FROM EAST BOSTON, 2.6 IS COMING FROM EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

WE'RE DEALING WITH A DISPLACEMENT CRISIS, THE FORMULA DOESN'T ACCOUNT FOR A DISPLACEMENT THE COMMUNITY IS DEALING WITH.

THE MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL IMPACTS ON LEARNING THAT DISPLACEMENT HAS, THAT IT DOES TO STUDENTS, IS THE SAME OR PRESENTS THE SAME FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS.

THAT MEANS DISPLACEMENT DOES IMPACT YOUR ABILITY TO LEARN AND THAT MEANS WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A FORMULA YOU CANNOT LOOK AT WHO IS NOT THERE AND CUT THE BUDGET AND THEN SAY DISPLACEMENT HAS NO IMPACT.

WHAT I SEE BPS IS SAYING DISPLACEMENT IS A MEANS TO CUT A BUDGET BUT NOT A MEANS TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT ON THE STUDENTS.

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PART OF OUR WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA WHEN YOU HAVE COMMUNITIES DEALING WITH DISPLACEMENT, IT IS NOT A PART OF THAT WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA.

THERE IS NO COMMITMENT TO MAKE IT PART OF THE WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA.

WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE FACT THAT IN THE SAME COMMUNITY DOWN THE STREET WE HAVE A GROWING CHARTER SCHOOL, BRAND NEW HIGH SCHOOL THAT'S GOING TO BE BUILT IN EAST BOSTON, WHEN I AS A PARENT HAVE TO DECIDE WHERE I WILL SEND MY KID, I CAN SEND IT TO THE SCHOOL THAT BPS DECIDED TO GIVE UP ON OR I CAN SEND IT TO THE BRAND NEW CHARTER SCHOOL.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'RE GOING TO DO?

THIS ONLY EXACERBATES DISPLACEMENT.

THE OTHER SIDE, MY COMMUNITY OF CHARLESTOWN, WE HAVE FAMILIES WHO ARE MOVING OUT, NOT BECAUSE THEY CAN'T PAY RENT AS IN EAST BOSTON BUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO COMMITTED PLAN FROM BPS FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR K 1 AND K 0 STUDENTS IN CHARLESTOWN.

WE DON'T HAVE A COMMITMENT TO GIVING SPACES.

I DO APPRECIATE AND I SAW BPS RESPOND IN SUCH A QUICK, SWIFT WAY BY GIVING US A MODULAR CLASSROOM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR A MILLION DOLLARS FOR WARREN PRESCOTT.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

THAT FALLS VERY SHORT WHEN WE ASKED FOR AN ACTUAL COMMITMENT TO ASSURE THAT THE EDWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL BE A SPACE THEY CAN GROW IN TO.

I DON'T HAVE THAT COMMIT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BPS.

WE HAVE A PRESS RELEASE FROM BPS.

THAT IS NO IT THE SAME THING.

WHEN WE ASKED FOR TIME LINES AND WE ASK FOR ACTUAL COMMITMENT, WE DIDN'T GET IT.

WHAT I HAVE FROM BPS, BUDGET CUTS, PRESS RELEASE, I HAVE NO CONFIRMATION AND NO PLAN FOR MY PARENTS IN EAST BOSTON OR CHARLESTOWN.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO TELL MY PARENTS WHO ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT DO WITH THEIR FOURTH GRADERS, WITH THE LACK OF SPACES FOR K 1 AND K 0S IN CHARLESTOWN.

THIS BUDGET IS EMBARRASSING.

IT'S WRONG, IT IS NOT HELPFUL.

WHILE IT MAY BE THE LARGEST EVER FOR BPS IT IS THE LARGEST CUTS FROM MY DISTRICT.

I CANNOT TURN BACK TO MY CONSTITUENTS, THE PEOPLE THAT I REPRESENT, AND SAY I SUPPORT

THIS BUDGET FOR BPS.

I DO THINK BPS CAN RISE TO THE OCCASION.

RIGHT NOW AS THE BUDGET STAND IT FREEZES IN THE INEQUALITY THAT ALREADY EXISTS FOR MY NEIGHBORHOOD.

SOME PARENTS GOT RESOURCES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

I HAD PARENTS COME HERE, CRY, BEG, ASK FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND THEY WERE COMPLETELY IGNORED.

THE BUDGET WAS RESUBMITTED WITH NO ADDITIONAL SOFT LANDING AND WHILE THEY MENTION THAT THERE WAS SOME FORM, WE WENT FROM 15 TEACHERS GONE FROM EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL TO 13.

I DON'T CALL THAT SOFT.

I CALL THAT IGNORANT, I CALL THAT DISMISSING OF OUR LARGEST HIGH SCHOOL.

AND I CANNOT SUPPORT THAT.

I AM HOPEFUL FOR THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT, I'M HOPEFUL SHE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT THAT DOESN'T FREEZE IN INEQUALITY IN OUR DISTRICT.

FOR RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE I REPRESENT EAST BOSTON CHARLESTOWN AND NORTH END, I CANNOT SUPPORT THIS BUDGET.

>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

EXCUSE ME, FOLKS.

EXCUSE ME.

PLEASE, NO EXPRESSIONS OF APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL, PLEASE.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.

I RISE TO FIRST OF ALL THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, FOR PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL GUIDANCE AND FRIENDSHIP WHEN I STARTED ALONG WITH KIM AND LYDIA, SHOWING US THE BUDGET PROCESS, HOW IT WORKS AND BEING A GREAT TEACHER AND A GREAT FRIEND.

SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOU, MARK, FOR OUTSTANDING WORK AS THE CHAIR OF THE WAYS AND MEANS.

I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO MICHELLE AND CENTRAL STAFF HERE ON THE COUNCIL FOR WORKING SO MANY LONG NIGHTS AND GETTING ALL THE DOCUMENTS PREPARED, SCHEDULING PREPARED.

THANK YOU TO THE CENTRAL STAFF FOR EXCELLENT WORK ON THIS, DURING THIS PERIOD.

I ALSO WANT TO, AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ALSO MENTIONED, EMMA AND JUSTIN FOR WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CITY COUNCIL ALONG WITH NEIL AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IN BEING AS TRANSPARENT AND HELPFUL AS YOU POSSIBLY COULD.

I'M ALSO GOING TO VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE ON THE OPERATING, THE CAPITAL AND THE EDUCATION BUDGET.

I WON'T HIGHLIGHT ALL OF THE REASONS, BUT ONE ISSUE THAT WAS REALLY CRITICAL TO ME THAT I NOTICED THAT IT WAS INCREASED ALMOST OVER 100%, THE LANGUAGE AND COMMUNITY ACCESS.

IT WENT FROM 200, NOW LAST YEAR, \$200,000 TO OVER \$400,000 THIS YEAR.

THAT IS PROVIDING LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE, LANGUAGE ACCESS TO PEOPLE THAT DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH, THAT MAY SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE.

SO IT'S GIVING PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE THEIR VOICE IS HEARD IN CITY GOVERNMENT IF THEY DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH.

I THINK THAT'S A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, FOR THE ADVOCACY ON ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO SUPPORTED IT.

BUT ESPECIALLY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON THAT DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH, THAT THEIR VOICE WILL BE HEARD IN CITY GOVERNMENT.

THAT'S SOMETHING WE ALL CAN BE PROUD OF.

AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE GREAT WORK OF THE CITY COUNCILLORS IN MAKING SURE THAT THE VOICES OF BOSTON RESIDENTS ARE HEARD, LISTENING TO THEIR CONCERNS AT

SUPERMARKETS, BINGOS, AT COMMUNITY MEETINGS, COMMUNITY FORUMS, BUT THE RESIDENTS REALLY WEIGHED IN TO ME AND TO THE OTHER COUNCILLORS AS WELL ON WHAT THEIR PRIORITIES ARE.

IT WAS OUR JOB TO EFFECTIVELY ADVOCATE ON THEIR BEHALF.

SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS BUDGET AS WELL.

AND TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.

FIRST OF COURSE WANT TO START BY THANKING YOU.

NOT JUST AS CHAIR OF WAYS AND MEANS BUT AS MY LIFE.

I APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE, YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR THE CITY FOR A VERY LONG TIME, YOUR DEDICATION AS A DISTRICT COUNCIL AND OF COURSE YOUR LEADERSHIP ON ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMITTEES OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL.

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS TAKING MY LATE NIGHT PHONE CALLS AND CALLS ON THE WEEKEND AND HOLDING MY CONFIDENCE.

HE APPRECIATE THAT AND TRULY WILL MISS YOU ON THE COUNCIL.

ALSO OF COURSE WANT TO THANK THE VICE CHAIR, COUNCILLOR MCCARTHY, WHO STEPPED IN OF COURSE WHEN EITHER YOU WERE SICK, THE LAST MINUTE, SOMETHING HAPPENED, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AS WELL.

OF COURSE YOU WILL BE MISSED AS WELL AS YOU MOVE ON TO GREENER PASTURES, I GUESS.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK OF COURSE MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR WORK, THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE HEARINGS.

COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, LEADERSHIP WITH THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PARTICULARLY DURING THE BUDGET CYCLE, IT'S A LOT OF HEARINGS.

SHE WAS AT EVERY SINGLE ONE, WORKING EXTREMELY HARD FOR ALL OF US WHO COULD NOT SHOW UP AT EVERY HEARING.

THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

THANK YOU TO CENTRAL STAFF.

ALL OF CENTRAL STAFF PLAYS A ROLE IN THIS AND IT'S BEEN INCREDIBLE HONOR, FRANKLY TO, LEAD THEM AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

MICHELLE, YOU HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB FOR TAKING OVER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND WORK.

EVERYONE IN THE CENTRAL STAFF TEAM FOR WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU.

IT WAS A LOT OF LATE NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS.

SO THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, OF COURSE TO, THE ADMINISTRATION, THE MAYOR, HIS ADMINISTRATION, EMMA, JUSTIN.

INCREDIBLE TEAM IN THE BUDGET OFFICE.

ALWAYS ANSWERED THE QUESTIONS, WORKED WITH US ALL THE TIME.

NEIL OF COURSE HAS A VERY TOUGH JOB.

I ALWAYS THANK HIM AND APPLAUD HIS WORK.

NOT AN EASY JOB TO BE NEIL.

NEIL, THANK YOU AS WELL FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO ON BEHALF OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUT ALSO COORDINATING WITH THE COUNCIL.

AND I THINK MANY FOLKS HAVE SAID.

THIS I WANT TO THANK MY TEAM.

I HAVE AN INCREDIBLE TEAM.

MY CHIEF OF STAFF, CAROLINE, CHERYL, DUSTIN, CJ, ALL OF OUR FELLOWS, KYLE AS WELL AT THE FRONT DESK.

I HAVE AN INCREDIBLE TEAM AND EACH ONE PARTICIPATED IN DIFFERENT WAYS, FACING CONSTITUENT CASES WE GOT.

THEY WENT THROUGH THOUSAND OF CASES TO COME UP WITH QUESTIONS, THOUGHTS, IDEAS, TO INFORM THE BUDGET.

THIS CYCLE WE DID IT VERY DIFFERENTLY.

EVERYONE TRULY PARTICIPATED.

THANK YOU TO MY INCREDIBLE TEAM.

OF COURSE INTERNS AND FELLOWS.

OUR CITY BUDGET IS A REFLECTION OF OUR VALUES AND I THINK EVERYONE WOULD AGREE WITH THAT.

FOR ME, THESE VALUES HAVE ALWAYS INCLUDED EQUITY, TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY. ACTUAL PLANS, ACTUAL PLANS WITH ACCOUNTABILITY BUILT IN, IMPLEMENTATION, TIME LINES, TO RESOLVE PRESSING ISSUES FACING RESIDENTS, MOST VULNERABLE.

WHILE I'M COUNCIL PRESIDENT, I'M THE DISTRICT 4 COUNCILLOR, REPRESENT FOUR NEIGHBORHOODS IN BOSTON, DORCHESTER, MATTAPAN, A LITTLE OF JAMAICA PLAIN, ROSLINDALE, MY HUSBAND AND SON.

WE DON'T JUST SORT OF SEE THE INEQUITIES ON PAPER.

WE'RE LIVING AND BREATHING IT EVERY DAY.

MY DISTRICT IS ONE, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE INEQUITIES IN EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, ANY ISSUE YOU CAN IMAGINE, COME IN TO DISTRICT 4.

YOU WILL SEE IT AND IT'S READILY APPARENT, QUITE VISIBLE.

I ALWAYS SAY IF YOU SAW THE ISSUES OF DISTRICT 4 YOU SAW ISSUES OF THE ENTIRE CITY OF BOSTON.

SO IT IS AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT THAT DISTRICT.

PREDOMINANTLY DISTRICT OF COLOR.

HAS POCKETS AND CONCENTRATIONS OF POVERTY BUT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT THAT DISTRICT BECAUSE I ALSO HAVE RESIDENTS WHO STEP UP EVERY SINGLE DAY REGARDLESS OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC WHERE THEY LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER TO, SOLVE THE INEQUITIES EVERY DAY.

THEIR EXPECTATION IS GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO RESPOND, TAKE IDEAS, MAYBE GIVE THEM CREDIT FOR THEIR IDEAS AND ACT UPON IT TO CLOSE THOSE INEQUITIES.

SO I APPLAUD THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET.

I THINK IT DOES A GREAT JOB IN TRYING TO CLOSE THOSE INEQUITIES.

SOME IDEAS WE SEE WITHIN THE BUDGET ARE IDEAS THAT CAME FROM THE COMMUNITY.

THAT INCLUDES OF COURSE PUSHING FOR INVESTMENTS IN UNSOLVED MURDERS.

GREAT TO SEE INVESTMENT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO TRY TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE.

SOMETHING I HAVE BEEN PASSIONATE ABOUT FOR A REALLY LONG TIME.

THE CADET PROGRAM FOR THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, IS A GREAT INVESTMENT, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES REFLECT THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

AN ISSUE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE CONSTITUENTS IN MY DISTRICT.

OF COURSE LONG ISLAND, ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF OPIOIDS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS IMPORTANT.

THERE'S INVESTMENTS AROUND MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH COMMISSION TO DO INNOVATIVE THINGS MUCH THERE AS LOT OF GREAT THINGS.

FOR THAT I'LL BOTH VOTE FOR THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO CLEAR AMOUNTS ATTACHED TO THE OPERATING BUDGET, I WAS RECENTLY PROUD TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO GET THEIR COMMITMENT TO MOVE US FORWARD WHEN IT COMES TO RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING, WITH THE ORDER THE MAYOR SIGNED.

IT'S GREAT TO SIGN EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND PASS ORDINANCES.

IF THERE'S NO DOLLAR AMOUNT ATTACHED, HOW WILL YOU DO IT?

I WAS PROMISED AND I THIS I THE COMMITMENT MADE TO THIS BODY THAT THERE ARE RESOURCES THAT WE CAN PULL FROM TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE TRAINED AND EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH BIAS, INEQUITIES AND TOOLS TO SOLVE THESE ISSUES.

THE VERY THING WE ARE UNDERGOING HERE AT THE COUNCIL, A RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING, BY GETTING INVESTMENTS, EXTERNAL DOLLARS TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, IT'S SOMETHING EVERY DEPARTMENT SHOULD GO THROUGH.

I'M EXCITED FOR THAT COMMITMENT.

ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO DOLLAR AMOUNT, THERE AS COMMITMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH US TO ALSO INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY FOR THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL.

IT IS SAD THAT IN 2019 SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES MAY BE USING MANILA PAPER FOLDERS FOR CONSTITUENT CASES.

THAT IS RIDICULOUS.

I AM EXCITED FOR WORKING WITH THE BUDGET OFFICE TO FINALLY GET A CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE COUNCIL AS WE HANDLE THOUSANDS OF CONSTITUENT CASES EVERY YEAR. IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO REALLY COORDINATE THAT DO THAT REALLY WELL FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS, OUR RESIDENTS WITHOUT SUCH A SYSTEM.

IN ADDITION IF WE'RE REALLY CREATIVE WE HAVE FOUR AT LARGE COUNCILLORS, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS THAT MAY BE WORKING ON THE SAME CASE AT THE SAME TIME.

WHY NOT HAVE TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD HELP STREAMLINE THESE PROCESSES AND MAKE IT MORE EFFICIENT.

THERE BY OF COURSE MEETING NEED OF OUR CONSTITUENTS.

REGARDING THE BPS BUDGET, I DO NOT THINK WE ARE DEMONSTRATING VALUES OF EQUITY, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY BY MERELY ADDING MONEY TO OUR BUDGET AND CELEBRATING THAT THIS IS THE HIGHEST BPS BUDGET IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

I CAST THE SOLE VOTE LAST YEAR IN VOTE NOTHING ON THE BPS BUDGET.

IT WASN'T EASY DECISION.

DEFINITELY ISN'T AN EASY DECISION NOW.

WHEN I THIS I ABOUT MY CONSTITUENTS, WHEN I THIS I ABOUT THE INEQUITIES THAT EXIST, PARTICULARLY IN THE EDUCATION SPACE IN MY DISTRICT, IF TO SPEAK FOR MY RESIDENTS AND THE BEST WAY DO THAT IS TO VOTE NO ON THIS BUDGET.

I SAT IN BUDGET HEARINGS OF COURSE.

I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE ASKED IN PREVIOUS YEARS ABOUT WHERE WAS THE MONEY GOING?

WHAT ARE INEFFICIENCIES IN THE SYSTEM?

I THINK THERE WERE SOME.

I WAS RECENTLY SPEAKING TO INCOMING SUPERINTENDENT WHO BY ALL MEASURES IS A BUDGET GURU BUT SHE JUST GOT HERE AND OF COURSE THIS ISN'T HER BUDGET.

SHE STILL HAS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THOSE INEFFICIENCIES ARE.

SHE AGREES THEY EXIST.

SO WHETHER IT IS A TRANSPORTATION BUDGET THAT IS JUST SKYROCKETING AND GOING UP WITH NO END IN SIGHT, WHETHER IT IS CENTRAL OFFICE WITH POSITIONS FOR FOLKS AND I DON'T REALLY STILL KNOW WHAT THEY DO, I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY ACTUALLY NECESSARILY SERVE OUR SCHOOLS, SHE IS THINKING ABOUT MAKING SOME CHANGES IN CENTRAL OFFICE, MAKING SOME CUTS THAT CAN THEN REDIRECT THOSE DOLLARS TO OUR SCHOOLS, TO OUR TEACHERS, OF COURSE TO OUR PARENTS AND TO OUR STUDENTS.

I ALSO OF COURSE ALWAYS ASK QUESTIONS AND THIS IS PROBABLY SIMILAR TO QUESTIONS THAT COUNCILLOR JANEY ALWAYS BRINGS UP AS WELL AROUND EQUITY WHICH IS HOW ARE WE CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP?

HOW DOES THE DISTRICT DEFINE EQUITY?

ONE OF THE HEARINGS, EQUITY KEPT POPPING UP, THE WORD JUST SORT OF WAS THROWN AROUND.

I ASKED, I SAID WELL, I'M CURIOUS, HOW DO WE DEFINE EQUITY?

A FEW FOLKS ON THE PANEL SAID THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

SO IF WE DON'T HAVE A WORKING DEFINITION WITHIN OUR BPS SYSTEM THAT EVERYONE HAS WRAPPED THEIR HEAD AROUND, HOW CAN WE TRULY SAY WE'RE PUTTING FORTH A BUDGET WHERE THAT IS A LEADING VALUE?

AND TO ADDRESS THE INEQUITIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, GIVEN THE HISTORY OF THIS CITY

WHEN IT COMES TO BUSING, THE RACIAL UNDERCURRENTS, UGLY DARK PATH NONE OF US WANT TO GO BACK TO, YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THOSE INEQUITIES AND YOU HAVE TO HAVE A WORKING DEFINITION OF EQUITY.

SO FOR ME IF THE DISTRICT CANNOT SHOW THEIR BUDGETING DECISIONS ARE GUIDED BY EQUITY, I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT.

IF SCHOOLS THAT ARE SERVING OUR MOST VULNERABLE STUDENTS AND OF COURSE THIS INCLUDES EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL, IT ALSO INCLUDES LEE SCHOOL IN MY DISTRICT AND SOME OTHERS, THAT ARE FACING DRASTIC CUTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN RESTORED, EQUITY IS NO IT THE LENS WE'RE USING TO CLOSE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS TO MEET NEEDS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS, SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS, HELP OPEN ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOL WHERE'S THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF THE MOST NEEDY STUDENTS, SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS, ARE CONCENTRATED.

THESE SCHOOLS HAVE A DIFFICULT TASK TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE STUDENTS. AND ARE STRUGGLING DO SO BECAUSE OF THE CONCENTRATION OF THOSE STUDENTS IN PARTICULAR SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF THE CONCENTRATION OF CERTAIN TYPES OF PROGRAM STRANDS IN PARTICULAR SCHOOLS.

THEY NEED RESOURCES, THEY NEED US TO THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT RE SOURCING THEIR SCHOOLS VERSUS ANOTHER SCHOOL THAT MAY NOT HAVE THOSE NEED BECAUSE THEIR STUDENTS ARE HIGH PERFORMING.

THAT'S THE CONVERSATION I WANT THE DISTRICT TO HAVE AND TO RESPOND TO ME IN THE BUDGET.

RATHER THAN STAY IN A SPACE OF WHAT IS NOT WORKING OVER SIX MONTHS AND YEARS BEFORE, THIS IS MY FOURTH YEAR ON THE COUNCIL THROUGH MANY CONVERSATIONS, I PUT FORTH AN ACTION PLAN EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT WAS INFORMED BY SO MANY FOLKS, SOME WHO WORK IN THE SYSTEM, SOME WHO WORK AT THE SCHOOLS IN MY DISTRICT, OUTSIDE MY DISTRICT WHO WORK AT BPS CENTRAL OFFICE, WHO RETIRED FROM BPS, COMMUNITY FOLKS, ACTIVISTS, HEARINGS THAT THIS COUNCIL HAS HELD UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF NOT JUST COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI GEORGE BUT MANY OTHER INCLUDING FOLKS FROM THE PAST, I PUT FORTH A PLAN THAT ONE, OFFERS A DEFINITION OF EQUITY.

I TOLD INCOMING SUPERINTENDENT SHE DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO ADOPT THAT DEFINITION, BUT I THINK IT'S A STARTING POINT.

I'M NOT JUST ABOUT TALKING ABOUT THE PROBLEMS.

I ALSO LIKE TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS AND IDEAS.

SO THE DIDN'T INITIAL THAT WE COME UP WITH BASED, WASN'T ME SITTING IN A VACUUM OR IN MY LIVING ROOM, COMING ALL BY MYSELF, IT WAS INFORM BY MANY STAKEHOLDERS.

EQUITY IS GIVING EVERY CHILD WHAT THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND TO PURSUE THE LIFE OF THEIR CHOOSING.

IN BOSTON YOU MUST COMMIT TO THE IDEA THAT THOSE WHO HAVE THE LEAST DESERVE THE MOST FROM OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WE HAVEN'T DONE THAT.

THIS BUDGET AND PROGRAMS ATTACHED WITH LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED THAT.

ONE STAT: I LIVE IN MATTAPAN LIKE I SAID WITH MY SON I ULTIMATELY WANT TO GO. YOU HAVE A 5% CHANCE OF ATTENDING A QUALITY SCHOOL.

YOU LIVE IN DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD OR OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS INCLUDING CHARLESTOWN, 80% CHANCE.

80% CHANCE TO FIND AND ATTEND A HIGH QUALITY SCHOOL.

THAT TELLS ME SOMETHING IS TERRIBLY WRONG IN THE SYSTEM.

UNTIL A BUDGET OR PLAN ADDRESSES THAT, I CAN'T SUPPORT IT.

IN ADDITION WE TALK ABOUT FLIPPING THE PARADIGM OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE.

I THINK ALL OF US HAVE HEARD THAT CENTRAL OFFICE AND MANY DO NOT THINK PARTICULARLY STUDENTS AND FAMILIES, THAT THEY SERVE THEM.

SO THE REPORT CALLS FOR US TO LITERALLY FLIP THE PARADIGM.

IT SAYS OUR SCHOOLS ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO SUPPORTING THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU

CAN'T READ YOUR OWN WRITING.

LET ME READ THIS AGAIN.

WHEN YOU TAKE NOTES.

OUR SCHOOLS ACCOUNTABLE FOR SUPPORTING SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES.

CENTRAL OFFICE ACCOUNTABLE TO SUPPORTING SCHOOLS NO, IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

OFTEN DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THAT.

IN SOME OF MY SCHOOL VISITS FOLKS FEEL THEY'RE DISCONNECTED FROM CENTRAL OFFICE OR IF THEY ARE CONNECTED THEY'RE RECEIVING MANDATES VERSUS FEELING LIKE THEY'RE WORKING IN COLLABORATION OR PARTNERSHIP.

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FEEL LIKE THEY'RE NOT EVEN BEING HEARD SOMETIMES BY CENTRAL OFFICE.

THIS BY NO MEANS IS A KNOCK ON THE HARD WORKING EMPLOYEES OF CENTRAL OFFICE THAT DO THEIR WORK EVERY DAY.

IT'S JUST WHAT WE HEAR FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS AND I THINK IT'S TIME TO SHIFT THE WAY IN WHICH THE CENTRAL OFFICE SHOWS UP WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATION ISSUES.

WE NEED TO ENHANCE OUR ASSIGNMENT SYSTEM TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO QUALITY SCHOOL SEATS INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS.

WHILE I APPLAUD THE UPK INVESTMENT IN 4 YEAR OLDS, A BIG DEAL THAT WAS A MAJOR INVESTMENT THIS YEAR, WHAT ABOUT BIRTH TO 5?

THAT WHOLE SPECTRUM.

WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER REPORT TO SHOW HOW IMPORTANT EARLY ED IS.

IF YOU'RE A PARENT IN BOSTON, IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE THE PROCESS, TO ACTUALLY FIND OUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU AS A PARENT, AS A FAMILY, FROM BIRTH TO 5 YEARS OLD.

WE COULD BE DOING A LOT BETTER AND BE MORE PROGRESSIVE THAN WE CURRENTLY ARE WHEN IT COMES TO EARLY ED.

IN ADDITION WE NEED HIGH SCHOOLS THAT PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE AND FOR SUCCESS AFTER GRADUATION.

THE DISTRICT NEEDS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

THEY NEED TO MAKE CONCRETE COMMITMENTS AND ATTACH REAL ACCOUNTABILITY METRICS TO THAT.

AND AS THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT BEGINS APPOINTMENT IN BOSTON I'M EXCITED BECAUSE IT'S A PIVOTAL TIME AND OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGE.

AND THIS OF COURSE IS MY VOTE IS BY NO MEANS A KNOCK ON HER OR OUR INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT WHO HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE TO WORK WITH, LAURA CAME IN AS INTERIM WITH A DIFFICULT TASK.

AND SO I JUST WANT TO APPLAUD HER, THANK HER, ANY TIME I SEND HER AN E MAIL OR CALLED SHE WAS EXTREMELY RESPONSIVE.

I HAVE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL FROM HER EVEN BEFORE SHE WAS INTERIM.

AND I APPLAUD HER AND THIS VOTE IS BY NO MEANS A JOCK ON HER LEADERSHIP AT ALL, A KNOCK ON HER LEADERSHIP.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT AS SHE LOOKS TO MAKE MEANINGFUL CHANGE FOR ALL OF OUR FAMILIES.

BUT ULTIMATELY TAKING ACTION TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC AND POLITICAL WILL.

WE ALL MUST DEMAND AND THAT'S ALL OF US, THOSE IN THIS SPACE AND OF COURSE OUTSIDE OF THIS SPACE, THAT THE PACE OF CHANGE THAT WE SEE IN BPS RISE TO MEET THE URGENCY OF OUR CHILDREN'S NEED.

AND RIGHT NOW, WE ARE FAR FROM THAT.

IF YOU SPEND ANY TIME IN ANY DISTRICT YOU'LL SEE THAT EVERY SINGLE DAY.

IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE, WE HAVE HAD MANY IN OUR DISTRICT RECENTLY, WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THE ROOT CAUSES OF WHY SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FEEL HOPELESS.

SOME MAYBE WENT THROUGH THE BPS SYSTEM AND DIDN'T MAKE IT TO THE END BECAUSE IT DIDN'T SERVE THEM WELL.

SOME GRADUATED FROM BPS BUT CAN'T READ OR WRITE AT THE LEVEL IN WHICH THEY ARE REQUIRED TO.

THIS SYSTEM IS FAILING SOME STUDENTS.

DON'T GET ME WRONG THERE.

ARE OTHER SYSTEMS THAT ARE FAILING STUDENTS AS WELL.

SOME OF THAT IS PERSONAL AND INVOLVING MANY OTHER SYSTEMS AND PLAYERS.

BUT OUR JOB ON THIS BODY REQUIRES US TO MEET THEIR NEEDS AND BPS IS SUCH A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF OUR BUDGET, ALMOST 40%, WE HAVE TO ASK TOUGH QUESTIONS AND PUSH FOR CHANGE.

AND FOR TO IT HAPPEN SOONER.

FOR ME THIS WORK IS NOT JUST PROFESSIONAL IN THE SENSE THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO THAT BECAUSE WE ARE COUNCILLORS AND OUR BUDGET IS OUR BIGGEST BUDGET REVIEW IS THE BIGGEST RESPONSIBILITY.

IT IS DEEPLY PERSONAL TO ME.

I WAS A PRODUCT OF BPS SCHOOLS, BORN AND RAISED IN THE CITY.

I WENT TO FIVE OF THEM.

I WENT TO THE BRADLEY, EAST BOSTON.

HARVARD KENT IN CHARLESTOWN, ROXBURY, BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL, ACROSS THE CITY, EVERY SCHOOL WAS EXCELLENT.

YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY SAY THAT ABOUT SOME OF THE SCHOOLS TODAY.

I GO OFF TO AN IVY LEAGUE UNIVERSITY, GO TO LAW SCHOOL, BY ALL METRICS I'M SUCCESSFUL.

I LOOK AT PEERS, SOME OF WHOM STILL LIVE IN BOSTON, MY TWIN BROTHER WHO I TALK ABOUT ALL THE TIME, I AM BAFFLED BY WHY WE CAN'T GET THIS RIGHT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS.

SO FOR ME THIS WORK IS PERSONAL.

I WILL KEEP PUSHING AND PUSHING AND DEMANDING THAT CHANGE HAPPEN.

BUT OF COURSE OFFERING SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS NOT SIMPLY CALLING OUT THE PROBLEM, BUT BEING A PART OF THE SOLUTION, AND OF COURSE I AM HAPPY THAT MANY COLLEAGUES OF COURSE GET THAT AND I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME IN DOING THE SAME.

BUT AGAIN, THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

THANK YOU TO COLLEAGUES ON THIS BODY FOR YOUR WORK IN THIS SPACE AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR MCCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. VICE CHAIR.

THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR SERVICE.

THANKS TO CENTRAL STAFF AND MY STAFF.

I WON'T GO ON AND ON.

THANKS TO EVERYBODY.

HOW ABOUT THAT?

WE'LL JUST DO THAT.

I WANT TO TALK FIRST ABOUT THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

THIS IS MY 6TH AND FINAL BUDGET.

I WILL TELL YOU THAT DISTRICT 5 AND I BELIEVE THE ENTIRE CITY, THE CAPITAL EXPENSES THAT WALSH ADMINISTRATION SUNK IN TO BOSTON IS TRULY SECOND TO NONE.

WE HAVE REBUILT FOUR OR FIVE, EVEN SIX PARKS IN DISTRICT 5.

WE HAVE A NEW LIBRARY ON THE WAY.

WE HAVE NEWER STREETS AND BETTER STREETS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE FRUIT OF THE LABOR OF THIS COUNCIL AND MY WORK WITH THE WALSH ADMINISTRATION OVER THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS AS MORE PARKS ON THE PIPELINE TO GET RECONSTRUCTED.

SO THE CAPITAL PLAN, I'M VERY HAPPY WITH AND I HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST.

I'LL BE VOTING YO THE CAPITAL AS WELL AS THE OPERATING BUDGET.

VOTING YES ON THE CAPITAL AND BPS BUDGET.

THERE'S \$50 MILLION ADDED TO THE BUDGET THIS YEAR.

AND \$38 MILLION IS GOING TO THE BTU CONTRACT.

I THINK IT'S UNCONSCIONABLE TO HAND THE DOCTOR A 1/12TH BUDGET BEFORE SHE EVEN STARTED.

A 1/12TH BUDGET, TAKING MONEY AWAY FROM OUR KIDS AND TAKING AWAY MONEY FROM OUR TEACHERS.

SO I WILL BE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE BPS CONTRACT AS WELL.

AS CHAIR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, WORKING WITH COMMISSIONER GROSS HAS BEEN AN HONOR.

WORKING WITH HIS COMMAND STAFF, THE MOST DIVERSITY.

AND MOST SEASONED COMMAND STAFF IN THE HISTORY OF THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN AN HONOR.

AND I THANK PRESIDENT CAMPBELL FOR PUTTING ME IN TO THAT POSITION.

THEY ARE INCREDIBLY HARD WORKING PEOPLE, FIRE, E MASS AS WELL AS BPS.

I MEAN BPD.

AND I THINK IN THE FUTURE AS WE TALK ABOUT A NEW POLICE ACADEMY, BUILDING NEW FIRE STATIONS, BUILDING NEW EMS STATIONS, I HOPE THAT WHOEVER SITS IN THIS SEAT AND I KNOW PEOPLE WHO WILL REMAIN WHO ARE REMAINING OR HOPE TO REMAIN HERE IN THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS, CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR THE MEN AND THE WOMEN OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISIONS IN OUR CITY FOR THE BEST EQUIPMENT AND THE BEST FACILITIES FOR THEM.

AS THE CITY GROWS, THEY NEED TO GROW.

THE DIVERSITY AND THE SEASONED STAFF AND THE FIRE AS WELL AS THE POLICE AND EMS REALLY ARE REFLECTING OR BEGINNING TO REFLECT HOW THE CITY IS.

I WILL BE VOTING YO THE BUDGET.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR MCCARTHY.

COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

EVERY BUDGET CYCLE ALLOWS THE CITY COUNCIL, OUR CONSTITUENTS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO LOOK HOW WE INVEST IN OUR SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR THE CITY. AND WE ALSO GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT WHERE WE CAN DO BETTER.

THIS BUDGET SEASON IS NO EXCEPTION TO THAT.

IT'S REALLY THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

IT'S BASIC CITY SERVICES.

WE ARE EXPANDING THE HUMAN CAPITAL FOR INSPECTION SERVICES TO ENSURE THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE THE SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE THIS BODY PASSED LAST YEAR.

THEY WILL BE ADDING NEW STAFFERS, INSPECTORS, CLERKS, DEDICATED TO THE THAT WORK.

ALSO COLLABORATING TO CREATE BETTER ONLINE REGISTRATION AS WELL AS DATA COLLECTION THAT WILL HELP US MAKE BETTER DECISIONS IN THE FUTURE.

THAT WILL ALSO HELP US WITH THE RENTAL INSPECTION PORTION OF INSPECTION SERVICES AS WELL AS CODE ENFORCEMENT, RODENT CONTROL AND HEALTH INSPECTORS.

SO THAT'S A BIG WIN FOR ISD.

WE'RE ALSO EXTENDING THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND INVESTING IN PROGRAMS THAT HELP PRESERVE AFFORDABILITY TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS.

I ALSO WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE BUDGETARY PROPOSALS MADE BY THE BOSTON UNION AND MASSACHUSETTS COALITION TO ADDRESS THE NEED TO HAVE SAFER PROTECTED BIKE LANES AND CONSIDER WAYS TO ERADICATE TRAFFIC RELATED INCIDENTS.

A BIG CRUCIAL PIECE WAS THE TRANSPORTATION ANALYST POSITION THAT WAS PUT IN AND THAT'S OBVIOUSLY WITH INTENTION OF LOOKING AT THE DATA.

SO WE CAN GET TO ZERO, THE GOAL IS TO GET TO ZERO.

HAVING THAT DATA AND EXPANDING ON SOME ADDITIONAL ENHANCEMENTS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY THAT WILL HELP US AS WELL.

ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY NOTE AND THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION, I KNOW OUR CHAIR HAS DONE A GREAT JOB CHAIRING A HEARING LAST NIGHT TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY CONCERNS PARTICULARLY AROUND PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES.

I AM ENCOURAGED, A CONTINUED CONVERSATION AROUND INVESTMENTS FOR YOUTH SUMMER JOB PROGRAMS AS WELL AS YEAR ROUND JOB PROGRAMS AS TOOLS TO KEEP KIDS ON A TRAJECTORY TOWARD SUCCESS.

MOST I'M ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS TO BENEFIT OLDER YOUTH. THOSE OLDER POPULATIONS, PARTICULARLY AGES OF 25 35 WHO ARE EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE AS WELL.

WE MAY HAVE MISSED THEM IN TERMS OF NOT PROVIDING GOOD QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND JOB MARKET AND BARRIERS TO ENTRY MAY BE A PROBLEM.

SO I THINK THIS IS A WORTHWHILE EFFORT TO TARGET THE 25 TO 30 YEAR OLD SECTOR TO SEE IF WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO MORE FOR THEM.

I FURTHER HAVE HEARD THE NEED AROUND UNSOLVED HOMICIDES.

I CAN SPEAK TO THIS PERSONALLY, HAVING HAD A COUSIN MURDERED.

THE ADDITIONAL BUDGET SUPPORT TO ADD ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TO THE FORENSIC UNIT THAT WILL HELP TREMENDOUSLY I THINK IN TERMS OF BRINGING CLOSURE FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES THAT HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE DUE TO VIOLENCE.

HELP THEM BRING, JUSTICE WILL BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

THE PUBLIC SAFETY UNSOLVED HOMICIDES.

THE BPS BUDGET ALWAYS A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE BUDGET PROCESS.

WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM THROUGH BOTH BPS, SOME FACILITIES JUST GOT PUSHED OFF OR DOING PATCHWORK TO FINALLY GET TO A POINT WHERE WE'RE PUTTING SORT OF A REAL CONCERTED EFFORT AROUND MAKING MAJOR UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS AROUND SCHOOLS IN A VERY THOUGHTFUL WAY.

I THINK IS GOING TO BE HUGE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THE '20 BUDGET, WE CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT RESOURCES TO CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP.

WE HAVE HEARD FROM COLLEAGUES HERE WITH MORE NURSES, PARAS.

LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT AND OUR COLLECTIVE GOAL TO MAKE SURE THAT NOT ONLY KIDS GRADUATE FROM BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUT THEY GET IN TO AND GRADUATE FROM SOME OF THE BEST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD THAT CALL BOSTON THEIR HOME.

THAT'S TRULY A HIGH FIVE MOMENT.

NOT JUST ABOUT GRADUATING KIDS.

IT'S ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET IN TO THESE GREAT SCHOOLS, GRADUATE FROM THESE SCHOOLS AND LOOK OUTSIDE THIS BUILDING, ALL THE CRANES THAT ARE IN THE SKY LINE, COMPANIES THAT CAN COMING HERE, MAJOR INVESTMENT COMING HERE.

WHAT GOOD IS IT IF KID FROM THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AREN'T ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, HAVE NO SENSE OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THEM SHORT OF THE MAIL ROOM AND LOADING DOCK.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE GETTING THE CEO POSITIONS, COO POSITIONS, CFO POSITIONS AND KID SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOOK AT SKYSCRAPERS KNOWING THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY THROUGH GREAT QUALITY EDUCATION AT OUR BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM TO COMPETE IN THAT WORLD.

FINALLY, COMMENTS TO COLLEAGUE, CHAIRMAN MARK CIOMMO, A GREAT STEWARD AS THE CHAIR OF WAYS AND MEANS.

HE'S DONE A PHENOMENAL JOB.

NOT JUST THIS YEAR BUT HIS ENTIRE TENURE THERE AROUND MAKING THIS BUDGET PROCESS A VERY TRANSPARENT, OPEN PROCESS, ALLOWING COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BUDGET PROCESS WHICH HADN'T HAPPENED.

AND ALSO TO RECOGNIZE THAT WHETHER YOU'RE A BRAND NEW COUNCILLOR OR SEASONED COUNCILLOR, TREATING EVERYONE, MAKING SURE WE HAVE THE INFORMATION, THE BRIDGE BETWEEN US AND THE ADMINISTRATION AND I KNOW THAT YOU DIDN'T DO THAT ALONE.

I KNOW THAT WE HAVE HAD GREAT PARTNERS.

IT STARTED WITH KATE SULLIVAN.

I KNOW WE HAVE MICHELLE GOLDBERG ALONG WITH CORA, SHANE, KERRY, ALL SUPPORTING WITH CENTRAL STAFF GIVING YOU THE RESOURCES THAT YOU NEED TO ASSIST COLLEAGUES AND GETTING THAT INFORMATION BACK AND FORTH.

NEIL GOES BACK AND FORTH ON A PRETTY REGULAR BASIS.

ALSO KUDOS TO THE MAYOR'S BUDGET TEAM.

EMMA AND JUSTIN HERE WHO HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK.

COLLECTIVE EFFORT.

ALSO NOTING THAT ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT GETS TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING BECAUSE SHE HAS TWO VERY CAPABLE FOLKS THAT SPENT AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TIME HERE, BOB AND ELLA, GREAT WORK.

THEY'RE HERE AGAIN TODAY.

THEY CARE DEEPLY ABOUT BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL AND THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF CITY GOVERNMENT AND ROLE WORKING WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO GET TO THAT BEST PRODUCT THAT'S PUT FORD FOR OUR STUDENTS.

WITH THAT, I WILL BE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE BUDGET.

GREAT JOB.

A CREDIT TO THIS BODY AND THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

COUNCILLOR, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I WANT TO ECHO THANKS ALL AROUND, ESPECIALLY TO CHAIRMAN CIOMMO WHO I THINK JUST HAS A READY MADE ORIENTATION.

I DON'T WHAT WE'LL DO WITHOUT YOU.

ALSO SAT ME DOWN EARLY ON AND I HAD THE PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS YOUR VICE CHAIR FOR A LITTLE OF YOUR TENURE IN THAT ROLE.

I KNOW FIRSHTHAND HOW HARD YOU WORK, HOW MUCH GOES IN TO IT, HOW HARD YOUR STAFF WORKS.

JUST WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.

THANK YOU OF COURSE TO OUR CENTRAL STAFF, TO MADAM PRESIDENT FOR MAKING SURE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE COUNCIL AS AN INSTITUTION IN THE BUDGET AS WELL AND SOME OF THOSE CHANGES THAT ARE GOING TO BE SO TRANSFORMATIONAL FOR US.

THANK YOU TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND EMMA AND JUSTIN AND NEIL AND ROBIN, ELLEN, ENTIRE TEAM FOR COMING BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN.

I WANT TO COMMEND THE ADMINISTRATION FOR BEING VERY RESPONSIVE TO COUNCILLOR'S CONCERNS, COMMUNITY CONCERNS.

I THINK MUCH HAS BEEN SAID ON THE OPERATION BUDGET.

I WILL BE SUPPORTING, VOTING YES TO SUPPORT THE INVESTMENTS THAT MANY COLLEAGUES HAVE DESCRIBED ON THAT FRONT AND INCLUDING THE CHANGES BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL BUDGET AND THE RECOMMISSION WHICH I THOUGHT, THE RESUBMISSION WHICH IS A MARK OF HOW THEY HAVE LISTENED.

WE CAN DRIVE SWEEPING, SYSTEMIC CHANGE WHILE ALSO BUILDING IT STEP BY STEP WITH TANGIBLE ACTIONS.

SO THE BUDGET IS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR VALUES, BUT IT'S ALSO THE PLAN FOR WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IN THE NEXT YEAR.

AND I JUST WANT TO SPEND MOST OF MY TIME AS SUCCINCTLY AS POSSIBLE COMMENTING ON WHY I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THE BPS PORTION OF THE BUDGET.

I HAVE, I SET OUT A GOAL FOR MYSELF THIS LAST SPRING OF GETTING TO SPEND SOME TIME IN EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR HIGH

SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DISTRICT THIS

SPRING.

I GOT ALMOST THERE.
I THINK I ENDED AT 22 OF THEM
AND ANOTHER 5 OR 6 THAT I
VISITED PREVIOUS YEARS.
SO I SAW ALMOST EVERY PIECE OF
THE HIGH SCHOOL PERSPECTIVE.
AND HAVE BEEN REALLY HONORED TO
ALSO PUSH ALONGSIDE COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND COUNCILLOR
JANEY ON THE PARK PARTICULARLY.
SO THAT TIER OF HIGH SCHOOL, IT
IS HEART BREAKING THE INEQUITIES
ACROSS THE SYSTEM.
IT IS DEVASTATING SOME OF THE
CONDITIONS THAT OUR STUDENTS AND
TEACHERS AND SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
ARE HAVING TO FACE DAY AFTER
DAY.
THANK YOU TO THE ADMINISTRATION
AS WELL FOR ADDRESSING SOME OF
THOSE ISSUES AND THE LOW-HANGING
FRUIT I BROUGHT UP FROM MY
VISIT.
SHADES AT BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL,
MORE SUPPORT GARDENS AND
EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS AND
TRAUMA SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS WHO
ARE DEALING WITH A LOT, GIVEN
THE LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL AND
ITS PROXIMITY TO THE OPIATE
CRISIS IN BOSTON.
THE CONDITIONS REALLY NEED
ADDRESSING AND THEY STAND IN
STARK CONTRAST TO THE BEAUTIFUL
NEW CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT ARE
BEING BUILT IN MANY PLACES
AROUND THE CITY.
THE SECOND THING THAT STANDS OUT
IS THE RESILIENCY OF OUR SCHOOL
COMMUNITIES.
DESPITE SOME OF WHAT WE SEE WITH
THE AGE OF THE BUILDINGS AND
THOSE NEEDS, TEACHERS WORKING SO
HARD EVERY DAY, STUDENTS READY
TO LEARN, SCHOOL LEADERS PUTTING
EVERY OUNCE OF CREATIVITY INTO
BALANCING THE NUMBERS AND MAKING
IT WORK.
I THINK MOST OF ALL WHAT STOOD
OUT TO ME IS JUST WHAT'S AT
STAKE, THAT EVERY YEAR, WE LET
GO BY BEFORE WE SORT OUT THE
ENROLLMENT SYSTEM OR FIGURE OUT
HOW TO BETTER SUPPORT BEHAVIORAL

HEALTH NEEDS OR EVERY YEAR THAT WE DELAY IS ANOTHER CLASS OF HIGH SCHOOLERS THAT'S MOVED ON AND HASN'T HAD ACCESS TO THOSE OPPORTUNITIES.

EVERY YEAR THAT WE DELAY ACCESS TO PRE-K AND EARLY EDUCATION IS ANOTHER SET OF FAMILIES, THOUSANDS OF FUTURE BOSTON LEADERS WHO ARE LEAVING THE DISTRICT AND MAYBE EVEN LEAVING THE CITY AND THAT IS ACROSS -- WE'VE HEARD FROM CHARLESTOWN TODAY AND WE HEARD ABOUT MATTAPAN AND EAST BOSTON, ROSLINDALE.

IT'S ALL ACROSS THE CITY, THIS LACK OF ACCESS.

AND SO MY VOTE ON THE SCHOOL BUDGET IS MOSTLY AROUND THE NEED FOR ACTIONABLE PLANS, FOR ACCOUNTABILITY, FOR STABILITY AND IT IS AN EXPRESSION OF WANTING TO DO MY JOB IN SETTING A BASELINE IN WELCOMING THE SUPERINTENDENT WITH HUGE ARMS AND TREMENDOUS EXCITEMENT, READY FOR HER LEADERSHIP.

I'VE HAD SOME REALLY GREAT CONVERSATIONS WITH HER AND THANK HER SO MUCH FOR COMING BEFORE THE COUNCIL AND MEETING WITH US INDIVIDUALLY, LAYING OUT HER PLANS FOR A VERY AMBITIOUS AGENDA IN HER FIRST 100 DAYS AND THE PLANS THAT SHE WILL HAVE READY BY DECEMBER OF THIS NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING HER IN THAT, WORKING WITH HER SO THAT HOPEFULLY, WE WILL BE AT A PLACE NEXT BUDGET CYCLE WHERE HER PLANS HAVE GOTTEN FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY, HAVE BEEN PUT INTO PLACE AND WE'RE STARTING TO SEE NOT JUST THOSE VALUES, BUT THE ACTION STEPS AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY.

SO I THINK MOST OF ALL, I JUST WANT ALL OF US TO REMEMBER THE ROLE AND THE SCALE OF CHANGE THAT WE CAN MAKE IF WE JUST KEEP IT LASER FOCUSED ON BEING ABLE TO MOVE THINGS AS QUICKLY AS

POSSIBLE AND NOT YEAR AFTER YEAR
AFTER YEAR, BUT MONTH AFTER
MONTH AFTER MONTH.

THANK YOU.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE CHORUS
OF VOICES THANKING THE GOOD
CHAIRMAN OF THE WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE FOR HER WORK ON THIS
PROJECT AND THE MANY BEFORE IT.
CERTAINLY SITS IN THAT CHAIR AND
WIELDS THAT GAVEL I WOULD
VENTURE AS MANY HOURS AS ALL OF
US COMBINED IN THE TYPICAL
BUDGET PROCESS.

IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK
WITH YOU, WITH OUR COLLEAGUES,
CERTAINLY WITH THE BUDGET STAFF
AND THE ADMINISTRATION AND BPS,
OUR ESSENTIAL STAFF THAT PROVIDE
THE SUPPORT, OBVIOUSLY, IN THIS
ROOM PHYSICALLY, TECHNICALLY,
AND ALL THE WORK AND RESEARCH
AND DOCUMENTATION THAT GOES INTO
THIS.

I'LL BE VERY BRIEF.

I'M PLEASED WITH THE BUDGETS
THAT WE'VE PRESENTED HERE
PARTICULARLY IN THE INTERACTIVE
PROCESS THROUGH OUR HEARINGS,
THROUGH THE RESUBMISSION AND
JUST IN MY TIME HERE ON THE CITY
COUNCIL, SEEING OUR DRAMATICALLY
INCREASED FUNDING FOR PARKS, FOR
BPS, FOR ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS
AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE,
VISION-YEAR, TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING, ALL THINGS THAT
STARTED OFF I THINK VERY SMALL
WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION CAME IN,
WHEN MANY OF US CAME TO THE
COUNCIL IN 2014 AND STILL HAVE A
LONG WAY TO GO ON MANY OF THOSE,
BUT THE CONSISTENT INVESTMENTS
AND COMMITMENT TO THOSE
IMPORTANT ISSUES HAS REALLY
SHOWN THROUGH AND I'VE BEEN
PROUD TO SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS.
ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN
A FUTURE BUDGET THAT I WILL NOT
BE VOTING ON THAT HAS NOT BEEN

HERE IS -- IT GOES HAND IN HAND WITH THE BUILD BPS PROGRAM, MAKING SURE ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE QUALITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND IT DOES MEAN WE NEED OPTIONS FOR DOWNTOWN FAMILIES, AS WELL. THAT HAS CONTINUED TO BE AN ISSUE I KNOW MY PREDECESSOR WORKED ON THAT ISSUE, I LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THAT SOME DAY, BUT THIS IS A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET, FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE, SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE THE PEOPLE THAT WE REPRESENT IN BALANCING THE VAST AND CHALLENGING PRIORITIES FOR A THRIVING CITY LIKE BOSTON VOTING YES ON THIS AND CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU ALL ON THE ADMINISTRATION MOVING FORWARD.

THANK YOU.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. UNLIKE THE REST OF YOU, I WILL BE BRIEF.

[LAUGHTER]

THIS IS A GOOD BUDGET HERE. WHEN I STARTED HERE EIGHT YEARS AGO, I WAS HERE AS A RESULT OF WHAT I THINK WAS A BAD BUDGET. I WAS LAID OFF. HOW MANY LAYOFFS THIS YEAR AND WHAT ARE WE CLOSING? WHEN THE LIBRARY WAS SLATED TO BE CLOSED WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED, AND NOW HERE WE SIT, TALKING ABOUT NEW LIBRARIES AND SPEAKING ABOUT MY DISTRICT, NEW LIBRARIES IN MY DISTRICT, ALL THE PARKS. I HAD NEVER SEEN A PARK -- WE THAT'S A RESULT OF THE GOOD ECONOMY WE HAVE GOING ON IN THIS ADMINISTRATION, UNDERSTANDING HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE GOOD SPACES, GOOD SOCIAL SPACES FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER. THEIR MINDSET TOTALLY CHANGED. WITH LIBRARIES THEY SEE THE VALUE IN LIBRARIES AS THAT SPACE TO BE ABLE TO CONGREGATE.

IT'S NOT JUST BOOKS ON A SHELF.
SO I CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THAT.
JUSTIN THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
MY GOOD FRIEND HERE EIGHT YEARS,
I DON'T KNOW WHO'S GOING TO GET
THE SHORT STRAW NEXT YEAR, BUT
HOPEFULLY NOT ME.
BUT I'M VOTING YES ON ALL THREE
BUDGETS AND JUST I'M PROUD TO
VOTE YES ON ALL THREE BUDGETS.
THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR BAKER.
THANKS, CHRISTINE.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON
THIS MATTER?

>> WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON
THE BUDGET?

OR OFFER REMARKS?

TAKE YOUR TIME.

>> THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL, I PLAN TO
VOTE YES ON DOCKET 0964, YES ON
0965, YES ON 0966, AND YES ON
0967.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
GARRISON.

AT THIS TIME, CHAIR OF THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.
THAT'S RIGHT.

AT THIS TIME, COUNCILOR CIOMMO
WHO'S SHARE OF THE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS RECOMMENDS
ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE
REPORT AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET
0964, 0965, 0966, AND 0967.

WE WILL TAKE THEM EACH
SEPARATELY.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD CALL
THE ROLL FOR THE FIRST DOCKET
0964.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

DOCKET NUMBER 0964.ñr

COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, YES.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO, YES.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS YES.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YES.

COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, YES.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.

COUNCILOR GARRISON YES.

COUNCILOR JANEY, YES.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YES.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.

COUNCILOR WU, YES.

AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YES.
MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET NUMBER
0964 RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

DOCKET 0964 HAS PASSED.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0965.

COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, NO.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO, YES.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS NO.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YES.

COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, YES.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.

COUNCILOR GARRISON, YES.

COUNCILOR JANEY, YES.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YES.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.

COUNCILOR WU NO.

COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YES.

MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET NUMBER
0965 RECEIVED 10 VOTES IN THE
AFFIRMATIVE AND THREE VOTES IN
THE NEGATIVE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

DOCKET NUMBER HAS BEEN PASSED.

0966?

>> 0966.

COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, YES.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO, YES.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YES.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YES.

COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, YES.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.

COUNCILOR GARRISON, YES.

COUNCILOR JANEY, YES.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YES.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.

COUNCILOR WU, YES.

AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YES.

MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET NUMBER
0966 HAS RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS
VOTE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

DOCKET NUMBER 0966 HAS BEEN
PASSED.

DOCKET NUMBER 0967.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0967.

COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, YES.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO, YES.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YES.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YES.

COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, YES.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.
COUNCILOR GARRISON, YES.
COUNCILOR JANEY, YES.
COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YES.
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.
COUNCILOR WU, YES.
AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YES.
MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET NUMBER
0967 HAS RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS
VOTE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
DOCKET NUMBER 0967 HAS BEEN
PASSED.
COUNCILOR CIOMMO YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
I RISE TO ASK IF WE CAN TAKE THE
CAPITAL BUDGET OUT OF ORDER?
DOCKETS 0626 THROUGH 0628.
PAGE 2 ON THE GREEN SHEETS,
UNDER ASSIGNED FOR FURTHER
ACTION.

AND FOR MORE DETAIL ON PAGE 16.
THEY START ON PAGE 16.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO.
ANY OBJECTIONS WITH TAKING THE
CAPITAL BUDGET OUT OF ORDER?
NO OBJECTIONS.

COUNCILOR -- I'M SORRY MADAM
CLERK, IF YOU COULD READ THE
DOCKETS INTO THE RECORD.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
DOCKET NUMBER 06266, SPONSORED
BY THE MAYOR, MESSAGE AND ORDER
APPROVING APPROPRIATION OF
\$227,675,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION
OF INTEREST IN LAND OR THE
ACQUISITION OF ASSETS OF A
LANDSCAPING ALTERATION
REMEDICATION REHABILITATION
IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND.
THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION
REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT,
ALTERATION, REMODELING,
ENLARGEMENT, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL
OR EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS OF
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, FACILITIES,
ACCESS, WORKS OR INFRASTRUCTURE.
FOR THE COST OF FEASIBILITY
STUDIES OR ENGINEERING OR
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR PLANS
AND SPECIFICATIONS.
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN
PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF

COMPUTER HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER ASSISTED INTEGRATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS. AND ANY AND ALL COSTS INCIDENTAL OR RELATED TO THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS INCLUDED, DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE, PARKS AND RECREATION, POLICE, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION.

IT WAS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APRIL 10th, 2019 AND THE MATTER HAD HEARINGS AND WAS VOTED ON, ON MAY 29th, 2019 AND RECEIVED ITS FIRST READING. DOCKET NUMBER 0627, SPONSORED BY THE MAYOR.

MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$42,405,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF INTEREST ON LAND OR THE ACQUISITION OF ASSETS OR LANDSCAPING, ALTERATION, REMEDIATION, REHABILITATION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND.

THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATIONS, REMODELING, ENLARGEMENT, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL OR EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, ASSETS, FORTS OR INFRASTRUCTURES. FOR THE COST OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES OR ENGINEERING OR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. FOR THE PURPOSE OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS INCLUDED, DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD AND AND ANY AND ALL COSTS INCIDENTAL OR RELATED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROJECTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC

SCHOOLS.

THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED TO
COMMITTEE ON APRIL 10th, 2019.
HAD SEVERAL HEARINGS AND ON MAY
22nd, 2019, RECEIVED ITS --
I'M SORRY.

THAT WAS ON JUNE 5th, 2019,
AND RECEIVED ITS FIRST
READING -- RECEIVED ITS FIRST
READING AND I WOULD LIKE TO
CORRECT MYSELF.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
0626 WAS ALSO REFERRED ON
JUNE 6th WHEN IT RECEIVED ITS
FIRST VOTE.

AND NOW, DOCKET NUMBER 0628.
SPONSORED BY THE MAYOR.

MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING
THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ENTER INTO
ONE OR MORE LEASE PURCHASED
INSTALLMENT SALES AGREEMENTS IN
FISCAL YEAR 2020 IN AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$28,200,000.

THESE FUNDS ARE TO BE USED BY
VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT
IMPROVEMENTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS.

THE LIST OF EQUIPMENT INCLUDES:
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, HARDWARE AND
SOFTWARE, MOTOR VEHICLES AND
TRAILERS, AMBULANCES,
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, OFFICE
EQUIPMENT, TELECOMMUNICATION
EQUIPMENT, PHOTOCOPYING
EQUIPMENT, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT,
SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL
EQUIPMENT, SCHOOL BUSES, PARKING
METERS, STREET LIGHTING
INSTALLATION, TRAFFIC SIGNALS
EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT
FUNCTIONALLY RELATED TO AND
COMPONENTS OF THE FOREGOING.
ONCE AGAIN IT WAS REFERRED TO
COMMITTEE ON APRIL 10th, 2019,
HAD SEVERAL HEARINGS AND
RECEIVED ITS FIRST VOTE ON JUNE
5th, 2019.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
COUNCILOR CIOMMO YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

AGAIN, IT RECEIVED ITS FIRST
VOTE ON JUNE 5th.

WE NEED TO GO WAIT A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS FOR OUR SECOND VOTE FOR ANY ORDER.

SO I ASK FOR YOUR SECOND VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

>> HE ASKS FOR A SECOND VOTE ON THE CAPITAL BUDGET DOCKET.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD CALL THE ROLL FOR THE FIRST DOCKET, WHICH IS 0626.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. DOCKET NUMBER 0626.

COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, YES.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO, YES.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YES.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YES.

COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, YES.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.

COUNCILOR GARRISON, YES.

COUNCILOR JANEY, YES.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YES.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.

COUNCILOR WU, YES.

AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YES.

MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET NUMBER 0626 RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK. DOCKET NUMBER 0626 HAS BEEN PASSED.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD CALL THE ROLL FOR 0627.

>> DOCKET 0627.

COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, YES.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO, YES.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YES.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YES.

COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, YES.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.

COUNCILOR GARRISON, YES.

COUNCILOR JANEY, YES.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YES.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.

COUNCILOR WU, YES.

AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YES.

MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET NUMBE 0627 RECEIVED 13 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK. DOCKET 0627 HAS BEEN PASSED.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD CALL THE ROLL FOR DOCKET 0628.

>> THANK YOU.

DOCKET 0628.

COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, YES.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO, YES.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YES.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YES.

COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, YES.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.

COUNCILOR GARRISON, YES.

COUNCILOR JANEY, YES.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YES.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.

COUNCILOR WU, YES.

AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YES.

MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET NUMBER

0628 RECEIVED 13 VOTES IN THE

AFFIRMATIVE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

DOCKET 0628 HAS BEEN PASSED.

ALL RIGHT.

>> WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ

DOCKET 0968 AND 69 TOGETHER?

>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT THANK

YOU.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0968.

MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING THE

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF

\$12,037,969 TO COVER THE FY19

COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

BETWEEN THE BOSTON SCHOOL

COMMITTEE AND THE BOSTON

TEACHERS UNION KNOWN AS DTU,

LOCAL 66, AFT-MATH.

THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT IS

SEPTEMBER 1st, 2018, THROUGH

AUGUST 31st, 2021.

MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT

INCLUDE WAGE INCREASES OF 2% IN

SEPTEMBER OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.

DOCKET NUMBER 0969, MESSAGE AND

ORDER TO REDUCE THE FY19

APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY

\$12,037,969 TO PROVIDE FUNDING

FOR THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FOR THE FY19 COST -- COLLECTIVE

BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE

BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE

BOSTON TEACHERS UNION, AFT-MATH,

AFLCIO.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO YOU HAVE THE

FLOOR.

>> THIS IS IT.

THE COMMITTEE HELD ITS PUBLIC HEARING ON DOCKET 0968 AND 0969 MONDAY, JUNE 24th.

TESTIMONY PROVIDED BY JUSTIN SCARETT, THE BUDGET DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON, THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER --

[READING NAMES]

NEGOTIATIONS FOR THIS CONTRACT LASTED A REPORTED 18 MONTHS AND THE TOTAL COST OF THE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT IS \$108.8 MILLION.

PROCEDURALLY SPEAKING, DOCKETS 0968 APPROPRIATES THE FUNDS AND DOCKET 0969 MOVES THE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR DISPERSAL. HE EXPLAINED THAT FY19

APPROPRIATION OF \$12,037,969

WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESERVE.

THIS CONTRACT COVERS THE TERM PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1st 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 31st 2021.

THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT INCLUDE A BASE INCREASE OF 2% INCREASE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.

THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION WOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING BASE WAGE INCREASE, INCLUDING COMPENSATION FOR OTHER COST ITEMS.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2018, 2%,
2019, 2%.
2020, 2%.

LANGUAGE AND POLICY PROVISIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTUAL STIPULATIONS.

SUITABLE PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY, TEACHERS WHO HAVE BEEN IN THIS CATEGORY FOR ONE YEAR WILL HAVE THEIR ATTACHMENT RIGHTS WAIVED FOR A YEARS OF ONE YEAR.

TEACHERS WHO APPLY TO FIVE OR MORE POSITIONS WILL BE GRANTED TWO INTERVIEWS TO ENSURE THE RETENTION OF QUALITY TEACHERS.

SCHOOL TIMES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES TO ALLOW FOR BETTER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN ELEMENTARY AND COLLABORATIVE PLANNING TIME IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS.

REDUCES NEW TEACHER DEVELOPMENT RATIO TO ONE TO 17 TEACHERS IF THE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYS A MINIMUM OF 10 FULL-TIME NEW TEACHER DEVELOPERS.

MUTUAL CONSENT FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS ALLOWS FOR THE DISCRETION OF STAFF PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH AUTISM AND/OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS MOST QUALIFIED TO DO SO.

SIMPLIFIED STAFFING PROCESSES FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS TO ENSURE FASTER AND MORE TRANSPARENT HIRING.

THESE CHANGES TRANSLATE TO SOME STEPS FORWARD TO SUPPORT OUR MOST VULNERABLE STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE.

AS THE CHAIR OF COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS I RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF THESE TWO DOCKETS. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON THESE DOCKETS?

AT THIS TIME, COUNCILOR CIOMMO WHO'S CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS SEEKS ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0968 AND 0969. I'LL TAKE THEM SEPARATELY.

FOR ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF DOCKET 0968 SAY AYE --

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY?

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET -- MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD CALL THE ROLL FOR DOCKET 0968.

>> THANK YOU.

DOCKET NUMBER 0968.

COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, YES.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO, YES.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YES.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YES.

COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, YES.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.

COUNCILOR GARRISON, YES.

COUNCILOR JANEY, YES.
COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YES.
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.
COUNCILOR WU.
AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YES.
MADAM PRESIDENT, WE HAVE 12
VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.
>> SHE'LL REFLECT IT LATER.
DOCKET NUMBER 0968 HAS BEEN
PASSED.
COUNCILOR CIOMMO ALSO RECOMMENDS
ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE
REPORT AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET
0969, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF
PASSAGE SAY AYE --
[CHORUS OF AYES]
ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY?
THE AYES HAVE IT.
MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD CALL
THE ROLL FOR DOCKET 0969, BUT
JUST TO TAKE A QUICK MOMENT TO
GO BACK TO DOCKET 0968.
IF WE COULD REFLECT THAT
COUNCILOR WU VOTED FAVORABLY FOR
DOCKET NUMBER 0968.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
DOCKET NUMBER 0969.
COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.
COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, YES.
COUNCILOR CIOMMO, YES.
COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YES.
COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YES.
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, YES.
COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.
COUNCILOR GARRISON, YES.
COUNCILOR JANEY, YES.
COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YES.
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.
COUNCILOR WU, YES.
AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YES.
MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET NUMBER
0969 HAS RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS
VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
DOCKET NUMBER 0969 HAS BEEN
PASSED.
>> DOCKET NUMBER 0812.
ORDER FOR A HEARING ON EFFORTS
TO COMBAT SUMMER VIOLENCE IN THE
CITY OF BOSTON.
>> COUNCILOR McCARTHY YOU HAVE
THE FLOOR.
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM
PRESIDENT.

LAST NIGHT, WE HAD A LONG HEARING, ABOUT FOUR AND A HALF HOURS WORTH OF HEARINGS REGARDING BOSTON'S EFFORTS TO QUELL SUMMER VIOLENCE.

AS WE KNOW 4th OF JULY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.

WE HAD -- FROM THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS MANY NONPROFITS AND TESTIMONY, ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE CONTINUING TO -- CONTINUING TO WORK WITH EVERYBODY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS SUMMER REMAINS A VERY QUIET SUMMER. THERE'S A LOT OF GREAT INFORMATION.

WE'LL CERTAINLY HAVE SEVERAL FOLLOW-UPS.

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE IT IN COMMITTEE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR McCARTHY.

COUNCILOR JANEY YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH MADAM PRESIDENT.

I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR FOR LAST NIGHT'S HEARING.

WE HAD A ROBUST DISCUSSION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE DOING ALL WE CAN IN THE CITY TO COMBAT SUMMER VIOLENCE.

OBVIOUSLY, VIOLENCE HAPPENS ALL YEAR, NOT JUST IN THE SUMMER, BUT WE WANTED TO ADDRESS THE SUMMER UPTICK.

I AGREE THAT IT SHOULD STAY IN COMMITTEE.

I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR.

I WANT TO THANK YOU AS A COSPONSOR, THANK YOU, COUNCILOR MATT O'MALLEY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND STAYING TO HEAR FROM NOT JUST THE ADMINISTRATION'S PANEL, BUT THE COMMUNITY PANEL.

FOR ME, I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF TAKEAWAYS THAT I THINK WERE REALLY IMPORTANT COMING OUT OF THAT HEARING AND THINGS THAT WE WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW UP ON.

ONE THAT WE MAKE SURE THE EFFORTS ARE COMMUNITY DRIVEN AND THAT WE'VE GOT SPACE, INCORPORATING COMMUNITY VOICE AND THAT WE DO THE ANALYSIS TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHERE OUR RESOURCES ARE GOING AND WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE BEING THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT WITH THAT AND SO I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS WORK WITH ALL OF YOU AND ALL OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE DOING AMAZING WORK EVERY SINGLE DAY.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. I, TOO, WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND COMAKERS IN THIS, THE COUNCILOR FROM DISTRICT 7 AND THE COUNCILOR PRESSLEY AS WELL AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, COUNCILOR FROM DISTRICT 5.

IT WAS A GREAT EVENT. I MEAN, IT WAS A GREAT, WORTHWHILE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT DOWN, REALLY IDENTIFY SOME GOOD CROSS COLLABORATION HAPPENING AT THE CITY, HAPPENING WITH NONPROFITS.

WE CLEARLY HAVE WORK TO CONTINUE TO DO, BUT I REALLY VALUE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM ONE ANOTHER, LEARN FROM PEOPLE, HEAR FROM MEMBERS IN THE PUBLIC AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE REALLY AS WE ADVANCE NEW INITIATIVES AND A THOUGHTFUL HOLISTIC APPROACH TO HOW WE TACKLE PUBLIC SAFETY SO KUDOS ALL AROUND AND LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP AS WE GO FORWARD.

>> THANK YOU, GUYS AND THANK YOU SPECIFICALLY, OF COURSE, TO COUNCILOR JANEY AND COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND COUNCILOR McCARTHY FOR CHAIRING THE HEARING.

DOCKET 0812 WILL REMAIN IN THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

MOVING ON TO MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1021, COUNCILORS FLYNN AND EDWARDS OFFER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 1441, AND HOUSE BILLS 2029 AND ACT RELATIVE TO THE ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. MADAM PRESIDENT, MAY I SUSPEND RULE 12 AND ADD COUNCILOR FLAHERTY?

>> HE'S A THIRD ORIGINAL COSPONSOR.

>> THANK YOU.

, MADAM PRESIDENT.

MADAM PRESIDENT, THIS RESOLUTION COMES OUT OF THE CITY COUNCIL HEARING ON SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ON MAY 29th.

WE WERE ABLE TO HEAR FROM THE DISABILITY COMMISSION.

I WANT TO THANK MY COSPONSORS, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY AND EDWARDS FOR THAT HEARING, AND OUR STAFF RESEARCH DIRECTOR FOR WORKING ON THIS.

THE PANELISTS AND ADVOCATES STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, WHICH IS A FEDERAL LAW THAT PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND ENSURES THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HAVE PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS.

IN THE HEARING THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE DISABILITIES COMMISSION TALKED ABOUT A STATE BILL CALLED AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD WHICH WOULD UPDATE THE ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD'S JURISDICTION TO ALIGN THAT WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT.

THE BILL AT THE STATE HOUSE IS SPONSORED BY SENATOR MICHAEL MOORE, REPRESENTATIVE MIKE MORAN AND CHRISTINE -- AND IT IS

SUPPORTED BY MANY ELECTEDS FROM THE BOSTON DELEGATION, SUCH AS SENATOR NICK HOLLINS, BON CORI, REPRESENTATIVE MUDARO AND OTHERS.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD IS A STATE'S ACCESSIBILITY AND OVERSIGHT ENFORCEMENT PARTY WHICH DEVELOPS AND ENFORCES REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO MAKE PUBLIC BUILDINGS ACCESSIBLE AND SAFE FOR USE BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

YET IT CAN ONLY UPHOLD COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW WHICH HAS FALLEN DECADES BEHIND THE FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

THE BILL WOULD ENSURE THAT THE BUILDINGS IN OUR STATE, THE BUILDINGS IN OUR STATE WOULD BE A.D.A. COMPLIANT.

IT WOULD MAKE MORE HOUSING UNITS ACCESSIBLE BY REQUIRING ADAPTABLE UNITS IN RENOVATED BUILDINGS AS WELL AS REQUIRING EMPLOYEES' AREAS IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS TO BE ACCESSIBLE.

THE BILL WOULD MAKE SURE THAT OUR BUILDINGS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL AND OUR STATE STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBILITY IS NOT OUTDATED.

I HOPE THAT WE CAN SUSPEND AND PASS THIS RESOLUTION TODAY SO THAT WE CAN HELP THIS BILL PASS AT THE STATE HOUSE, AS WELL.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

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

>> THANK YOU.

VERY BRIEFLY I WANTED TO COMMEND THE MAKER FOR THIS RESOLUTION, ALSO THANK HIM AND COUNCILORS3 FLAHERTY FOR A ROBUST AND INCREDIBLE HEARING.

THIS IS REALLY JUST AN ATTEMPT TO UPDATE OUR STANDARDS FOR BUILDING TO ASSURE THAT AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE THAT THIS ROBUST ECONOMY, THAT WE'RE BUILDING FOR EVERYBODY IN THE STATE AND I SUPPORT OUR LEADERS

OVER IN THE STATE HOUSE.

I THINK IT WAS SENATOR -- EXCUSE ME, REPRESENTATIVE MIKE MORAN, ESPECIALLY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND SENATOR MOORE FOR THEIR ENSURING THAT OUR STATE LAWS ARE MATCHING WITH THE FEDERAL ONE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO

THANK THE COSPONSORS.

COUNCILOR FLYNN HAS BEEN A CHAMPION FOR THE COMMUNITY WITH DISABILITIES FOR DECADES NOW AND URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SIGN ON SO WE CAN MOVE FOR SUSPENSION AND ADOPTION.

>> THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER OR ADD THEIR NAME?

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR BAKER, COUNCILOR CIOMMO, ESSAIBI-GEORGE, GARRISON, JANEY, McCARTHY, O'MALLEY, WU AND ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

AT THIS TIME, COUNCILOR FLYNN SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND -- ADOPTION OF DOCKET 1021.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF ADOPTION SAY AYE --

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY?

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1021 HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1022.

COUNCILORS FLYNN AND EDWARDS OFFER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 1810 AND HOUSE BILL 2671, AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ON STATE CONTRACTS.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. MADAM PRESIDENT, MAY I SUSPEND RULE 12 AND ADD COUNCILOR FLAHERTY AS AN ORIGINAL COSPONSOR?

>> ANY OBJECTION?

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR FLAHERTY AS AN ORIGINAL SPONSOR.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

, MADAM PRESIDENT.

MADAM PRESIDENT, THIS RESOLUTION ALSO COMES OUT OF THAT SAME HEARING ON SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, WE'RE PROUD OF THE EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP OF COMMISSIONER -- ON SO MANY OF THESE ISSUES.

AT OUR HEARING, ADVOCATES TALKED ABOUT THE LACK OF OPPORTUNITY THAT MANY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FACE IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.

IN FACT, ACCORDING TO THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTIC, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IS TWICE AS HIGH AS THOSE WITHOUT A DISABILITY.

THIS BILL, AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ON STATE CONTRACTS CALLS FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED FOR SERVICES IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OR ANY SUBQUESTION THAT RECEIVES APPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM THE STATE TO HAVE AT LEAST 10% OF THE PEOPLE HIRED FOR THE CONTRACTS BE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES BY 2025.

THE HIRING REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT IN PHASES SO THAT STATE CONTRACTS WOULD HAVE AT LEAST 2% OF THE PEOPLE HIRED BE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BY 2021.

THEN INCREASE IT BY 2% MORE EVERY YEAR UNTIL THERE IS AT LEAST 10% OF THE WORKFORCE THAT ARE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BY 2025.

THE BILL IS SPONSORED BY SENATOR COLLINS, REP DAVID BEAL, REP DAN HUNT AND IS SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVES RUSSELL HOLMES, REPRESENTATIVE MADARO AND REPRESENTATIVE SANTIAGO AND OTHERS.

THE BILL WOULD EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE WORKFORCE AND HELP THEM TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND CAREER GOALS

IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO CONTINUE TO LEAD IN PROMOTING EQUITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

I HOPE THAT WE CAN SUSPEND AND PASS THIS RESOLUTION TODAY SO THAT WE CAN EXPAND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND ON AN ADDITIONAL NOTE, THIS LOCATION, THIS ROOM HERE IS A.D.A. ACCESSIBLE.

IT PROVIDES A SPACE FOR EVERYBODY, ESPECIALLY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO COUNCILOR WU AND TO MAYOR WALSH AND HIS ADMINISTRATION FOR LOOKING OUT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND MAKING SURE THAT THEIR VOICE IS HEARD IN STATE GOVERNMENT, BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF MY CITY COUNCILOR COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR WORK ON A.D.A. ISSUES, AS WELL.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

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

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THIS IS THE RESOLUTION THAT I THINK BASICALLY SUPPORTS PUTTING OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS AND MAKING SURE THAT THE STATE IS DRIVING AN ECONOMY THAT ONE, THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO, BUT ALSO THAT THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM BY INCENTIVIZING A LOT OF CONTRACTORS TO DO WORK WITH THEM AND TO ASSURE THEY HAVE A PLACE IN THEIR WORKFORCE.

I THINK IT'S AN -- I THINK IT'S AN INCREDIBLE MOVE AND A MOVE OF LEADERSHIP THAT ASSURES THAT IN MANY CASES AN ENTIRE POPULATION THAT IS UNDEREMPLOYED BECAUSE OF PREJUDICES ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THIS IS ACTUALLY INCENTIVIZING A LOT OF FOLKS IN THE PRIVATE MARKET TO SAY IT'S WORTH GIVING THIS PERSON A CHANCE AND SHOW THEY CAN HAVE AN

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY WITH MY COMPANY BECAUSE I NOW HAVE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS. COUNCILOR FLAHERTY LOOKING TO SPEAK ON THIS DOCKET?

AT THIS TIME COUNCILOR FLYNN -- I'M SORRY BEFORE I DO THAT.

ANYONE ELSE WANTING TO ADD THEIR NAME TO THIS DOCKET?

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR BAKER, CIOMMO, ESSAIBI-GEORGE, GARRISON, JANEY, McCARTHY, O'MALLEY, WU, ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

COUNCILOR FLYNN SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND ADOPTION OF DOCKET 1022.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF ADOPTION SAY AYE --

[CHORUS OF AYES]

OPPOSED SAY NAY?

THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 1022 HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

MOVING ON TO PERSONNEL ORDERS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1023.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ORDER.

>> THE CHAIR SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF 1023.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE --

[CHORUS OF AYES]

OPPOSED SAY NAY?

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1023 HAS BEEN PASSED.

I'VE BEEN INFORMEDLYTE CLERK THAT THERE ARE THREE LATE FILE MATTERS WHICH IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION WILL BE ADDED TO TODAY'S AGENDA.

HEARING AND SEEING NO OBJECTION, THE THREE LATE FILE MATTERS ARE SO ADDED.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD READ THE FIRST LATE FILE MATTER INTO THE RECORD.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. 2019, COUNCILOR CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> A POINT OF CLARIFICATION.

ONE IS A PERSONNEL ORDER SO YOU PROBABLY DO NOT HAVE THE PERSONNEL ORDER AND THE

PERSONNEL ORDER, COUNCILOR EDWARDS, AT THIS TIME COUNCILOR EDWARDS SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF THE FIRST LATE FILE MATTER.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE --

[CHORUS OF AYES]

OPPOSED SAY NAY?

THE FIRST LATE FILE MATTER HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> SECOND LATE FILE MATTER, OFFERED BY COUNCILOR FRANK BAKER IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED AUCTION BLOCK MEMORIAL AT DANIEL HALL.

WHEREAS PUBLIC SPACES, ART INSTALLATIONS, LANDMARKS, MEMORIAL AND HISTORICAL STRUCTURES, HISTORIC STRUCTURES, SHOULD REFLECT THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE CITY AND ITS PEOPLE, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL HOLDS A HEARING TO UNDERSTAND AND DISCUSS THIS PROPOSED PUBLIC MEMORIAL AND THIS HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL BE INVITED TO ATTEND.

JUNE 26th, 2019.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK. COUNCILOR BAKER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. MAY I ENACT RULE 12 AND ADD COUNCILOR FLYNN, PLEASE?

>> ANY OBJECTIONS?

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. FIRST OF ALL, I APOLOGIZE FOR THE LATE FILE.

GOLF GOT IN THE WAY OF MY JOB LAST WEEK SO I LEFT SOME LOOSE ENDS, ONE OF THEM BEING TO ADD COUNCILOR FLYNN.

I WOULD LIKE TO HOLD A HEARING

TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND DISCUSS
THE PROPOSED AUCTION BLOCK
PUBLIC MEMORIAL AND ITS
HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE
CITY OF BOSTON AND THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
I BELIEVE PUBLIC SPACES SHOULD
REFLECT THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE
CITY AND ITS PEOPLE AND IT
APPEARS THIS MEMORIAL SEEKS TO
DO JUST THAT.

AS MANY MAY KNOW THERE'S AN
EFFORT IN THE CITY TO CHANGE THE
NAME OF -- WHEN I FIRST HEARD
THIS EFFORT I WAS NOT IN FAVOR,
AS I DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD
ERASE HISTORY BUT TELL ITS
STORY, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD.
HE WAS A MERCHANT IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON IN THE 18th CENTURY WHO
MADE HIS WEALTH FROM SLAVE LABOR
AND TRAFFICKING THROUGH THE
TRADE AND UPON HIS DEATH, THE
HALL WAS DONATED TO THE CITY OF
BOSTON.

-- TO TELL THE HISTORY OF THE
SLAVE TRADE THAT TOOK PLACE
THERE.

AN ARTISAN RESIDENT FOR THE CITY
OF BOSTON IS PROPOSING A
MEMORIAL DEDICATED TO THOSE
ENSLAVED AFRICANS AND
AFRICAN-AMERICANS WHOSE
KIDNAPPING AND SALE TOOK PLACE,
AND I BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD
OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THE STORY OF
THE SLAVE TRADE IN BOSTON AND
RECOGNIZE THE HISTORY OF THE
HALL.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT
AND THANK YOU TO COUNCILOR BAKER
FOR ADDING ME ON.

GLAD TO BE A COSPONSOR OF THIS
HEARING.

I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US AS
A CITY TO DISCUSS THIS MEMORIAL,
WHAT IT MEANS AND FOR PEOPLE TO
REFLECT ON THE TERRIBLE
INJUSTICES SLAVERY HAS CAUSED SO
MANY PEOPLE FOR SO MANY YEARS.

IT'S SOMETHING THAT HOPEFULLY,
WE ALL CAN LEARN FROM, LEARNING
FROM OUR PAST THE TERRIBLE
MISTAKES AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
THAT TOOK PLACE HUNDREDS OF
YEARS AGO, BUT IT STILL HAS A
MEANING, STILL HAS AN IMPACT
TODAY SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO
LISTEN TO THE CONCERNS OF
RESIDENTS AND TO HEAR RESIDENTS
TALK ABOUT THE TERRIBLE
INJUSTICE THAT HAS HAPPENED IN
OUR CITY AND ALSO TO LEARN FROM
OUR MISTAKES, BUT ALSO,
OFFICIALLY WE CAN GO ON AND
BECOME A BETTER SOCIETY, A
BETTER CITY, A BETTER COUNTRY
LEARNING FROM OUR PAST.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ALSO
ADD COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, CIOMMO,
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, GARRISON,
McCARTHY, O'MALLEY, AS WELL AS
THE CHAIR.

I GUESS THE SECOND LATE FILE
MATTER WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON ARTS, CULTURE AND
SPECIAL EVENTS.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD READ
THE THIRD LATE FILE MATTER INTO
THE RECORD?

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TIMOTHY
McCARTHY, CITY OF BOSTON, CITY
COUNCIL.

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING
EXPANSION OF THE CITY
DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS WITH A
FOCUS ON ACHIEVING BASELINE TREE
PRESERVATION AND TOTAL TREE
CAPACITY ON A DEVELOPMENT SITE.
WHEREAS THE CITY OF BOSTON IS IN
A BUILDING BOOM WITH PROJECTIONS
OF 69,000 UNITS OF HOUSING TO BE
BUILT BY 2030, THEREFORE BE IT
ORDERED THAT THE APPROPRIATExD
COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CITY
COUNCIL HOLD A HEARING TO
DISCUSS EXPANSION OF THE CITY
DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS WITH A
FOCUS ON ACHIEVING BASELINE TREE
PRESERVATION AND TREE PLACEMENT.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, BOSTON PARKS DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL BE INVITED TO ATTEND.

FILED JUNE 26th, 2019.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK. COUNCILOR McCARTHY YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM PRESIDENT.

IF I COULD INVOKE RULE 12 AND ADD THE GREEN COUNCILOR FROM DISTRICT 6.

ANY OBJECTIONS?

IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR O'MALLEY?

>> THIS IS A REFILE FROM LAST YEAR AND AGAIN, I APOLOGIZE, I'M NOT A BIG LATE FILE GUY ESPECIALLY ON TODAY, BUT I WANTED TO GET IT IN AS WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A MEETING NEXT WEEK BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAY AND I WANT TO GET THIS IN THE PROCESS.

THIS STEMS FROM LAST YEAR, WE HAD A REALLY WONDERFUL PROJECT BEING BUILT DOWN THE STREET FROM MY HOUSE.

I SUPPORTED THE PROJECT, BUT THE DEVELOPER THEN CLEAR-CUT THE LOT AND WE LOST I'M GOING TO SAY SEVEN OR EIGHT 100 YEAR OAKS AND IT STARTED CLICKING IN MY HEAD THAT WE CAN'T DO THIS, AND HE PLANTED SOME TREES AND WE HAD A GREAT DISCUSSION, HE HAD THE RIGHT THING.

HAVING SAID THAT WE CAN'T LOSE THOSE TREES LIKE THAT.

OTHER TOWNS AND CITIES ARE -- IF YOU HAVE TO CUT DOWN A TREE TO BUILD YOUR PROJECT, THERE'S CERTAIN FINES, THERE'S CERTAIN FEES, WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE PUTTING NEW TREES ON THE LOT OR PAYING INTO THE TREE FUND AND HAVING CHRIS COOK PLANT THOSE TREES FOR YOU, WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR TREE-SCAPE THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF BOSTON AND WITH CLIMATE READY BOSTON BEING CREATED RIGHT NOW I THINK IT'S IMPERATIVE TO PUT

THIS ORDINANCE POSSIBLY INTO THE CLIMATE READY BOSTON AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR McCARTHY.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. THANK YOU, MY DEAR COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND THE DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR, I'M DELIGHTED TO PARTNER WITH HIM ON THIS.

THIS IS A PARTICULARLY TIMELY HEARING ORDER AS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE VOTED FOR IN THE OPERATING BUDGET EARLIER TODAY WAS A LIDAR STUDY, SOMETHING THAT I AND MANY OF US HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR, FOR MANY YEARS. IT'S ESSENTIALLY PLANES THAT FLY OVER THE CITY TO REALLY GAUGE WHAT THE TREE CANOPY COVERAGE LOOKS LIKE.

WE CANNOT -- WE'RE LOOKING AT 10, 12-YEAR-OLD INFORMATION, WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY OUTDATED SO TO HAVE A NEW LIDAR STUDY AND REALLY ASSESS OUR CANOPY, WE CAN MANAGE THE TREE POPULATION AS WELL AS MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO MEASURE IT.

TIMELY, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF TREES AND THE NECESSITY OF TREES, IT'S NOT JUST ESTHETICS, IT'S NOT JUST ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS.

IT REALLY IS A TRUE PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFIT, AS WELL.

AND THIS IS A WAY THAT CAN CREATE COOLING CENTERS, CAN MAKE IT A MUCH MORE VIBRANT AND HEALTHY CITY, SO LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND WORK.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

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

THE THIRD LATE FILE MATTER WILL

BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND
TRANSPORTATION.

AT THIS TIME, DOES ANYONE ELSE
NEED TO REMOVE OR WOULD LIKE TO
REMOVE A MATTER FROM THE GREEN
SHEETS?

MOVING RIGHT ALONG I'M INFORMED
BY THE CLERK THAT THERE WERE
LATE FILE MATTERS TO BE ADDED TO
THE CONSENT AGENDA.

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

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE --

[CHORUS OF AYES]

OPPOSED SAY NAY?

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN
ADOPTED.

ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS?

I WILL DO THIS FOR COUNCILOR
CIOMMO.

THERE IS I BELIEVE A RECEPTION
AFTER THIS MEETING IMMEDIATELY
AFTERWARDS IN THE ROOM TO THANK
CENTRAL STAFF, THE TEAM, THE
BUDGET TEAM FOR ALL THEIR HARD
WORK.

SO PROCEED FROM HERE, THERE.

AND JUST A REMINDER, TOMORROW,

WHICH IS THURSDAY FROM 9:00 TO

12:00 HERE, WE'LL HAVE OUR

SECOND RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING

AND AGAIN, IT IS OPEN TO

EVERYONE INCLUDING INTERNS AND

FELLOWS, EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT HERE

FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS?

COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> MADAM PRESIDENT, I JUST
WANTED -- PERMISSION TO SPEAK?

I JUST WANTED TO REMIND MY

COLLEAGUES THAT JUNE IS PTSD

AWARENESS MONTH AND IT'S AN

OPPORTUNITY FOR MANY VETERANS,

MILITARY FAMILIES THAT HAVE

ALMOST UNDIAGNOSED MENTAL HEALTH

ISSUES, TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO

SEEK TREATMENT, WHETHER IT'S

THROUGH THE V.A. OR OTHER

LOCATIONS THAT PROVIDE MENTAL

HEALTHqç

COMMUNITY IN SOUTH BOSTON, TIM

COOK, A U.S. NAVY VETERAN WHO

HAD PTSD, AND HE, AND HE CAME
BACK TO BOSTON AND HAD A
DIFFICULT TIME READJUSTING.
GOOD FRIENDS WITH HIS FATHER AND
TIM IS NO LONGER WITH US.
BUT HIS FATHER JOE COOK IS DOING
EXCELLENT WORK EDUCATING SO MANY
PEOPLE AND ENCOURAGING VETERANS
THAT ARE DEALING WITH MENTAL
HEALTH ISSUES TO SEEK MENTAL
HEALTH ASSISTANCE.

I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO JOE
COOK, TO HIS FAMILY, AND TO MY
NEIGHBORS IN SOUTH BOSTON FOR
MAKING SURE THAT ALL VETERANS
ARE AWARE THAT JUNE IS PTSD
MONTH AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO
SEEK HELP IF NEEDED.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH COUNCILOR
FLYNN.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> I'LL BE BRIEF.

THIS FRIDAY WE ARE CLOSING OUT
PRIDE MONTH IN CHARLESTOWN BY
RAISING THE PRIDE FLAG ONE LAST
TIME ON FRIDAY AT 6:30.

ALL ARE INVITED, THERE WILL BE A
RECEPTION AFTERWARDS.

THIS IS FOLLOWING ON -- WE'VE
BEEN DOING THIS FOR SIX YEARS IN
EAST BOSTON, HAVING A PRIDE
CEREMONY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD,
AND I THINK A LOT OF FOLKS -- WE
HOPE YOU WILL COME.

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

FOR COUNCILOR McCARTHY,
MR. RORY JONES.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.

[SILENCE]

THANK YOU.

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

WE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN
IN THIS CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY,
JULY 10th, AT 12:00 NOON AT

BOSTON CITY HALL.
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF
ADJOURNMENT SAY AYE --
[CHORUS OF AYES]
OPPOSED SAY NAY?
THE AYES HAVE IT, THE COUNCIL IS
ADJOURNED.
[GAVEL]