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>> MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD PLEASE CALL THE ROLL TO ASCERTAIN THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM.

[ROLL CALL]

>> MADAM WE HAVE A QUORUM. THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK. I'VE BEEN IZSÁSQ" THAT AN A QUORUM IS PRESENT. COUNCILOR CIOMMO IS HERE.

>> THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME, I ASK ALL GUESTS, COLLEAGUES AND STAFF TO PLEASE RISE AS OUR LOVELY CLERK TAKES US THROUGH THE INVOCATION. AS SHE LEADS US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

UNITE US.

OH, THOU WHO MADE US ONE NATION OUT OF MANY PEOPLE AND WITH OUR DIVERSITY OF RACE AND TRADITION AND FAITH, UNITE US IN THE COMMON LAWS OF FREEDOM. REVISE US IN THE SPIRIT OF DEVOTION TO THE COMMON GOOD SO THAT WE MAY OPEN DOORS TO THE NEGLECTED AND OPPRESSED, CLEANSE THE HEART OF OUR NATION, FROM THAT GREED WHICH PREYS UPON OTHERS.

ENDOW OUR LEADERS WITH WISDOM THAT THEY MAY STAND AMONG NATIONS AS AN EXAMPLE OF BENEVOLENCE AND EXALTED JUSTICE.

HELP US TO MAKE THIS LAND/ COMH

WHERE

AND WORK TO DO THEIR BEST.

HEAR THESE WORDS.

I WOULD HAVE YOU

YOUR EYES UPON THE GREATNESS OF YOUR COUNTRY UNTIL YOU BECOME FILLED WITH LOVE FOR HER AND WHEN YOU ARE IMPRESSED BY THE SPECTACLE OF HER GLORY, REFLECT WHAT HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY MEN AND WOMEN WHO KNEW THEIR DUTY AND HAD THE COURAGE TO DO IT.

AND THESE WORDS OF THE HEBREW  
PSALMIST, LET THE PEOPLE GIVE  
PRAISE O GOD ALL OF NATIONS.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE A VERY  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY  
COUNCILOR ZAKIM BASED ON A VERY  
SPECIAL PLAY THAT WE ALL GOT TO  
WITNESS.

COUNCILOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT  
OUR PERFORMERS AND THEIR TEAM  
WANT TO COME JOIN US

WILL -- I WILL

THOUGH.

YEAH --

[APPLAUSE]

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT SHY BECAUSE I  
JUST SAW YOUR PLAY SO DO YOU  
WANT TO JUST JOIN ME UP HERE.

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DIDN'T  
HAVE THE CHANCE TO JOIN US  
EARLIER FOR A VERY SPECIAL  
PERFORMANCE OF THE LAST DREAM,  
THIS IS A PLAY THAT WAS WRITTEN,  
PERFORMED, LED BY THESE YOUNG  
PEOPLE WHOSE PARENTS ARE ALL  
RECIPIENTS HERE IN THE

AREA.

AND YOU KNOW, THIS BODY HAS  
TALKED OVER AND OVER AGAIN ABOUT  
ISSUES OF IMMIGRATION, ABOUT  
CIVIL RIGHTS.

WE'VE PASSED RESOLUTIONS.

WE'VE CALLED ON OUR

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION, ON  
THIS PRESIDENT TO RECOGNIZE THE  
HUMANITY, TO RECOGNIZE THE FACT  
THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN  
THIS COUNTRY, MANY OF WHOM HAVE  
BEEN HERE FOR DECADES WHO HAVE  
BUILT LIVES HERE WHO HAVE A  
TENUOUS SITUATION WHEN IT COMES  
TO IMMIGRATION LAW AND THAT'S  
NOT THEIR FAULT.

IT'S NOT THE FAULT OF THEIR

CHILDREN SO IT'S BEEN A

PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO PARTNER WITH

ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE NATIONAL  
TPS ALLIANCE, THE MASS TPS  
COMMITTEE, THE BOSTON  
EXPERIMENTAL THEATER AND THESE  
YOUNG PEOPLE HERE TODAY AND I  
WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK JUAN  
LOPEZ OF OUR TEAM WHO HELPED  
COORDINATE THIS AND BRING US  
TOGETHER AND INTRODUCE ME TO  
THIS INCREDIBLE TROUPE OF  
PERFORMERS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> AND JUAN WAS SUPPOSED TO BE  
UP HERE, BUT I THINK HE'S TAKING  
HIS USUAL BEHIND THE SCENES  
APPROACH, BUT THIS WOULDN'T HAVE  
HAPPENED TODAY.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE TEAM --  
THERE HE IS, JUAN.

[APPLAUSE]

SO I KNOW WE HAVE A BUSY AGENDA  
TODAY SO I'LL BE BRIEF AND I  
KNOW MANY OF YOU -- WELL, THANK  
MANY OF YOU DID HAVE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THIS  
PERFORMANCE, BUT IF YOU DIDN'T,  
I ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO IT AND I  
ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE OUR STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE WHO CAME FROM THE  
STATE HOUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THIS.

[APPLAUSE]

FOR THE PERFORMANCE.

YOU KNOW, I AM EARLIER SOME OF  
THE RESOLUTIONS WE'VE PASSED IN  
THIS BODY, TO STAND UP FOR  
PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY  
REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION  
STATUS.

AND THAT'S GREAT AND WE NEED TO  
CONTINUE TO DO THAT, BUT SEEING  
THE LEVEL OF CRUELTY THIS  
PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION, THE  
INHUMANITY AND HEARING THE  
STORIES AND SEEING QUITE  
HONESTLY THE VERY POWERFUL PROPS  
AND SETS THAT YOU ALL USEDÑ  
WAS -- WAS MOVING, MAKES ALL OF  
US THINK ABOUT WHAT MORE WEÑ  
CAN DO AND A PARALLEL THAT WAS DRAWN  
FOR ME WAS LOOKING BACK AT THE  
DIARY OF ANNE FRANK AND HEARING  
ABOUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
PERSPECTIVE AS AN OPPRESSIVE

GOVERNMENT SINGLES PEOPLE OUT  
BASED ON THEIR BACKGROUND, RACE,  
RELIGION, AND WE NEED TO  
CONTINUE TO STAND UP AND SAY NOT  
IN OUR NAME.

AND SAY THIS IS A COUNTRY THAT  
WE ALL HAVE PLEDGED ALLEGIANCE  
TO THAT STANDS FOR INCLUSION,  
THAT WAS BUILT AS A NATION OF  
IMMIGRATION, REGARDLESS OF WHERE  
OUR FAMILIES CAME FROM.

AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE  
CONTINUE TO DO THAT AS ELECTED  
OFFICIALS, AS RESIDENTS, AS  
CITIZENS, AS ACTIVISTS EVERY  
SINGLE DAY SO I CAN'T REITERATE  
ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR  
YOU ALL TO SEE THIS PLAY, IF YOU  
HAVEN'T SEEN IT ALREADY AND  
WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM ONE OR  
TWO FOLKS, I DON'T KNOW WHO  
WANTS TO SAY A FEW WORDS FROM  
THE DIRECTING TEAM FROM ONE OF  
THE PERFORMERS, BUT I HOPE  
YOU'LL TELL US WHERE WE CAN NEXT  
SEE THE PLAY AND HOW WE CAN  
SUPPORT IT.

WE ALSO HAVE OFFICIAL  
RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL,  
RECOGNIZING THE TWO  
ORGANIZATIONS, THE NATIONAL TPS  
ALLIANCE, THE BOSTON  
EXPERIMENTAL THEATER, THE MASS  
TPS COMMITTEE AND FOR EVERY ONE  
OF OUR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMERS AS  
WELL FOR JUST SHARING WHAT I'M  
SURE IS NOT AN EASY STORY TO  
TELL, BUT INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT  
AND YOU GUYS ARE DOING SO MUCH  
FOR YOUR FAMILIES BY SHARING  
THIS IN PLACES LIKE BOSTON CITY  
HALL, LIKE LOBBYING UP AT THE  
LEGISLATURE WHERE REPRESENTATIVE -- THANK YOU FOR  
BEING SUCH LEADERS.

I APOLOGIZE FOR THE FACT THAT  
YOU NEED TO BE RIGHT NOW, BUT  
YOU'RE DOING INCREDIBLE WORK AND  
I'M PROUD TO BE HERE ON THE  
STAGE HERE WITH YOU SO THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH EVERYONE  
FOR HAVING US HERE.

ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE COMPANY,

BOSTON EXPERIMENTAL THEATER AND  
TPS COMMUNITY, I ALSO WANT TO  
THANK CITY HALL.

OUR FRIEND, THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
FOR HELPING US TO BE HERE.

FINDING ABOUT MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE PROJECT, BOSTON  
EXPERIMENTAL THEATER IS A VERY  
GOOD SOURCE TO FIND OUT THE NEXT  
PERFORMANCE.

ALSO, WE'RE WORKING ON A  
DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE BOSTON  
NETWORK NEIGHBORHOOD.

ALSO GOING TO BE AVAILABLE --  
INFORMATION IS GOING TO BE  
AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE, TOO,  
AND JUST ONE MORE TIME IF YOU  
FORGET, THE WEBSITE, WE DO] ]  
EXPERIMENTAL THEATER.

AND IF YOU DON'T MIND SINCE YOU  
SAID I HAVE A LITTLE TIME I WANT  
TO SHARE A VERY PERSONAL STORY  
HERE WITH YOU.

I'M FROM IRAN AND I MOVED TO  
BOSTON IN 2004 AND THE REASON I  
LEFT MY COUNTRY WAS BECAUSE MY  
LIFE WAS IN DANGER.

AND I HAD TO ESCAPE.

I HAD TO ESCAPE THE COUNTRY, I  
HAD TO FLEE AND WALK THROUGH THE  
MOUNTAINS TO GET TO TURKEY AND  
IN THE YEAR 2002, ONE YEAR AFTER  
GEORGE W. BUSH I WAS ONE OF THE  
FIRST REFUGEES THAT I GOT MY  
STATUS AND I WAS ABLE TO COME TO  
THIS COUNTRY.û SINCE I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING  
MY DREAM, WHICH IS DOING THE  
THEATER.

I WENT TO SCHOOL, I GOT MARRIED,  
I HAVE A JOB, I'M LIVING MY  
DREAM HERE AND THIS IS THE  
AMERICA I KNOW OF.

A YEAR AGO ME AND MY COWORKERS,  
BOSTON EXPERIMENTAL THEATER, HAD  
THE PLEASURE AND HONORñi TO MEET  
THESE YOUNG FOLKS WHO WERE BORN  
AND RAISED IN THE UNITED STATES.  
I SHAMELY REALIZED THE AMERICA  
THAT THEY ARE EXPERIENCING IS A  
VERY DIFFERENT AMERICA THAN I  
EXPERIENCED AND I WAS NOT EVEN  
BORN HERE.

AND THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS  
THAT WE ALL GOT TOGETHER AND WE

SAID WE HAVE TO SHARE THEIR  
STORY AND THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH  
FOR HELPING US TO SHARE THEIR  
STORYñr HERE.

AND ALL WE CAN DO AS AN ARTIST  
IS WHAT WE DID, BUT THE REAL  
WORK IS YOU FOLKS HERE, BECAUSE  
YOU REALLY COUNT ON THIS THAT  
THIS IS NOT JUST A SHOW, BUT  
EVERY SINGLE OF US HERE REALLY,  
REALLY COUNTING OF EVERY SINGLE  
OF YOU FOR ANY WAY THAT YOU CAN  
HELP THEM.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH AGAIN.

[APPLAUSE]

>> IF MY COLLEAGUES WOULD LIKE  
TO JOIN US FOR A PHOTO WITH THIS  
INCREDIBLE GROUP.ÑiñrxDjFjF

>> THANK YOU, GUYS.  
YOU DID A GREAT JOB.

>> THANK YOU.

[GENERAL CONVERSATIONS]çó

>> I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE UP  
COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE FOR A  
QUICK PRESENTATION.

>> THANK YOU,\$xi COUNCIL PRESIDENTxD  
CAMPBELL AND I APOLOGIZE TO MY  
COLLEAGUES FOR THE BRIEF  
INTERRUPTION TO TODAY'S PROGRAM  
AND TO THE AGENDA AHEAD, AND I  
THINK THATÑiÑi IT'S -- THAT THE  
PERFORMANCE THAT COUNCILOR ZAKIM  
BROUGHT IN THAT WE WERE ABLE TO  
WATCH EARLIER TODAY WAS VERY  
MOVING AND IT HAS MOVED ME I  
THINK TO TALK.

WE WERE TALKING JUST AFTER THE  
PERFORMANCE ABOUT OUR INDIVIDUAL  
IMMIGRANTS' STORIES AND I  
HAPPENED TO HAVE MY UNCLE IN  
VISITING FROM TUNISIA AND OVERt(  
THE LAST WEEK HE'S BEEN IN TOWN  
AND WE'VE SPENT A LOT OF OUR  
TIME TALKING ABOUT HIS IMMIGRANT  
STORY FROM THE TIMExD HE FIRST  
MOVED TO THE STATES.

SO I WOULD LOVE TO INTRODUCE YOU  
ALL TO MY UNCLE WHO IS AN  
ACTIVIST IN TUNISIA, BUT HERE  
VISITING ME, MY FAMILY AND HIS  
SON HERE, MY UNCLE IS WITH US  
AND Içó WOULD LOVE --

[APPLAUSE]

HE DOES -- HE ENJOYS A GOOD

POLITICAL DISCUSSION AROUND THE  
COFFEE TABLE OR DINNER TABLE AND  
I WOULD LOVE TO INVITE HIM UP  
FOR A PICTURE, IF MY COLLEAGUES  
WOULD JOIN ME FOR A GROUP PHOTO.  
INDULGE ME, PLEASE.  
[BRIEF PAUSE IN PROCEEDINGS]  
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

.  
, COUNCILOR  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.  
MOVING ON TO THE REGULAR ORDER  
OF BUSINESS, NOW TO THE APPROVAL  
OF THE MINUTES.

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

SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECTION,  
THE MINUTES ARE SO APPROVED.  
COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR  
THE MAYOR.

>> MADAM PRESIDENT WOULD YOU  
LIKE ME TO READ DOCKET 1046  
THROUGH 1050?

>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT THANK  
YOU.

>> DOCKET 1046, MESSAGE AND  
ORDER APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPROPRIATION ORDER FOR THE  
BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR FY20  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,019 TO  
COVER THE FY20 COST ITEMS  
CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN  
THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND  
SEIU LOCAL 888-PLANNING AND  
ENGINEERING.

THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ARE  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, THROUGH  
AUGUST 31, 2017; AND SEPTEMBER  
1, 2017, THROUGH  
2020.

THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE  
CONTRACTS INCLUDE BASE WAGE  
INCREASES OF 2% IN SEPTEMBER OF  
EACH YEAR.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY  
CLERK ON JULY 8, 2019.  
DOCKET NUMBER 1047, MESSAGE AND  
ORDER TO REDUCE THE  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE  
FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY  
\$218,019 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR

THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE FY20 COST CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SEIU LOCAL 888, PLANNING AND ENGINEERING. DOCKET NUMBER 1048, MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,101,645 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH BOILER AND WINDOW/DOOR PROJECTS AT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS: RAFAEL HERNANDEZ SCHOOL, PATRICK LYNDON SCHOOL, DONALD MCKAY SCHOOL, JAMES OTIS SCHOOL, JOSIAH QUINCY SCHOOL AND THE JOHN D. O'BRYANT SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE. DOCKET NUMBER 1049, MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR THE COSTS OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN WORK FOR RENOVATION OR NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A FACILITY FOR THE JOSIAH QUINCY UPPER SCHOOL. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, THE CITY OF BOSTON MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY, SAID AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS. AND DOCKET NUMBER 1050, MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR THE COSTS OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENOVATION OR NEW CONSTRUCTION AT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS: MCKINLEY K-12, CURLEY K-8 AND THE MARY LYON SCHOOL, FOR WHICH THE CITY OF BOSTON MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY, SAID AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.



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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
I RISE TO ASK FOR SUSPENSION OF  
THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF DOCKETS  
1046 AND 1047.

THEY BOTH CONCERN AN  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SEIU  
LOCAL 888, PLANNING AND  
ENGINEERING.

DOCKET 1047 TRANSFERS THE FUNDS  
FROM THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
RESERVE AND DOCKET 1046

AUTHORIZES THE USE OF THOSE  
FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE CONTRACT.  
THIS BARGAINING UNIT IS MADE UP  
OF APPROXIMATELY 30 MEMBERS AND  
THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING  
DEPARTMENT OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS.

THE TWO CONSECUTIVE AGREEMENTS  
EXTEND FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2016,  
THROUGH AUGUST 31st, 2020,  
WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF  
\$564,000 OVER THAT FOUR-YEAR  
PERIOD.

COMPENSATION AND LANGUAGE ITEMS  
FOR THIS CONTRACT INCLUDE A 2%  
WAGE INCREASE EFFECTIVE IN  
SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR OF THE  
CONTRACT, CHANGE OF REQUIREMENT  
FOR SICK LEAVE REDEMPTION FROM  
10 YEARS FOR MORE OF SERVICE  
WITH THE CITY OF BOSTON TO WITH  
THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

REMOVAL OF EVACUATION DAY AND  
BUNKER HILL DAY FROM HOLIDAYS,  
BUT ALLOWANCE FOR MONDAYS  
TRANSFERRED INTO THIS UNIT TO  
CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE FLOATING  
HOLIDAYS IT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED  
IN ANOTHER UNIT.

AND ADDITION OF DAILY CHECKS OF  
BPS E-MAIL ACCOUNTS AND WORK  
ORDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION  
THAT WE'RE AUTHORIZING TODAY FOR  
THIS AGREEMENT IS \$218,219.

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

IN 2019.

THE AGREEMENT IS SUBSTANTIVELY  
SIMILAR, FOLLOWING POLICY  
LANGUAGE CHANGES AND THE WAGE  
INCREASE SCHEDULE THAT WE HAVE  
SEEN BEFORE THEREFORE, I ASK FOR  
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND  
PASSAGE OF 1046 AND 1047.

THE ADDITIONAL DOCKETS THAT WERE  
READ INTO THE RECORD I'M ASKING  
TO BE PUT IN COMMITTEE.  
THOSE STUDIES FOR THE MASS  
SCHOOL BUILDING.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH COUNCILOR  
CIOMMO.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO WHO'S CHAIR OF  
THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES  
AND PASSAGE OF DOCKETS 1046 AND  
1047.

I WILL TAKE THEM SEPARATELY.  
FOR DOCKET 1046 ALL THOSE IN  
FAVOR SAY AYE --

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY?

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1046 HAS BEEN PASSED.  
FOR DOCKET 1047 ALL THOSE IN  
FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE --

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY?

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1047 HAS BEEN PASSED.  
AND FOR DOCKETS 1048 THROUGH  
1050, THOSE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO  
THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

>> DOCKET 1051, MESSAGE AND  
ORDER TO DECLARE SURPLUS  
CITY-OWNED FORMER TRANSPORTATION  
DEPARTMENT PARCELS WITH VACANT  
LAND AND TRANSFER THE CARE,  
CUSTODY, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL  
OF SAID PROPERTY TO THE PUBLIC  
FACILITIES COMMISSION.

THE LAND IS LOCATED AT 40-50  
WARREN STREET IN ROXBURY  
DISTRICT, WARD 08, PARCEL  
02550000.

>> DOCKET 1051 WILL BE ASSIGNED  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING  
DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION.  
MOVING ON TO REPORTS OF PUBLIC  
OFFICERS AND OTHERS.

>> WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ

BOTH OF THEM TOGETHER?

>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT THANK YOU  
MADAM CLERK.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1052, NOTICE  
WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF  
THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN WOODS AS  
COMMISSIONER OF THE PARKS AND  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE  
JULY 1, 2019.

DOCKET NUMBER 1053, NOTICE WAS  
RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE  
ORDINANCES OF 1979 REGARDING  
ACTION TAKEN BY THE MAYOR ON  
PAPERS ACTED UPON BY THE CITY  
COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF JUNE  
26, 2019.

>> DOCKETS 1042 AND -- WILL BE  
PLACED ON FILE.

MOVING ON TO MOTIONS, ORDERS AND  
RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET 1054, COUNCILOR FLYNN  
OFFERED THE FOLLOWING: ORDER FOR  
A HEARING TO DISCUSS PUBLIC  
HEALTH DISPARITIES IN BOSTON'S  
COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
MADAM PRESIDENT, MAY I ADD  
COUNCILOR JANEY AS AN ORIGINAL  
COSPONSOR TO THIS HEARING ORDER?

>> ANY OBJECTIONS TO ADDING  
COUNCILOR JANEY?

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD  
COUNCILOR JANEY AS AN ORIGINAL  
COSPONSOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
MADAM PRESIDENT, PUBLIC HEALTH  
IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE OVERALL  
BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS AND IT  
INTERCONNECTS WITH MANY ASPECTS  
OF LIFE, SUCH AS ACCESS TO  
HEALTHCARE, INCOME, AND HOUSING.  
DISCUSSIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS  
AND INDIVIDUALS IN MY DISTRICT  
HAVE HIGHLIGHTED HOW ASIAN  
AMERICANS, LATINO,  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESIDENTS OF  
BOSTON ARE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE  
LIKELY THAN WHITE RESIDENTS TO  
EXPERIENCE A NUMBER OF TROUBLING  
HEALTH CONDITIONS: HIV  
INFECTION, DIABETES,

HYPERTENSION, HEART DISEASE, ASTHMA AND ARE LESS LIKELY THAN WHITES TO ACCESS MEDICAL HEALTH. THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION HEALTH OF BOSTON REPORT DISCUSSES THESE DISPARITIES.

ACCORDING TO THAT REPORT, AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE THREE AND A HALF TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN WHITE CHILDREN TO VISIT THE EMERGENCY ROOM FOR AN ASTHMA ATTACK.

THE RATES OF INFANT MORTALITY FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN INFANTS WERE NEARLY FIVE TIMES OF THOSE FOR WHITE INFANTS AND FOR LATINO INFANTS, NEARLY SIX TIMES THOSE OF WHITE INFANTS.

BLACK RESIDENTS ARE THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN WHITE RESIDENTS TO HAVE DIABETES.

LATINOS ARE TWICE AS LIKELY. THERE'S OTHER STATISTIC THAT I COULD ALSO HIGHLIGHT, SUCH AS ASIAN AMERICANS ARE MORE THAN 17 TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN WHITE RESIDENTS TO EXPERIENCE HEPATITIS B.

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY RECENTLY WITH COUNCILOR WU AND COMMISSIONER CHRIS COOK TO VISIT THE SCHOOL WHERE A GROUP OF PROFESSIONAL SCIENTISTS HIGHLIGHTED THAT CHINATOWN RESIDENTS EXPERIENCE THE WORST AIR QUALITY THAN ANY NEIGHBORHOOD NOT JUST IN BOSTON, BUT IN MASSACHUSETTS.

AN ASIAN WOMAN OF ANY ETHNIC GROUP WILL VISIT THE EMERGENCY ROOM ON A PERCENTAGE-WISE LESS THAN ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP IN THE CITY, AS WELL.

THEY HAVE A VERY LOW RATE OF BREAST EXAMINATIONS.

THOSE ISSUES ARE TROUBLING TO ME, TO THE CITY COUNCIL, TO MAYOR WALSH AND HIS TEAM THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY ON THESE ISSUES FOR MANY YEARS.

CHIEF MARTINEZ HAS BEEN DOING EXCELLENT WORK ON THESE ISSUES, AS WELL.

I KNOW COUNCILOR JANEY AND COUNCILOR O'MALLEY HAVE ALSO FILED A HEARING ORDER ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN HEALTH, RACIAL AND GENDER EQUITY AND THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND I KNOW ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THESE ISSUES FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.

I'M EXCITED TO WORK WITH THEM AND DISCUSS WAYS THAT OUR CITY CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE NOT ONLY HEALTHCARE FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THROUGHOUT THE CITY, BUT A ROBUST PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AS WELL TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY RESIDENT HAS ACCESS TO THE SAME LEVEL OF HEALTHCARE REGARDLESS OF THE ZIP CODE OR REGARDLESS OF YOUR SOCIAL STATUS.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS DEBATE WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND WITH THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK MY GOOD FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE ED FLYNN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON AS AND FOR ADDING ME AS AN ORIGINAL COSPONSOR.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. WE KNOW HERE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AS WELL AS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY, THAT THERE ARE HUGE HEALTH DISPARITIES AND THAT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE HIT REALLY HARD, THINKING ABOUT JUST MY CHILDHOOD AND HEARING ABOUT THE ELDERS IN MY FAMILY TALK ABOUT DIABETES AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND ALL OF THESE ISSUES THAT IMPACT SO MANY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, BUT PARTICULARLY BLACK FAMILIES THAT I KNOW WE NEED TO DO MORE AS A CITY TO CLOSE THESE GAPS AND ELIMINATE THESE DISPARITIES AND IT'S NOT JUST HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND DIABETES.

HIV, ASTHMA, BREAST CANCER, AND HOW THAT IMPACTS BLACK WOMEN IN PARTICULAR.

AS MY COLLEAGUE ALREADY MENTIONED WE'VE GOT A HEARING ORDER ON BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH. WE LOOK AT ASTHMA, WE LOOK AT TRAUMA.

WHATEVER MEASURE YOU LOOK AT, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN BOSTON, PARTICULARLY POOR COMMUNITIES ARE IMPACTED AND WE NEED TO HAVE A DISCUSSION TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN CLOSE THOSE GAPS AND HELP FOLKS NOT JUST BECOME MORE HEALTHY IN THE CITY, BUT WHEN THEY'RE MORE HEALTHY THEY'RE MORE PRODUCTIVE AND WORK ETC. AND WE KNOW TOO MANY RELY ON THE E.R. FOR THEIR PRIMARY CARE AND THAT'S ALSO PROBLEMATIC THAT TOO MANY DOCTORS DON'T LISTEN WHEN FOLKS ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT PAIN. IT GETS DISMISSED.

SO WE NEED TO DO BETTER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH IMPLICIT BIAS, AS WELL.

SO I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH ALL OF YOU, MY COLLEAGUES AND THE ADMINISTRATION AND THOSE IN THE ADVOCACY COMMUNITY WHO ARE DOING THIS WORK EVERY SINGLE DAY AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUE AGAIN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY. PLEASE ADD MY NAME. COUNCILOR WU, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. I WANTED TO ASK THAT MY NAME BE ADDED AS WELL AND TO COMMEND THE DRAFTER AND THE SPONSORS OF THIS.

WHAT I WANTED TO ADD TO THIS, I OFTEN THINK ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH IN KIND OF A HEALTH CARE CONTEXT. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TYPES OF OR THIS OR THAT, BUT REALLY IT SHOULD BE A LENS THROUGH, WHICH WE'RE LOOKING AT ALL POLICY DECISIONS.

WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT IN CHINATOWN AND THE FACT THAT ASIAN AMERICANS ARE EXPERIENCING 36% MORE POLLUTION FROM TRAFFIC

THAN THE TYPICAL WHITE MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENT, AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESIDENTS 34% MORE AND LATINO RESIDENTS 26% MORE.

THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT PARTICLES AND HOW DO WE DEAL WITH THE ASTHMA.

IT'S ABOUT HOW WE'RE PLANNING FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES. WHERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING AND WHAT'S THE QUALITY OF HOUSING THERE?

I THINK THIS IS JUST A VEHICLE FOR SITTING IN ALL THE OTHER INITIATIVES WE'RE WORKING ON AND MAKING SURE IT'S A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW POLICIES THAT MIGHT NOT SEEM TO BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION THAT ARE THE UNDERLYING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS GET WRAPPED IN, AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU. MECHANICAL CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, WU AS WELL AS BAKER, CIOMMO, EDWARDS, ESSAIBI-GEORGE, GARRISON, O'MALLEY, ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

DOCKET 1054 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH WOMEN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1055 COUNCILOR FLYNN OFFERED THE FOLLOWING: ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES OPERATING IN BOSTON.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. MADAM PRESIDENT, MAY I PLEASE ADD COUNCILOR O'MALLEY?

>> ANY OBJECTION TO ADDING COUNCILOR O'MALLEY?

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AS AN ORIGINAL COSPONSOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. MADAM PRESIDENT I'M CALLING FOR THIS HEARING TODAY NOT IN AN EFFORT TO BAN COMPANIES, SUCH AS UBER AND LYFT.

THEY PLAY AN IMPORTANT OVERALL

PART IN TRANSPORTATION FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S ANTI-INNOVATION THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THESE EMERGING INDUSTRIES THAT GOVERNMENT HAS TO CONTINUALLY CATCH UP AND TO REGULATE.

I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A ROBUST DISCUSSION ON TRAFFIC, CONGESTION, PUBLIC SAFETY, AIR QUALITY AS WE'VE RECENTLY DISCUSSED.

VISION ZERO, THE ñr ENVIRONMENT. CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HOW WE CAN BETTER LEVERAGE TNCs TO IMPROVE OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY.

ON THE TOPIC OF TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION RECENT DATA FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SHOWS THERE WERE 42 MILLION RIDES THAT BEGAN IN BOSTON IN 2018, FOR ñiBmVER 115,000 RIDES PER DAY. ñr

PUBLIC SAFETY AND VISION ZERO. REPORTS OF VEHICLES SPEEDING THROUGH ñr NEIGHBORHOODS, OFTEN UNFAMILIAR WITH THE ROADS. LACK OF DESIGNATED PICKUPS AND DROP-OFFS IN KEY AREAS THROUGHOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. DOUBLE PARKING.

TNCs LIKE UBER ñr AND LYFT ARE ALSO UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND NOT UNDER THE BOSTON ñiçó POLICE -- WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, THERE'S ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC FROM TNCs, WHICH CREATES ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. SINCE THE ADDITIONAL VEHICLES AFFECT OUR AIR QUALITY, INCREASE CARBON EMISSIONS.

CONSUMER PROTECTION ñ( SURGE PRICING DURING SPORTING OR CITY EVENTS.

WE ALSO SAW THE RECENT REDLINE INCIDENT IN UBER AND LYFT. WORKERS I THINK WERE EXPLOITING RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND THE STATE BY CHARGING SOMETIMES



SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS TO GET FROM DORCHESTER INTO BOSTON. I'M CALLING FOR THIS HEARING TO DISCUSS MEASURES THAT WE CAN TAKE TO REDUCE CONGESTION, IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY, VISION ZERO, PROMOTE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABILITY AS IT RELATES TO TNCs.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A ROBUST DISCUSSION ABOUT THE WAYS THAT WE CAN WORK WITH TNCs BUT ALSO MOST IMPORTANTLY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR STREETS ARE SAFE FOR OUR RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, OUR ELDERLY THAT CROSS THE STREETS EVERY DAY. THIS IS THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, THIS IS THEIR CITY, TOO, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PROVIDE SAFE STREETS AND NEIGHBORHOODS FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. I RISE TO THANK THE CHIEF SPONSOR, MY DEAR FRIEND THE DISTRICT COUNCILOR FOR ALLOWING ME TO PARTNER WITH HIM. MY TEAM AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A NOT DISSIMILAR HEARING ORDER AS IT RELATES TO THE FEE STRUCTURE WITH TNCs SO I THOUGHT IT MADE SENSE FOR US TO PARTNER ON THIS AND TO WORK TOGETHER AS PART OF THE CONVERSATION.

AS SOMEONE WHO CELEBRATES THE INNOVATION ECONOMY, I'M LIKE THE COUNTLESS NUMBER OF USERS WHO SPEND \$150 A MONTH.

THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY THAT'S BEING LEFT ON THE TABLE AND WHILE WE'RE NOT LOOKING TO MAKE IT ONEROUS OR MORE DIFFICULT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO ACCESS THESE RIDE SHARING APPS THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY AT THE STATE LEVEL TO REALLY UNLOCK POTENTIALLY TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY THAT CAN GO BACK INTO

THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MAKE SURE  
THAT WE'RE ABLE TO SUPPORT OUR  
ROADS, OUR PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION, OUR  
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MULTIMODAL  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AS WELL  
SO I THINK THIS IS AN EXCITING  
CONVERSATION, APPRECIATE THE  
DISTRICT 2 COUNCILOR'S  
LEADERSHIP AND LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING ACTION TAKEN QUICKLY.

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

>> VERY BRIEFLY I WANT TO  
COMMEND THE MAKERS FOR THEIR  
LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.  
ALSO TO ADD TO THE CONVERSATION  
ABOUT PRICE GOUGING.

Içó THINK @xTR  
PLANNING WE SHOULD BE HAVING  
WITH COMPANIES DIRECTLY.  
I KNOW NEIGHBORHOODS I  
REPRESENT, THE NORTH END, WE  
HAVE TRAFFIC ISSUES, A LOT OF IT  
BECAUSE WE HAVE SUCH A HEAVILY  
COMMERCIAL DISTRICT WITH OUR  
RESTAURANTS THAT TNCs ARE  
COMING THROUGH.

ONE OF THE THINGS I WOULD LOVE  
TO SEE BE PART OF THIS  
CONVERSATION IS A NEIGHBORHOOD  
BY NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING FOR  
PICKUP AND DROP-OFF STREETS SO  
ON POPULAR STREETS THERE'S A  
PICKUP AND DROP-OFF AT THE  
BEGINNING AND END OF THE STREET  
SO FOLKS CAN WALK THERE INSTEAD  
OF HAVING TRIPLE PARKED TNCs  
CLOGGING UP THE STREETS.  
I HOPE THAT'S A PART OF THE  
PLANNING STRUCTURE AS WELL AND  
HOW WE CAN HELP THE  
NEIGHBORHOODS SO THANK YOU AGAIN  
FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

>> AND ADD YOUR NAME?  
YES, PLEASE.

>> IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR  
EDWARDS, CIOMMO, BAKER,  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, FLAHERTY,  
GARRISON, WU, ZAKIM, JANEY AS  
WELL AS THE CHAIR OF DOCKET  
1055.

IT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON PLANNING  
DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1056 COUNCILOR  
GARRISON OFFERED THE FOLLOWING:  
ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING  
IMPROVING SERVICES ON ROUTE 45,  
FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, RUGGLES  
STATION.

>> COUNCILOR GARRISON YOU HAVE  
THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
AS A RIDER OF THE BUS SYSTEM, I  
FOR OVER THREE DECADES HAVE BEEN  
FIGHTING THEM FOR UPGRADED  
SERVICES.

THE TIME FOR TALKING IS OVER,  
AND NOW IS THE TIME TO DEMAND  
THAT THEY FIX ROUTE 45.  
HAVE A DEDICATED STREAM OF BUSES  
TO SERVICE FROM FRANKLIN PARK  
ZOO TO RUGGLES STATION JUST LIKE  
OTHER ROUTES HAVE DEDICATED  
SERVICES.

THE CURRENT SERVICE ON ROUTE 45  
IS UNACCEPTABLE AND MUST BE  
IMPROVED.

WE NEED TO FIND SPECIFIC  
SOLUTIONS TO THE MANY  
TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES FACING  
OUR CITY.

THE MBTA HAS UNJUSTLY RAISED ITS  
FARES TO 6%, EVEN THOUGH  
COMMUTERS HAVE VIGOROUSLY  
OPPOSED ANY AND ALL KINDS OF  
FARE INCREASES.

MY SINCERE HOPE IS THAT THIS  
HEARING ORDER WILL GIVE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO FIND SPECIFIC AND  
CONCRETE WAYS TO IMPROVE THE  
MBTA SERVICES TO COMMUTERS IN  
THE CITY OF BOSTON.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, I  
ASK THE SUSPENSION OF THE RULES  
AND PASSAGE, ALSO.

>> THAT'S NOT NECESSARY,  
COUNCILOR GARRISON TO SUSPEND  
THE RULES.

WE'LL ASSIGN IT TO A COMMITTEE,  
AND THEN YOU'LL WORK WITH THE  
CHAIR TO SCHEDULE IT AT YOUR  
CONVENIENCE.

ANYONE ELSE WANT TO SPEAK ON  
THIS MATTER OR ADD THEIR NAME?

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD THE CHAIR'S NAME TO DOCKET 1056.

DOCKET 1056 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1057, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY OFFERED THE FOLLOWING: ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF AN ELECTION DAY HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I RISE TODAY TO ADDRESS A CRUCIAL ISSUE FOR CIVIC PARTICIPATION IN BOSTON, ENSURING EVERY CITIZEN OF OUR CITY CAN ACCESS THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE ON THE SACRED TUESDAY IN EACH NOVEMBER WHERE WE SELECT OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

ROBUST VOTER PARTICIPATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF A HEALTHY AND FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY.

YET UNFORTUNATELY ON AVERAGE ONLY ONE QUARTER OF BOSTONNIANS PARTICIPATE IN OUR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

WE'VE GONE BACK, WE'VE EXTRAPOLATED THE STATISTIC FROM THE LAST 10 YEARS AND LOOKING AT ALL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, BE IT MAYORAL OR COUNCIL ONLY THE AVERAGE VOTER IS 25.1% OR 25.2%. THIS MEANS THAT NEARLY THREE QUARTERS OF OUR CITIZENS AREN'T VOTING.

YOU GO BACK TO A NON-MAYORAL YEAR, THE LAST NON-MAYORAL YEAR FOUR YEARS AGO, TURNOUT WAS UNDER 13% OR UNDER 14%.

IT WAS ANEMIC.

AND WE ACTUALLY DO IT BETTER THAN MANY CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY.

EVEN IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS WHERE TURNOUT IS MUCH HIGHER NUMBERS, WE DON'T REACH THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION THAT'S ENJOYED BY MANY OTHER COUNTRIES WHO SCHEDULE VOTING ON A WEEKEND OR ON A DAY OFF.

MOST OF OUR NATIONS VOTE OVER A WEEKEND.

AND SEVERAL OTHERS HAVE DEDICATED HOLIDAYS TO DO SO.

NOW, SOME OF YOU MAY BE WONDERING WHERE THIS TUESDAY ELECTION COMES FROM AND IT WAS SORT OF DESIGNED IN THE

MID-19th CENTURY AS A DAY THAT WOULDN'T INTERFERE WITH THE

SABBATH WHERE THOSE WHO COULDN'T VOTE, WHITE MEN WHO OWNED LAND IT WOULD MINIMIZE THE IMPACT ON FARMING AND AGRICULTURAL WORK.

IN 2019 IT'S ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS THAT WE HAVE TUESDAY ONLY FOR OUR ELECTIONS.

I'M NOT SAYING WE SHOULD NECESSARILY MOVE THAT, BUT WHAT WE COULD DO IS ALLOW FOR A MUNICIPAL HOLIDAY.

THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING ORDER.

WE'RE GOING TO EXPLORE HOW BOSTON CAN JOIN OTHER CITIES, STATES AND NATIONS THAT MAKE ELECTION DAY A HOLIDAY, WHICH ENCOURAGES VOTER PARTICIPATION AND CELEBRATES DEMOCRACY. AN ELECTION DAY HOLIDAY WOULD CHANGE THE CULTURE AROUND VOTING IN OUR CITY.

IT WOULD PLACE A RENEWED EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

WE AS A CITY SHOULD TREAT THE ACT OF VOTING AS A CIVIC DUTY WORTHY OF CELEBRATION.

BOSTON COULD DO THIS BY CREATING A NEW PAID HOLIDAY OR SHIFTING THE DAY OFF FROM AN EXISTING HOLIDAY LIKE COLUMBUS DAY OR PRESIDENTS DAY TO CREATE A MUNICIPAL HOLIDAY HERE IN BOSTON.

WE HAVE A HISTORY OF LOCAL HOLIDAYS THAT HONOR HISTORICAL EVENTS LIKE BUNKER HILL AND EVACUATION DAY.

I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER WAY TO HONOR THE FOUNDING OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE HISTORY OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY CITY BY CELEBRATING OUR RIGHT TO VOTE. AND THIS ISN'T NECESSARILY AN

REVOLUTIONARY IDEA.

13 STATES IN THE COUNTRY HAVE SOME SORT OF AN ELECTION DAY HOLIDAY AND IT RUNS THE GAMUT FROM HAWAII, WHICH ALLOWS FOR TWO HOURS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO GO VOTE DURING THEIR WORK DAY OR SOMETHING LIKE ILLINOIS WHERE THE STATE GOVERNMENT IS SHUT DOWN OR SOMETHING LIKE WEST VIRGINIA WHICH HAS THE BEST MODEL.

MANDATES THAT MUNICIPAL OFFICES INDUSTRIES HAVE FOLLOWED SUIT, AS WELL.

BOSTON'S JURISDICTION OVER ITS WORKERS AND SCHOOLS AND I HOPE WE CAN INSPIRE PRIVATE EMPLOYERS TO FOLLOW OUR LEAD.

THIS IDEA WOULD ADDITIONALLY EASY LOGISTICAL CHALLENGES POSED BY THE FACT THAT 56 OUT OF 150 OR SO VOTING LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON ARE IN SCHOOLS. ULTIMATELY, THIS IS AN ISSUE OF EQUITY.

VOTING DURING THE WORK DAY LIMITS THE PARTICIPATION OF THOSE UNABLE TO AFFORD TO TAKE TIME OFF WORK.

WE WANT TO GIVE DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE THROUGHOUT OUR CITY A STRONGER VOICE IN OUR ELECTORAL PROCESS.

THIS IS A FINE PLACE TO START. IN THIS BODY WE KNOW THAT -- MOST IMPACTFUL ON THEIR DAILY LIVES YET ONLY A MINORITY OF VOTERS PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS AT OUR LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.

WE CAN CHANGE THAT.

THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE A PIE IN THE SKY IDEA.

WE COULD ABSOLUTELY CHANGE THIS.

WE CAN'T MAKE BUSINESS DOES, BUT WE CAN WHAT OUR SCHOOL DOES AND CREATE SOMETHING SO THAT BOSTON CAN LEAD.

I DON'T NEED TO TELL ALL OF YOU THAT AT A NATIONAL LEVEL OUR VOTING RIGHTS ARE UNDER ATTACK.

THIS IS A WAY THAT BOSTON CAN CONTINUE TO BE THAT BEACON, THAT CITY THAT GAVE THE REST OF AMERICA, OUR COUNTRY AS IT IS, WE CAN MAKE SURE WE GO IN THE OTHER DIRECTION AND GET MORE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, HIGHER VOTER TURNOUT AND A BETTER GOVERNMENT SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING THIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ACTION TAKEN AS SOON AS WE CAN. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

COUNCILOR ZAKIM YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> I WANT TO THANK THE MAKER FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT ORDER FORWARD.

I THINK HE IS RIGHT ON THE MONEY THAT THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE CITY OF BOSTON CAN DO MUCH BETTER ON MAKING IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ELECTIONS WHETHER IT'S CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS COMING UP THIS FALL, WHETHER IT'S PRESIDENTIAL WHATEVER IT IS.

THERE'S NO REASON AS MY GOOD COLLEAGUE MENTIONED THAT WE HAVE THIS ANTIQUATED JUST TUESDAY, IT'S ARBITRARY, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

WHETHER WE DO THINGS AND FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THIS BODY'S WORK OR THE RESOLUTIONS AND LEGISLATION TO ALLOW FOR EASIER VOTER REGISTRATION TO DO AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION, EARLY VOTING, WEEKEND VOTING, ALL THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT AND NOTHING IS BETTER THAN A HALTED BECAUSE FOR US, FOR MANY OF THE FOLKS WHO WORK IN THIS BUILDING OR WHO WORK IN OFFICES ON SALARIED POSITIONS.

IT'S NOT A HUGE CHALLENGE TO GET EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER WORK OR DUCK OUT FOR A LITTLE BIT TO VOTE DURING THE DAY, BUT FOR FOLKS WHO ARE WORKING HOURLY, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE ENTITLED TO TAKE TIME OFF TO GO VOTE DURING THE DAY MAY HAVE TO

SACRIFICE SOME MUCH-NEEDED  
SALARY SO WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO  
MAKE THAT EASIER TO MAKE SURE  
EVERYONE'S VOICE IS HEARD, IS  
IMPORTANT.  
PLEASE ADD MY NAME.  
LOOK FORWARD TO THE HEARING AND  
MAKING PROGRESS ON THE ISSUE.  
>> COUNCILOR EDWARDS YOU HAVE  
THE FLOOR.  
>> THANK YOU, AGAIN TO THE MAKER  
FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS.  
I WANTED TO NOTE NOT ONLY IS@  
I THINK THERE'S AÑiÑi RIPPLE EFFECT  
OF THE LARGEáx CITY IN THE  
COMMONWEALTH MAKING A DAY OFF TO  
VOTE.  
GO VOTE, AS YOU KNOW THROUGHOUT  
THE DAY OUR POPULATION EXPANDS  
TO OVER 1 MILLION PEOPLE COMING  
HERE TO WORK OR BE TOURISTS SO  
AT THE END OF THE DAY WHEN  
BOSTON LEADS THIS WAY IT'SÑi  
HELPING THE ENTIRE COMMONWEALTH  
GET EXCITED ABOUT VOTING.  
I ALSO WANTED TO SAY I THINK  
THIS IS A GAME CHANGERRER FOR A  
LOT OF THE LOCAL LEVELS HOW  
WE'RE GOING TO GET OUT IS TO OUR  
VOTERS, HOW MANY OF US ARE DOING  
IT, THE NIGHT BEFORE, BECAUSE  
WE'RE TRYING TO PUSH PEOPLE ON  
THEIR WAY TO WORK TO REMEMBER TO  
VOTE.  
AND THIS CHANGES THAT I HOPE AND  
ALLOWS US TO SEE IT NOT JUST AS  
A RUSH TO THE END, BUT A REAL  
PUSH TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE'S  
ENGAGED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE  
DAY AND NOT JUST REALLY GOING  
AFTER SUPER VOTERS OR THINGç  
LIKE THAT.  
IT'S REALLY GOING AFTER ALL OF  
THEM.  
COMBINE THAT WITH THE LEADERSHIP  
THAT WE'RE DOING ALREADY, I  
APOLOGIZE TO THE MAKERS WHO HAVE  
PUSHED FOR EARLY VOTING AT THE  
MUNICIPAL LEVELS MY COLLEAGUES  
HERE, I APOLOGIZE, THAT COMBINED  
WITH THIS I THINK IS REALLY  
GOING TO DEMONSTRATE THAT WE'RE  
LITERALLY CHANGING HOW VOTING  
CHANGES AND THE CULTURE HEREÑi IN



BOSTON SO AGAIN, I COMMEND ALL  
THE MAK=RW AND LEADERS AND MY  
COLLEAGUES FOR GETTING OUT AHEAD  
OF THE NATION AND ENSURING ALL  
PEOPLE CAN VOTE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS.  
ADD YOUR NAME?

>> YES, PLEASE.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD  
COUNCILOR ZAKIM, EDWARDS,  
CIOMMO, ESSAIBI-GEORGE, FLYNN,  
JANEY, WU, AND THE CHAIR AND  
I'LL JUST ADD I SAW THIS ON THE  
AGENDA AND I THOUGHT GO  
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY!

AND YOU KNOW WITH EARLY VOTING,  
WE HAVE HEARD FROM CONSTITUENTS  
AND RESIDENTS THAT THIS  
APPRECIATE THE FLEXIBILITY  
BECAUSE OF THAT, BUT OBVIOUSLY,  
THIS IS TAKING IT A STEP FORWARD  
AND I APPRECIATE EQUITY SO THANK  
YOU.

DOCKET 1057 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO  
THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS.

MOVING ON TO PERSONNEL ORDERS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1058, COUNCILOR  
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR O'MALLE

>> SEEKS PASSAGE OF DOCKET 1058,  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE --  
[CHORUS OF AYES]

OPPOSED SAY NAY?

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1058 HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1059, COUNCILOR  
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE  
SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES  
AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 1059.

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

OPPOSED SAY NAY?

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1059 HAS BEEN PASSED.

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE  
CLERK THAT THERE IS ONE LATE  
FILE MATTER WHICH IN THE ABSENCE  
OF OBJECTION WILL BE ADDED TO  
TODAY'S AGENDA.

HEARING AND SEEING NO OBJECTION,  
THE LATE FILE MATTER IS SO  
ADDED.

AND JUST FOR A POINT OF CLARIFICATION IT'S A LETTER FROM A COLLEAGUE AS TO WHY HE'S ABSENT TODAY.

McDONALD CLERK IF WE COULD READ IT INTO THE RECORD.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. BOSTON CITY COUNCIL, TIMOTHY P. McCARTHY, COUNCIL DISTRICT 5, JULY 10th, 2019.

DEAR CLERK AND PRESIDENT CAMPBELL AND COLLEAGUES. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT COUNCILOR McCARTHY WILL BE ABSENT FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 10th, 2019, ON VACATION WITH MY SON WHO IS HOME ON LEAVE FROM THE MILITARY. é-SINCERELY, TIMOTHY McCARTHY, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK. THE LATE FILE WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

AT THIS TIME ANYONE WISHING TO REMOVE A MATTER FROM THE GREEN SHEETS MAY DO SO NOW.

MOVING RIGHT ALONG.

I AM INFORMED BY THE CLERK THAT THERE ARE TWO LATE FILE MATTERS TO BE ADDED TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.

HEARING AND SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, THE MATTERS ARE SO ADDED.

AT THIS TIME THE CHAIR MOVES 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?

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

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

>> ONE OF THE GREAT -- PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST PARTS OF OUR JOB ARE THE PEOPLE THAT YOU GET TO MEET AND WORK WITH AND THERE WILL BE A BIG LOSS TO TEAM O'MALLEY AS WILL WEBSTER, MY RIGHT HAND AND AMAZING GUY, IS LEAVING OUR OFFICE ON FRIDAY.

HE'S AN EXCEPTIONAL LEADER AND WHAT A STORY. I MEAN, JUST A CITY KID, GREW UP IN J.P., WENT THROUGH THE HARVARD SCHOOLS, HE'S GOING TO YALE LAW SCHOOL IN THE FALL AND HE'S JUST BEEN SUCH A VALUED MEMBER OF OUR TEAM AND A GREAT GUY AND HE'S LIKE A KID BROTHER TO ME AND I'M JUST SO PROUD OF HIM AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW HIS CAREER CONTINUES AFTER LAW SCHOOL.

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A SURPRISE GOING AWAY PARTY FOR HIM, BUT I'M NOT RUINING IT.

THERE WAS A STATE LEGISLATOR'S AIDE WHO ALREADY RUINED IT SO PLEASE JOIN US AS WE WISH WILL BON VOYAGE TOMORROW NIGHT. SO THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

COUNCILOR ZAKIM YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT WE'RE HAVING A LUNCH AFTERWARDS, THE SPEAKER -- SOME OF YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH, THAT PROVIDES TECHNICAL SUPPORT, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING TO FAMILIES ACROSS THE GREATER BOSTON AREA.

WAIL ALSO BE CATERED.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. I REQUEST UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ABOUT SOCCER.

>> GO RIGHT AHEAD.

THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS TO THE U.S. WOMEN FOR WINNING THE WORLD CUP THIS PAST WEEKEND WITH MY UNCLE IN TOWN, WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT SOCCER, WHICH IS THE NATIONAL SPORT OF TUNISIA AND THE MEN'S NATIONAL TUNISIAN TEAM BEAT GHANA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 54 YEARS IN THAT AFRICA CUP.

ALSO OVER THE WEEK, TRUST ME

WHEN I SAY WE WATCHED A LOT OF SOCCER OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS IN MY HOUSE, BUT JUST WANT TO WISH CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEN'S TUNISIAN TEAM AND TO -- I DON'T WANT TO SAY THE WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM, I WANT TO SAY THE U.S. SOCCER TEAM, WHICH HAPPENS TO BE A TEAM OF WOMEN WHO HAVE WON THE WORLD CUP.

>> ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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

FOR COUNCILOR CIOMMO PAUL INE JOHNSON, ELEANOR DELUCO.

FOR COUNCILOR ZAKIM, ARNOLD SAGER.

FOR COUNCILOR SÓ O'MALLEY -- FOR COUNCILOR JANEY.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.  
THANK YOU.

THE CHAIR MOVES THAT WHEN THE COUNCIL ADJOURNS TODAY ADJOURNS TODAY IT DOES SO IN MEMORY OF THOSE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS, WE'RE SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN IN THIS CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY JULY 31ST.

THE COUNCIL WILL BE ON BREAK FOR TWO WEEKS BUT ON WEDNESDAY JULY 31ST WILL BE OUR NEXT MEETING AT NOON IN THIS CHAMBER OF BOSTON CITY HALL.

ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNMENT SAY AYE, OPPOSED SAY NAY, THE AYES HAVE IT, THE THE COUNCIL IS ADJOURNED.