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>> BASICALLY, THE LIVESTROM  
FUNCTION IS DOWN RIGHT NOW, AND  
THEY CAN'T GET IT SET UP.  
SO WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS  
THIS -- WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD  
AND DO THE HEARING ON ZOOM.  
WE HAVE BEEN BLASTING OUT AS THE  
ZOOM LINK AND ANYBODY WHO CAN  
CLICK INTO THE LINK CAN COME AND  
WATCH AND JOIN AND TESTIFY.  
IT WILL BE RECORDING AND, AS  
USUAL, IT WILL GET REBROADCAST  
ON RCN AND ALL THE CHANNELS, AND  
AS SOON AS WE'VE GOT THE FILE,  
IT WILL ALSO GO UP ON THE CITY  
COUNCIL YOUTUBE.  
BUT WHAT -- BUT, UNFORTUNATELY,  
WHAT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IS  
THAT THIS WILL NOT BE PLAYING ON  
BOSTON.gov/CITYCOUNCIL TV  
WHILE WE'RE DOING IT.  
IF SOMEBODY'S ASKING YOU WHERE  
CAN I WATCH, GIVE THEM THE SAME  
ZOOM LINK YOU'VE GOT AND THEY  
CAN WATCH IT HERE ON THE ZOOM  
LINK.  
SO DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO  
EVERYBODY?  
>> YES, THANK YOU.  
THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.  
>> YEAH.  
I THINKT MATT SAID SOMETHING,  
BUT I COULDN'T HEAR.  
>> MAKES SENSE TO ME.  
THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.  
>> OKAY, SORRY.  
HAD MY SOUND OFF, SO IT'S GOOD  
THAT I DISCOVERED I COULDN'T  
HEAR ANYONE ELSE.  
OKAY, GREAT.  
SO WE ARE GOING TO JUMP IN.

ONE SECOND, EVERYONE.  
I JUST GOT TO PULL UP MY NOTES  
HERE.  
OKAY.  
(GAVEL POUNDING)  
CALLING THIS MEETING OF THE  
BOSTON WAYS AND MEANS COMILTY TO  
ORDER.  
MADGES KENZIE BOK, DISTRICT 8  
CITY COUNCILLOR AND CHAIR OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON WAYS  
AND MEANS.  
THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS BEING  
RECORDED, IT'S BEING LIVE  
STREAMED AT ZOOM RIGHT NOW AND  
REBROADCAST ON COME CAST CHANNEL  
8, RCN82, VERIZON 1964 AND THE  
COUNCIL'S YOUTOWN CHANNEL.  
.AS I MENTIONED IN THE INFORMAL  
SESSION, THE CITY COUNCIL  
LIVESTROM IS DOWN BUT CAN BE  
VIEWED BY THE PUBLIC THROUGH  
ZOOM AND WILL BE REBROADCAST  
LATER.  
THIS IS THE LAST OF OUR  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED HEARINGS IN  
THE CITY COUNCIL'S BUDGETS  
REVIEW PROCESS, WHICH WILL  
INCOME PASS 27 HEARINGS OF THE  
LAST WEEKS.  
THE CITY STILL NEEDS TO DECIDE  
TON A BUDGETS DESPITE COVID 19,  
AND IT'S THE COUNCIL'S ROLE TO  
SCRUTINIZE THE BUDGET AND THINK  
ABOUT HOW WE BEST MEET THE NEEDS  
OF THE YEAR AHEAD.  
SO WE HAVE BEEN DOING THAT AND  
WE HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM LOTS  
OF DEPARTMENTS.  
WE'VE HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF  
HEARINGS WITH B.P.S., AND NOW  
TONIGHT'S HEARING IS A DEDICATED  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY HEARING SO

WE'RE REALLY FOCUSED ON HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC.

YOU CAN JOIN THIS HEARING.

IF YOU'RE WATCHING YOU PROBABLY KNOW YOU CAN JOIN THE HEARING FROM A ZOOM LINK AVAILABLE ON A PUBLIC NOTICE, AND I WILL BE ASKING AND RECOGNIZING THEM PEOPLE IN TURN AND ASK THEM TO STATE THEIR NAME AND AFFILIATION AND LIMIT THEIR COMMENTS TO ABOUT TWO MINUTES.

JUST SO PEOPLE KNOW, THE WAY THAT WILL WORK FOR THOSE WHO ARE TESTIFYING IS WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN SPEAKING FOR TWO MINUTES, I'LL HOLD UP MY GAVEL AND THEN, WHEN YOU -- AND THEN IF YOU TALK ON PAST THAT YOU MAY HEAR A CHIME. AT SOME POINT, IF YOU HAVE BEEN TALKING FOR A LONG TIME JUST BECAUSE WE'VE GOT SO MANY PEOPLE TRYING TO GET IN, I WILL GAVEL YOU OUT, BUT I'M HOPING EVERYBODY CAN KEEP THEIR COMMENTS DIRECT AND TO THE POINT, BUT, ALSO, WE REALLY WANT TO HEAR THEM.

WE'RE EXCITED TO HEAR YOU ALL WEIGH IN.

AND I THINK FOR THE COUNCIL, IN MANY WAYS, WE SEE OURSELVES AS KIND OF REPRESENTATIVE BODY THAT IS LOOKING AT THIS BUDGET THROUGH THE EYES OF THE PUBLIC AND TRYING TO THINK ABOUT HOW IT'S GOING TO CASH OUT ON THE GROUND AND IN OUR LIVES AS CITIZENS IN BOSTON.

IF YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY TONIGHT, YOU CAN SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO CCWM @BOSTON.gov.

WELL ACCEPT TESTIMONY AND  
DISTRIBUTE IT TO COUNCILLORS  
THROUGHOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS  
TILL THE CITY COUNCIL ULTIMATELY  
VOTES ON THE BUDGET.  
YOU CAN ALSO GO TO  
BOSTON.gov/CITYSECURITY  
COUNCIL/FY21 BUDGET.  
WE WILL BE PLAYING THE VIDEOS AT  
THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING.  
0588 TO 0590 DOCTORS, ORDERS FOR  
FY'21 OPERATING BUDGET INCLUDING  
ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
DEPARTMENTAL OPERATION FORCE THE  
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AND OTHER  
POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.  
0592 TO 92 ORDERS FOR CAPITAL  
FUND TRANSFER INTROAPIATIONS AND  
5093 TO 96 ORDER FOR THE CAPITAL  
BUDGET INCLUDING LOAN ORDERS AND  
LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.  
SO THAT'S A LONG WAY OF SAYING  
THAT IT'S A HEARING ON ALL THE  
DOCTORS THAT MAKE UP THE CITY OF  
'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND OUR FOCUS  
LIKE I SAID IS GOING TO BE  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY.  
SO I WILL GIVE MY COLLEAGUES WHO  
ARE HERE WITH ME A VERY BRIEF  
CLANS TO JUST SAY HI.  
THAT'S COUNCILLOR MATT O'MALLEY  
DISTRICT 6, COUNCILLOR ED FLYNN  
DISTRICT 2, COUNCILLOR ANNISSA  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE DISTRICT-AT-LARGE  
AND COUNCILLOR KIM JANEY COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT.  
COUNCILLOR FLYNN.  
>> THANK YOU COUNCILLOR BOK.  
I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO  
CENTRAL STAFF.  
AGAIN,.  
AND TO THE BRICK FOR TESTIFYING  
TONIGHT, LOOKING FORWARD TO

HEARING THE COMMENTS FROM  
RESIDENTS ACROSS THE CITY.  
THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR BOK.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, GOOD  
EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.  
GREAT TO BE WITH YOU VIRTUALLY.  
HOPE EVERYBODY IS SAFE AND WELL.  
THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO  
HEAR DIRECTLY FROM OUR BOSSES,  
THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON.

I'M DELIGHTED I KNOW A NUMBER OF  
FOLKS.

LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM  
EVERYBODY TONIGHT ON THIS  
IMPORTANT ISSUE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH AND LOOK  
FORWARD TO GETTING TO PUBLIC  
TESTIMONY FORTHWITH.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.  
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.  
EXCITED TO GET TO PUBLIC  
TESTIMONY.

I THINK THIS FEATURE IS PROBABLY  
THE ONE WHERE I LEARN THE MOST,  
SO EXCITED TO HEAR FROM OUR  
RESIDENTS ACROSS THE CITY AND TO  
HEAR ABOUT THEIR INTERESTS AND  
THEIR DESIRES FOR HOW THEIR  
MONEY IS SPENT.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT KIM JANEY.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH  
MADAM CHAIR, I REALLY APPRECIATE  
HOW YOU HAVE ORGANIZED THE  
HEARINGS THIS BUDGET SEASON.  
I KNOW WE'RE HAVING TECHNICAL  
DIFFICULTIES BUT I APPRECIATE  
EVERYONE'S PATIENCE AS WE MOVE

ON WITH THE BUDGET PROCESS AND  
PRIORITIZE HEARING FROM THE  
PUBLIC.

SO I WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIT BACK  
AND HEAR WHAT FOLKS HAVE TO SAY.  
THANK YOU.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
AND WE'VE ALSO BEEN JOINED BY MY  
COLLEAGUE COUNCILLOR LYDIA  
EDWARDS FROM DISTRICT 1.  
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, WE'RE OPENING  
WITH BRIEF WELCOME REMARKS.

>> NOW FOR ME?

YES.

SORRY.

YEAH, I WILL BE BRIEF.

I'M HERE TO LISTEN, LEARN.

MAKE SURE THAT WE CAUGHT ALL THE  
QUESTIONS THAT WE NEED TO GIVE  
TO THE ADMINISTRATION.

SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

GREAT.

THEN WE'LL JUMP STRAIGHT INTO  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

SO WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO START  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WITH -- THERE'S  
THREE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO  
ARE GOING TO TESTIFY INñr  
CANTONESE AND MARISSA LOWE FROM  
COUNCILLOR FLYNN'S OFFICE WILL  
HELP US WITH INTERPRETATION, AND  
I KNOW SHE'S HERE FOR A CERTAIN  
WINDOW, SO I WANT TO START WITH  
THOSE.

LEAH, WHY DON'T YOU START US OFF  
AND GO AHEAD.

>> OH, HI, HOW ARE YOU?

GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.

I AM APPEARING FROM THE BOSTON  
QUINZY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

CURRENTLY, I HAVE TWO CHILDREN  
IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

I HOPE THE CITY GOVERNMENT WOULD SERIOUSLY THINK ABOUT PROVIDING MORE FUNDINGS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE NEXT COMING YEAR. DUE TO THE COVID 19 BEGINNING MARCH 16, ALL THE CHILDREN HAVE STOPPED ATTENDING SCHOOL, AND THEY HAVE BEEN LEARNING REMOTELY.

AND, THEREFORE, THEY HAVE -- CEASE HAVING THE ABILITY TO LEARN.

WE REALLY HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE MORE RESOURCES FOCUSED ON HIRING MORE STAFF, FOR EXAMPLE ASSISTANTS IN THE CLASSROOM TO HELP THE STUDENTS GET UP TO SPEED ON THE CLASS TIME THAT THEY HAVE LOST.

MY OWN SON HAS SPECIAL NEEDS. HIS FIRST LANGUAGE IS CANTONESE AND OUR PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME IS ALSO CANTONESE. HOWEVER, THE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IN THE CLASSROOM IS ENGLISH.

WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ASSIST HIM WITH HIS HOMEWORK OR CURRICULUM AT ALL.

SO THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TIME THAT HAS GONE BY, AND HE HAS LOST THIS TIME AND HIS ABILITY TO LEARN, AND WE'RE REALLY HOPING AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGED THAT, IN THE NEXT COMING YEAR IN SEPTEMBER, THERE COULD BE RESOURCES PUT IN TO HIRING A CANTONESE TEACHER'S ASSISTANT TO ASSIST HIM WITH THE LEARNING THAT HE'S LOST AND TO HELP THEM CATCH UP.

THERE HAS BEEN AN ONGOING CONCERN WITH, ALSO,

INTERPRETATION THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED AT THE SCHOOL. MANY ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL, AND WE AS PARENTS HAVE NOT FELT LIKE WE'VE HAD SUFFICIENT -- WE HAVE SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE IN ACCESSING INTERPRETATION. WE REEL HOPE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL COULD MONITOR AND TO PUSH FOR MORE FUNDING AND RESOURCES AND INVESTING IN PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETERS. AND MY LAST COMMENT IS, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE QUINCY SCHOOL IS AN HISTORICAL SCHOOL. HOWEVER, THE FACILITIES INSIDE NOT ONLY ARE THEY DATED BUT THEY'RE OLD AND FALLING APART. AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONCERNS WE HAVE AS PARENTS ARE SORT OF, ESPECIALLY IN THIS CLIENT, ARE THE CLEANLINESS OF THE SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY ITS BATHROOM AND ABILITY TO OFFER OUR CHILDREN RUNNING WATER FOR THEM TO SANITIZE THEMSELVES, AND MANY TIMES THE TOILETS CANNOT BE FLUSHED AND THERE ARE MANY ISSUES WITH RUNNING WATER. AND I'M SPEAKING ABOUT THIS MATTER IN LIGHT OF COVID 19, JUST HAVING A SANITIZED AND SANITARY ENVIRONMENT WILL MAKE ME AS A PARENT FEEL MUCH SAFER TO SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL. WE REEL HOPE THAT -- WE REALLY HOPE YOU WILL SERIOUSLY THINK ABOUT PROVIDING MORE RESOURCES TO SCHOOLS SUCH AS OURS, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF COVID 19. AS YOU KNOW, A LOT OF THE CHILDREN THAT ATTEND THE QUINCY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARE BILINGUAL

STUDENTS AND THEY REALLY NEED THE SUPPORT IN THE BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL TIME TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR LEARNING. I CAN ALMOST SAY THAT, DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME, THAT SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN HOME, THERE HAS BEEN ZERO LEARNING.ñi WHEN THEY DO ATTEND SCHOOL, IT IS MORE STRUCTURE, THEY'RE PROFESSIONALS, AND, THEREFORE, THEY'RE BETTER EQUIPPEDñr INçó THEIR LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

THIS IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT, JUST BEFORE WE GO TO MAY YU, WE ARE JOINED BY COUNCILLOR JULIA MEJIA-AT-LARGE. IF YOU WANT TO SAY A QUICK WORD OF GREETING.

>> THIS IS ABOUT PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

I'M REALLY EXCITED TO LISTEN AND LEAR&i AND FIGURING OUT WHAT WE CAN DO AS A COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE. SO THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING AND LOOKING FORWARD TO LISTENING AND LEARNING.

THANK YOU.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCILLOR.

NEXT UP IS MAY YU.

>> YES.

MY NAME IS MAY YU AND I HAVE A CHILD IN SECOND GRATE AT THE QUINCY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF A LARGE NUMBER OF US PARENTS IN HOPING TO LEVERAGE MORE RESOURCES FOR THE CHILDREN AND

STUDENTS TO HAVE THE QUINCY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.ñr  
THIS PANDEMIC HAVE ROBBED  
STUDENTS OF PRECIOUS IN-CLASSxD  
LEARNING TIME.  
REMOTE LEARNING COULD NEVER TAKE  
THE PLACE OF IN-CLASS  
INSTRUCTION.  
NOT ONLY HAVE THEY NOT BEEN ABLE  
TOñi LEARN NEW CURRICULUMS, WE  
HAVE SEEN THAT THEY HAVE  
REGRESSED AND BACKSLIDE.ñrñi  
THEREFORE, WE'RE REALLY HOPING  
THAT THERE COULD BE MORE  
FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND  
INVESTING IN OUR TEACHERS SO  
THAT THEY COULD INVEST THEIR  
TIME IN BEFORE SCHOOL AND  
AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORIAL TO GET OUR  
CHILDREN BACK UP TO SPEED.  
AS WELL AS SUPPLEMENTAL LEARNING  
IN THE SUMMER PERIOD.  
CURRENTLY, THERE IS LIMITED  
SPACE AND SEATS AVAILABLE TO  
STUDENTS FOR SUMMER LEARNING  
OPPORTUNITIES, AND 'EM REALLY  
HOPING AND ADVOCATING THESE  
SEATS WOULD INCREASE SOT THAT  
MORE STUDENTS COULD TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF THIS PRECIOUS  
OPPORTUNITY.  
WE REALLY NEED TO GET OUR  
STUDENTS BACK UP TO SPEED.  
BEING A PARENT AT THE QUINCY  
SCHOOL, WE'RE ALWAYS IN NEED OF  
INTERPRETERS AND STRONGLY  
ADVOCATING FOR BPTS TO SERIOUSLY  
LOOKING INTO HIRING PROFESSIONAL  
INTERPRETERS.  
WE HAVE HAD MANY YEARS OF HAVING  
EXPERIENCED MANY DIFFERENT TYPES  
OF MEETING, FROM I.E.P. MEETINGS  
TO PARENT-TEACHERS MEETINGS, TO

SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS THAT ARE DONE AT THE SCHOOL TO LARGER MEETINGS HOSTED BY B.P.S. AND, NUMEROUS TIMES, WE HAVE SAT THROUGH INTERPRETATION THAT ARE INACCURATE INTERPRETATIONS THAT ARE NOT FULLY RENDERED.

CASE IN POINT -- I HAD AN I.E.P. MEETING JUST A WEEK AGO FOR MY CHILD AND, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MEETING, THE INTERPRETER THAT WAS HIRED FOR THAT PARTICULAR MEETING WAS ACTUALLY ASKED TO LEAVE BECAUSE THE INTERPRETER WASN'T PERFORMING EFFECTIVELY, AND THE SPEECH PATHOLOGIST HAD TO TAKE OVER AND SERVE AS THE INTERPRETER FOR THE REST OF THE MEETING.

AND THIS IS A RATHER COMMON EXPERIENCE FROM FELLOW PARENTS. AND THIS IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY FOR NOW.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, AND LISTENING TO US, AND WE REALLY JUST HOPE WE CAN LEVERAGE MORE RESOURCES IN HELPING OUR STUDENTS.

THANK YOU.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, MAY HU.  
NEXT UP THE MAGGIE CHEN.

>> HELLO, EVERYONE.

I'M A RESIDENT OF CHINATOWN AND I'M ALSO A PARENT OF A CHILD WHO'S CURRENTLY ATTENDANTING B.P.S.

I HAVE AN OLDER CHILD WHO'S CURRENTLY AN EIGHTH GRADER AT THE BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY, AND I HAVE A YOUNGER SON WHO'S PLANNING TO ATTEND HIS FIRST YEAR IN PUBLIC SCHOOL AT THE

JOSIAH QUINCY SCHOOL FOR K-1.

I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH THE TWO PARENTS WHO HAVE TESTIFIED BEFORE ME.

HOWEVER, I'M ACTUALLY MORE CONCERNED ABOUT IN LIGHT OF COVID 19 THE SAFETY OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS.

I HAVEN'T HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS A LOT OF THE B.P.S. PUBLIC HEARING WHICH I HAVE HEARD STARTED TAKING PLACE IN MARCH, AND I WAS TOLD THAT MANY OF THE BUDGETS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SET.

SO, EVER SINCE B.P.S. CLOSED ON MARCH 18, THE NUMBERS OF INFECTION -- THE CASES OF INFECTION HAS GONE UP.

IN THE U.S. ITSELF IT'S OVER 1 MILLION, AND IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, WE'RE APPROACHING 100,000, AND IT'S JUST CONTINUALLY CLIMBING, THE NUMBERS.

AND SOME EXPERTS HAVE ALSO SAID THAT, THIS COMING FALL, WE'RE GOING TO SEE AN UPTICK.

SO I WAS WONDERING THE BUDGET THAT HAS BEEN SET FOR B.P.S. THAT STARTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BUDGET SEASON, IF ANY OF THAT HAS BEEN CHANGED TO INCLUDE SAFETY MEASURES FOR STUDENTS TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL SAFELY.

FOR EXAMPLE, MY OLDER SON HAS TO TAKE TWO FORMS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FROM CHINATOWN TO GET TO LATIN ACADEMY.

HE WOULD FIRST HAVE TO TAKE THE SILVER LINE TO DUDLEY AND CHANGE TO GET TO THE FRONT OF BOSTON

LATIN ACADEMY.

REALISTICALLY, WE KNOW THAT A VACCINE FOR COVID 19 WILL PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE OR IN TIME BY SEPTEMBER.

BUT COME SEPTEMBER, MY OLDER SON WOULD AGAIN HAVE TO TAKE TWO TYPES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO GET TO SCHOOL, AND I FEEL THAT WOULD PUT HIM AT HUGE RISK OF BEING INFECTED.

AND CURRENTLY, THE CLASSROOM SIZE, IT'S GOING OVER 20 STUDENTS PERÑi CLASSROOM.

SO UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I WONDER HOW IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT SOCIAL DISTANCING.

SO OTHER THAN, YOU KNOW, WE REALLY NEED TO CLOSELY EXAMINE THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF OUR SCHOOLS, JUST AS THE PARENT BEFORE ME WHO HAVE TESTIFIED, WHICH WE'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH, WITH THE JOSIAH QUINCY SCHOOL, THAT MANY OF THE FAUCETS DON'T HAVE RUNNING WATER, AND THERE ARE NO SOAP WHERE STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO TO WASH THEIR HANDS.

IS THERE A WAY THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY CARRY OUT A SMALLER SIZE CLASSROOM LEARNING ENVIRONMENT SO THAT SOCIAL DISTANCING COULD REALISTICALLY BE CARRIED OUT?

>> AS A RESPONSIBLE PARENT, I FEEL THAT I WOULD ONLY FEEL SAFE SENDING MY CHILD TO AN ENVIRONMENT THAT I KNOW THAT WOULD HAVE A RELATIVELY LESS INFECTION RATE WHEN ALL THE SAFETY MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN. I WOULD NOT WANT TO GO TO WORK AND FEEL LIKE I'M PUSHING MY

CHILD OUT INTO AN ENVIRONMENT  
THAT I KNOW IS NOT SAFE.

>> AND CURRENTLY, WE ALL KNOW  
THAT THE JOSIAH QUINCY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS SERVING  
AS ONE OF THE TESTING SITES, AND  
MY YOUNGER SON WILL BE STARTING  
K-1 IN COMING SEPTEMBER, AND I  
REALLY HOPE THERE WILL BE MORE  
THAN ENOUGH RESOURCES WHERE  
THERE WILL BE EXPERTS AND  
CLEANING PROFESSIONALS THAT WILL  
BE HIRED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE  
SITE IS COMPLETELY DISINFECTED AND  
SAFE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO RETURN  
TO SCHOOL.

AND THIS IS ALL I HAVE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

AND THANK YOU TO MELISSA OR  
TRANSLATING THOSE THREE.

BEFORE WE GO ON WITH PUBLIC  
TESTIMONY, I JUST WANT TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE COUNCILLOR ARROYO  
WHO'S ALSO JOINED US, SORRY,  
STUCK IN THE WAITING ROOM FOR A  
WHILE.

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE ANY OPENING  
REMARKS, COUNCILLOR ARROYO.

>> BEAUTIFUL I JUST WANT TO SAY  
THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY THAT  
IS HERE TO SHARE THEIR VOICES.

THIS IS ABOUT YOU.

I'VE CERTAINLY, AS CHAIRWOMAN  
BOK'S GAVEL CAN ATTEST TO I'VE  
HAD MY TIME TO SPEAK.

I APPRECIATE EVERYONE.

THANK YOU, PLEASE PROCEED.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH,  
COUNCILLOR ARROYO.

I THANK MELISSA AGAIN.

AS WE MOVE INTO FURTHER PUBLIC TESTIMONY, I REMIND FOLKS TO PLEASE KEEP YOUR COMMENTS TO TWO MINUTES.

I'LL SEE MY GAVEL GO UP AND A CHIME WILL SOUND IF IT'S BEEN THREE MINUTES, JUST BECAUSE WE'VE GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE WAITING TO TESTIFY.

BUT I DID WANT TO PROVIDE EXTRA TIME.

I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE SPACE TO HEAR TESTIMONY IN OTHER LANGUAGES AND TRANSLATION TAKES EXTRA TIME.

SO I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO JUST TESTIFIED AND WILL CONTINUE ON.

NEXT UP IS RUBY REYES.

RUBY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> YES.

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE MOMS WHO JUST GAVE TESTIMONY.

I'M THE ONE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CALLS WHEN A PARENT ASKED FOR TRANSLATION A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE HAND AND HAD NOT RECEIVED IT.

SO TRANSLATION IS A SERIOUS NEED FOR THE DISTRICT.

I'M THE DISTRICT OF THE BOSTON EDUCATION JUSTICE ALLIANCE.

MY NAME IS RUBY REYES, AND I WANTED TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET WHERE MEETING COVID EFFORTS IN TERMS OF NEEDS SPECIFICALLY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS FOR PARENTS AS WELL AS STUDENTS, AND ADDITIONAL P.P.E.

EQUIPMENT FOR EVERYONE.  
AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THERE'S BEEN CHRONIC UNDERFUNDING BY THE STATE FOR THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS. THIS YEAR, THE MAYOR GENEROUSLY GAVE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT TO SUPPORT THE B.P.S. BUDGET. WE STILL HAD BUDGET CUTS THIS YEAR, SOME OF WHICH WERE TO SCHOOLS IN THE LOWEST PERFORMING TRANSFORMATION SCHOOLS BECAUSE TO HAVE THE WEIGHTED STUDENT FUNDING FORMULA. WHILE THEY ARE IN THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM OR TRANSFORMATION SYSTEM THAT DR. CASSELLIUS HAS DEVELOPED THIS YEAR, THEY RECEIVED BUDGET CUTS AND THEN RECEIVED ADDITIONAL STAFF PEOPLE. SO, FOR BAJA, WE KNOW FOR OVERALL THIS BUDGET WON'T MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL SCHOOLS AND BUDGET CUTS TO A SMALLER GROUP OF SCHOOLS. THERE HAS BEEN CHRONIC FUNDING CUT THE PAST YEARS AND SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN MISSING STAFF. NOW MORE THAN EVER WITH COVID EFFORTS, TO REOPEN SCHOOLS, WE'RE GOING TO NEED ADDITIONAL STAFF, WE'RE GOING TO NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. SO I DO WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO THINK ABOUT THE RESILIENCY FUND AND WHERE IT CAN BE PUT FOR THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN DURING THIS TIME. I ALSO JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT, WITH THE STATE'S M.O.U. AGREEMENT WITH DESE, THAT ALSO

NEEDS TO BE OVERTURNED.  
THERE ARE MANY RESTRICTIONS  
AROUND THINGS LIKE INCREASING  
GRADUATION RATES, INCREASING  
M.C.A.S. SCORES FOR THESE  
TRANSFORMATION SCHOOLS AS WELL  
AS ALL SCHOOLS.

WITH COVID, WE KNOW THESE  
SCHOOLS ARE NOT GOING TO BE MET,  
AND PART OF THIS AGREEMENT IS A  
THREE-YEAR TIME PERIOD TO HAVE  
THESE GOALS MET.

SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY, WITH  
THIS M.O.U., IT SHOULD BE TURNED  
AND DONE AWAY WITH, AT THE VERY  
LEAST, DURING THIS PANDEMIC.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, RUBY.  
AND NOW, NEXT UP WILL BE ALMA  
CHISHOLM.

JUST TO FOLKS IN THE WAITING  
ROOM KNOW, I KNOW SOME PEOPLE  
ARE HERE TO TESTIFY AND SOME  
JUST WATCHING THROUGH A ZOOM  
LINK.

IF YOU ARE HERE TO TESTIFY,  
RAISE YOUR BLUE HAND OR COMMENT  
IN THE CHAT SO I KNOW YOU'RE  
LOOKING TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST  
STARTING WITH THE PEOPLE WHO  
SIGNED UP IN ADVANCE.

SO ALMA, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> OKAY.

CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

>> YEP, CAN HEAR YOU GREA  
OKAY.ñr

WELL, I'M A MEMBER OF CITY LIFE  
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY LAND  
TRUST, AND Iñ

IN SUPPORT OF ACTION EQUITY'S  
TWO BUDGET PROPOSALS.

I'M ADVOCATING TO ADD CAPACITY

TO THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SO THE CITY HAS STAFF AND PROGRAM CAPACITY TO HELP CONNECT OUR RESIDENTS OF COLOR AND LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS TO GOOD JOBS AND ALSO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTING JOB CREATION AND SERVICE YEAR OPPORTUNITIES. SECOND, I WOULD LIKE TO ADVOCATE TO EXPAND JOB CONGRATULATION AND SERVICE YEAR PROGRAMS FOR THOUSANDS OF OUR RESIDENTS WHO WILL BE OUT OF WORK BY MAKING CHANGES WITHIN THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND WE NEED A MAJOR FUNDRAISING EFFORT. AT CITY LIFE AND ON OUR LAND TRUST, I SEE MANY PEOPLE AT RISK OF EVICTION WHO CAN NOT PAY THEIR RENT. ON OUR LAND TRUST, THREE OUT OF THE 15 FAMILIES CANNOT PAY THEIR RENT. SO I'M ADVOCATING, YOU KNOW, WE -- CITY LIFE, WE FIGHT DISPLACEMENT EVERY DAY. AND, AS A PERSON WHO'S OVERCOME DISPLACEMENT, MYSELF AND MY FAMILY, I'M ADVOCATING FOR THOSE AT RISK FOR EVICTION AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THIS ACTION EQUITY'S PROPOSAL AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH, ALMA.

>> YOU'RE WELCOME.

NEXT UP IS WEEZY WALDSTEIN. YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> I'M WITH ACTION FOR EQUITY AND I THINK ALL THE COUNCILLORS HAVE THE ACTUAL PROPOSAL E-MAILED OUT BY MARTIN WOO'S THE

DIRECTOR.

I WANTED TO ADD A COUPLE OF POINTS, AS WE'VE LEARNED MORE ABOUT HOW TO GO ABOUT SOME OF WHAT WE PROPOSE.

FIRST, WE THINK 75% OF HOUSEHOLDS OF COLOR ARE JUST IN A FEW NEIGHBORHOODS.

THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE LOWEST INCOME, HIGHEST INFECTION RATES AND WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT.

AND THE MORE WE HEAR ABOUT IT, THE UNEMPLOYMENT COULD GO ON FOR A WHILE.

OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PIVOTED TO FOOD DELIVERY, AND WE HAVE BEEN SERVING 5,000 FAMILIES A WEEK AND I HAVE BEEN OUT SURVEYING FOOD PANTRIES.

IT'S VERY FRIGHTENING WHAT MAY BE COMING DOWN THE PIKE, AND, SO, WE'VE REALLY PUSHED TO THINK ABOUT HOW DO WE TAKE UP SOME OF THE IDEAS.

TROPICAL STORM BEEN AN OP-ED. HOW DO WE DO THIS WHEN WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE SAVED BY WASHINGTON? WE HAVE -- WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNCIL TO CLOSELY REVIEW CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE FUNDED SOLELY BY THE CITY.

YOU CAN'T CONVERT -- I'M LEARNING THESE THINGS AND I FROM BRINGING THESE IDEAS IN BUT I'M READING THEM CAREFULLY BECAUSE IT'S NEW TO ME, TOO.

YOU, I'M SURE, KNOW MORE.

YOU CAN'T CONVERT CAPITAL FUNDS TO OPERATING FUNDS BUT YOU CAN REALLOCATE AND REPROGRAM CAPITAL FUNDS INTO OTHER PROJECTS THAT CAN BE USED IN COMMUNITIES OR

HIRING PEOPLE FROM COMMUNITIES  
OR IN SERVICE YEAR PROJECTS THAT  
REACH A CAPITAL INTENT.  
SO PEOPLE HAVE TALKED ABOUT  
DIGITAL DIVIDE, PEOPLE HAVE  
TALKED ABOUT GREEN AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL WORK.  
AND, SO, REALLY LOOKING AT THE  
CAPITAL BUDGET AND FINDING A  
DOWN PAYMENT THAT ALLOWS THE  
CITY TO GO FORWARD LEADING AND  
THEN LOOKING OUT TO FUNDRAISE  
FOR OTHER SERVICE YEAR TYPE  
OPPORTUNITIES.  
WE HAVE BEEN TALKING TO PEOPLE  
WHO HAVE THESE INTERESTS, WHO  
HAVE BEEN RUNNING SOME OF THESE  
PROGRAMS, AND I THINK THERE  
WOULD BE A GREAT DEAL OF  
INTEREST IN THE CITY.  
AND WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE IDEAS  
FOR OTHER FUNDERS OF SOME OF  
THESE PROJECTS THAT BOSTON TECH  
COMPANIES THAT SELL PAYROLL AND  
ORDERING SOFTWARE TO  
RESTAURANTS, FOR EXAMPLE.  
WE ALSO WANT TO ADVOCATE FOR  
ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE OFFICE  
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOP.  
SO THEY HAVE THE STAFF CAPACITY  
TO SUPPORT SOME OF THESE IDEAS  
AND ALSO LEVERAGING HIRING FROM  
BOSTON EMPLOYERS.  
THANK YOU.  
>> GREAT.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
AND DO YOU KNOW IS MARVIN STILL  
PLANNING TO TESTIFY?  
>> HE IS, BUT I THINK HE'S  
COMING LATER.  
>> OKAY, GREAT.  
THANKS.  
ALL RIGHT.

SO, THEN, NEXT UP, I'LL  
RECOGNIZE KEVIN -- ONE SECOND --  
ALL RIGHT.

SO NEXT UP, WE'LL HEAR FROM  
KEVIN COSBY AND THEN, STEVE,  
YOU'RE ON DECK.

KEVIN, GO AHEAD.

YOU JUST NEED TO UNMUTE  
YOURSELF.

>> HI.

KEVIN KOSY.

39-YEAR RESIDENT OF WEST  
ROXBURY.

I'M HERE TO TESTIFY IN REGARDS  
TO -- (INDISCERNIBLE) FIRST OFF,  
IT'S GREAT FOR THE COMMUNITY,  
SPORTING EVENTS.

THAT FIELD RIGHT NOW IS  
CURRENTLY -- IT'S IN ROUGH  
SHAPE.

SO I'M JUST HERE TO COUNTRY  
PARKWAY MOTION AND MAT  
O'MALLEY'S MOTION TO RENOVATE  
(INDISCERNIBLE).

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT  
TESTIMONY.

NEXT UP IS STEVE -- AND SORRY,  
STEVE -- STEVE BOGG.

STEVE, YOU HAVE TO UNMUTE  
YOURSELF.

>> OKAY, CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

YES, I CAN HEAR YOU NOW.

OKAY.

SO WHEN I HEARD ABOUT  
TESTIMONIES ON THE BILLINGS  
FIELD, I WANTED TO BE INVOLVED  
WITH IT.

I'M INVOLVED WITH PARKWAY IN  
MOTION, PARKWAY CYCLING CLUB,  
AND I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN WEST  
ROCKS BIFOR THE LAST 45 YEARS.  
MY KIDS, GRANDKIDS, ALL ARE

INVESTED IN THIS COMMUNITY, AND AS I GO EVEN JUST BICYCLING OUT OF THE Y, WE GO THROUGH THE FIELD.

ALL THE WALKWAYS ARE BROKEN UP. IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT'S A JOKE TO GET THROUGH THERE.

AND THEN I LOOKT AT THE STANDS WHERE THE KIDS ARE, WHERE ALL THE PEOPLE WATCH THE GAMES, AND ALL OF THE GRAND STANDS ARE ALL BROKEN UP.

IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE PARK IS JUST PLUM WORN OUT.

IT NEEDS HELP.

EVERYONE IS JUST LOOKING THE OTHER WAY.

IT'S BEEN GOING ON THAT WAY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

THE TIME, I THINK THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY.

PLEASE, LET'S JUST GET IT DONE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

EVERYONE TRIES TO STAY IN WEST ROXBURY, TRIES TO GET INVOLVED, AND THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST CENTRAL PLACES THAT THEY HAVE IN THE ENTIRE TOWN.

SO THAT'S MY SUPPORT ON BILLINGS FIELD.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, STEVE.

>> YOU GOT IT.

NEXT UP IS KELSEY GALIANO AND THEN SARAH PARKER.

KELSEY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> HI.

I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF INCREASING THE CITY'S FUNDING FOR YOUTH JOBS TO 15 MILLION.

AS MENTIONED BY RUBY.

IF YOU HEAR NOISE IN THE BACKGROUND, I'M BABY SITTING, SO

JUST DON'T MIND THAT.

I REALLY THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT WE SHOULD -- THE CITY SHOULD DEFINITELY TRY TO FOCUS ON AND SUPPORT.

I MYSELF USED TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE CITY, AND IT REALLY HELPED ME GET INTO PREPARE MYSELF FOR COLLEGE AND FOR SETTING UP A CAREER FOR MYSELF.

FIRST, I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE GET YOUTH FROM THE AGES OF 14 TO 22.

BUT THEN THAT RANGE AND THEN HAVE SPECIFIC GROUPS FOR YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 19 AND 22, TO ALSO GET MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK AS WELL.

SO, YEAH, UH -- SO, YEAH, LIKE I SAID, FOR ME PERSONALLY, IT HAS HELPED ME REALLY BOTH MY CAREER NOW AND, YEAH, AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, WE COULD DEFINITELY -- WE SHOULDN'T, YOU KNOW, OVERFUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHICH ALREADY GETS A LOT OF FUNDING, AND DEFINITELY OFFICIALLY REALLOCATE FUNDS FOR YOUTH BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO BE ABLE TO TRY TO HELP THEIR FAMILIES IN THESE DESPERATE TIMES.

IT WILL KEEP THEM ACTIVE AND KEEP THEM MORE UP TO.

SO, YEAH.

THANK YOU.

THAT'S ALL.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, KELSEY. UP NEXT IS SARAH PARKER, AND THEN, AFTER SARAH, IT WILL BE DAJA CHARLES.

>> HI.

THANK YOU, CITY COUNCILORS, FOR YOUR TIME.

MY NAME ISçó SARAH PARKER AND I AM HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE RENOVATION OF BILLINGS FIELD.

I HAVE LIVED IN WEST ROXBURY TEN YEARS WITH MY HUSBAND MARK, WE HAVE THREE KIDS.

EVE A TEN-YEAR-OLD SON, A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND A FOUR-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER.

ALL MY KIDS ATTEND THE LINDEN SCHOOL.

WE LIVE ON MAXWELL STREET WHICH IF PEOPLE ARE FAMILIAR WITH REST ROXBURY IT'S TWO STREETS UP FROM BILLINGS FIELD SO WE WALK OR DRIVELY BILLINGS FIELD EVERY DAY PROBABLY SIX TO EIGHT TIMES PER DAY, AND I CAN TELL YOU, WITHOUT A DOUBT, IT IS A PARK THAT IS SO ALIVE.

IT'S ABSOLUTELY -- THE PLAYGROUND IS ALWAYS PACKED WITH KIDS, THERE'S PEOPLE WALKING, BIKING, PLAYING TENNIS, THERE'S PEOPLE PLAYING BASKETBALL, AND IT'S BEING USED ALL THE TIME.

AND FROM SOME OF THE OTHER COMMENTS PEOPLE MADE AS WELL, THERE ARE ALSO THINGS ABOUT IT THAT REALLY NEED TO BE UPDATED.

THE PATHS ARE CRUMBLING.

THE FIELD ITSELF HAS A MAJOR DRAINAGE PROBLEM, SO I KNOW FOR SOME OF THE YOUTH SPORTS THAT'S AN ISSUE BECAUSE A LOT OF TIMES THINGS GET CANCELED.

AND JUST ON BEHALF OF, YOU KNOW, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF FAMILIES AND OTHERS AND, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SO MANY YOUNG KIDS AND YOUNG

FAMILIES NOW LIVING IN WEST ROXBURY, I REALLY THINK THAT THIS WOULD BE A GREAT PLACE TO SPEND MONEY AND TO RENOVATE BECAUSE I THINK I'M JUST ESTIMATING, I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING LIKE 1500 KIDS BETWEEN THE LINDEN SCHOOL, KILMER, ST. TRACESÑi AND HOLY NAME THAT GO TO SCHOOL IN WEST ROXBURY AND SKIDS ARE USING BILLINGS ALL THE TIME.

I BELIEVE A RENOVATION WOULD INCREASE THE USAGE AS WELL AND HELP DRAW AND KEEP FAMILIES IN THE CITY AND GIVE EVERYONE A PLACE TO GO.

A LOT ABOUT FAMILIES, BUT THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO WALK THEIR DOGS.

I'M DOWN THERE ALL THE TIME.

I SEE ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO TAKE A WALK AND I THINK IT'S VERY EASY TO GET TO AS WELL BECAUSE TO HAVE THE LOCATION BECAUSE IT'S ON THE CORNER OF CENTER STREET AND LaGRANGE AND JUST TO MENTION MENTION SOME OF THE YOUTH -- SPORES THAT YOUTH DID, PARKWAY MOTION, TENACITY USES IT FOR THEIR SUMMER CAMP.

PARKWAY SOFTBALL.

PARKWAY BASEBALL.

FLAG FOOTBALL.

I KNOW THE CITY DOES THEIR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES THERE AND THE ROAD RACE AND THE YMCA RIIS JUST REDONE IS RIGHT THERE AND PEOPLE ARE CONSTANTLY IN AND OUT OF THE YMCA.

SO, YEAH, I WANTED TO GIVE MY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT AND I THINK IT WILL BE AN AMAZING

THING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND FOR  
THE COMMUNITY AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS SOMETHING  
THAT'S IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES IN  
THE AREA.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU.

>> THANKS.

YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

THANK YOU, SARAH, FOR THAT  
TESTIMONY.

UP NEXT IS DAJA CHARLES AND THEN  
TALILA, AND THEN SHEILA MURPHY.  
DAYSIA.

>> THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS DAYSIA CHARLES AND I  
LIVE IN ROXBURY.

I AM ADVOCATING FOR THE  
EXPANSION TO HAVE THE YOUTHS  
JOBS BUDGET TO \$15 MILLION AND  
THE ACCEPTANCE OF MORE EMPLOYEES  
WITH 5,000 SUMMER JOBS AND 1,000  
SCHOOL YEAR JOBS.

I HOPE AT THIS POINT THE  
IMPORTANCE OF FINANCIAL  
STABILITY WITHIN YOUTH  
HOUSEHOLDS IS CLEAR.

WITH THE STATE DEPRESSION AND  
UNEMPLOYMENT OF THIS PANDEMIC  
HITTING THE ALREADY POVERTY  
STRICKEN HOMES OF OUR CITY'S  
NEIGHBORHOODS, I'M SURE I DON'T  
HAVE TO EMPHASIZE HOW YOU COULD  
POSITIVELY CHANGE THE LIVES OF  
FAMILIES DURING THIS TIME  
ESPECIALLY WITH THE ADDED  
SIGNIFICANCE OF A DEADLY  
PANDEMIC CALLING FOR THE  
EMERGENCY MONEY OF OUR RESERVES.

INSTEAD, I'LL EMPHASIZE THE  
FUNDING AS A RESOURCE.

SPENDING ON YOUTH JOBS ALLOWS  
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ESSENTIAL

SKILLS, CHARACTER AND  
COMMUNICATION WITH THE REST OF  
THE COMMUNITY A TIME WHERE WE  
ARE TORN APART.  
YOUTH WHO NOW HAVE BARELY --  
YOUTH WHO NOW HAVE BARELY ANY  
ACCESS TO EDUCATION LOOK TOWARDS  
YEE AS A NECESSITY TO CONTINUE  
THEIR DEVELOPMENT.  
IF IT WEREN'T FOR MY JOB AT  
REEP, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO  
SPEAK BEFORE YOU TODAY.  
MORE STUDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
HAVE ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES.  
YOUTH AGES 14 TO 22 WILL ALL  
BENEFIT FROM EXPANSION OF YEE AS  
THEY ALL DESERVE THIS CONNECT TO  
OPPORTUNITIES AND FINANCIAL  
STABLE.  
THANK YOU.  
>> GREAT.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH, DAYSIA.  
NEXT TALIAH.  
>> HI.  
I'M READING THE TESTIMONY FROM  
ROXBURY.  
WE'RE ASKING CITY TO INCREASE  
FUNDING FOR YOUTH JOBS TO  
15 MILLION AND MAKE SURE THE  
JOBS ARE FULLING RUNNING.  
THEY SHOULD FURNISH JOBS FROM  
SEPTEMBER TO JUNE AND HIRE 14 TO  
22-YEAR-OLDS AND GIVE GRANTS TO  
ORGANIZATIONS.  
POLICE OVERTIME SHOULD BE  
DECREASED TO 20 MILLION OR LESS  
AND THE POLICE BUDGET SHOULD BE  
DECREASED TO 374 MILLION OR  
LESS.  
INVEST THAT MONEY IN BLACK AND  
BROWN COMMUNITIES INCLUDING  
HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, TREATMENT,  
EDUCATION, JOBS AND ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT FOR  
NORMALLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE.  
I HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE FIGHT  
FOR YOUTH JOBS FOR SEVEN YEARS,  
AND IT FEELS LIKE THE CITY  
COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR DOESN'T  
CARE ABOUT ANYTHING BUT THE  
POLICE BUDGET.  
THESE JOBS ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE  
OF HOW IT KEEPS YOUTH OFF THE  
STREET.  
MY FIRST JOB WHEN I WAS 15  
SHAPED WHO I WAS AND GAVE  
MEMORIES I STILL HAVEN'T  
FORGOTTEN.  
THANK YOU.  
>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
NEXT UP IS SHEILA AND THEN  
MARTIN CHEN.  
SHEILA, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.  
>> THANK YOU.  
THANK YOU GUYS ALL FOR BEING  
HERE TONIGHT.  
I JUST WANT TO START BY SAYING  
I'M HERE TO TESTIFY ABOUT THE  
RENOVATIONS TO BILLINGS FIELD.  
I HAVE BEEN A PARKWAY RESIDENT  
FOR OVER 489 YEARS.  
MY DAUGHTERS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED  
AT PARKWAY GIRLS SOFTBALL FOR  
OVER 13 YEARS, AND I HAVE BEEN A  
BOARDWAY FOR PARKWAY MEMBERS  
GIRLS SOFTBALL FOR FIVE YEARS.  
I PROMOTE THE RENOVATION OF THE  
FIELD.  
THE WALKWAYS ARE IN DISARRAY,  
THE BASEBALL FIELD IS VIRTUALLY  
UNYIEWBLES AND THE CEMENT  
BLEACHERS ARE CRUMBLING.  
LAST YEAR IN SOFTBALL SEASON WE  
HAD A TWO WEEK STRETCH OF GAMES  
WHERE WE HAD TO CANCEL.  
THE MIDDLE OF BILLINGS FIELD

URNS INTO A LAKE.

WE COULD P;Qc! A LAKE.

WE COULD PROBABLY GET A CANOE  
OUT THERE AND PADDLE AROUND IN  
IT.

A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH THE  
CONDITION OF THE FIELD, THE  
SAFETY OF OUR PLAYERS, COUNSEL  
ILLER O'MALLEY WE SUPPORT FOR  
MOVING FORWARD ON THIS AND WE  
WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR  
TIME.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ALL RIGHT, MARTIN, YOU HAVE  
THE FLOOR.

MARTIN, UNMUTE YOURSELF.

HELLO?

>> MARTIN.

I THINK, WHY DON'T YOU.

>> HELLO.

>> HI, WE CAN'T REALLY HEAR YOU.  
SO MAYBE WERE YOU TRYING TO-- .

>> YEAH.

>> OKAY.

WHY DON'T YOU, ONE SECOND.

>> HELLO.

>> HI, YOU CAN HEAR US?

YES, HELLO?

>> YEAH, YOU'RE ON IF YOU WANT  
TO TESTIFY.

>> HELLO?

>> WE'RE GOING TO GET SOMEONE  
ELSE, MARTIN AND SEE IF WE CAN  
GET YOU BACK IN A WAY THAT WE  
CAN ACTUALLY HEAR.

SARAH, SARAH MICHAEL, GEORGE,  
YOU ALL IN THE WAITING ROOM,  
SOMEONE WITH MB AND SOMEONE WITH  
THE NUMBER 607-- IF ANY OF YOU  
WANT TO RAISE YOUR BLUE HAND,  
MARK IN THE CHAT, CHANGE YOUR  
NAME, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

WE'LL GIVE IT A SECOND.

WE'LL WAIT AND SEE IF WE CAN GET MARTIN BACK AND IF NOT WE HAVE A FEW PEOPLE THAT SUBMITTED VIDEOS THAT WE WILL PLAY FOR THE COUNSEL LETTERS-- COUNCILORS.

>> I THINK WHY DONE WE PLAY THE VIDEOS THAT WERE SUBMITTED AND WE'LL CHECK IN ON WHETHER WE HAVE NIBBLES TO TESTIFY LIVE.

>> THIS IS CARRIE CUED UP.

>> YES, GETTING THE VIDEO CUED UP NOW.

>> GREAT CARRIE, I THINK WE DON'T HAVE SOUND ON THIS ONE. OKAY, WELL, NO ONE ELSE CAN HEAR THE SOUND, RIGHT?

OKAY.

>> I GUESS TECHNOLOGY ISN'T WHAT IT SEEMS TO BE AM I TRIED TO DOWNLOAD IT AND IT WOULDN'T DOWNLOAD, SO HOLD ON.

>> I HAVE BEEN IN EDUCATION FOR 25 YEARS.

AND I CONTINUE THROUGH THE PASSION OF LOVE.

THE REASON WHY I AM SUBMITTING THIS VIDEO IS I AM ASKING THE CITY TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR OUR YOUTH FOR SUMMER JOBS TO \$15 MILLION.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE THAT. MY STORY IS I WAS A KID THAT GREW UP IN JAMAICA PLAINS IN THE '80S.

THIS WAS A TIME WHEN WE WERE GOING THROUGH A LOT, WITH A LOT OF THINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. BUT DURING THE TIME FOR SUMMER JOBS I DECIDED TO APPLY FOR A SUMMER JOB.

I GREW UP IN A SINGLE FAMILY PARENT FOR MY MOM WORKED TWO

JOB AND IT WAS REALLY DIFFICULT TO MAKE ENDS MEET. WHEN I STARTED WORKING A SUMMER JOB DEFINITELY SAVED PIE LIFE. IT KEPT ME BUSY, IT KEPT ME INSPIRED, I MET GREAT MENTORS AND ADVOCATES THAT WANTED TO BE THERE FOR ME AND I KNEW THERE WAS MORE TO LIFE THAN JUST MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE KIDS AROUND THE WAY. I REALLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUT AT HOME. I WAS ABLE TO BUY THINGS THAT I NEEDED TO BUY FOR MYSELF AT SCHOOL AND I WAS GRATEFUL AND EXTREMELY BLESSED. IT WAS THE THING THAT SAVED MY LIFE. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS I WENT INTO EDUCATION. MEETING GREAT MENTORS AND ADVOCATES THAT REALLY INSPIRED ME TO WANT TO BE ABLE TO HELP OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE. AND AT 49, AND BEING IN EDUCATION FOR 25 YEARS, I CONTINUE TO HAVE THE LOVE AND THE PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS, AND HELPING TO BECOME LEADERS. IN CONCLUSION, THAT I ASK THAT MY STORY IS NOT COMMON, BUT I ASK THAT A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE AND NEED AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AND TO BECOME LEADERS AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS. AND SO I ASK TO PLEASE INVEST IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A TIME, A DIFFICULT TIME WITH COVID-19 BUT THIS IS A TIME WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER AND WE ALWAYS CONTINUE TO SAY BOSTON STRONG AND WORK

TOGETHER AND MAKE HOPE.  
AND I SUNDAY STAND BUT I ASK IS  
THAT AN INVESTMENT LIKE THIS CAN  
REALLY INSPIRE AND GIVE HOPE TO  
YOUNG PEOPLE.  
AND WHEN I SPEAK TO YOUNG PEOPLE  
AND THEY TELL ME THAT IT IS TIME  
WHEN IT IS HARD FOR THEM BECAUSE  
THEY FEEL ANXIETY AND THEY FEEL  
DE PRESSED BECAUSE THEY DON'T  
HAVE THAT INCOME COMING IN AT  
HOME OR A FAMILY MEMBER HAS LOST  
A JOB, OR THEY JUST WANT TO  
HELP.  
THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM  
TO GROW.  
AND I ASK TO PLEASE INVEST IN  
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, THANK YOU.  
>> MY NAME IS SHAVORA, I LIVE IN  
DORCHESTER.  
WE'RE ASKING THE CITY TO  
INCREASE FUNDING FOR YOUTH JOBS  
TO 15 MILLION AND MAKE SURE  
SUMMER JOB PROGRAMS ARE FULLY  
RUNNING.  
THE CITY SHOULD FUND 5,000  
SUMMER JOB, 1,000 YEAR ROUND  
JOBS FROM SEPTEMBER TO JUNE,  
HIRING 14 TO 22 YEAR OLDS AND  
GIVE GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS  
ALSO, AND OVERTIME SHOULD  
BE-- AND THE POLICE BUDGET  
SHOULD BE DECREASED TO 374  
MILLION OR LESS, INVEST THAT  
MONEY INTO BLACK AND BROWN  
COMMUNITIES INCLUDING HOUSING,  
HEALTH CARE, TREATMENT,  
EDUCATION, NEW JOBS  
AND-- SUPPORT FOR FORMALLY  
INCARCERATED PEOPLE.  
ALSO JOBS, FOR PEOPLE TO PROVIDE  
FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND ALSO AND  
THIS IS WHERE I THINK WE SHOULD

GET MORE FUNDING TO PROTECT AND EXPAND NEW JOBS AND ALLOW THE POLICE BUDGET AND POLICE OVERTIME NEEDS TO BE CUT.

WE NEED 15 MILLION TO DOUBLE NEW JOBS, IN THE MONTH AND EXPAND THE AGE RANGES.

>> GOOD MORNING.

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL.

COUNCIL WOMEN AND COUNCILMEN, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY.

I AM A RESIDENT IN THE BOSTON AREA.

MAY FAMILY IS SIXTH GENERATION BOSTONIAN.

I COME TO YOU TODAY TO IMPLORE YOU NOT TO PASS A BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2021 THAT HAS 60 MILLION FOR OVERTIME.

WE KNOW AND HAVE ENOUGH RESEARCH AND INFORMATION THAT SAYS COMMUNITY POLICING OR POLICING CIVILIANS AND CRIMINALIZATION HAS NOT WARRANTED A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE NEED TO PUT MONEY TO A BETTER USE FOR OUR YOUTH AND OUR YOUNG ADULTS.

WE COULD BETTER USE THAT MONEY FOR EMPLOYMENT, SO YOUNG ADULTS CAN HELP THEIR FAMILIES WITH EMPLOYMENT, OPPORTUNITIES DURING OUR NOVEL CRISIS.

THIS IS A TIME WHEN WE MUST STOP POLARIZING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

IN THE BLACKSTONE FRANKLIN SCWIER NEIGHBORHOOD, AS YOU KNOW, THERE HAS BEEN MONEY THAT HAS BEEN EAR-MARKED FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO PUT A CIVILIANS-- THAT HAD BEEN THE DECISION.

WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO CRIMINALIZE AND POLARIZE OUR GREAT CITY.

WE CAN DO BETTER.

AND I ENCOURAGE YOU AND I KNOW THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT MY PLEA AND MY REQUEST OF UTILIZING THE MONEY IN A MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE MANNER FOR JUSTICE FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AROUND EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH DISPARITY AS WELL AS EDUCATION.

THANK YOU.

>> ARE WE MISSING THE END OF THE TESTIMONY OR IS IT ALREADY PLAYING?

>> HELLO, GOOD MORNING.

MY AND MY NEIGHBORHOOD ARE ROXBURY, DORCHESTER, MATTAPAN AND HYDE PARK.

I'M ASKING THE CITY COUNCIL TO EXTEND PUBLIC SAFETY BY CUTTING THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES NEED, HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, TREATMENT, EDUCATION, YOUTH JOBS AND DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENT.

THIS INCLUDES EMPLOYING FORMALLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE WHO NEED HEALING AND ECONOMIC STABILITY AFTER PRISON OR JAIL.

THE FUNDS SHOULD GO GO INTO FUNDING FOR YOUTH JOBS AS WELL.

THE COMMISSIONER WANTS SOME-- WE ARE SPENDING MONEY ON MORE GUNS AND BADGES, WHY INVEST IN POLICE IF YOU CAN'T INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY, THE BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITY.

MAKE SURE TO USE THOSE FUNDS AND PUT THEM TO BETTER USE.

PLUS THE BOSTON POLICE

DEPARTMENT MAKES AN EXTRA 51  
MILLION IN OVERTIME PLUS 31  
MILLION ON-- SO THEY DON'T NEED  
ANY MORE AT ALL.

THEY DON'T EVEN DESERVE THE 414  
MILLION DOLLARS.

WHAT COMMISSIONER GEORGE CALLS  
TRAINING ISN'T WHAT I AM SEEING  
WHACK THEY CALL POLICING ISN'T  
POLICING, IT IS CALLED RACIAL  
PROFILING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD,  
THAT IS ALL THE BOSTON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT DUSKS GOOD JOB,  
COMMISSIONER, YOU GOT STATS,  
GUESS WHAT, I'VE GOT SOME STATS  
ON MY OWN, UNDERFUNDED BRACK AND  
BROWN COMMUNITIES PLUS BLACK  
RESOURCES IN THOSE COMMUNITIES  
PLUS COWBOY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
EQUALS DISASTER AND MONEY  
WASTED.

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY IS  
BETTER THAN POLICING ANYTHING.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

GREAT, I THINK THOSE ARE ALL THE  
VIDEOS, IS THAT RIGHT?

>> THAT IS ALL WE HAVE.

>> GREAT, PERFECT.

NEXT UP IS GOING TO BE MORE  
TESTIMONY IN PERSON SO I WILL GO  
TO MARTIN AND THEN IT WILL BE  
LOUISA AND THEN-- SO MARTIN, YOU  
ARE BACK WITH US.

NOW GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE.

HELLO?

>> HELLO.

>> MARTIN-- MY SON MARTIN CHAN  
IS A MIDDLE SCHOOLER.

HE IS A SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENT.

MY SON HAD A LANGUAGE DELAY AND  
WE NEED MORE RESOURCES INVESTED  
IN SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN.

>> IN LIGHT OF THIS PANDEMIC I

STRONGLY ADVOCATE THAT THERE  
NEEDS A LOT MORE RESOURCES  
INVESTED IN OUR CHILDREN WHO  
HAVE ELL AND SPECIAL NEEDS.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR  
TRANSLATING, REALLY APPRECIATE  
IT.

OKAY, NEXT UP IS LOUISA HELLO,  
EVERYONE, THANK YOU FOR THE  
TIME.

YOU CAN HEAR ME?  
HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME, HELLO?  
>> YES, I CAN HEAR YOU, YEAH, WE  
CAN HEAR YOU.

>> ALL RIGHT, GREAT.  
THANK YOU FOR THIS TIME.  
AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GREAT  
WORK THAT EVERYBODY IS TRYING TO  
ACCOMPLISH.

MYSELF AND SOME OF THE OTHER  
RESIDENTS IN THE AREA WHERE I  
LIVE, WE ARE REACHING OUT TODAY  
TO BRING TO EVERYBODY'S  
ATTENTION AN AREA HERE IN OUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WHEN IMPROVED  
COULD YIELD A TANGIBLE BENEFIT  
TO BOTH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE  
CITY.

PLEASE KNOW THAT IT IS OVERTEN  
YEARS AND WE'VE BEEN ASKING FOR,  
TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE FOR THE  
SPECIFIC BOSTON CENTER FOR YOUTH  
AND FAMILIES IN JAMAICA PLAINS.  
THE FACILITIES ON HEATH STREET  
CLOSE TO THE BROOKLINE AND BOARD  
ARING MISSION HILL WHICH ARE  
GROWING, IT IS A WHOLE GROWING  
NEIGHBORHOOD AT THIS POINT.  
RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA, WE'RE  
BEYOND GRATEFUL TO HAVE SUCH A  
CENTER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS TESTIMONY IS TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THIS DEEPLY RUNDOWN CONDITION OF WHAT COULD BE A MODERN AND WELCOMING FACILITY, THE NEIGHBORS WOULD ACTUALLY WANT TO USE.

A REVITALIZATION OF THE OVERALL FACILITY WITH SUSTAINED EXERCISE HABITS, FUNDAMENTALS FOR EVERYONE'S HEALTH AND ENCOURAGE AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY MUCH IN NEED WHILE YIELDING A MORE FINANCIAL RETURN FOR THE CITY. OFTEN PEOPLE HAVE COME BUT NEVER RETURN BECAUSE UNWILLING TO USE A FACILITY THAT IS NEGLECTED, GENERALLY UNKEPT AND MINIMALLY SUPERVISED.

ALTHOUGH MORE MORE RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN VERY MODEST CHANGES.

THE FACILITY DOES NOT PRESENT ITSELF AS AN OPTION AND IT COULD BE, NOR IT MATCHES THE STANDARD OF A GROWING CITY SUCH AS BOSTON.

ADDITIONALLY GIVEN THAT DURING THE DAY THE FACILITY IS USED BY THE HANNIGAN SCHOOL, SCHOOL KIDS, WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT IT IS TIME TO ACT TO ENSURE THAT THESE YOUTHS ARE WELL TAKEN CARE OF AND OTHER SCHOOLS IN BOSTON CENTER ARE ALREADY DOING, THEY SHOULD NOT SUFFER.

AT THE LAST BUDGET HEARING ON BCYF IT WAS CONCERNING FOR ME TO HEAR THE LIMITED VISION FOR BCYF IN GENERAL.

THE CENTERS FOCUS IS TO ENSURE THAT KIDS STAY IN SCHOOL AND READY THEM FOR THE WORKPLACE.

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THAT-- BROUGHT UP THE FACT THAT THE CULTURE ASIDE, IT'S JUST AS IMPORTANT.

IT WAS ALSO SURPRISING TO ME TO HEAR HIS REFUSAL FOR HEALTH AND TO SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDING WHEN ONE OTHER COUNSELOR PROPOSED IT.

THIS FACILITY HERE IN JAMAICA PLAIN COULD BE USED FOR A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE VIBE RANCEE OF THIS GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD.

AND SHOULD BE SENSE ERRED TO CREATE COMMUNITIES FOR MOST SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL WELLNESS, REDUCE RISKY BEHAVIOR AND PROVIDE A SAFE STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT.

SO THERE IS SO MANY YOUTH THAT CAN BE DONE.

WE HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR TEN YEARS TO BRING ATTENTION TO THIS SO WE HOPE THAT IN THE 2020 BUDGET THE HELP, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL AND SOCIAL HELP OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL BE TAKEN IN CONVERSATION, AND THE USE OF THE FACILITY WILL BECOME A JEWEL FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THANK YOU.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

AND NOW NEXT UP IS NASAGE SORRY, FORGIVE ME, PLEASE CORRECT MY PRONUNCIATION.

>> THAT'S OKAY.

YOU CAN HEAR ME, RIGHT?

>> YEAH, WE CAN HEAR YOU AND SEE YOU.

>> HI, I'M FROM MATTAPAN, I WORK WITH ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS-- TEEN EMPOWERMENT, AT THE MATTAPAN PARK HAVE I BEEN ABLE

TO WORK WITH COUNCILOR JULIA  
MEJIA.

I CAN'T BEGIN TO EXPRESS HOW  
MUCH WORKING WITH THESE  
ORGANIZATIONS HAS BENEFITED ME.  
I AM BETTER IN SCHOOL AND BETTER  
PREPARED FOR MY TEACHER AND  
EVERY YOUNG PERSON I HAVE MADE  
LIFELONG NETWORKS AND  
CONNECTIONS AND BELIEVE EVERY  
YOUNG PERSON DESERVES A CHANCE  
LIKE THAT.

INVESTING IN YOUTH JOBS IS VERY  
IMPORTANT.

I HEAR OFTEN IN OUR CITIES THAT  
YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR  
COMMUNITIES.

AND WHILE THAT IS TRUE, IT IS  
ALSO TRUE THAT WE ARE THE PRESENT  
AND RIGHT NOW IT DOESN'T FEEL  
THAT WAY.

IF BOSTON TRULY BELIEVES THAT  
YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE AND THE  
PRESENT OF OUR COMMUNITIES, THAN  
15 MILLION DOES NEED TO BE  
ALLOCATED TO YOUTH JOBS T IS  
TIMES OUR CITY START INVESTING  
IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND WORRIED  
ABOUT THE WELFARE OF  
UNDERREPRESENTED YOUTH AND THEIR  
FAMILIES.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
JOINING US.

ALL RIGHT.

SO NOW MI GOING TO SEE THE FOLKS  
WHO ARE STILL HERE WITH US,  
CAROLINE DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?

>> RAISE YOUR BLUE HAND OR  
ANSWER THE CHAT, YES.

AND I WILL JUST SAY AGAIN, THAT  
CAME AND TESTIFIED AGAIN AT A  
DIFFERENT HEARING BUT IF YOU

WANT TO TESTIFY, THOMAS, GEORGE,  
IF ANY OF YOU ALL OR THE FOLKS  
UNDER THE PHONE NUMBER, LET ME  
KNOW.

IN THE QUHAT CHAT.

AND I THINK IT SOUNDS LIKE  
EVERYBODY WHO IS HERE RIGHT NOW  
IS JUST HERE TO WATCH.

SO I THINK WHAT WE'LL DO NOW IS  
I REALLY WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY  
WHO CAME AND TESTIFIED.

AND MADE VIDEOS IN ADVANCE AND  
PEOPLE WHO TESTIFIED THROUGHOUT  
OUR WHOLE PROCESS IT IS JUST SO  
IMPORTANT, AS MANY OF MY  
COLLEAGUES SAID.

I THINK I WILL HOLD THIS OPEN  
FOR AWHILE STILL, PROBABLY AT  
LEAST UNTIL QUARTER OF SO WHAT  
WE WILL DO IS I WILL STAY HERE  
AND WAIT AND SEE IF MORE FOLKS  
WANT TO TESTIFY.

WE HAVE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE WHO  
SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY WHO HAVEN'T  
MADE THEIR WAY INTO THE WAITING  
ROOM YET.

AND COUNCILORS, IF ANY OF YOU  
WANT ME TO TEXT YOU, WE WILL DO  
THAT.

AND OTHERWISE IF WE DON'T GET,  
WE WILL CONCLUDE THE HEARING, SO  
WE WILL WAIT FOR AWHILE.

SO AGAIN JUST REALLY WANT TO  
THANK EVERYBODY, FOR SHARING.  
FOR SHARING AND NUDGING US IN  
THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

CANDACE, CAN WE PUT UP A-- TO  
LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE ARE  
HOLDING THE ROOM OPEN.

OKAY, I WILL PUT THAT UP NOW.

>> THANKS SO MUCH.

>> YOU'RE WELCOME.

WAIT, BEFORE YOU DO, SORRY, I

JUST SAW MARVIN JUST JOINED US  
AND HE WAS ONE OF THE PEOPLE I  
WAS WAITING ON.

SO LET ME LET MARVIN IS TESTIFY.  
I ALSO SEE THAT KEN HAS JOINED  
US.

IF YOU CAN CHAT OR POST OR RAISE  
YOUR BLUE HAND IF YOU WANT TO  
TESTIFY.

BUT MARVIN, YOU HAVE NOW GOT THE  
FLOOR.

>> OKAY.

WELL, I'M NOT SURE WHAT HAS  
ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED.

>> -- AND ANOTHER PERSON  
SPEAKING, SORRY, I'M BLANKED OUT  
THE NAME.

>> SO IN THAT CASE I DON'T WANT  
TO REPEAT WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN  
SAID SO I WILL BRIEF.

I BELIEVE THAT AT THIS MOMENT IN  
TIME WITH THE PANDEMIC AND THE  
DEVASTATEDING EFFECTS ON PEOPLE  
OF COLOR THAT WE REALLY NEED TO  
LOOK AT POSSIBLE WAYS OF FUNDING  
JOB CREATION AND OTHER  
INITIATIVES IN THESE  
COMMUNITIES.

AND SO THE-- IT WE ARE EXPECTING  
THE CITY TO DOUBLE AT LEAST AND  
YOU KNOW, IT WASN'T GREAT BEFORE  
SO I THANK YOU FOR GREATING, WE  
GO A LONG WAY TO DOING THAT.  
AND SO LOOKING AT THE CAPITAL  
PROJECTS THAT WOULD SUPPORT  
THOSE JOBS.

AND SO THE HOPE IS TO LOOK AT  
THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND I THINK  
WE DID COME UP WITH A COUPLE OF  
IDEAS THAT PEOPLE MAY HAVE  
SUBMITTED ALREADY WHERE WE CAN  
SAVE SOME MONEY FROM CERTAIN  
LINE ITEMS TO OTHER LINE ITEMS.

WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT.  
AND THEN THE OTHER IS TO HELP  
MAKE THAT HAPPEN IN A COHEESIVE  
WAY INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY  
PIPELINE THAT HAS ALREADY  
STARTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
CITY, TO INCREASE THE STAFFING  
CAPACITY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
SO WE WOULD HAVE A COUPLE STAFF  
PEOPLE WHO COULD OVERSEE THIS  
PROCESS.

SO THAT IS MY COMMENTS.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH,  
MARVIN, REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.  
AND I KNOW WE GO TO AND JUST  
HOLD THE SPACE OPEN FOR 20  
MINUTES IN CASE ANYBODY-- ANYONE  
ELSE JOINS US.

THANKS AGAIN, TO EVERYONE WHO IS  
COMING TO TESTIFY.

>> WE WILL SEE YOU SOON MAYBE,  
OR MAYBE NOT.

>> I'M HAPPY TO LET PEOPLE KNOW  
IF PEOPLE COME BACK.

>> OKAY THANK YOU, MAYBE SEE YOU  
SOON.

I'M AFRAID YOU CAUGHT THE TAIL  
END OF THE TESTIMONY SO WE ARE  
HOLDING THE SPACE FOR INELSE  
THAT JUMPS IN.

>> I WAS TELLING LIZ THAT WE ARE  
JUST WAITING FOR POSSIBLE FOLKS.

>> YEAH, BECAUSE SHE JUST  
JOINED.

>> I SEE SOMEONE NAMED YAO LEE  
WAS JOINED, IF YOU WANT TO  
TESTIFY, PUT IT IN THE CHAT OR  
RAISE YOUR BLUE HAND OR  
OTHERWISE SIGNAL AND THEN I  
THINK GEORGE SAYS WE MIGHT BE  
JOINED BY SOMEONE NAMED JASON TO  
TESTIFY, BUT SO FAR WE DON'T  
HAVE ANYBODY.

I SEE SOMEONE HAS JOINED THE  
CHAT IF YOU ARE HERE TO TESTIFY  
IF YOU CAN JUST RAISE YOUR BLUE  
HAND OR TYPE IN THE CHAT, LET ME  
KNOW WHAT YOUR NAME IS.  
SEE THE HAND RAISED, ONE SECOND.  
MY COLLEAGUES MAY WANT TO REJOIN

.  
GO AHEAD, CAN YOU UNMUTE  
YOURSELF?

CANDACE, CAN WE GET YOU UNMUTED?

>> I'M TRYING TO UNMUTE THIS  
PERSON BUT FOR SOME REASON IT  
WON'T.

>> OKAY.

I'M MOVING BACK INTO ATTENDING  
FOR NOW.

AND I SEE JASON IS HERE, HE  
WANTS TO TESTIFY I'M NOW GOING  
TO RECOGNIZE JASON MOREENO.  
IF YOU WANT TO UNMUTE YOURSELF  
AND TURN ON YOUR VIDEO IF YOU  
HAVE, AND GO AHEAD.

>> THANK YOU HI, MY NAME IS  
JASON MORE ENKO, I LIVE IN THE  
DORCHESTER ROXBURY WE ARE ASKING  
THE CITY TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR  
YOUTH JOBS TO 15 MILLION AND  
MAKE SURE THE JOBS ARE FULLY  
FUNDED.

FUND 5,000 SUMMER JOBS 1,000  
YEAR ROUND JOBS FROM SEPTEMBER  
TO JUN AND HIRE 14 TO 22 YEAR  
OLDS AND GIVE BRANTS TO  
ORGANIZATIONS.

ALSO POLICE OVERTIME SHOULD BE  
DECREASED TO 20 MILLION OR  
LESS.

IF THE POLICE BUDGET SHOULD BE  
DECREASED TO 374 MILLION OR  
LESS.

INVEST THAT MONEY IN BLACK AND  
BROWN COMMUNITIES INCLUDING

HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, TREATMENT,  
EDUCATION, YOUTH JOBS, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF  
FORMALLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE.  
YOUTH JOBS ARE IMPORTANT ONE  
BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE US  
SOMETHING TO DO.

WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE US WORKING  
AND DEVELOPING LIFE SKILLS OR  
SITTING AROUND HAVING NOTHING TO  
DO.

INCREASING YOUTH JOBS PROVIDES  
ANOTHER SOURCE OF INCOME FOR  
LOWER INCOME FAMILIES SO THAT  
WILL HELP OUT A LOT.

IT WILL GIVE THEM COLLEGE  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND LEADS THEM  
ON THE RIGHT PATH FROM THE  
BEGINNING.

WITH ME IT OPENED MY EYES TO  
ORGANIZING.

I DIDN'T REALIZE I WOULD LIKE IT  
SO MUCH.

AFTER WORKING, I CAME TO HAVE A  
LIKENESS FOR COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZING ALL BECAUSE OF A  
YOUTH JOB.

THAT'S WHY I THINK WE SHOULD GET  
MORE FUNDING TO EXPAND YOUTH  
JOBS.

BUDGET AND POLICE OVERTIME NEEDS  
TO BE CUT TO 15 MILLION TOW  
DOUBLE YOUTH JOBS.

WE NEED 15 MILLION TO DOUBLE  
YOUTH JOBS, EXPAND AND EXPAND  
THE AGE RANGES.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND THANK  
YOU FOR JOINING US TO TESTIFY.

>> I AM GOING TO TRY ONE MORE  
TIME, I WILL TRY TO CONTINUE TO  
SEE IF YOU CAN UNMUTE.

IS ALL RIGHT, I THINK WE'RE  
STILL NOT HAVING ANY LUCK OKAY,

I'M JUST REQUESTING TO HOLD IT OPEN FOR A FEW MORE MINUTES MUCH ACTUALLY BEFORE I DO, COUNSEL ILLER, DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING WITH REGARD TO PUBLIC TESTIMONY BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T HERE.

>> NO, JUST WANT TO GIVE FOLKS TIME FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY. AND THANK YOU FOR-- IT HAS BEEN A VERY EDUCATIONAL. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, THANKS SO MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING AND AGAIN WHILE WE'RE WAITING I MIGHT ALSO RECOGNIZE PRESIDENT JANEY, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING, APPRECIATE YOU STICKING AROUND WELL NO, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU AGAIN AS I SAID AT THE BEGINNING, THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR PROCESS.

OBVIOUSLY THE PUBLIC CAN WEIGH IN ON ANY OF OUR HEARINGS BUT HAVING TIME THAT IS DEDICATED JUST FOR THEM I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

I APPRECIATE ALL WHO PROVIDED TESTIMONY WHETHER, WHATEVER LANGUAGE THEY DID OR VIDEO AND I HOPE THAT YOU STAY ENGAGED. YOUR VOICE IS VERY IMPORTANT.

I APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO WEIGHED IN AND THANKS TO YOU AND TO ESSENTIAL STAFF FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK.

THANK YOU.

CERTIFICATE COUNTRIESLY, IT IS BEHIND THE SCENES BUT WE HAVE BEEN DOING A TON OF HEARINGS AND IT IS INCREDIBLY COMPLICATED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MANAGE THEM

ALL, ESPECIALLY WORKING REMOTE.

>> HERE HERE.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

>> THANK YOU, THANK YOU  
EVERYONE, THE WHOM TEAM.

>> THE WHOLE CREW.

IT HAS BEEN GREAT.

I THINK WE'LL JUST, MY LAST WILL  
BE TO LEAVE IT OPEN UNTIL 8:00  
AND THEN WE'LL DEFINITELY CLOSE  
IT IF WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANY.

>> GOOD EVENING, AND GOOD NIGHT,  
EVERYONE.

I HAVE TO GO.

>> THANKS FOR DROPPING BY, HAVE  
A GOOD NIGHT.

>> YOU TOO.

>> HI, WE JUST WRAPPED UP ALL  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY, MI JUST  
HOLDING THE RAM OPEN FOR ANOTHER  
TEN MINUTES WHERE WE WILL  
OFFICIALLY CLOSE OUT THE HEAR  
WILL.

JUST THANK YOU FOR STOPPING BY.

>> OKAY.

WE'VE REACHED 8:00.

I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY  
FURTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
WHO NEED TO TESTIFY.

SO I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO  
TESTIFY.

AND IN GENERAL, NOT JUST TONIGHT  
BUT THROUGHOUT THE BUDGET  
PROCESS WHICH CONTINUES INTO  
JUNE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
CONTINUING TO RECEIVE YOUR  
WRITTEN TESTIMONIES, VIDEOS,  
ANYTHING TO WEIGH IN ON THE CITY  
BUDGET AS WE MAKE THESE  
DECISIONS TOGETHER.

>> WITH THAT, THIS MEETING OF  
THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND  
MEANS COMMITTEE IS NOW

ADJOURNED.  
THANK YOU.  
(GAVEL POUNDING)