

;;;BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
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>> GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE.
I AM MARK CIOMMO THE CHAIRMAN OF
WAYS AND MEANS AND THE DISTRICT
CITY COUNSELL P COUNCILOR
REPRESENTING ALLSTON BRIGHTON.
AND TUESDAY JUNE 5.
DEDICATED TO PUBLIC TESTIMONY
ONLY.
I REMIND FOLKS IT IS A PUBLIC
HEARING THAT IS BROADCAST AND
RECORDED ON RCN 82, COMCAST
CHANNEL 8, VERIZON 1964, AND
ALSO STREAMED AT
BOSTON.GOV/CITY-COUNCIL-TV.
I ASK FOLKS IN THE CHAMBER TO
SILENCE THEIR ELECTRONIC
DEVICES.
I STATED, THIS HEARING SOLELY
FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
A SIGN-IN SHEET TO MY LEFT.
WE ASK YOU STATE YOUR NAME,
AFFILIATION, RESIDENCE, AND
PLEASE CHECK THE BOX "YES" IF
YOU WISH TO TESTIFY.
TODAY'S HEARING IS ON PUBLIC
TESTIMONY REGARDING DOCKETS
0559-0563.
ORDERS FOR FISCAL YEAR OPERATING
BUDGET ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR
DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS, FOR THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.
AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR OTHER
POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC REALM
IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATION
FOR CERTAIN PARK IMPROVEMENTS.
AS WELL AS DOCKETS 0564, 0565.
CAPITAL BUDGITY AN
APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDING LOAN
ORDERS AND LEASE AND PURCHASE
AGREEMENTS.
INTRODUCE MY COLLEAGUES IN ORDER
OF THEIR ARRIVAL.
TO MY IMMEDIATE RIGHT, CITY
COUNCILOR AT-LARGE MICHAEL
FLAHERTY, TO MY FAR LEFT
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN.
TO MY IMMEDIATE LEFT, COUNCILOR
AT-LARGE ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE.

TO FAR LEFT MATT O'MALLEY, AND
FRANK BAKER AND EDWARDS.
AND TO MY RIGHT, KIM JANEY.
AT THIS HEARING WE ARE TAKING,
AS I SAID, PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
YOU'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES.
I WILL SIGNAL 30 SECONDS LEFT
[POUNDING]
WITH THAT SIGNAL AND I ASK YOU
WRAP IT UP AT THAT TIME.
I READ OFF THREE NAMES AT A
TIME.
THERE ARE ABOUT 10, 12 PEOPLE
SIGNED UP AND AGAIN, I WANT TO
KEEP TO THE HARD STOP AND ENSURE
THAT EVERYBODY HAS THEIR CHANCE
TO SPEAK AT TODAY'S HEARING.
SO THE FIRST THREE SPEAKERS ARE
MICHAEL MORSI, PHILAMON, AND
KONG CHEN.

>> THANK YOU CHAIRMAN.
I LIVE IN QUINCY AND THANK YOU
FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR.
OVER THREE DECADES I HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN THE
LEGISLATURE, OFTEN HEARD FROM
THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON
THE ACUTE NEED FOR LOCAL SUPPORT
CITY SERVICES BUT TODAY I AM ASK
TO YOU TO DO YOUR JOB.
BOSTON HAS A STRONG MAYOR AND
WEAK COUNCIL DOESN'T MEAN YOU
CAN'T ASK DIFFICULT QUESTIONS.
AND MAYOR WALSH PUT FORTH THE
IDEA OF BUILDING A \$100 MILLION
BRIDGE FOR THE CAMPUS ON LONG
ISLAND.
SXIIF APPRECIATE FORBIDS AND
DIRECT SERVICES AND NO ONE DOES
MORE THAN QUINCY AND
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TO HELP
PEOPLE.
AND OFFICIALS WITH A
RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSTITUENTS,
SPENDING TAX DOLLARS THAT DON'T
HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT.
I ASK FOR THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE
CAMPUS, AND I GOT DIFFERENT
ANSWERS, BUT -- THE PROPOSAL
CALLING FOR EXTENSIVE
DEVELOPMENT, TRAFFIC IMPACTS,
EXPENDITURES OF LARGE SUMS OF
MONEY, WOULD BE UP IN ARMS,

ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS NO PUBLIC HEARING, NO INPUT, NO EXPLANATION.

YET I AM HERE TO ASK LOOK AT THE PROPOAL THE MAYOR MADE BECAUSE IT NEEDS YOUR VOTE.

AND THE PEOPLE WHO IRONICALLY CAN'T VOTE FOR YOU, BUT AT THE END DAY PAY FOR IT VOTE FOR YOU, THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON.

ESTIMATE \$100 MILLION AND PROBABLY COST MORE, \$150 MILLION AFTER ESPECIALLY THE LITIGATION I EXPECT WILL OCCUR.

IT WILL REQUIRE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN YEARLY MAINTENANCE. AND THE LAST BRIDGE WASN'T TOO GOOD, WOULD HE HAD TO TAKE IT DOWN BECAUSE OF LACK OF MAINTENANCE.

WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE PROPOSAL, YOU ARE GOING TO SPEND \$150 MILLION TO BUILD A CAMPUS NONE OF US KNOW WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE.

RENOVATING BUILDINGS THAT ARE OLD, AND THE LONG-TERM, ACCESS, IT IS HARD TO SAY.

I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER AND MAYBE YOU DO, BECAUSE I WOULD LOVE TO SEE AND HEAR THEM.

A STUD GUY IN 2002 LOOKING AT THE FUTURE USE OF LONG ISLAND AND LOW AND BEHOLD IT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL BECAUSE OF THE ACCESS TO THE ISLAND BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNITY.

WE CUT OUR OWN THROATS AND HAD DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE CITY, I GUESS I AM HERE TO ARGUE SIMPLY IS CLIMATE CHANGE AND OTHER THINGS HAVE CHANGED, AND WE WE DON'T GET OUT IN CERTAIN WEATHER.

AND YOU ARE BRINGING THEM TO THE BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER, TRY TO GET DOWN THERE DURING RUSH HOUR. LOOK AT THE ALTURN -- AM TURN ACTIVES.

AND IF 2/3 ARE NOT GOING TO--

>> I AM SORRY.

>> I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> I'D LIKE TO KEEP THIS AS PUBLIC TESTIMONY, BUT I KNOW IT AFFECTS YOUR DISTRICT, LET ME --

>> ANYBODY ELSE WANT -- COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
I AM CURIOUS, DO YOU KNOW OF THE NUMBER OF QUINCY RESIDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING SERVICES IN BOSTON TO DEEM WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE?

>> I DON'T, BUT YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON RECEIVING IN THE CITY OF QUINCY.
AND THE ANSWER I AM SURE WE BOTH PROVIDE SERVICES AND SEE IT EVERY DAY.

>> AND AS YOU KNOW, WE DON'T ARREST PEOPLE NOW, ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE A PROGRAM IN NORFOLK COUNTY, AND IF WE SEE A DEALER WE PUT THEM IN TREATMENT.

>> THE BENEFIT OF TREATMENT.
DO YOU HAVE A BED FOR EVERYONE SEEKING TREATMENT?
NOT NEARLY ENOUGH BEDS.
I HAVE SOME CONCERNS IN OTHER ASPECTS OF THE BUDGET.
ONE I DON'T HAVE ANY EQUAL MANIES ABOUT IS THE \$92 OR \$93 FOR THE REBUILDING OF THE BRIDGE AND MAYOR'S DESIRE FOR A TRUE RECOVERY PRACTICE.
AND I PUSH BACK ON YOUR ASSERTION FROM IS NO COMMUNICATION WITH THE CITY OF QUINCY.
MAYOR WALSH REACHED OUT TO MAYOR KOCK INITIALLY.

>> THE NIGHT BEFORE THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

>> AS RECENTLY AS MAY THE CHIEF OF STREETS, CHRIS HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THE RELATION TEAMS IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE MAYOR'S STAFF.
AND QUINCY BEFORE THE BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND --

>> YOU APPROVED IT THE SAME DAY OF THE HEARING WITHOUT ADDITIONAL INPUT, BUT YES, I AGREE WITH THAT.

>> I HAVE THINK IT IS THE REGIONAL APPROACH THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN.
AND I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN, AND -- EXCUSE ME SIR, BEING UNHAPPY ABOUT THIS, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING.
WE NEED TO OFFER SERVICES.
WE NEED TO OFFER TREATMENT FOR THE PEOPLE.
WE NEED TO BE HUMANE AND WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS.
SO I AM PROUD TO SAY I AM WITH MAYOR WALSH AND HIS WORK AND I AM FRANKLY DISAPPOINTED AT THE HALF-TRUTHS AND AUTOMATIC OPPOSITION COMING FROM MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS IN QUINCY.

>> IF YOU WANT TO -- WHO IS GOING TO PAY THE PROGRAM, WHAT RUN THE CAMPUS AT THIS TIME, CAN YOU?

>> CAN I INTERJECT?
I WANT TO MOVE ON, THAT HAS BEEN ANOTHER THREE MINUTES.
LAST QUESTION.

>> THE ANSWER IS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE TWO CITIES TO WORK TOGETHER AND I HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER.
BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, AND I APPRECIATE -- AND SIR, YOU HAVE A TERRIFIC RECORD AS A NORFOLK D.A., I HAVE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME YOU UNDERSTAND THE OPIATE

EPIDEMIC, AND ONE SECTION TO SAY THIS WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER. THE QUINCY RESIDENTS ARE RECEIVING TREATMENT IN BOSTON, A LOT MORE THAN BOSTON IN QUINCY, AND WE NEED TO WORK TO MAKE SURE THEY GET SERVICES TO GET CLEAN AND BETTER. A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.

>> AND ALL I ASK IS FOR ALTERNATIVES BEFORE YOU GO DOWN THE PATH OF SPENDING MONEY ON THE BRIDGE, CHECK OUT ORAL TURN ACTIVES. IT IS A LOT OF MONEY TO SPEND.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR CIOMMO. I WANTED TO FOLLOW-UP. I COME FROM TO THIS ISSUE AS NOT REALLY A CITY COUNCILOR BUT PROBATION OFFICER FOR 10 YEARS. AND I SUPERVISED THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY IN BOSTON FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME AND VISITED LONG ISLAND AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK FOR A 10-YEAR PERIOD. AND BEING OVER THERE WEEKLY, I DID SEE FIRST-HAND THE AMOUNT OF INCREDIBLE WORK THAT WAS DONE AT THAT ISLAND, HELPING PEOPLE THAT NEEDED DESPERATELY TO GET CLEAN, TO GET SOBER, TO GET THEIR LIFE BACK ON TRACK. AND I HAVE SEEN SO MANY MIRACLES HAPPEN OVER THERE, MY OWN FAMILY INCLUDED. AND I JUST SUPPORT THE MAYOR. I DO HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BUT I DO SUPPORT THE MAYOR BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN SO MANY MIRACLES HAPPEN AT LONG ISLAND. IT IS A CAMPUS THAT WILL BE STRUCTURED, IT WILL BE THERE FOR THE GREATER BOSTON COMMUNITY AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE, HELPING EVERYONE IN NEED. I THINK IT'S CRITICAL AT THE TIME WITH THE OPIATE CRISIS WE HAVE A STRONG PRESENCE ON LONG ISLAND, HELPING PEOPLE GET CLEAN

AND SOBER.

>> THANK YOU.
COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT
TODAY, MR. D.A.
I WAS ACTUALLY AT THE MEETING OF
THE SCHOOL, AND I JUST WANT TO
AGREE WITH ONE THING YOU SAID
THAT QUINCY DOES MORE THAN
ANYBODY ELSE IN THE SOUTH SHORE.
AND BUT TO MAKE IT ABOUT
TRAFFIC AND THOSE SORT OF
ARGUMENTS THAT REALLY DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING TO DO, WE ARE NOT -- WE
ARE ASKING YOU AS A LEADER IN
QUINCY TO GIVE THIS A CHANCE.
WE ARE LOOKING AT THE CAMPUS,
DUT WE NEED ADDITIONAL BEDS.
WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN.
AND WHEN PEOPLE COME OUT OF THE
INITIAL STAGE OF REHAB, TO BE
ABLE TO SEND THEM TO A PLACE
WHERE THEY ARE NOT IN THEIR
NEIGHBORHOODS, DON'T HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT MAYBE THE DEALER IS
TRACKING THEM DOWN AND PREYING
ON THEM BASICALLY.
WE'RE ASKING YOU AS A LEADER
FROM QUINCY TO HELP US DO THIS
THING.
DON'T STAND IN OUR WAY.
DON'T LITIGATE US.
THAT SHOWS YOU THAT YOU'RE NOT A
PARTNER.
AND IT IS JUST SHORT-SIGHTED ON
YOUR PART TO NOT BE PART OF
THIS.
DO YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING ON OUT
THERE?
WE ARE INUNDATED WITH PEOPLE ON
OUR STREETS.
AND I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO
QUINCY TAKING THIS, WE'RE TAKING
THIS FROM QUINCY.
AND I AM ASKING YOU TO BE THE
LEADER YOU ARE ELECTED TO DO.
WE NEED TO DO THIS AS A STATE.
IF BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH WILL
HAVE A HAND IN IT, THE STATE
WILL, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
DO SOMETHING TO GET IN FRONT OF
IT.

NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT DETOX
BEDS OUT THERE, WE ARE TALKING
ABOUT WHEN THEY GRADUATE FROM
DETOX PROGRAM, PLEASE HELP US.

>> YOU CAN ALSO HELP YOURSELVES.
YOU ARE VERY SUCCESSFUL, THERE
IS NO TALK OF ALTERNATIVE
TRANSPORTATION OR --

>> YOU KNOW TO DO IT RIGHT WE
NEED TO DO THE BRIDGE FIRST.

>> NO, YOU NEED TO HAVE THE
PROPOSE YAM -- PROPOSAL PUT
TOGETHER FIRST SO YOU CAN
EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE.

>> WHEN WE GET THE PROPOSAL
TOGETHER WE WILL COME AND GIVE
IT TO YOU.

>> I WOULD LOVE TO SEE IT I FIND
IT HARD TO BELIEVE YOU ARE
SPENDING \$150 WITHOUT THE
PROPOSAL.
AND IT CAN BE USED NOW.

>> WE NEED ALL FORMS OF
TRANSPORTATION.
BRIDGE, FERRY.

>> YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE TALKING
ABOUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN A
BRIDGE.

>> THE BRIDGE IS FIRST.
AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT UP AS
A LEADER, SOMEONE IN LAW
ENFORCEMENT, YOU SEE THE PROBLEM
AND ARE GOING TO STAND HERE LIKE
THIS.

>> AND I AM GOING TO STAND HERE
AS A MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY WHO
HAS OBVIOUSLY DEALT WITH BOSTON
OVER THREE DECADES.

>> YOU SAID WE ARE NEVER GOOD
NEIGHBORS.

>> YOU HAVE NOT.
WHEN YOU RENOVATED THE SHOOTING
RANGE, NEVER GOT THE LOCAL

PERMITS, JUST WENT OUT AND DID
THE WORK AND SAID SORRY.
AND WHEN ASKED CAN WE USE THE
ISLAND, DENIED ACCESS BECAUSE
THE V.I.P.S FROM BOSTON WERE PUT
OUT.

>> IN '84 THAT ONE?

>> '80, I BELIEVE.

>> BUT I WILL ASK YOU AS A
PUBLIC OFFICIAL, THE MILE IS MY
DISTRICT, THAT'S WHAT IDEAL WITH
EVERY DAY.
HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE COMING IN
EVERY DAY TO GET METHADONE ON
SOUTHAMPTON STREET.
WE ARE ASKING FOR HELP FROM THE
SURROUNDING COMMUNITY THAT ARE
SUFFERING FROM THE SAME THING WE
ARE SUFFERING FROM, AND YOU ARE
TALKING ABOUT 1984.

>> SHOTS FIRED NOT TO INVOLVE
PEOPLE TO SHOVE IT DOWN YOUR
THROATS BECAUSE WE CAN'T VOTE
FOR YOU.

>> IT IS NOT ABOUT WHO CAN VOTE
FOR ME OR NOT.

>> WE NEED TO BUILD THE BRIDGE
AND YOU NEED TO GET ONBOARD.
TO THREATEN WITH LEGISLATION,
SHORT-SIGHTED.
AND YOU ARE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND SEEING WHO --

>> WE TRY NOT TO PUT PEOPLE
AWAY, TRY TO GET THEM HELP.

>> WE NEED PLACES FOR HELP.

>> COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> MY COMMENT IS VERY, VERY
BRIEF.
I THINK MY COLLEAGUED EMPHASIZED
WE NEED THE BEDS, THE SPACE, BUT
I WANT TO ADDRESS ONE OF THE
INITIAL COMMENTS ABOUT US DOING
OUR JOB.
I THINK PART OF OUR JOB IS NOT

ONLY LOOKING AT THE BUDGET, BUT WE DO HOLD THE MATTER AND WE BE STEWARDS OF OUR FINANCIAL FUTURE IN BOSTON.

AS YOU MENTIONED, BOSTONIANS ARE THE ONES PAYING FOR THIS. AND I WANT TO ALSO NOTE PART OF OUR JOB IS TO LOOK AT INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGHOUT AND WE ARE INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND IT WOULD BE AN OUR PART TO MAKE SURE ANYTHING WE ARE INTERESTED IN BUILDING HAS INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT IT. ONE OF THE BIGGEST IS THAT WE ARE BUILDING WITHOUT CERTAIN LEVELS OF INFRASTRUCTURE. WHAT WE MOVE ON THIS CAMPUS THAT I ACTUALLY SUPPORT, MAKING SURE WE HAVE MORE BEDS AND THAT THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM CAN ACCESS THEM. FOR US NOT TO INVEST IN

INFRASTRUCTURE, BE IT ON THE BRIDGE, IT WOULD BE US NOT DOING OUR JOBS. AND THE LITIGATION I TAKE IT SERIOUSLY AS AN ATTORNEY. AND THE KNEE-JERK REACTION I SUGGEST YOU DO YOUR JOB, TOO.

>> AND YOU ARE TRYING TO SHOVE THE BRIDGE DOWN OUR THROAT IT IS A KNEE-JERK REACTION.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. I WILL RESPOND IN KIND TO MY COLLEAGUES WE HAVE ASKED THAT HE IS QUESTIONS AND CONTINUED TO ASK THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF LONG ISLAND, THE PROCESS OF BUILDING THIS BRIDGE, ABOUT THE SERVICES THAT WILL BE OCCURRING ON THE ISLAND AND THE INVOLVEMENT. CITY COUNCIL AND THE REGION IN THE WORK AND MYSELF, COUNCILOR BAKER HAVE CALLED FOR INFORMATION ON PART OF THE PROCESS.

WE AND THE CITY OF BOSTON ARE
CARRYING THE BURDEN FOR NOT JUST
THE REGION, FOR SO MUCH OF THE
EAST COAST.

AND THAT INCLUDES MANY RESIDENTS
WHO COME FROM THE CITY OF
QUINCY.

EVERY SINGLE NIGHT WE DO A
CENSUS IN OUR SHELTER, AND EVERY
SINGLE NIGHT WE HAVE RESIDENTS
FROM THE STEPH QUINCY WHO ARE
UNABLE TO ACCESS A BED IN YOUR
CITY.

AND THEY ARE OFTEN UNABLE TO
ACCESS A BED IN YOUR CITY
BECAUSE THE BARRIERS ARE MUCH
TOO HIGH.

AND SO THEY ARE LEFT ONLY WITH
COMING TO BOSTON BECAUSE WE ARE
DOING THIS WORK AND WE ARE
CARRYING FOR PEOPLE.

AND I THINK COUNCILOR BAKER SAID
IT THE BEST.

WE NEED HELP IN THIS.

WE NEED YOUR HELP, NOT YOUR ROAD
BLOCKS.

AND I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT QUINCY
IS PLANNING ON BUILDING A WALL
AROUND ITS CITY TO BLOCK ACCESS
FOR RESIDENTS OF BOTH BOSTON AND
QUINCY, AS WELL AS THE REST OF
THE REGION TO GET CARE AND
TREATMENT THERE.

IT IS ACTUALLY QUINCY HAS THE
SECOND MOST RESIDENTS WHO CLAIM
THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND TO BE
IN QUINCY ARE IN OUR SHELTERS
EVERY SINGLE NIGHT IN BOSTON.

>> AND YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE WE
ARE THE ONLY SHELTER BETWEEN
BOSTON AND -- THAT QUINN SIP
-- QUINCY AND WE DON'T
DISCRIMINATE WHO WE TAKE INTO
THE SHELTER AS WELL.

>> YOU DO HAVE GREAT BARRIERS TO
ACCESSING YOUR SHELTER SYSTEM IN
THE CITY OF QUINCY.

>> AS COMPARED TO BOSTON.

>> AS COMPARED TO BOSTON.

>> BOSTON IS PAYING FOR THE BRIDGE, REPLACING THE BRIDGE I MIGHT ADD.
IT IS NOT A NEW BRIDGE, REPLACING AN OLD BRIDGE.
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US AS NEIGHBORS, CITIES CLOSELY ALIGNED, TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES IN A REGIONAL APPROACH, RATHER THAN JUST COMING OUT WITH DEFENSES RIGHT NOW.

>> I THINK THAT OPPORTUNITY HAD ALWAYS BEEN OPEN.
BUT WHEN YOU PUSH IT DOWN SOMEONE'S THROAT.

>> I DON'T THINK WE ARE DOING THAT, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT.

>> REDISAGREE.

>> AND WE OUTLINED SEVERAL OUTREACH EFFORTS IN MEETINGS TO ADVANCE THIS CAUSE.
SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED DIALOGUE, BUT I WOULD ASK THAT QUINCY KEEP AN OPEN MIND AND LOOK AT THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY, RATHER THAN AN ATTACK.

>> THE BRIDGE WENT DOWN IN A COUPLE OF YEARS PAST AND THE FIRST MENTION OF A PROPOAL I UNDERSTAND WAS THE PHONE CALL TO THE MAYOR BEFORE THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS.
AND ALREADY HIRED AN ENGINEERING DESIGN FIRM WITHOUT THE HELP OF YOUR NEIGHBOR.

>> THERE IS A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE WE --

>> I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP ENGAGING, BUT I HOPE THAT YOU CAN FIND A PLACE TO AT LEAST BE OPEN TO THIS IDEA, BECAUSE OF THE SEVERITY OF THIS CRISIS THAT HITS YOUR CITY AS HARD AS OUR CITY.
I DON'T WANT TO LET TO GO ON.

>> -- WHY DON'T WE TRY IT?
WHY DON'T WE GET DOING.

>> I THINK THAT WAS BROUGHT UP,
I DON'T WANT TO BE REDUNDANT.
I HAVE MANY PEOPLE WAITING.

>> I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME,
MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> THANK YOU MR. D.A.

>> PHILAMINE, I APPRECIATE YOUR
PATIENCE.

>> I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR
FOR THE BODIEN STREET HEALTH
CENTER WE ARE A HEALTH CENTER IN
THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF DORCHESTER.
SERVING OVER 11,000 PATIENTS AND
WE HAVE ABOUT 43%
AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND 40%
ISLANDERS, 40%
AND THE REMAINDER MADE UP MUCH
VIETNAMESE AND OTHER PATIENTS.
WE ARE A MEMBER OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD TRAUMA TEAM, FUNDED
THROUGH THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH
COMMISSION AND PARTNERS WITH THE
ACTION COLLISION IN DORCHESTER.
THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAUMA TEAM, A
NETWORK OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTERS AND COMMUNITY-BASED
ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK WITH
COMMUNITY RESIDENTS WHO
EXPERIENCED TRAUMA DUE TO
VIOLENCE, GUN VIOLENCE IN THEIR
NEIGHBORHOOD.
AND IN PARTICULAR, OUR
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ACTION
COLLISION.
AND ONCE WE ARE ALERTED TO AN
INCIDENT OF VIOLENCE, WE ARE
DEPLOYED AS A TEAM AND GO OUT TO
THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS.
WE DOOR-KNOCK AND ENGAGE
RESIDENTS OR WHATEVER THEIR
CONCERNS ARE AND TRY TO COME UP
WITH AN ACTION PLAN IN ADDITION
TO THAT.
AND ALSO WORK WITH THE FAMILY
MEMBERS WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF
HOMICIDES, AND WORK CLOSELY WITH
THEM TO PROVIDE TRAUMA

ASSISTANCE THROUGH SOCIAL WORK
AND ALSO FAMILY PARTNER.
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CITY
COUNCILOR, MAYOR, BOSTON HEALTH
COMMISSION FOR THE SUPPORT AND
INVESTMENT IN THIS PROGRAM.
AND TRAUMA CAN HAVE AN ENORMOUS
DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON AN
INDIVIDUAL AND IT IS OUR DUTY AS
A COMMUNITY HEALTH CERTIFICATE
TO WORK TOWARD MAKING OUR
COMMUNITY SAFER AND HEALTHIER.
AS A DORCHESTER RESIDENT I
MYSELF HAD LOSS OF A LOVED ONE
IN THE COMMUNITY.
AND THE INCIDENTS THAT REPORTED
IN OUR COMMUNITIES OVER THE LAST
YEAR, RIGHT NOW WE ARE ABLE TO
RESPOND TO ONLY A SMALL PORTION
OF THE VIOLENT INCIDENTS IN
DORCHESTER.
GOING FROM FIVE COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTERS AS PART OF A TRAUMA TEAM
TO BEING THE ONLY COMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTER OR TEAM IN THE
DORCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD.
I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOU
CREATING AN OPPORTUNITY TO
EXPAND THE TRAUMA TEAM IN
DORCHESTER TO INCLUDE AN
ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTER.
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
THAT SUPPORT.
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A
CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND
WORKING WITH THE CITY, AS WELL
AS COMMUNITY RESIDENTS IN
ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF TRAUMA
AND VIOLENCE IN DORCHESTER.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.
SOMEBODY THAT LIVES AT 625
UNIVERSITY PARK, DORCHESTER.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
SOME OF YOU KNOW ME.
I AM FRED NEWTON, THE PRESIDENT
AND C.E.O., JUST A BLOCK OF MASS
AVE.

ACTUALLY THE SIDE STREET RIGHT

THERE.

AND I AM HERE BECAUSE I SHARE
THE VISION THAT SOMEBODY
MENTIONED THAT JUST THE CAMPUS
WHERE EVERYBODY, ANYBODY THAT
WANTS HELP CAN GO TO.

I KIND OF ENVISIONED IT TO HAVE
THE LEVELS OF CARE NECESSARY TO
MOVE FROM ONE TO THE OTHER.

JUST TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE,
YESTERDAY I HAD MY LUNCH AND
WALKED AROUND TWO BLOCKS AND
PICKED UP 23 NEEDLES.

WE HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM THE
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT RIGHT
THERE AND SEEING THE NEEDLE
COULD BE SOMETHING THAT TRIGGERS
PEOPLE TO WANT TO USE.

YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO PUT
PEOPLE INTO TREATMENT.

IF WE CAN DO THAT IN THE CITY IT
WOULD BE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.
THE GUYS I DEAL WITH CANNOT GET
CLEAN ON MASS AVE.

TOO MUCH DISTRACTION AND STUFF
GOING ON.

AND WE NEED A LOT OF BEDS AT A
LOT OF DIFFERENT LEVELS.

AND THIS IS A START, IT WOULD BE
WONDERFUL.

THE OUTREACH WORKERS, AND I KNOW
THERE ARE OTHER ITEMS IN THE
BUDGET FOR OUTREACH WORKERS AND
FEDERAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER AND
THINGS LIKE THAT.

SO RIGHT NOW IF YOU ARE AN
OUTREACH RESIDENT THAT WALKS UP
TO SOMEONE AND THEY SAY THEY
WANT HELP, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE
TO DO ANYTHING FOR THEM.

IT'S LIKE SORRY.

IF YOU DON'T DIE NEXT TUESDAY
MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU.

WE JUST CAN'T HELP THAT.

AND I KNOW IT IS A LOT OF MONEY,
BUT HOW MUCH IS A LIFE WORTH?
AND THAT'S ONE OF OUR CHILDREN'S
LIVES?

IT COSTS MONEY TO LIVE TODAY,
YOU KNOW, AND TO TREAT PEOPLE.
AND IT'S WORTH EVERY NICKEL IF
WE GET IT UP AND START TO SAVE
LIVES.

I GO TO FUNERALS EVERY WEEK.

AGAIN, THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL
DETOX, STEPPING DOWN, STEPPING
DOWN.

THE LONG-TERM HOUSING PROGRAM,
TOO.

IF SOMEBODY COMES OFF OF MASS
AVE, YOU NEED SIX OR EIGHT
MONTHS OF TREATMENT, IT IS
PROBABLY NOT ENOUGH.

PROBABLY NOT ENOUGH IF THEY JUST
SPENT A NUMBER OF YEARS DOING
WHAT THEY DO.

SO I REALLY HOPE THAT EVERYBODY
WILL PULL TOGETHER.

IT IS A LITTLE BIT CONTEMPTUOUS,
PUT IF EVERYBODY PULLS TOGETHER
I AM SURE WE CAN ALL DO IT.

AND WHO RUNS THE PROGRAMS ARE
CREDIBLE PEOPLE, THAT'S ALL THAT
MATTERS.

I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY
THOUGHTS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU FRED AND THANK YOU
FOR ALL YOU DO.
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

>> FRED, I JUST WANT TO THANK
YOU FOR ALL THE WORK DO YOU AND
ALL THE WORK THAT HOPE HOUSE
DOES.

WE APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP.
NOT A WEEK HAS GONE BY WHERE
SINCE I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER HAVE
NOT REACHED OUT TO FOLKS LIKE
YOURSELF AND OTHERS REGARDING
TREATMENT AND RECOVERY BEDS FOR
EVERYONE.

FOR ADOLESCENTS, YOUNG GIRLS,
ADULTS, GRANDPARENTS.

THE OPIOID CRISIS HAS TAKEN ITS
TOLL ON OUR CITY.

AND AS COUNCILOR BAKER SAID, ALL
WALKS OF LIFE ARE COMING TO
BOSTON IN SEARCH TO GET HIGH,
AND ALSO TO GET RECOVERY.

AND WE DON'T DENY THEM.

MANY TIMES IT IS A STRANGE
PHENOMENON SPEAKING FROM WHETHER
THE GAVIN HOUSE IN MY
NEIGHBORHOOD, AND MORE OFTEN
THAN NOT YOU HAVE TO GET THAT
PERSON OUT OF THAT ENVIRONMENT,

OUT OF THE HOMETOWN WHERE THEIR
RELATIONSHIPS, CONNECTIONS,
HOOK-UPS ARE, AND SEND THEM TO
OTHER PLACES.
THAT GETS LOST IN THE OPIOID PRY
CY SIS.
BOSTON IS ALWAYS ASKED TO DO
MORE.
MORE ON THE HOUSE CRYING
-- CRISIS, THE OPIOID CRISIS.
TOWNS HAVE TO STEP UP AND MEET
US HALF WAY, JOIN US.
OUR KIDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
NEED A PLACE FOR DETOX RECOVERY,
HALF WAIVE AND THREE-QUARTER AS
WE ARE AACCEPTING MEN AND WOMEN
FROM OVER COMMUNITIES.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THAT REASON.
IF YOU ARE KID, JUST USE QUINCY
AS AN EXAMPLE.
YOU ARE A QUINCY KID GETTING
HIGH IN QUINCY AND HOOK-UPS ARE
IN QUINCY, YOUR SUCCESS RATE OF
DETOXING IN QUINCY PROBABLY NOT
THAT GREAT.
WE HAVE TO PUT YOU IN MARLBORO
OR MELROSE AND YOU HAVE A FIGHT
BE CHOICE.
TRYING TO GET YOU OUT OF THE
AREA, AND A RESULT OF WISH THERE
IS RECIPROCAL BEHAVIOR TO MAKE
SURE WE ARE DEALING WITH IT
APPROPRIATELY.
AND HOPE HOUSE HAS DONE GREAT
WORK.
YOU HAVE DONE GREAT WORK.
YOUR COLLEAGUES THROUGHOUT THE
TREATMENT AND RECOVERY WORLD
HAVE DONE GREAT WORK AND
APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP AND
FRIENDSHIP.
AND WE CALL ON YOU OFTEN AND IT
IS RIGHT BEFORE CLOSE OF WHICH
IS ON FRIDAY, TRYING TO FIND
TREATMENT AND RECOVERY, FIND AN
AVAILABLE BED FOR A KID, FOR A
FAMILY.
AND YOU GUYS NEVER SHY AWAY FROM
TAKING THE PHONE CALL AND YOU
WORK MAGIC.
YOU WORK MIRACLES AND WE ARE
GRATEFUL FOR THAT.

>> IT DOES HELP TO BE THE

MULTI-PRONG.

>> AND YOU SAY HELLO TO MY
FRIEND, MICHAEL, TOO.

>> WE WILL DO THAT.

>> THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO.
IF SOME OF THE INVEINOUS DRUG
USER FOR FIVE OR TEN YEARS IT
WILL TAKE MULTIPLE YEARS TO JUST
GET THEIR HEAD-ON STRAIGHT.
AND THAT'S WHERE I THINK WE HAVE
AN OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER ON
THIS CAMPUS, FOR THAT PERSON
THAT HAS DONE THROUGH FRED'S
PROGRAM BUT NOW NEEDS TO JUST
BECOME HUMAN AGAIN.

MAYBE OUR CHARGE AS CITY COUNCIL
IS TO URGE THE ADMINISTRATION TO
COME UP WITH THE PLAN FOR WHAT
THE CAMPUS WILL LOOK LIKE, AND
THEN WE CAN GO AND DELIVER TO
PEOPLE THAT ARE TRYING TO BLOCK
US.

BUT FRED, GREAT WORK.
SAME AS MICHAEL SAID, YOU HELPED
ME ON MULTIPLE TIMES.
AND YOU ARE ONE OF THE BEST
PROGRAMS OUT THERE, SO THANK
YOU.

>> THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE IT,
THANK YOU.
[SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
I CAME FROM PUERTO RICO DURING
THE HURRICANE.
FROM THERE I WAS ON THE STREETS
WITH MY 6 YEAR OLD SON.
HE GOES TO BOSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS.
AFTER BEING ON THE STREET, I
MOVED INTO A HOTEL.
THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HELPED
ME WITH BACKPACK, PENCILS, ALL
SUPPLIES, COATS, THANKSGIVING
TURKEY DINNER AND CHRISTMAS
GIFTS.
AND TRANSFERRED SECTION 8 TO
BOSTON.
AND THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HOPING THEY CONTINUE TO HELP

PEOPLE LIKE ME.
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING
THERE.
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.
MANY BLESSINGS AND HAVE A GOOD
AFTERNOON.

>> I AM LINDA HERE WITH ALEX
BOTH FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING A BILINGUAL
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN EAST
BOSTON.
SERVING OVER 2100 INDIVIDUALS
EVERY YEAR.
WE HAVE A NUMBER OF DITCH
HOUSING PROGRAMS FROM SOCIAL
SERVICES LINES.
ONE OF THESE THE WINTER HOUSING
AND EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM, THE CITY OF BOSTON
RESIDENTS.
THE MAJORITY OF THE CLIENTS WE
SEE THROUGH THE PROGRAM ARE
PEOPLE OF VERY LOW INCOME,
FAMILIES AND WHO ARE
EXPERIENCING A CERTAIN HOUSING
CRISIS SITUATION THROUGH NO
FAULT OF THEIR OWN.
WE ASK THAT THE CITY FUNDING FOR
THIS TYPE OF PROGRAMMING BE
INCREASED IN THE NEXT YEAR TO AN
ADDITIONAL HOUSING EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE FUND.
AND WE THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH
FOR ALL OF YOUR PAST SUPPORT.
YOU HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING US IN
THIS PROGRAM FOR OVER 30 YEARS
NOW.
A LITTLE BIT ABOUT NOAH, WE ARE
OFFERING PROGRAMS TO BOSTON
RESIDENTS HELPING THEM EITHER
STAY IN THE CURRENT HOME, OR IF
THEY ARE HOMELESS, TO FIND
NUMBER HOMES.
WE ALSO HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE
BEEN DISPLACED BUT DON'T
CURRENTLY HAVE RESOURCES TO FIND
A NEW UNIT RIGHT AWAY.
WE HELP THEM OBTAIN A ROOF OVER
THEIR HEAD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
EVEN IF TEMPORARY SHELTER, AND
GET THEM ON THE LONG-TERM PATH
OF HOUSING STABILITY.
THE GOAL, PUTTING RESIDENTS

SUDDENLY HOMELESS ON THE PATH TO
NO HOMELESSNESS.

AND THE YEARS WE ARE OFFERING
THE PROGRAM WE SEE THE NUMBER OF
CLIENTS COMING TO US REALLY
GROW.

SIGNIFICANTLY.

IN YEARS PAST WE MIGHT HAVE
SERVED 100 CLIENTS A YEAR, AND
JUST IN THE CURRENT YEAR JANUARY
THROUGH MARCH WE SERVED 100
CLIENTS.

IT HAS REALLY INCREASED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> HELLO.

A SPECIAL FOCUS ON ASSISTING TEN
IT'S MISPLACED DUE TO FIRE,
NATURAL DISASTER OR CONVICTION.
AND DISTRIBUTED 6800 SETTLEMENTS
TO HELP THE BOSTON FIRE VICTIMS
PLAYING FIRST AND LAST MONTH
RENT AND COSTS.

WORKING FAMILIES BELOW 60% AMI,
AVERAGE MEDIAN INCOME.

WORKING IN RESTAURANTS, HOTEL,
SECURITY GUARDS, IN-HOME
HEALTHCARE AIDS AND HOSPITALS,
AND CONVENIENCE STORES.

UNIVERSITIES AND FOLKS FROM ALL
OVER OUR COMMUNITY.

ONE CASE, WORKING AS AN OFFICE
ASSIST AS COMPLETELY DESTROYED
HER HOME AND BELONGINGS AND WE
HELPED HER AND HER THREE
CHILDREN OBTAIN THE NEW
APARTMENT HOME.

SIMILARLY, A SECURITY GUARD AND
HIS FAMILY OF FOUR WERE
DISPLACED BY A FIRE, AND ABLE TO
MOVE THEM INTO THEIR NEW HOME
PROMPTLY PLAYING THE FIRST AND
LAST MONTH'S RENT.

AND IN OTHER SITUATION, MS. K, A
WIDOW WORKING AS A HOME HEALTH
AIDE AND LOST HER HOME AND
BELONGINGS DUE TO A FIRE.

AND MOVED HER TO A NEW APARTMENT
HOME.

AND THE LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME
EMPLOYEES.

AND DUE TO FIRE, COLLAPSE OR
OTHER SIMILAR SITUATION.

ANNUAL ABLE TO BE REHOUSED
THROUGH THIS PROGRAM.
AND SINCE 2016 ALSO PLACED
NEARLY 400 CLIENTS IN HOTEL
STAYS AFTER RED CROSS STAY ENDED
TO ELONGATE THEM FINDING
LONG-TERM HOUSING IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU
FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO
BE HERE TODAY.

I AM CANDICE AND I AM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALL
DORCHESTER SUPPORTS AND
LEADERSHIP AND A DORCHESTER
RESIDENT.

AND I AM HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU
TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE PARKS
BUDGET.

AND WHAT I WANTED TO TELL YOU IS
SITTING ON A FIELD IN FIELDS
CORNER, DORCHESTER AND HAVE
ABOUT SIX ACRES AND OCCUPY A
FIELD HOUSE.

WE ARE TRYING TO RE-ENERGIZE THE
FIELD.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW IT COMES
WITH SOME ISSUES, AND MY JOB HAS
BEEN TO TRY TO PROMOTE AND GET
POSITIVE ACTIVITIES IN THERE.
MY OTHER ROLE IS A MEMBER OF THE
BOSTON PARKS ADVOCATE.

AND I REPRESENT THE FAMILY
PARKS.

AND I WANT TO PUT A FACE ON THE
NEEDS FOR THE PARKS BUDGET THIS
YEAR.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN OUR FIELD WHICH
THE PARK DEPARTMENTS OWNS, WE
ARE TRYING TO UPGRADE OUR
ELECTRICITY BECAUSE THE PARKS,
THEY ARE TRYING TO KEEP THE
PLACE GOING.

CAN'T RUN A COMPUTER AND AIR
CONDITIONER AT THE SAME TIME.
SO WE DO THE BEST WE CAN.

I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME TRYING
TO RAISE FUNDS TO KEEP THE DOORS
OPEN AND LIGHTS ON.

AND ANY HELP BY APPROVING THE
PARKS BUDGET WOULD BE VERY MUCH

APPRECIATED.

IT WOULD MEAN A LOT TO THIS PART
OF DORCHESTER, WHICH IS REALLY
UNDERSERVED.

SO MANY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE
CLOSED, FOUR IN RECENT YEARS,
AND NOT MANY PLACES WHERE KIDS
CAN GET OUTSIDE AND HAVE
POSITIVE ACTIVITIES, GET AWAY
FROM THE COMPUTERS AND JUST
INTERACT WITH OTHERS IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

I AM HOPING YOU WILL CONSIDER
THE PARKS BUDGET.

IT WOULD HELP US GROW
DORCHESTER, AND IT WOULD HELP ME
DO MY JOB AND PROVIDE MORE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE KIDS IN
THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO COME TO THE
PARK AND ENJOY WHAT WE HAVE TO
OFFER.

>> THANK YOU.

>> WHAT PART -- FIRST OF ALL
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT
YOU DO.

MY KIDS HAVE BEEN IN THE
PROGRAMMING THAT YOU RUN.
WHAT IS THE PRICE TAG FOR THE
FIELDHOUSE, ELECTRICAL WORK?
DO YOU HAVE A DOLLAR AMOUNT IN
PARTICULAR?

>> YES, WE HAVE -- I JUST
SUBMITTED A GRANT FOR \$15,000 TO
UPGRADE THE ELECTRIC.

THE PLANNING IS GOING TO BE A
LOT MORE.
WE NEED A ROOF, AND ALSO ANGLING
TO GET SOME CPA DOLLARS, BUT
THAT WILL PROBABLY
NOT -- ANOTHER YEAR OR SO.

I SHOULD SAY WE HAVE INCREASED
OUR PARTICIPANT NUMBERS
EXPONENTIALLY THE NUMBER OF KIDS
WE SERVE EACH YEAR.
MOVING AS FAST AS WE CAN TO
UPDATE TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL
NUMBERS.

AND BEING SO SUPPORTIVE, AND WE
ARE JUST A SMALL PIECE OF THE
PARKS BUDGET, BUT I THOUGHT, YOU
KNOW, IT IS SORT OF THE HUMAN

STORY THAT IS GOING TO AFFECT
THE QUALITY OF LIFE.
AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU, I CAN
USE THE MONEY INSTEAD OF
UPGRADING THE STRUCTURE OF THE
BRICK ON THE BUILDING.
I WOULD MUCH RATHER SPEND IT ON
PROGRAMMING.

>> REFERRED TO YOURSELF AS SMALL
POTATO MEMBER.
I THINK OF WHY DO YOU FEEL THAT
WAY?

>> I AM WITH PEOPLE IN FRANKLIN
PARK COALITION AND IT IS AN
HONOR TO BE SITTING AT THE TABLE
WITH THEM.
AND ALSO SEEMS TO BRING A
DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, A
DAY-TO-DAY PERSPECTIVE AND I
APPRECIATE THE WORK MY
COLLEAGUES ARE DOING.
AND TO TRY TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE
WAYS TO HAVE PEOPLE GET OUT AND
ENJOY THE OUTDOORS.
SO MANY BUILDINGS, THERE IS NOT
MUCH GREEN SPACE.
IT IS NOT THE FIRST THING YOU
THINK OF WHEN YOU ARE DEVELOPING
A NEIGHBORHOOD.
SO TO BE ABLE TO SIT AT THE
TABLE AND PROMOTE THAT KIND OF
HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT IS SOMETHING
THAT I'M DELIGHTED TO BE PART
OF.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> CHAIRMAN VALDES, COREY
TURNER, LYDIA LOWE.

>> HI, THANK YOU.
I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALIGNMENT
BASED IN DORCHESTER.
AND DESCRIBING AS ONE OF THE
SMALL POTATOES, THAT'S WHY THE
REASON WE HAVE THE COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION ACT BECAUSE OF HER
INNOVATION AND A GREAT PARTNER.
I AM HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE

DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENT,
SPECIFICALLY THE RESOURCES THAT
ARE GOING THROUGH AFFORDABLE
HOMEOWNERSHIP.
WE SUPPORT MY UNDERSTANDING THE
PROPOSED \$500,000 FOR DOWN
PAYMENT APRIL -- ASSISTANCE AND
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR
FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS.
I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU BUT

DULL J ME.
LAST YEAR, FAR TOO MANY ARE NOT
BUYING BECAUSE OF PRICES OR
BUYING AS FAR AS WAY AS
ATTLEBORO.
THEY WOULD PREFER TO STAY IN
BOSTON BUT ARE BEING PRICED OUT
OF THE CITY.
AND ALSO TAKING A LOOK AT THE
SUPPORT THE CITY HAS PROVIDED
FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS
OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS.
91% OF THE AFFORDABLE UNITS
SUPPORTED BY THE CITY ARE
RENTALS.
9% OF HOMEOWNERSHIP.
WE CLEARLY HAVE A CRISIS FOR
RENTERS.
I AM NOT HERE TO SAY THAT THERE
SHOULD BE LESS SUPPORT THAN FOR
AFFORDABLE RENTALS.
CLEARLY NOT.
BUT WE NEED ALL OF THAT SUPPORT.
WE NEED TO EXPAND THE PIE SO
HOMEOWNERSHIP CAN GET A
PROPORTIONATE SHARE.
MAYBE NOT 50/50 BUT
PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE
RESOURCES.
AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
DOESN'T FUND HOMEOWNERSHIP.
THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT
FUNDED, THEY PROVIDED ZERO
DOLLARS FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP.
THEY HAVE NOT BEEN A PARTNER
WITH THE CITY AT ALL FOR
AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP.
THE TWO DEVELOPMENTS WERE FUNDED
IN THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION
AND OBVIOUSLY JUST OPENED.
BUT THOSE WERE PAST
ADMINISTRATION SO GONE ALMOST
FOUR YEARS WITHOUT THAT.

WE ARE HOPING TO SEE A BUNCH OF
YOU ON JUNE 12 FOR OUR
EXPAND-THE-PIE MEETING.
YOU WILL LEAVE WITH A PIE, JUST
TO REMIND YOU WE ARE TRYING TO
EXPAND THE PIE.
IT IS A MINI PIE, SO DON'T GET
TOO EXCITED.
BUT HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU MADE
THAT PROMISE?
I SPECIFICALLY WANTED TO SUPPORT
THESE EFFORTS TO PUSH
HOMEOWNERSHIP.
IT HAS A PARTICULARLY I THINK
NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE CITY WHEN
WE'RE LOSING OUR HOME-BUYING
POPULATION OF A CERTAIN INCOME
TO OTHER COMMUNITIES.
IT ALSO HAS A RACIAL IMPACT.
WE DISPROPORTIONATELY HAVE
LATINO BENEFITS THAT DON'T GET A
CHANCE TO MOVE INTO
HOMEOWNERSHIP.
AND WE HAVE A CAP, 44% ARE
WHITE, 29% OF THE BLACK
RESIDENTS AND 16% OF LATINO
RESIDENTS ARE HOMEOWNERS.
THERE IS ALREADY AN EXISTING GAP
IN THE CURRENT HOUSING COST
CRISIS, IT IS MAKING THAT GAP
EVEN WIDER.
UNLESS WE ARE INTENTIONAL ABOUT
OUR RESOURCES AND TRYING TO
CLOSE THE GAP, I THINK THERE IS
AN EASIER IN FUTURE YEARS LOST
AN OPPORTUNITY OF FUTURE HOME
BUYERS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE
PAST AND CONTINUING WORK, DOING
WORK WITH YOUR ORGANIZATION AND
HAPPY TO SAY THE FIRST ROUND OF
COMMITMENTS ARE COMING OUT TO BE
A VOTE I BELIEVE THIS EVENING
WITH RESPECT TO AFFORDABLE
HOUSING, SENIOR AND VETERAN
HOUSING, HISTORIC PRESSURE

-- PRESERVATION AND IT WAS
BECAUSE OF YOUR HARD WORK WHY WE
ARE HERE.

AND SPEAKING FOR MYSELF AND COLLEAGUES, AND IT WILL BE A NICE PIE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

>> A 12-1 VOTE TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AND THANK YOU FOR THAT. I KNOW SOME OF YOU WEREN'T HERE, BUT YOU WOULD HAVE VOTED FOR IT. THAT GOT THE CAMPAIGN STARTED. WITHOUT THAT WE WOULD STILL BE TALKING ABOUT IT.

>> I AM DAVID MARTIN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH COUNCIL A STATE WIDE AT VOHLAND KITCY ADVOCATING FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF EVERY PERSON IN EVERY COMMUNITY IN THE COMMONWEALTH. AND THE BOSTON HEALTH COUNCIL ALWAYS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE BOSTON HEALTH COMMISSION TO MAKE HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES AND PREVENTIVE CARE, SO ALL PEOPLE IN ALL COMMUNITIES CAN THRIVE. AND THANKS TO THE INVESTMENT WITH MAYOR WALSH A NEW MARIJUANA EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. AND SINCE IT HAS BEEN LEGALIZED IT IS CRITICAL WE PROVIDE FAMILIES WITH CLEAR AND EASILY-ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EFFECT OF USING LEGAL MARIJUANA. AND THE MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH COUNCIL RECENTLY HAD A CONFERENCE LAST WEEK TALKING ABOUT THE REALITY OF THE LEGAL MARIJUANA BECAUSE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND OTHERS WORKING WITH YOUTH SHOWED UP BECAUSE THEY ARE DESPERATE ABOUT THE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WE TELL THE KIDS ABOUT MARIJUANA. AND THE OPIOID CRISIS, AND WE LEGALIZE MARIJUANA, MIXED MESSAGES FOR KIDS AND WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS FUNDING AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> HELLO.
EARLIER YOU HEARD ABOUT THE
TRAUMA FOR DORCHESTER.
AND I AM HERE FROM THE
NEIGHBORHOOD TRAUMA TEAM AND DO
DIRECT SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO
ARE VICTIMS OF CRIMES, FAMILIES,
AND I WANTED TO SHARE EXACTLY
ONE MONTH AGO WE HAD A DOUBLE
HOMICIDE AND I WAS ONE OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE TRAUMA TEAM THAT
DID DIRECT WORK TO FAMILIES AND
RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITIES.
TO BE SPECIFIC, TO MAKE A POINT,
THE BOSTON TRAUMA RESPONSE TEAM
AND MANY OTHER AGENCIES
RESPONDED THAT NIGHT.
AND DID TREMENDOUS WORK.
AS A FAMILY PARTNER OF THE TEAM,
NOT ONLY DID I WORK CLOSELY WITH
A FAMILY THAT LOST ITS LOVED
ONE, MAKING SURE THEY RECEIVED
APPROPRIATE SERVICES, BUT ALSO
RECEIVED REFERRALS FROM THE
COMMUNITY.
RESIDENTS WHO WITNESSED AND
AFFECTED BY THE TRAUMA.
NOT ONLY THAT DAY, BUT EVERY
OTHER DAY.
I AM HERE TO ADDRESS CERTAIN
POINTS OF THIS WORK.
THE POSITIVE IMPACT IT HAS ON
RESIDENTS.
MANY DAYS I GET MESSAGES HAVE
COMPLAINTS ON PATIENTS WE
MINDING ME HOW THEY WERE TO BE
WORKING WITH ME ON THEIR FORMER
PARTNER GETTING THINGS SUCH AS
CONNECTING THEM BACK TO THE
HEALTH CENTERS.
AND I WANT TO THANK INCLUDING
THE MAYOR'S BUDGET, THE
COMMISSION, AND IT WILL EXPLAIN
THIS NEIGHBORHOOD TRAUMA TEAM IN
DORCHESTER.
AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE GREAT
WORK WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> YOU'RE NEXT, GO AHEAD.

>> ON BEHALF OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CHINATOWN LIBRARY AND WANTED TO SPEAK IN FAVOR AND SUPPORT OF THE ALLOCATIONS OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

I THINK IT'S BEEN SO IMPORTANT TO HAVE NOT ONLY A BEAUTIFUL CENTRAL BENCH, A CENTRAL LIBRARY WHICH I WAS, YOU KNOW, LUCKY TO BE AT THE OPENING OF, BUT ALSO THE REAL INVESTMENT IN THE BRANCHES.

AND THE BRANCHES ARE JUST SO IMPORTANT FOR, YOU KNOW, OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, FOR, YOU KNOW, KIDS AND GETTING ON TRACK WITH MEETINGS.

FOR ELDERLY HAVING A PLACE, AND ESPECIALLY GREAT FOR, YOU KNOW, AFTER SO MANY DECADES THAT WE FINALLY HAVE A CHINATOWN BRANCH LIBRARY, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS AN INTERIM LIBRARY IT SURPASSED EXPECTATIONS IN TERMS OF USAGE. AND ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO AND APPRECIATE THE FACT THERE IS A STUDY FOR A PERMANENT LIBRARY AS WELL.

AND SINCE I AM HERE WITH OTHER TESTIMONY I ALSO WANT TO SUPPORT ALLOCATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT. WE NEED THAT AND MORE.

AND, YOU KNOW, AS I WAS LISTENING TO TOM CALLAHAN SPEAK ABOUT HOMEOWNERSHIP, I JUST WANTED TO RAISE, YOU KNOW, ANOTHER ISSUE WHICH IS NOT SPECIFICALLY BUDGETARY, BUT JUST, YOU KNOW, THAT I THINK IT WAS WORTHWHILE FOR THE CITY TO REALLY LOOK INTO COMMUNITY LAND TRUST AS A HOMEOWNERSHIP STRATEGY TO INCREASE HOMEOWNERSHIP AND TO REALLY KEEP HOMES AFFORDABLE FOR THE LONG RUN.

IT COSTS SO MUCH FOR US TO BUILD EVERY KNEW HOME.

BUT OF THROUGH COMMUNITY PLANNED TRUSTS AND OWNERSHIP KEEPING HOMES PERFORMLY AFFORDABLE IS A

WAY WE CAN INCREASE OWNERSHIP
OPTIONS WITHOUT HAVING TO DO
ADDITIONAL NEW CONSTRUCTION.
AND THAT CAN ALSO BE, YOU KNOW,
MORE REASONABLE TO JUST PRESERVE
WHAT WE HAVE.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.
I AM SORRY, COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR.
I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
LYDIA AND THE PEOPLE FROM
CHINATOWN TO NEVER GIVING UP ON
THE DREAM TO OPEN UP A PUBLIC
LIBRARY.
THEY FOUGHT FOR 50 YEARS.
THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF MAYOR
WALSH AND HIS ADMINISTRATION
THEY HAVE A TEMPORARY LIBRARY IN
CHINATOWN.
IT IS ABOUT 1500 SQUARE FEET.
THE COMMUNITY LOVES IT, AND I
HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO
THE MAYOR OVER THE WEEKEND AND I
KNOW THAT HE IS 100% COMMITTED
TO CONTINUING TO LOOK AT SPACES
TO BUILD A PERMANENT LIBRARY IN
CHINATOWN.
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE MAYOR
FOR HIS DEDICATION AND
COMMITMENT, AND ALSO PROUD OF
THE PEOPLE OF CHINATOWN FOR
NEVER GIVING UP ON THEIR DREAM,
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I AM THE MANAGING ATTORNEY AT
GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES
HOUSING UNIT.
AND I AM HERE TO SHOW SUPPORT
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE
OF IS THAT BUILT AND BUDGET
QUESTIONS.
IN PARTICULAR, THE INCREASE OF
\$125,000 FOR THE LEGAL
ASSISTANCE FOR EVICTION
PROGRAMS.
GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES,
LEGAL AID HAS WORKED CLOSES WITH
THE OFFICE OF HOUSING STABILITY

SINCE THEY STARTED.

AND ONE OF THE THINGS THEY HAVE BEEN DONE THAT IS KEY AND WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THE ADDITIONAL \$125,000.

TWO YEARS AGO GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES, WORKING TOGETHER WITH MANY CITY AGENCIES AND CDCS TURNED 89 EVICTIONS OF LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS TO 39 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN DORCHESTER AND MATTAPAN.

AND IT HELPED US QUICKLY GET FINANCING TO THOSE TENDENCIES AND WORKED TO ENSURE THE BUDGET. THAT ENCOURING IT WAS GOING TO WORK OUT HELPED ITS SUCCESS AND STABILIZED THROUGH TRANSITION AND OWNERSHIP FROM A NOTORIOUS SLUM LORD TO OWNED BY THE PROPERTY THAT IS AFFORDABLE. AND HELPING OUT WITH EMERGENCY DISPLACE MANY -- DISPLACE MANY AS SHOWN.

AND WE CAN COUNT THAT THEY WILL BE REPLACED IN MODELS IMMEDIATELY.

AND TRANSITION TO A NEW HOME. AND FINALLY, THE MEDIATION SERVICES PROVIDED, IT MEANS A LOT STRATEGICALLY THAT THE CITY IS WILLING THAT PUT ON ARM OF ITS GOVERNMENT AND CLOUD BEHIND A CASE, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE WHERE THEY ARE REALLY THROWN OUT OF THEIR HOMES AND NEED A SERIOUS PLACE TO COME.

TO COME AND SAY IT SHOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.

AND BOSTON RESIDENTS DESERVE TO STAY IN A HOME.

WITH ADDITIONAL \$125,000 INVESTMENT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO STOP MANY EVICTIONS AROUND THE CITY OF BOSTON.

AND AN EXAMPLE IS LEGAL AID ASSISTED A SINGLE MOM.

SHE IS VERY DISABLED AND HAS A DISABLED DAUGHTER.

THEY WERE LIVING IN A RUN-DOWN TINY APARTMENT WITH NO LOCK ON THE DOOR AT ALL.

OVERRAN WITH MICE AND PAID \$500 RENT.

AND FACING EDICTION FOR NO REASON.
THE LANDLORD WANTED TO REHAB THE BUILDING.
THEY WERE REALLY SQUARED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE OUT IN THE STREET AND THE LANDLORD ONLY OFFERING THEM A FEW WEEKS TO GET OUT.
BECAUSE OF THE STRESS OF THE EVICTION THE MOM AND DAUGHTER WERE DEALING WITH IT AND WHEN LEGAL AID GOT INVOLVED, WE WERE ABLE TO TELL HER SHE IS NOT BECOME TO BECOME HOMELESS AND SHE AND HER DAUGHTER WERE NOT GOING TO BE ON THE STREETS.
WORKING TOGETHER WE HELPED HER TRANSITION TO PUBLIC HOUSING, AND ALSO HAD THE MONEY TO MOVE AND MAKE THAT TRANSITION SAFELY.
\$125,000 WITH THAT WE ARE ABLE TO HELP MANY MORE PEOPLE AND GET THEM INTO SAFE LIVING, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, I AM RUSSELL AND I TEACH AT NEW ENGLAND WELL BOSTON AND SERVED ON THE MASSACHUSETTS ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION.
I ALSO AM HERE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE BUDGET ITEM OF \$125,000 FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR EVICTION PREVENTION.
BY TAKING THIS STEP, BOSTON CAN CONTINUE TO STEP FORWARD AND JOIN THE GROWING LIST OF CITIESING RECOGNIZING LEGAL SERVICES FOR ADDICTION DEFENSE IS A CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT POLICY FOR AFFORDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING STABILIZATION.
AND NEW YORK CITY, WASHINGTON, DENVER, SAN FRANCISCO, AMONG CITIES THAT DRAMATICALLY INCREASED RESOURCES BECAUSE SO MANY TENANTS DON'T HAVE LAWYERS. WHEN THEY GET LAWYERS THEY ARE ABLE TO STAY IN HOMES OR FIND EYE -- EQUIVALENT AFFORDABLE

HOUSING.

IN 2018 WE WILL BE THE FIRST CITY THAT HAS A RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR FACING CONVICTION.

AND IT STARTED WITHIN INCREASING MONEY FOR ELECTION DEFENSE.

PRIOR TO THE ALLOCATION OF MONEY, ONLY 1% HAD REPRESENTATION, IT JUMPED TO 27%.

EVICCTIONS CITYWIDE PLUMMETED BY 24%.

24% WITH REPRESENTATION.

AS A RESULTS THEY WERE TREMENDOUS COST-SAVINGS FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TRAUMA AVERTED FOR THE FAMILY THAT WERE RIPPED APART BY EVICTION.

JUST FROM A MONETARY LEVEL. THE MASSACHUSETTS STAYEDWIDE TRAFFIC FORCE, FOR EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON THESE SERVICES GOVERNMENT SAVED \$2.69 DOLLARS. NEW YORK CITIES FOUND THE FILLINGS WERE HIGHER BETWEEN \$5 OR \$10 SAVED IN GOVERNMENT FUNDING FROM EVICTION AVOIDED, FROM THE AVERTED COSTS OF THE SYSTEM.

EVICTION PREVENTION AND LEGAL SERVICES, CRUCIAL TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

ADDING THIS LINE ITEM AND WHATEVER COMMITMENTS CAN BE FOUND WILL INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GREAT WORK AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OR STABILIZATION ALREADY DOES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I AM A HOUSING ATTORNEY WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS LAW REFORM INSTITUTE BASED IN BOSTON, RIGHT UP THE TREAT.

A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS ON POLICY AND ADVOCACY CONCERNING LOW-INCOME PEOPLE. LIKE MY COME -- COLLEAGUES BEFORE SHE I AM HERE TO ASK YOU TO PASS THE \$125,000 BUDGET. THE HOUSING CRISIS IS NOT NEW TO

ANY OF US HERE.
BUT IT IS HEATING UP.
NEW BREED OF EVICTIONS.
AND FOR A LITTLE BIT OF HELP,
FOLKS WHO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE CAN
PREVENT THE EVICTIONS, THE
TRAUMA THAT CAUSES THE
EVICTIONS.

I WANT TO SHARE WITH
UP STATISTICS THAT ARE STARK.
AND I HAVE SOMETHING I WOULD
LIKE TO GIVE TO YOU, I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO DO THAT, THANK YOU.
WHAT I AM PROVIDING YOU IS
STATISTICS FROM THE HOUSING
COURT DEPARTMENT.
AND IT SHOWS YOU THAT IN THE
BOSTON HOUSING COURT 92% OF
TENANTS ARE UNREPRESENTED.
AND IT ALSO SHOWS YOU THAT 81%
OF LANDLORDS ARE REPRESENTED.
ON THE BASKETBALL COURT FOR
THOSE OF US WOULD LIKE TO WATCH
BASEBALL IT IS A MISMATCH.
LIKE ME GOING UP AGAINST BILL
RUSSELL.

THE BALANCE OF POWER IS
DEFINITELY WEIGHTED TOWARDS
LANDLORDS WHO HAVE THE BENEFIT
OF AN ATTORNEY BENEFIT OF A
DOCTOR TO GET ADVICE, AND THE
BENEFIT OF A LAWYER TO STABILIZE
HOUSING.

THESE FIGURES ARE VERY IMPORTANT
FOR BOSTON TO PAY ATTENTION TO.
YOUR LEADERSHIP IN MANY CASE IS
INCREDIBLE AND WE HOPE THERE ARE
FUTURE THINGS WE CAN DO TO GROW
AN EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM,
AS PROFESSOR ENGLISH SAID,
ACROSS THE COUNTRY THERE ARE
DIFFERENT WAYS EVICTION SENSE IS
ACCOMPLISHED.

THIS IS A GOOD FIRST STEP AND
URGE YOU TO PASS THE LINE ITEM,
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.
COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> I AM WANT TO DO A GLOBAL KIND
OF COMMENT.
THERE ARE FOLKS THAT CAME FROM
AND I AM HAPPY TO REPRESENT AND

DEALING WITH FOLKS IN
EMERGENCIES.
PART THAT IS THE UPSTREAM
APPROACH TO DEALING WITH
HOMELESSNESS AND DISPLACEMENT,
WHICH THEN IS FILLED IN BY THE
INCREDIBLE ADVOCATES AND GREATER
BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES.
I SUPPORT THE PUSH FOR INCREASE
IN BUDGET.
DEMONSTRATING OVER AND OVER
AGAIN IT IS PREVENTION AND
UPSTREAM IS HOW YOU PREVENT
DISPLACEMENT.
KNOWING THE CITY CAN INVEST AND
PEOPLE WALKING IN CAN GET LEGAL
ADVICE.
NOT ALWAYS PREVENTING AN
EJECTION, BUT ALLOWING FOR A
SOFTER LANDING, ALLOWING THEM TO
NEGOTIATE FAIRLY IF THEY HAVE TO
NEGOTIATE, THESE ARE THINGS
WORTH THE INVESTMENT.
AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE
INCREASE IN OHS BUDGET.
NOT JUST BECAUSE I LOVE OHS --

>>

>> A LITTLE BIT?

>> I AM NOT DIE I CAN'T SAID AT
ALL, BUT INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE
OF THE ORGANIZES AND THE RECORD
SPEAKS FOR THEMSELVES.
THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE FIGHT
ALSO.
AND SPEAKING WITH THE CHINESE
PROGRESSIVE SORGS AND PUSH FOR
LAND TRUST IT IS TIME TO GET
CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE AND
\$125,000 IS WORTH THE
INVESTMENT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> HI EVERYONE.
I AM SARAH FREEMAN, JAMAICA
PLAIN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M DOING THIS,
BUT A TOPIC THAT ISN'T FUNNY AT
ALL, WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS SOME
OF YOU WERE HERE PROBABLY FOR
THE PARKS DEPARTMENT BUDGET

HEARING WHERE I ALREADY SPOKE
AND LISTED FIVE.
AND I ALSO SUBMITTED WRITTEN
COMMENTS BUT COULDN'T BE HERE IN
PERSON FOR THE TRANSPORTATION
HEARING AND THEN THE CCE
HEARING.
AND THEN I STAYED WOULDN'T IT BE
A CHALLENGE TO TRY TO MAKE A TOP
10 GREEN WISH LIST.
SO I OFFER TO YOU SORT OF CLIFF
NOTES.
IT IS REPETITIVE BUT I THINK
IMPORTANT.
AND I WILL BE FAST.
TOP 10 GREEN WISH LIST FOR THE
CITY.
I DON'T HAVE PRICE TAGS.
I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WILL BE
HELPFUL.
THERE IS A TV COMMERCIAL WHERE I
CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT IT
ADVERTISES, BUT IT SAYS WE'VE
GOT MORE, SO THE IDEA OF ANYWAY
YOU CAN DO MORE ON THESE AREAS
WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
NUMBER 10, THE BOSTON PARK
RANGERS MOUNTED UNIT.
LOST SIX BACK 10 YEARS AGO, SIX
POSITIONS.
FOR A THREE-YEAR BRIDGE 10 YEARS
AGO.
THE NUMBER OF STATE PATROL
HAVEN'T SHRUNK.
BRINGING THEM BACK IDEALLY
THROUGH NEXT YEAR AND HAVE THEM
11-YEAR GAP IN THE FULL
STRENGTH.
NUMBER 9, MUDDY RIVER
RESTORATION PROJECT.
NEW PARK OPENED NAMED AFTER
JUSTINE, THE FORMER PARK
COMMISSIONER.
IS THERE AS CONCERN ENTERING
WEED SEASON, TREE WORRIED ABOUT
GETTING WATER, JUST MAKING SURE
IT IS MAINTAINED WELL.
LONG LOOKING AT FUNDING.
NUMBER 8, WHAT CAN WE DO LOOKING
OUT THE FRONT DOOR AND SEEING
THE DETERIORATING WALL.
AND SEVEN, WATER FOUNTAIN.
AND THE ARBORATUM IN PARTICULAR,
SOME SAID WHEN GOING THROUGH

THERE THEY NOTICE NON-WORKING,
AND NON-WORKING LONG-TERM.

>> I AM SORRY FOR THOSE WHO CAME
LATE.
THAT'S THE CUE FOR 30 SECONDS.

>> I WILL SKIP TO NUMBER 1 AND
LEAVE YOU THE WRITTEN LIST.
THAT'S OK.

>> TRYING TO GET EVERYBODY IN.

>> NUMBER ONE NOT MENTIONED
BEFORE I AM ON THE ARBOR WAY.
THE CITY IS THE LANDOWNER.
IT HURT WHEN I HEAR PEOPLE
TALKING ABOUT COMPLETING THE
EMERALD NECKLACE FRANKLIN PARK
BY THE ROAD, WE STILL HAVE THE
HISTORIC PARKS.
IF YOU ARE ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE
THERE IS A LOT OF TALK TODAY
BECAUSE KILLING TREES LIKE BIG
DAMAGE, HIGH-SPEED, WE NEED
ENFORCEMENT, BPD I THINK THERE,
AND ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO
ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO THEIR PART
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE LINE
ITEM IN THE MAYOR'S BUDGET TO
EXPAND THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAUMA
TEAM INTO DORCHESTER.
OVER THE PAST YEAR I HAVE BEEN A
SUPPORTER AND LEADER FOR THE
LOCKSBURY TEAM CURRENTLY FUNDED
FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAUMA
TEAM.
DOING EFFECTIVE WORK FOR
FAMILIES AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE.
QUITE FRANKLY JUST IN THE LAST
YEAR WE SUPPORTED OVER 22
FAMILIES AROUND INCIDENTS OF
VIOLENCE AND TRYING TO SUPPORT
THEM.
AND THE CLINICAL CHALLENGE I
THINK IN THE BUSINESS OF
EXPANDING THIS EFFORT, WE HAVE
BOUNDARIES.

AND I THINK WHEN WE THINK OF
TRAUMA, TRAUMA DOESN'T HAVE
BOUNDARIES.

THIS EXPANSION OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD TRAUMA TEAM IS
CRITICAL IN SUPPORT OF THE
EFFORTS WE ARE MAKING ON A
GRASSROOTS LEVEL COMPREHENSIVELY
BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTERS, BOSTON HEALTH
COMMISSION AND CENTERS TO
ADDRESS LONG-TERM TRAUMA AND
THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM INCIDENTS
OF VIOLENCE.

I WANTED TO SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL
TO SAY PLEASE SUPPORT THIS
EFFORT.

IT IS VERY CRITICAL FOR FAMILIES
IN NEED.

AND AGAIN, TRAUMA SHOULDN'T BE
LIMITED BY BOUNDARIES AND
FAMILIES GETTING SERVICES.

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS CRITICAL IN
THE EFFORT TO THE EXPAND THE
INITIATIVES.

THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT IN THE
PAST AND WE HOPE THIS WILL BE
PASSED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANYONE ELSE FOR PUBLIC
TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME?
BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SIGN IN,
STATE YOUR NAME AND AFFILIATION.

>> I DID SIGN IN.
THERE YOU ARE, SORRY.

>> HI BARRY, AND I AM A RESIDENT
AND ALSO I WORK IN THE SOUTH END
WHERE THE C.E.O. OF BOSTON
HEALTH CARE FOR HOMELESS
PROGRAM.

AND THANK YOU FR -- FOR
LISTENING TO ME.

AND TWO THINGS, ONE AROUND THE
ENGAGEMENT CENTER AND THE OTHER
AROUND THE REBUILDING OF THE
LONG ISLAND BRIDGE.

WE ARE FORTUNATE TO WORK WITH
THE CITY AROUND THE ENGAGEMENT
CENTER AND WE JUST HAD

PHENOMENAL SUCCESS IN WORKING WITH THEM.

I HAVE BEEN VERY IMPRESSED, AND HELPING REDUCE SOME CROWDING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND OFFERING SUPPORT AND RECOVERY SERVICES. WE THINK THAT THE -- FRANKLY THINK THE CITY HAS DONE A FANTASTIC JOB AROUND BOTH OF THOSE AND THE ENGAGEMENT CENTER IS PART OF REALLY THAT BUILDING BLOCK.

THE OTHER THING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT BRIEFLY, WE FIRST HAD AN OPPORTUNITY, OR I FIRST HAD MY OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE ACROSS THE LONG ISLAND BRIDGE IN 1986.

I HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK IN LONG ISLAND IN ADDICTION AND HOMELESS SERVICES.

AND AS WE KNOW, WE STILL HAVE BEEN PLAYING CATCH-UP SINCE THE LOSS OF THE BRIDGE IN 2014. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE NEW \$92 MILLION IS A RIDICULOUS SUM OF MONEY, BUT WHEN YOU THINK OF THAT OVER THE LIFE OF WHAT THE BRIDGE WOULD BE, AND THINK ABOUT THE ABILITY TO BUILD THE RECOVERY CAMPUS, WE'RE VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THE REBUILDING OF THE BRIDGE.

ALSO WANT TO PLEDGE SUPPORT AROUND FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, AS WELL AS SERVICE EFFORTS SO THAT WANT THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO KNOW THEY CAN COUNT ON US. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANYBODY ELSE FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT THIS POINT? STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

>> I AM MEREDITH. I WAS A NURSE ON LONG ISLAND AND WORK THERE AND WAS THERE THE NIGHT OF THE EVACUATION. HAD 60 PATIENTS DETOXING FROM VARIOUS SUBSTANCES, MOST PRETTY DANGEROUS TO DETOX AND IN A VERY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME WE HAD TO EVACUATE.

60 OF OUR PATIENTS AND MULTIPLE OTHERS ON THE ISLAND, ALSO. WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR INEXTRA SEEKING TREATMENT IN BOSTON OR THE SURROUNDING AREA IN MASSACHUSETTS.

I NOTICE THE OVERDOSE RATE SPIKED THE FIRST YEAR AFTER THE CLOSING.

AND I BELIEVE OVER 1,000 PEOPLE WHO PASSED AWAY THE YEAR OF 2014 JUST IN THE BOSTON AREA.

SO I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT SOME OF THE ADVOCACY WORK I HAVE DONE AT THE STATE HOUSE I HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE IS NO ROOM FOR CAPACITY FOR FUNDING.

THERE IS NOT A WILL THE OF MONEY BEING PUT INTO BUILDING MORE TREATMENT BEDS, WHICH IS REALLY WHAT WE ARE LACKING, THAT LEVEL CARE.

THE LIMITED NUMBER OF BEDS AVAILABLE AT THAT LEVEL OF CARE AS WE DO IN DETOX.

APPROXIMATELY ABOUT 900 IN DETOX AND 425 IN THE LOW-LEVEL CARE.

SO ANYONE REALLY SEEKING TREATMENT OF THE 900 DETOX BEDS ARE FILLED IN MASSACHUSETTS AND ONLY 425 STEP-DOWN BEDS, NO ONE IS GETTING PLACED.

THEY ARE HAVING TO LEAVE AND NOT GETTING PLACED AND RELAPSING AND GOING TO JAIL.

SO I STARTED A PETITION IN SUPPORT OF REOPENING LONG ISLAND FOR TREATMENT.

AND I THINK THE BRIDGE IS DEFINITELY, YOU KNOW, FROM PEOPLE WHERE I LIVE.

I LIVE ON THE STREET LEADING TO LONG ISLAND NOW AND IT HAS NEVER BEEN AN ISSUE WITH TRAFFIC.

THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE GUARD RAILS AND THAT'S

UNFORTUNATE, I AM MORE WORRIED ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

I AM TRYING TO EDUCATE THEM.

SO THROUGH THE PETITION, I MAYBE LIKE 35 OF MY FRIENDS, BUT IT IS ALMOST 10,000 NOW.

AND WE'RE ALL JUST TRYING, IN

THIS FIELD TOGETHER, TRYING TO
EDUCATE THE PUBLIC.
KNOWING IT IS A LOT OF MONEY BUT
I THINK YOU WILL SAVE A LOT OF
MONEY.

AND COST A SALARY TO PUT
SOMEBODY IN PRISON, ABOUT
\$60,000 A YEAR TO HOUSE ONE
PERSON IN PRISON, WHERE IT WOULD
PROBABLY COST \$4,000 TO PUT THEM
IN TREATMENT.

SO I THINK WE WOULD SAVE MONEY
IN THE LONG RETURN BY ADDING.
YES, \$90 MILLION IS A LOT OF
MONEY.

BUT WE ARE LOSING A GENERATION
OF PEOPLE, AND WE ALSO HAVE A
NEW LIFE EXPECTANCY AS A NATION.
AND I THINK LONG-TERM TREATMENT
THAT WE ARE LACKING.
I THINK IT'S REALLY NEEDED.

>> I KNOW.

>> YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH.
CAN I ASK -- YOU DIDN'T SIGN IN
I ASSUME.

>> I JUST GOT HERE AND I SIGNED
IT OVER THERE.

>> OK GREAT.

>> BECAUSE YOU'RE AN ALLY IN
THIS HOPEFULLY NOT FIGHT, RIGHT.
I MEAN THIS SHOULD BE A
PARTNERSHIP.
AND TO YOUR POINT, YOU COME WITH
GREAT CREDIBILITY BECAUSE YOU
LIVE IN THAT AREA, TOO.
ANYWAY WE CAN HELP SUPPORT YOU
AND YOUR EFFORTS, I THINK WE
WANT TO DIALOGUE WITH THE CITY
OF QUINCY.
WE WANT A SOLUTION.
AS I SAID IN THE PREVIOUS
SEGMENT, THIS ISN'T A BRAND NEW
THING.
THIS IS A REPLACEMENT.
AND YOU WORKED OUT THERE, SO YOU
BRING A GREAT DEAL OF
THOUGHTFULNESS AND SENSE BUILT
TO THE ISSUE AND I THANK YOU FOR
COMING TODAY.

>> ANYTHING I CAN DO, LET ME KNOW.

>> WE HAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND THAT'S GREAT. ANYBODY ELSE? IF ANYBODY DID NOT SIGN UP AND WANTS TO SPEAK, YOU CAN DO THAT RIGHT NOW, THANK YOU.

>> HI I AM KATIE, THE DIRECTOR OF RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR NORTH SUFFOLK WORK IN SUPPORTING REPLACING THE LONG ISLAND BRIDGE AND DOWNTOWN. MY SISTER KASSON LONG ISLAND THE NIGHT IT CLOSED. THANK GOD FOR PEOPLE, LIKE MARY, WHO HELPED HER SAFELY GET TO A DIFFERENT TREATMENT PROGRAM. I ALSO WORK AT MYRIADIAN HEALTH, A LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY IN EAST BOSTON. AND WE TOOK IN A LOT OF THE PEOPLE THAT WERE DISPLACED THAT NIGHT. AND IT WAS ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO. AND THE TWO OR THREE PEOPLE WE DID TAKE IN ARE STILL CURRENTLY DOING WELL TO THIS DAY. SO RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE. AND I THINK THE BIGGEST THING IS KIND OF ON WHAT MARY WAS SAYING, THERE AREN'T ENOUGH BEDS. AND THAT CAMPUS IS WELL NEEDED AND A LOT OF PEOPLE GET THE SERVICES THEY NEED OUT THERE, RATHER THAN CONGESTING EVERYBODY INTO THE DOWNTOWN MASS AVE AREA, WHICH MIGHT NOT BE AS HEALTHY OF A SETTING. SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE AGAIN WISHING TO TESTIFY AT THIS TIME? SEEING AND HEARING NONE, I AM GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE RECESS. THANK YOU.

>> BACK IN SESSION.
WE HAVE MARY ANN FROM -- GO

RIGHT FOR IT.

>> OVER HERE?

YES, TO THAT PODIUM.

ALL RIGHT.

WE'LL BE EXPEDIENT.

>> THANK YOU.

VERY GOOD.

>> THANKS, MARY ANN.

YOU.

IT'S REALLY GOOD TO BE BEFORE
YOU AS MEMBERS OF THE CITY
COUNCIL.

I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
MOORE MASSACHUSETTS ORGANIZATION
FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY, WHICH IS
A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF
PEOPLE IN RECOVERY, FAMILIES AND
FRIENDS WHO ARE EDUCATING THE
PUBLIC ABOUT THE VALUE OF
RECOVERY, AND WE REALLY FEEL THE
VALUE IN OUR CAPITAL CITY OF
BOSTON AND VERY, VERY GLAD TO BE
HERE.

WE KNOW THAT TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE
DYING FROM OVERDOSES, AND WE
REALLY WANT TO SUPPORT MAYOR
WALSH'S PROPOSAL TO AN UNMET
NEED TO INTEGRATE STEPS TOWARDS
A NEEDED SEAMLESS CONTINUUM OF
CARE, AND THAT MEANS GET RID OF
THE GAPS, HAVE PEOPLE COME IN
AND PROMOTE RECOVERY.
DOES THAT SOUND GOOD?

>> YEAH.

SO WE BELIEVE IN THE
ENGAGEMENT CENTER, WHICH WAS
OPENED UP.

WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT IT
COULD -- SHOULD GET EVEN MORE
THAN THE \$1.9 MILLION THAT'S
BEEN SUGGESTED.

AND TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT A
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, TWO RECOVERY
COACHES AND ALSO TRANSPORTATION,
WHICH IS SO, SO, SO IMPORTANT.
AND THE PROGRAM WHICH IS
RENOWNED ACROSS THE STATE AS A
PLACE WHERE YOU CAN JUST WALK
IN, YOU'RE GOING TO BE GREETED
WITH COMFORT AND CARE.

THEY NEED THAT EXTRA SUPPORT TO CONTINUE WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN A VERY POSITIVE WAY.

AND SAFE AND SOUND RECOVERY CENTER, WHICH WE WERE -- ARE PART OF BUT STARTED OFF WITH A SUBSTANCE ABUSE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION GRANT. THEY'VE HELPED SO MANY PEOPLE GET INTO RECOVERY, WHICH IS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT. AND THEN THE OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVICES, AS YOU KNOW, HAS HAD A GRANT WITH THE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD FOUNDATION TO LOOK AT YOUTH.

AND YOU KNOW THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING THE SUPPORT IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS, BECAUSE YOU REPRESENT NEIGHBORHOODS. AND THE COALITIONS, WHICH ARE SO IMPORTANT TO SUPPORTING THE ADOLESCENT.

SO THEY CAN BE FREE OF ADDICTION.

SO GIVE THEM THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE WAITING FOR, IS THE SUPPORT FOR THE LONG ISLAND BRIDGE TO BRING BACK STRUCTURE AND THAT FOUNDATION SO THAT WE CAN GET OVER TO LONG ISLAND AND BUILD UP THE SUPPORT THAT'S NEEDED.

ONE OF THE SADDEST DAYS AND WHEN THEY HAD TO CLOSE IT DOWN.

EVERYONE WAS REALLY UPSET.

AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAD TO BE RELOCATED, IT WAS SO TOTALLY MISERABLE, AND THE TREATMENT CENTERS THAT WERE THERE HAVE HAD TO MOVE ON TO OTHER PLACES.

BUT NOW LET'S TAKE THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST, AND AS THEY TALK ABOUT IT IN THE RECOVERY WORLD ABOUT BUILDING RECOVERY CAPITAL IN A RECOVERY ORIENT SYSTEM OF CARE WHERE EVERYBODY'S HELPING EVERYONE. SO THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD THAT SEAMLESS CONTINUUM OF CARE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, MARY ANN.
FWUKFOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE
ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES
IN OUR STATE.

>> YOU'RE WELCOME!
VERY MUCH SO.

>> I'M SORRY.
I ALSO WANTED --

>> THANK YOU.
I ALSO WANTED TO SAY THANK
YOU TO MARY ANN FOR YOUR MANY
YEARS OF WORK IN THIS FIELD,
HELPING PEOPLE THAT ARE
SUFFERING FROM ALCOHOLISM AND
DRUG ISSUES.
IT IMPACTS EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD IN
THIS CITY.
IT IMPACTS EVERY FAMILY IN THIS
CITY.
BUT THE DRUG COUNSELORS ACROSS
THE CITY AND ACROSS THE STATE
ARE REALLY THE UNSUNG HEROES.

>> ABSOLUTELY.
THEY DO SO MANY THINGS
HELPING PEOPLE.
THEY DON'T LOOK FOR CREDIT.
THEY DON'T LOOK FOR PRAISE, BUT
THEY JUST GO AHEAD AND DO THEIR
JOB EVERY DAY, EVERY NIGHT AND
ON THE WEEKENDS.
AND WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE SO MANY
COURAGEOUS DRUG TREATMENT
COUNSELORS IN THIS STATE THAT
REALLY CARE ABOUT PEOPLE GIVING
THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INTO
TREATMENT.
SO WE JUST WANT TO SAY THANK
YOU.

>> OH.
FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR SO
MANY YEARS.

>> WELL, THANK YOU.
THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.
WE APPRECIATE YOU.

>> THANKS.
AND THANKS AGAIN.

THANK YOU, MARY ANN.
WE'LL TAKE ANOTHER RECESS.
[RAP OF THE GAVEL]
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>> I WOULD LIKE TO NOW CALL ON
DOOR THEA HESS.
-- DOROTHEA HESS.

>> MY NAME IS DOROTHEA HESS.
I'M WITH NORTH BOSTON.
WE'RE A NONPROFIT ADVOCACY
ORGANIZATION.
I'M GOING TO BE TESTIFYING ON
BEHALF OF THE BOSTON
TRANSPORTATION BUDGET.
I WANT TO SAY THAT NORTH BOSTON
IS ABOUT 27 YEARS OLD.
WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE CITY
ALL OF THIS TIME.
AND WE HAVE SEEN SUBSTANTIAL
INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT
FOR WALKING AND OTHER MODES OF
TRANSPORTATION SUCH AS TRANSIT
AND BICYCLING.
THIS BEGAN UNDER MAYOR MENINO
AND IT CERTAINLY CONTINUED UNDER
MAYOR WALSH, ESPECIALLY IN THE
LAST FIVE YEARS, WE'VE SEEN JUST
ALMOST A MUSHROOMING OF SUPPORT
ON THE PART OF THE CITY AND ALSO
NEIGHBORHOODS FOR COMPLETE
STREETS, GO BOSTON 2030 AND THE
NEIGHBORHOODS SLOW STREET
PROGRAM.
SO I'D LIKE THE CITY COUNCIL TO
BUILD ON THIS SUPPORT ON WHEN
THE CITY SENDS OUT A REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SLOW
STREETS, 47 NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE
CITY SENT IN APPLICATIONS.
THE CITY INTENDED TO FINANCE TWO
OF THOSE BUT WITH A GROUND SWELL
OF SUPPORT, THEY DID SUPPORT AND
ESTABLISH FIVE NEIGHBORHOOD SLOW
STREETS PROGRAMS.
SO I ENCOURAGE THE CITY COUNCIL
TO BUILD UPON THIS MOMENTUM FOR
WALKABLE COMMUNITIES AND
PEOPLE -- LIVABLE COMMUNITIES IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON, WHICH IS
NOTED FOR ITS WALKABILITY.
SO WE ESPECIALLY ASK FOR YOUR

SUPPORT FOR AN INCREASE OF
\$5 MILLION FOR THE THOMAS
DEPARTMENT.
THIS WOULD -- TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT.
THIS WOULD SUPPORT 15 TO 20 NEW
POSITIONS, AND IT WOULD INVOLVE
UPGRADING INFRASTRUCTURE
THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND THAT
WOULD INCLUDE SIDEWALKS, BICYCLE
LANES, AND TRANSPORTATION FOR
VEHICLES.
SO WE ONCE AGAIN REQUEST YOUR
SUPPORT.
WE THINK THIS IS A VERY POPULAR
PROGRAM.
AND WE'VE SEEN THAT IN THE
NEIGHBORHOODS AND AMONGST THE
RESIDENTS.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
COULD I RAISE A QUESTION,
SIR?

>> NO, THAT'S OKAY.
OKAY.
THANK YOU.
SHE HERE?
[OFF-MIC]

>> SHE MIGHT BE HERE.
WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE JOANNE
CATALDO.
HI.

>> HI.
THANK YOU.
I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF
THE MAYOR'S EFFORTS AROUND
RECOVERY TREATMENT AND
PREVENTION.
I WORK OUT IN EAST BOSTON
COORDINATING A COMMUNITY
COALITION.
WE'RE ON A VERY PIECEMEAL BASIS,
WE ARE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER A
PLAN FOR THE SCHOOLS CERTAINLY
WORKING WITH SOME OF OUR
HOMELESS AND ADDICTED FOLKS IN
THE COMMUNITY TRYING TO HELP
THEM ACCESS SERVICES.
PART OF THE PLAN WOULD INCLUDE
THE RECOVERY CENTER AND AS WELL

AS TRANSPORTATION.
WE FIND THAT WE'RE SOMEWHAT
ISOLATED IN EAST BOSTON.
SO TRYING TO GET FOLKS FROM THE
COMMUNITY TO TREATMENT CAN OFTEN
BE RATHER CHALLENGING.
SO THAT'S ON OUR ADULT AND FOLKS
WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS
AGAIN TO SPEAK ABOUT THE
PREVENTION PART, I KNOW THAT
WITH SUPPORT FROM MY OFFICIAL
SENATOR, THE CITY HAS WORKED
WITH CCHI AS WELL AS THE BLUE
CROSS FOUNDATION TO PUT TOGETHER
A COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION PLAN
FOR THE SCHOOLS, AND THERE
RECOMMEND COMPONENTS OF THAT
PLAN WHICH SHOULD BE EXECUTED
AND IMPLEMENTED.
BUT WITHOUT ACTUAL PEOPLE TO
OVERSEE IT AND HELP WITH THE
IMPLEMENTATION THROUGHOUT THE
CITY, IT WILL UNLIKELY HAPPEN OR
MAYBE JUST HAPPEN AGAIN IN A
VERY PIECEMEAL WAY.
WE KIND OF STRING TOGETHER
FUNDING TO BETTER SUPPORT
SCHOOLS IN EAST BOSTON OR I DO
WITH THE HELP OF SOME FOLKS AT
NGH AND AT THE HELP CENTER.
BUT IT IS CLEARLY NOT
COMPREHENSIVE AND THAT'S KIND OF
WHAT WE'RE HOPING CAN HAPPEN IN
EAST BOSTON, OF COURSE, AND
THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

>> GREAT.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.
IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WISHING
TO TESTIFY AT THIS TIME?
OKAY.
THANK YOU.
I'M GOING TO RECESS AGAIN.
BRIEFLY.
[RAP OF THE GAVEL]
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COUPLE MINUTES OF YOUR TIME.

>> YEAH.
IS THAT THERE'S A TREMENDOUS
DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY RIGHT
NOW, AND THAT HAS A LOT TO DO

WITH THE EXPANDED AMOUNT OF WORK THAT IS ON JOE'S PLATE. AND YOU KNOW, I'VE TALKED TO THE MAYOR AND A FEW OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT DIFFERENT WAYS TO GENERATE REVENUE, PERHAPS ADDING A 1 CENT TO THE PERMITTING COST FOR DEVELOPMENT, PERHAPS THAT MIGHT BE A WAY OF GENERATING RESOURCES THAT COULD SUSTAIN IT OVER THE LONG TERM.

I THINK THERE'S A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS TO TO IT. BUT THERE'S JUST A TREMENDOUS NEED.

THE ADMINISTRATION, YOU KNOW, GOALS OF 53,000 NEW HOUSING UNITS, 60% OF THE DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN THE CITY RIGHT NOW.

SO MY CONCERN IS WITHOUT APPROPRIATE RESOURCES TO MEET THIS DEMAND, WE MAY LOSE THIS VALUABLE PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLECT AND INTERPRET OUR HISTORY. SO WITH THAT, I THINK --

>> THANK YOU.
I'LL END MY TESTIMONY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, SARA.
YEP.
AND YOUR --
OF COURSE.

THIS IS HARRISON MY SON.
HIS SECOND TIME HERE.
HE WAS HERE LAST YEAR AS WELL
ALTHOUGH NOT QUITE AS MOBILE.
LET ME KNOW IF I CAN BE OF ANY
ASSISTANCE.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN WOULD LIKE TO SAY AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT JOE DOES.
IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT WORK TOO.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.
FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
IT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE.
AND I LEARNED A LOT FROM YOUR

TESTIMONY.

AND I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THE CITY SHOULD CONSIDER.

AS YOU MENTIONED, THERE'S A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT GOING ON IN THE CITY.

AND THERE WAS A NEED FOR MAKING SURE THAT WE PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF BOSTON.

WE HAVE GREAT HISTORY IN THIS CITY.

ONE ISSUE I WOULD ASK IS MAYBE ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY OTHER CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT HAVE SIMILAR POSITIONS AND WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT THEIR DUTIES WOULD BE OR HOW MUCH THEIR BUDGETED FOR?

I DON'T KNOW IF NEW YORK MAY HAVE A SIMILAR POSITION, BUT I'D BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT IT, AND IF I COULD BE OF ANY HELP, YOU KNOW, I'D LOVE TO SIT DOWN AND TALK TO YOU AND ANY OTHER VOLUNTEERS AS WELL.

>> EXCELLENT.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

I -- IN TERMS OF OTHER COMPARATIVE CITIES, I KNOW THAT NEW YORK HAS A STATE ARCIOLOGISTS. THEY ALSO HAVE EMPLOYED A HANDFUL OF FOLKS LIKE MYSELF AT THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE SO THEY ARE CROSS-TRAINED AND THEY DO HELP WITH ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMPONENTS AS WELL.

I'D BE HAPPY TO LOOK INTO THAT AND PROVIDE CITY COUNCIL WITH SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THAT IF THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

>> YEAH, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL, AND I COULD ALSO DO A LITTLE BIT OF RESEARCH MYSELF AND I THINK YOUR PROPOSAL HAS GREAT MERIT AND IT'S SOMETHING I HOPE THE CITY WILL CONSIDER.

>> I HOPE SO TOO.

I THINK IT HAS TREMENDOUS IMPACTS BOTH ON THE RESIDENTS AND TOURISM IN THE CITY OF

BOSTON.
SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, ANN HARRISON.
FOR TESTIFYING.

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COUNCIL WILL BE IN RECESS.
[RAP OF THE GAVEL]
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>> COUNCIL WILL BE BACK IN
SESSION BRIEFLY.
WE HAVE HAD THE FULL AFTERNOON
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR
TESTIMONY.
WE HAD SOME GREAT TESTIMONY
THROUGHOUT THE DAY OFF AND ON.
AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO
CONCLUDE TODAY'S HEARING WITH
THANKING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
FOR ALL THEIR TESTIMONY AND
FEEDBACK THROUGHOUT THIS
PROCESS.
AND ALSO TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO
PARTICIPATED IN ABOUT 60 HOURS
OF HEARINGS THROUGHOUT THIS
BUDGET SEASON.
AND I PARTICULARLY NEED TO THANK
CENTRAL STAFF, INCLUDING THE
FOLKS BEHIND ME.
PARTICULARLY MICHELLE GOLDBERG
AND KATE SULLIVAN, ALSO CARRIE
GORDAN AND CANDICE BEHIND THE
SCENES.
AND THE ENTIRE CENTRAL STAFF WHO
ALWAYS PROVIDE US WITH ALL THE
GREAT INFORMATION THAT WE LOOK
FORWARD TO REVIEW THIS FISCAL 19
YEAR BUDGET ON BEHALF OF THE
TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
AND THIS CONCLUDES THE FY19
BUDGET SEASON AT THIS TIME.
WE WILL RECONVENE HEARINGS IN
THE SUBSEQUENT WEEKS LEADING UP
TO THE FINAL BUDGET VOTE ON JUNE
27TH, THANK YOU.
THIS HEARING STANDS ADJOURNED.