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

>> COMF, COMG, COMP, COMU, KONY,
COMFN, COMB, CNN, COMM, COMJ,
COMZ.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO, MADAM
PRESIDENT WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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>> I WOULD ASK ALL TO RISE, AS
ASCOUNCILOR EDWARDS INTRODUCES THE
INVOCATION.
INVOCATOR.

>> MY NAME IS LYDIA EDWARDS.
PART OF MY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO
RECOGNIZE PASTOR CARLSEN, IN HER
ROLE SHE HAS PROVED TO BE A
BRIDGE BUILDER BETWEEN THE
IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, ADVOCATE
COMMUNITY, ENSURING THAT ALL FS
US HAVE A VOICE, TO MAKE SURE
OUR.CHURCHES OUR FAITH OUR GOD
IS WELCOMING TO EVERYONE,
REGARDLESS OF THE LANGUAGE THEY
SPEAK, REGARDINGS OF THEIR
HERITAGE.

SHE HAS STARTED THE EAST BOSTON
SOUP KITCHEN.

HER ADVOCATES, HER LEADERSHIP,
BEING BILINGUAL, MAYBE
TRILINGUAL PASTOR ASSURES THAT
EVERYONE CAN TALK TO GOD AND
TALK TO PASTOR BRITA, IT IS MY
HONOR TO INTRODUCE HER TO DO OUR
INVOCATION.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

BEFORE I BEGIN, I JUST WANT TO
THANK YOU ALL FOR THE INVITATION
TO BE HERE.

THANK YOU TO THE COUNCILMEMBERS
AND TO THEIR STAFF FOR JUST A
WONDERFUL WELCOME.

LET US PRAY.

.ALMIGHTY GOD, HOLY LORD, WE
THANK YOU FOR THIS NEW DAY.

IF
[SPANISH]
>> FOR ANOTHER DAY OF LIFE.
AND FOR THE GREAT PRIVILEGE THAT
IT IS TO LIVE IN THIS CITY.
WE THANK YOU FOR BRINGING EACH
OF US HERE, AND ASK THAT YOU
BLESS OUR COUNCILMEMBERS, THEIR
STAFF, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC GATHERED HERE TODAY,
SEÑOR,
[SPANISH] I ASK GOD THAT YOU
BE PRESENT WITH EACH OF OUR
COUNCILMEMBERS, THAT THE
DECISIONS THEY MAKE ARE LIFE AND
DEATH DECISIONS THAT THEIR
SOLEMN RESPONSIBILITY AS MEMBERS
OF GOVERNMENT IS TO CARE FOR THE
MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR
COMMUNITY.
[SPANISH] WE PRAY FOR JUSTICE
AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT.
AND ASK THAT YOU WOULD LEAD OUR
CITY IN BEING A BEACON OF HOPE,
TO ALL WHO ARE IN NEED OF A GOOD
WORD.
WE PRAY THIS IN YOUR FLAME.
[SPANISH] AMEN.
[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
>> NOW AT THIS TIME, COUNSELOR
FLYNN HAS A PRESENTATION,
INTRODUCING THE INCREDIBLE
MUSICAL GUEST FOR THIS DAY.
>> THANK YOU MADAM PRESIDENT FOR
GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY.
I'D LIKE TO WELCOME AND TO THANK
ANN SOUSA AND IN RECOGNITION OF
YOUR HIGH QUALITY MUSIC
EDUCATION AND PERFORMANCE.
THESE STUDENTS ARE DOING A GREAT
JOB WITH THEIR ORCHESTRA, YOUR
PROGRAM HAS HELPED SO MANY
CHILDREN DEVELOP THE SKILLS
NECESSARY TO SUCCEED AT SCHOOL
IN MUSIC AND OUR ARTS BRING US
TOGETHER.
THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
>> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING
US HERE TODAY.
WE HAVE 242 STUDENTS IN THE
COMMUNITY THAT COME FROM SOUTH
END, (INAUDIBLE) WE HAVE 21
TEACHING ARTISTS AND AT THE
BEGINNING (INAUDIBLE)

[APPLAUSE]

>> GOVERN EVERYONE.

THEY ARE THE MOST ADVANCED
ORCHESTRA OF THE ELEMENT
PROGRAM.

AND TODAY THEY'RE GOING TO BE
PLAYING (INAUDIBLE) -- GOVERN
EVERYONE.

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE.

>> THIRD GRADE STUDENTS, FOURTH
GRADE STUDENTS AND FIFTH GRADE
STUDENTS.

EVERY SINGLE DAY MANY
(INAUDIBLE) THANK YOU AGAIN.

[APPLAUSE]

[§MUSIC§]

[APPLAUSE]

>> I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
TO THE ORCHESTRA FOR WHAT YOU'VE
DONE.

OUTSTANDING MUSIC.

YOU'RE WORK SO HARD WE'RE SO
PROUD OF YOU, THERE IS ALSO SOME
GREAT CELLO MUSIC THIS WAS
COMING FROM THE MUSIC AND THIS
WAS ELAN HURTADO, THAT WAS SAM
HURTADO'S SON THAT WORKS WITH
COUNCILOR JANEY.

[APPLAUSE]

>> AGAIN WE HAVE A PROCLAMATION
FROM THE CITY COUNCIL THANKING
THE JOSIAH QUINCY SCHOOL FOR
WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

WOULD LIKE CHRISTOPHER TO SAY A
FEW WORDS.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE JOSIAH QUINCY SCHOOL
ORCHESTRA, AN HOUR AND A HALF OF
MUSIC EVERY SINGLE MORNING THEY
RECEIVE A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, 21
TEACHING ARTISTS THEY GET TO
WORK WON A REGULAR BASIS.

WE TRY TO PROVIDE AN EDUCATION
THROUGH THIS PROGRAM, PROUD
PARTNER OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS AND WE OPERATE OUT OF
THE JOSIAH QUINCY SCHOOL.

WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON AND HAVE A GREAT DAY,
THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU FOR COUNSELOR FLYNN
FOR BRINGING IN THIS INCREDIBLE

GROUP.

I WAS EXCITED TO SEE THE SCHOOL
AND VIEW THE PROGRAM WITH HIM.
I'M FORMER VIOLINIST, I NEVER
GOT THAT POINT SO THERE'S SO
MUCH HARD WORK AND IT IS REALLY
KUDOS TO THE TEACHING FELLOWS,
THE STAFF FOR NOT JUST TEACHING
THE STUDENTS ABOUT MUSIC AND HOW
THEY PLAY THE INSTRUMENT BUT ALL
THAT THAT SETS THEM UP FOR IN
LIFE OF SCHEDULING OF BALANCING
OF JUGGLING, THINKING ABOUT
USING ALL THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF
THEIR BRAIN AND BODY TOGETHER
AND INSTILLING THE LOVE OF
LEARNING AND BEING AT SCHOOL.
WE ARE SO PROUD OF THIS PROGRAM
AND THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND
COULDN'T BE MORE EXCITED TO
CELEBRATE THEM TODAY.

[APPLAUSE]

>> LIKE TO ASK OUR COLLEAGUES TO
JOIN US FOR A PICTURE.

>> AT THIS TIME WE HAVE ONE MORE
SPECIAL PRESENTATION BEFORE WE
GET INTO THE REGULAR ORDER OF
BUSINESS AND THIS IS A JOINT
PRESENTATION OF ME AND
COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

I HAVE TO KNOWLEDGE THAT OUR
FORMER STATE SENATOR LINDA
DORCINA FERRY IS HERE.

THIS IS A JOINT PRESENTATION FOR
COUNCILLOR McCARTHY, A PROGRAM
CALLED NO BOOKS NO BALL.

THE FOUNDER TONY RICHARDS COULD
NOT BE WITH US.

BUT HIS SON TONY RICHARDS JUNIOR
IS HERE.

THANK YOU FOR COMING OVER AND
TAKING PART OF THIS.

INITIALLY THIS PROGRAM WAS
ESTABLISHED OVER 25 YEARS AGO
BECAUSE HE WANTED A PLACE FOR
HIS SON, TONY RICHARDS SENIOR TO
PLAY TO LEARN AND TO GROW IN A
SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

AND WHEN HE STARTED THE PROGRAM
HE KNEW THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT
ONLY HAVING A SAFE SPACE BUT A
PLACE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE COULD
FIND JOY, HAPPINESS AND FRANKLY
FEEL FREE AND SAFE -- FREE AND

SAFE.

THEIR SPECIAL COACHES, COACHES A
COUNCILLOR McCARTHY'S SON.

I DID WANT TO SOMETHING TONY
RICHARDS SENIOR WHO COULDN'T BE
HERE BUT WE PREERNL HIS SON
COMING OVER.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
PRESIDENT.

I DID WANT TO POIT OUT THAT
DAVID, NOTHING DRIVES A GIRL
MORE CRAZY THAN A SHARP-DRESSED
MAN.

I REALLY WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY
FOR YOU GUYS COMING UP HERE
TODAY.

COACH IS A BOSTON RESIDENT IF
MATTAPAN.

HE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN
BASKETBALL, THE COOL VALUE
TAUGHT TO HIM BY HIS MENTORS WAG
THE VALUE OF AN EDUCATION AND
THE SENTIMENT RESONATED WITH HIM
AS A YOUNG MAN.

HE WORKED TO CHALLENGE HIMSELF
TO ALWAYS PUT HIS BEST FOOT
FORWARD.

HE GRADUATED FROM TECH BOSTON
AND NOW WORKS AS A CARPENTER AND
CHEF-COOK.

ROBERT WAS ASKED TO REJOIN THE
NO BOOKS NO BALL PROGRAM AS A
COACH THIS TIME, THE DECISION TO
RETURN WAS NOT VERY DIFFICULT
FOR HIM.

HE SAW THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
RETURN AND WAS GIVEN THE PROGRAM -- GAVE THE PROGRAM HOPE
AND SAFETY AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

THE PROGRAM IS MUCH MORE THAN A
BASKETBALL PROGRAM.

IT TEACHES BASKETBALL SKILLS AND
A VALUE IN EDUCATION.

AS SOMEBODY WHO HAS COACHED HOOP
FOR A LONG LOCK TIME, PARAMOUNT
IN HOOP, AS YOU SAW THE CELTICS
KIND OF STUBBLE OUT OF THE GATE,
A LITTLE BIT, BECAUSE THEY
WEREN'T PASSING THE BALL OR
PLAYING DEFENSE, WE'LL TALK
ABOUT THAT LATER.

I'M SURE YOUR COACH HAS TALKED
TO YOU ABOUT THAT.

IT'S A WONDERFUL PROGRAM THAT
TEACHES THESE KIDS HOW TO WORK

TOGETHER, SHOW RESPECT, YOU KNOW
THE KIDS ARE ALL THE SAME, THE
SAME COLOR IS THE SAME COLOR OF
THE UNIFORM AND THAT'S WHAT
THEY'RE BALL, RIGHT?

[APPLAUSE]

>> SO WE'VE GOT ACOUPLE OF
RESOLUTIONS, FOR LEADING THE
GROUP TO THE PB DIVISION
CHAMPIONSHIP.

HAND THAT OVER.

AND I HAVE A RESOLUTION FOR ALL
OF THE KIDS ON THE TEAM.

WINNING SO THIS IS IN
RECOGNITION OF WINNING THE NO
BOOKS NO BALL TWAI FNT P BFERLT
DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP AGES 6 TO
9.

CITY COUNCIL APPLAUDS YOU IN
YOUR SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND BE IT
RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY
COUNCIL HEREBY EXPRESSES ITS
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU.
WE'LL HAVE THE OFFICIAL
RESOLUTIONS AND COACH WOULD YOU
LIKE TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS?

>> HOW YOU DOING?

GOOD AFTERNOON.

[APPLAUSE]

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, COACH ROBERT.

PLEASURE TO BE HERE.

THANK YOU GUYS FOR HAVING ME
COME WITH MY TEAM.

THIS PROGRAM HAS TAUGHT ME A
LOT.

I'VE BEEN PLAYING BASKETBALL
SINCE I WAS THEIR AGE.

AND I'M PROUD OF THE KIDS, I'M
PROUD OF MYSELF, YOU KNOW GIVING
BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, DOING
WHAT I HAVE TO DO MAKING SURE
THEY STAY ON THE RIGHT PATH WITH
SCHOOL ON AND OFF THE COURT.
AND JUST GIVING BACK.

I'M HAVING FUN AND I WILL
CONTINUE TO DO THIS AS WELL.

I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS BUT I'M
HAVING 71 AND I'M PROUD OF BEING
HERE, THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING
US AND THANK YOU FOR THIS AWARD,
THANK YOU, APPRECIATE IT.

>> SO I'LL GIVE A FEW REMARKS.

LUCKILY ROBERT CALLED ME.

I JUST LITERALLY JOGGED DOWN

FROM THE STATE HOUSE.
AND YOU KNOW SO A LITTLE BIT
ABOUT NO BOOKS NO BALLS.
THE OLDEST AND LARGEST
INDEPENDENT BASKETBALL
ORGANIZATION IN BOSTON.
WE HAVE ABOUT 630 KIDS, I JUST
SEEN A FEW FOLKS WALK IN.
WE JUST HAD ONE OF OUR
HIGHLIGHTS LAST SATURDAY, WE HAD
A PARTNERSHIP WITH BPD WHERE WE
HAD 50 POLICE OFFICERS INTERACT
WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.
I THINK NO BOOKS NO BALLS
AMAZING TO ME, I LOVE IT BECAUSE
IT'S A FULL VOLUNTEER-DRIVEN
ORGANIZATION.
WE HAVE A TON OF COACHES THAT
ARE COMMUNITY FOLKS FROM ALL
WALKS OF LIFE.
AND WE TEACH KIDS ATHLETICS, BUT
ALSO, ACADEMICS FIRST, WHICH ASK
VERY IMPORTANT.
WE HAVE AN INTENTIONAL FOCUS ON
MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE MAKING
IT GREAT IN THE CLASSROOM SO.
THANK YOU GUYS FOR HAVING US
ALWAYS.
I KNOW THERE'S A TON OF FAMILIAR
FACES IN THE ROOM, THANK YOU
GUYS BUT TODAY'S ALL ABOUT THE
KIDS, SO THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS MOVE TO
THE FRONT, WE'LL TAKE A PICTURE
WITH ALL THE FANCY PEOPLE.

>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MADAM CLERK IF WE COULD AMEND
THE ATTENDANCE RECORD TO REFLECT
THAT COUNCILOR PRESSLEY IS
PRESENT.

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

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

MOVING ON TO COMMUNICATES FROM
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1734 MESSAGE
AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY

OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE GRANT OF \$498,291 FOR THE FIRST RESPONDERS-COMPREHENSIVE ADDITION AND RECOVERY ACT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE FIRE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELLNESS.

THE GRANT WILL FUND THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOVERY SERVICES PROGRAM.

THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDERS, THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVICES, THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPROVE THE CITY'S RESPONSE TO OPIOID OVERDOSES.

>> DOCKET 1734 WILL BE SANDI TO THE COMMITTEE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1735, MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A PARKLAND ACQUISITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR COMMUNITIES KNOWN AS PARC PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSERVATION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THE GRANT WILL FUND PHASE II OF THE RENOVATION OF HARAMBEE PARK IN DORCHESTER.

>> DOCKET 1735 WILL BE SANDI TO ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE AN RECREATION AND PARKS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1736 MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A TD GREEN STREETS PROGRAM GRANT OF \$20,000 AWARDED BY THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THE GRANT WILL FUND A TREE-PLANTING PROGRAM AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT OF \$20,000 AWARDED FOR THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION ANONPROFIT CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

THIS YEAR'S GRANT WILL ENABLE THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO PLANT TEN NEW STREET TREES IN LOW CANOPY AREAS ON HYDE PARK AVENUE, SHARON WOODS URBAN WILD, DELIGHTED TO DO THIS ON THIS SOMEWHAT SANGUINE MEETING AS WE SAY GOOD-BYE TO OUR COLLEAGUE, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, HER PARTNERSHIP AS IT RELATES TO STREET TREES, ASK THAT WE SUSPEND RULES WE ACCEPT THIS AND THERE IS GOING TO BE SOME NEW TREES PLANTED IN SOUTHWEST BOSTON.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, SEEKS SUSPENSION FF RULES AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 1736.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, SAY AYE, OPPOSED NAY.

THE MATTER PASSES.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1737 MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT OF \$1,000, FOR THE NON-MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM FOUNDATION TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE. THE GRANT WOULD FUND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON EMPLOYEES ART EXHIBITION.

>> COUNCILOR JANEY YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

I SHOULD ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT COUNCILOR JANEY'S MOM IS IN THE BUILDING.

>> THANK YOU, HI MOMMY.

THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

THIS IS PRETTY SELF-EXPLANATORY.

IT IS A SMALL GRANT OF \$1 KNOW TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT WE
SUSPEND THE RULES AND PASS.
>> COUNCILOR JANEY SEEKS PASSAGE
OF 1737.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, SAY AYE, ANY
OPPOSED SAY NAY.
THE AYES HAVE IT.
PASSED.

MOVING ON TO
REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND
OTHERS:

MADAM CLERK IF WE COULD READ
1738 THROUGH 1744 TOGETHER.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
DOCKET NUMBER 1738, NOTICE WAS
RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE
ORDINANCES OF 1979 RE: ACTION
TAKEN BY THE MAYOR ON PAPERS
ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL
AT ITS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7,
2018.

DOCKET NUMBER 1739 COMMUNICATION
WAS RECEIVED FROM MASSPORT RE:
TERMINAL C CANOPY, CONNECTOR AND
ROADWAY PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT/BOSTON-LOGAN
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

DOCKET NUMBER 1740 COMMUNICATION
WAS RECEIVED FROM COUNCILOR AT
LARGE MICHELLE WU ON THE BOSTON
YOUTH TRANSPORTATION PROJECT.

DOCKET NUMBER 1741 COMMUNICATION
WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK
OF THE FILING BY THE BOSTON
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE
"APPLICATION ON THE REPORT AND
DECISION ON THE OLD COLONY PHASE
THREE C CHAPTER 121A, PROJECT."

DOCKET NUMBER 1742 COMMUNICATION
WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK
OF THE FILING BY THE BOSTON
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE
"APPLICATION ON THE REPORT AND
DECISION ON THE OLD COLONY PHASE
THREE B CHAPTER 121A, PROJECT."

DOCKET NUMBER 1743 COMMUNICATION
WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR
REGARDING THE RESIGNATION OF
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER MIREN
URIARTE.

DOCKET NUMBER 1744 NOTICE WAS
RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF THE
APPOINTMENT OF MANNY LOPES AS A

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION'S BOARD OF HEALTH, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

>> DOCKETS 1738 THROUGH 1744 WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

BUTTER AT THIS TIME I'D ACKNOWLEDGE COUNCILOR WU WHO WILL SPEAK ON 1744.

COUNCILOR WU YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I'D LIKE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE GRADUATE STUDENT OVER THE SUMMER WHO LED THE RESEARCH ON THE BOSTON YOUTH TRANSPORTATION PROJECT.

IT IS A LITTLE LIGHT READING, 97 PAGES OR SO, REALLY ANALYZING CONVERSATIONS WITH ALMOST 300 BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT HOW THEY THINK ABOUT TRANSPORTATION, WHAT THEIR BARRIERS ARE AND HOW THAT IMPACTS THEIR LIVES.

WE TALK ABOUT TRANSPORTATION AS IT RELATES TO AUDITS OFTEN, HOW THEY'RE GETTING TO WORK, HOW THEY'RE TAKING CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES BUT THE REALITY IS THAT OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM AND OUR OPTION HERE ARE REALLY IMPACTING THE WAY YOUTH THINK ABOUT THEIR STUDENTS AVAILABLE IN THIS CITY AND CREATING BIG BARRIERS AS THEY'RE TRYING TO ACCESS THOSE OPPORTUNITIES, FROM EDUCATION TO SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO EMPLOYMENT, TO INEQUITIES ACROSS THE CITY CAN RELIABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION THESE ARE ALL ISSUES THAT WE IN CITY GOVERNMENT COULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

FROM BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS M-7 POLICY, WHO GETS THE SUBSIDIZED PASS AND WHO DOESN'T AND WAYS WE ARE LOOKING AT INFRASTRUCTURE, TO EMPOWER YOUTH TO USE THE BIKE SHARE SYSTEM OR CREATE ZONES OR SAFER INFRASTRUCTURE, HOPE YOU ALL GET A CHANCE TO SKIM THROUGH AND WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK AS WE LOOK AT NEXT STEPS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU.
MOVING ON TO

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR
POSSIBLE ACTION.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1385 ORDER FOR
A HEARING TO EXAMINE MENTAL
HEALTH RESOURCES, DE-ESCALATION
AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR
SUICIDE PREVENTION IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE YOU
HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
MONDAY I CHAIRED A HEARING, I'D
LIKE TO THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES
THAT ATTENDED ON MONDAY.

THIS ALMOST FOUR HOUR LONG
HEARING WAS JUST THE START OF AN
EXTENSIVE CONVERSATION I WISH TO
CONTINUE HERE AT THE COUNCIL.

WE HEARD FROM 13 PANELISTS FROM
SOME OF THE LEADING
PRACTITIONERS, ACROSS THE CITY.

TO START THE HEARING WE HEARD
FROM DR. JAN BRADLEY, JENNA
SAVAGE, DR. JENNIFER LOWE FROM
THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH
COMMISSION, ANDREA AMADOR, AND
DR. BRADLEY TALKED ABOUT WHAT
BOSTON VA ASK DOING TO COMBAT
THE SUICIDE EPIDEMIC IN BOSTON.

WE ARE FORTUNATE IN BOSTON THAT
OUR VA HAS THE MOST
COMPREHENSIVE ARRAY OF
INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE SERVICES
IN THE CITY.

THE VA HAS THE CAPACITY TO
PROVIDE AFULL SPECTRUM OF MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDING
OUTPATIENT THERAPY AND
MEDICATION MANAGEMENT, AS WELL
AS IN PATIENT BEDS FOR ANYONE
WHO IS IN ACTUAL CRISIS OR IN
IMMEDIATE CRISIS.

BOTH JENNA AND DEPUTY STRATTON
SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE BOSTON EMERGENCY SERVICE
TEAM, OR BEST.

SOMEONE GOING THROUGH A MENTAL
HEALTH CRISIS AS OPPOSED TO A
CRIMINAL CRISIS.

THE WORK DOES PROVIDE A HUGE
PART OF DIVERTING FROM THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

AS OF THIS TIME, THE CITY HAS FIVE CLINICIANS THAT ARE PROUD TO WORK WITH OUR CONGRESSWOMAN ELECT PRESSLEY ON.

ACTUAL PART OF THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

WHEN ASKED WHAT THE IDEAL NUMBER WOULD BE, DEPUTY STRATTON AND JENNA BOTH AGREED THAT 30 BEST CLINICIANS WITH COVER ALL 11 DISTRICTS INCLUDING WEEKENDS. DEPUTY STRATTON ALSO ADVOCATED FOR A SPECIAL UNIT DEDICATED TO OUTREACH.

ANDREAAMADOR, ARE UPDATED US COMFORTABLE CURRENTLY BPS HAS 71 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST HE AND EIGHT ADJUSTMENT COUNSELORS.

THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE FROM FIVE YEARS AGO AND I APPLAUD BPS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS.

HOWEVER 79 COUNSELORS ARE NOT ENOUGH FOR OUR 57,000 STUDENTS AND 156 SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

I WILL PUSH TO HAVE ONE COUNSELOR OR PSYCHOLOGIST IN SCHOOL.

REMEMBER THERE IS NOT A FULL TIME NURSE AT EVERY SCHOOL.

MY COLLEAGUE COUNSELOR FLYNN ALSO BROUGHT UP THE IMPORTANT POINT OF ENSURING THERE IS DIVERSITY WITHIN THOSE COUNSELORS AS GROUP PSYCHOLOGIST HE SHOULD BE DIVERSE IN CULTURE LANGUAGE AND DIVERSITY.

DR. DAVID HENDERSON, DR. CAREY LANDOW, GREG FROM BOSTON SCHOOL OF THE HOMELESS AND SEAN CAHILL.

DIFFICULTY IN REACHING THE POPULATION THAT DOESN'T TRADITIONALLY REACH UP FOR HEM.

WHEN ASKED WHAT GOT IN THE WAY ALL FOUR PANELISTS RECOGNIZE THAT STIGMA FEE TERSE PEOPLE FROM SEEKING HELP DUE TO IN RESPONSE THE A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS.

ANOTHER CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IS THE HIGH COST OF CARE AND THE LACK OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE.

BECAUSE THE REIMBURSEMENTS RATE

OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IS SO LOW, IT'S BEEN 15 YEARS SINCE WE'VE SEEN AN INCREASE, MANY COMMUNITIES HEALTH CENTERS, HOSPITALS AND PRIVATE PRACTICES HAVE HAD TO CUT THEIR MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING.

BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER, FOR EXAMPLE, A LEVEL 1 TRAUMA HOSPITAL YET THE HIGHEST INCURRED EXPENSE IS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

IT IS MORE PROFITABLE TO CUT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BECAUSE OF THE LOW REIMBURSEMENT RATE.

THIS IS A PROBLEM.

WE SHOULD BE PRIORITIZING MORE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES NOT CUTTING THEM.

THE FINAL PANEL CONSISTED OF DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING STEVE MONGU FROM THE SAMARITAN, DAVID O'LEARY FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUICIDE PREVENTION AND JANET LEGGETT.

REMINDED US ABOUT TWO HOT LINE NUMBERS YOU CAN USE.

YOU CAN CALL OR TEXT

1-877-870-HOPE OR

1-800-273-TALK.

I WILL CONTINUAL THE PUSH FOR COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE HE AND LOOK TO FIGURE OUT HOW MASSACHUSETTS CAN RAISE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR SERVICES SO WE CAN ENSURE THAT THERE IS PARITY BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE.

THERE IS A PARITY LAW BUT WE HAVE NOT REALIZED IT TODAY.

THIS WILL INCREASE ACCESS FOR EVERYONE TO RECEIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

I'D LIKE TO END BY REITERATING WHAT DR. JOHN BRADLEY SAID TO US.

HE REFERENCED SERVICE NUMBERS THAT WE COULD REALLY REPLACE THE TERM SERVICE MEMBER WITH NIS VULNERABLE GROUP.

WHEN SERVICE MEMBERS TRANSITION SUCCESSFULLY INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES BECOMING WELL

INTEGRATED INTO SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND ACHIEVE FINANCIAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STABILITY WITHIN THOSE COMMUNITIES, THEIR RISK OF MALADJUSTMENT, SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS AND ULTIMATELY SUICIDE IS DIMINISHED.

THIS CAN BE SAID OF ALL RESIDENTS WHO MAY EXPERIENCE MENTAL ILLNESS TRAUMA OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF LIFE CRISIS.

IF WE CAN SUPPORT THEM WITH TREATMENT, RESOURCE HE AND TRANSITIONS WE CAN HELP SAVE LIVES.

I ASK THAT THIS REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

>> ATHANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE THE CHAIR OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY ASK THAT DOCKET 1385 WILL REMAIN IN THAT COMMITTEE. MADAM CLERK IF WE COULD READ 1658 THROUGH 1661 TOGETHER.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PET.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1658 MESSAGE AN ORDER APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,013,755 TO COVER THE FY19 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SEIU, LOCAL 888 ADMINISTRATIVE GUILD.

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

THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACTS INCLUDED BASE WAGES INCREASES OF 2% IN SEPTEMBER OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.

THE AGREEMENTS ALSO CONTAIN OTHER BENEFITS INCLUDING NEW STEPS.

DOCKET NUMBER 1659 MESSAGE AND ORDER TO REDUCE THE FY19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY \$1,013,755 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE FY19 COST CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SEIU, LOCAL 888 ADMINISTRATIVE GUILD.

DOCKET NUMBER 1660 ,MESSAGE AN ORDER APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDER FOR THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AND THE CITY HOUSING TRUST FOR FY19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,229 TO COVER OF THE FY19 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AND LOCAL 888, SEIU-PROGRAMS UNIT.

THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACTS ARE OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACTS INCLUDE BASE WAGE INCREASES OF 2% EFFECTIVE THE FIRST PAY PERIOD OF JANUARY OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.

THE AGREEMENTS ALSO CONTAIN OTHER BENEFITS INCLUDING A NEW STEP BEGINNING IN 2019.

DOCKET NUMBER 1661, MESSAGE AND ORDER TO REDUCE THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY \$280,229 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AND THE CITY HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR THE FY19 INCREASES CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AND LOCAL 888, SEIU-PROGRAMS UNIT.

DOCKET NUMBER 0666.

>> THAT IS IT.

THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

WE'LL DO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ONES SEPARATELY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR McCARTHY YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I RISE FOR 1658 THROUGH 61.

FTC BUDGET DIRECTOR JUSTIN STERRIT, BPHC, CHIEF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT COUNSEL, AND LABOR

COUNSEL SUSAN DAPATO TESTIFIED
FOR THE COMMISSION.
275 CLERICAL AND SECRETARY OF SECRETARY
STAFF.

A LITTLE OVER \$1 MILLION,
LANGUAGE INCLUDES
EXPANSION.SCHOOL AUTONOMY, IN
ADDITION TO TUITION
REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATE
PROGRAM.

COMPENSATION ITEMS INCLUDE A 2%
INCREASE, ALSO A NEW SALARY RATE
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION CLERK
POSITION HE EFFECTIVE THE SCHOOL
YEAR OF 2018 AND INCREASES TO
CAREER AWARDS EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER 1st OF 2018.

THIS BARGAINING UNIT IS MADE UP
OF 1660 AND 1661.

LOCAL 888, PROGRAMS UNIT SEIU,
THIS BARGAINING SUNT MADE UP OF
APPROXIMATELY 170 EMPLOYEES WORK
FOR BOSTON HEALTH, BHC RECOVERY
SERVICES, COMMUNICABLE DISEASES,
THE CONTRACT HAS AN ESTIMATE
COST OF \$960,000 OVER THE FOUR
YEARS, WITH SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATION WE ARE HOPING TO
AUTHORIZE TODAY FOR THIS
AGREEMENT IS \$280,000.

THE COMPENSATION AND THE COST
ITEMS INCLUDE 2% WAGE INCREASE
EFFECTIVE THE FIRST DAY OF
JANUARY AND OF EACH YEAR OF THE
NEW CONTRACT, A NEW STEP 10 AT
2% HIGHER THAN STEP 9 EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 2019, TRAINING AND
EDUCATION FUND FOR EMPLOYEES,
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOUSING
TRUST TO MATCH THE CITY OF
BOSTON CURRENT RATE, EACH
CONTRACT IS REPRESENT TBID TWO
DOCKETS, EACH CONTRACT IS TWO
CONSECUTIVE AGREEMENT,
SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2006 THROUGH
AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2020.
I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR PASSAGE
TODAY.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
McCARTHY.

ANYONE ELSE SEEKING TO SPEAK ON
THESE DOCKETS?
COUNCILOR CIOMMO IS

UNFORTUNATELY OUT SICK TODAY, I WILL READ INTO THE RECORD AT THE END OF THE MEETING, COUNCILLOR McCARTHY WHO IS THE VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS, RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND PASSAGE OF 1658 AND 1661.

FOR DOCKET 1658, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE, ANY OPPOSED NAY.

DOCKET 1658, HAS PASSED.

FOR 1659, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

1659 HAS PASSED.

1660, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE, ANY OPPOSED NAY.

BE 1660, HAS PASSED, FOR 1661, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE, ANY OPPOSED NAY DOCKET 1661 HAS PASSED.

I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE BEEN JOINED BY SHERIFF STEVE TOMPKINS, CURRENT ELECTED, FORMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALFREDA HARRIS.

ALSO SENATOR BOYD.

MADAM CLERK IF WE COULD READ DOCKET 0666 THROUGH 16 KAY. IS.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. DOCKET NUMBER 0666, MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE AMOUNT OF \$850,000 IN THE FORM OF A GRANT, FOR UPGRADING, EXPANDING, AND INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY AND PROTOCOLS RELATED TO ANTI-TERRORISM, ANTI-CRIME, ANTI-GANG AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE, AWARDED BY THE MASS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE GRANT WILL FUND THE BOSTON INTELLIGENCE CENTER FY18 ALLOCATION.

DOCKET NUMBER 1151, MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE AN AMOUNT OF \$3,253,317 IN THE FORM OF A GRANT THE FY FY19 PSAP GRANT AWARDED BY MASS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE GRANT WILL FUND THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING ENHANCED 911 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT SERVICES. DOCKET NO. 1152, MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZES CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXTEND AN AMOUNT OF \$472,063 IN THE FORM OF A GRANT FOR FY18 STATE 911 TRAINING GRANT.

AWARDED BY THE MASS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE GRANTS WILL FUND THE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION ENHANCED 911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS STAFF.

DOCKET 1386 MESSAGE AND ORDER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR ACCEPT AND EXTEND AN AMOUNT OF \$417,809 IN THE FORM OF A GRANT FOR THE EDWARD BURN MEMORIAL JUSTICE PLANT KNOWN AS THE J-PROGRAM LOCAL SOLICITATION AWARDED BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT MUCH JUSTICE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE GRANT WILL FUND FOUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATES.

DOCKET NO. 1495, MESSAGE AND ORDER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR ACCEPT AND EXTEND AN AMOUNT OF \$966,871 IN THE FORM OF GRANT, SLIGHT DIFFERENCE FOR THE FY2017 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARDED BY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THE GRANT WILL FUND AN ACCOUNTABILITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR CRITICAL ON SCENE ACTIVITY INCLUDING PERSONNEL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS AND UNIT ASSIGNMENTS.

DOCKET NO. 1496 MESSAGE AND ORDER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXTEND AN AMOUNT OF \$172,427 IN THE FORM OF A GRANT

FOR THE FY 2017 ASSISTANCE TO
FIREFIGHTERS REGIONAL GRANT
AWARDED BY FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT.

THE GRANT WILL FUND THE GROWING
NEEDS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
PERSONNEL TRAINING AND TECH
RESCUE IN CITIES AND TOWNS OF
BOSTON, BROOKLINE, CAMBRIDGE,
CHELSEA, WINTHROP.

DOCKET 1583, MESSAGE AND ORDER
OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT
AND EXTEND AN AMOUNT OF \$237,500
IN THE FORM OF A GRANT FOR THE F
FY19 STATE HAZ-MAT GRANT AWARDED
BY MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
FIRE SERVICES TO BE ADMINISTERED
BY THE HAZ-MAT RESPONSE.

THE GRANTS WILL FUND ADDITIONAL
SUPPLEMENTARY GOODS AND SERVICES
FOR THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
HAZ-MAT DIVISION.

DOCKET NO. 1662, MESSAGE AND
ORDER AUTHORIZING CITY OF BOSTON
TO ACCEPT AND EXTEND AN AMOUNT
OF \$14 MILLION IN THE FORM OF A
GRANT FOR THE -- CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF UNIQUE PLANNING
EXERCISES, TRAINING AND
OPERATIONAL NEEDS THAT WILL
ASSIST IN BUILDING ENHANCED AND
SUSTAINABLE SECURITY CAPACITY TO
HELP PREVENT, RESPOND TO RECOVER
FROM THREATS OR ACTS OF
TERRORISM INCLUDING CHEMICAL,
BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL,
NUCLEAR AND AWARDED BY UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
SECURITY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY
THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY,
THE GRANT WILL FUND URBAN AREA
SECURITY INITIATIVES FY18.

DOCKET NO. 1668, MESSAGE AND
ORDER AUTHORIZES THE CITY OF
BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXTEND AN
AMOUNT OF \$275,000 IN THE FORM
OF A GRANT A WARDED BY DONE OR
GROUP TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE GRANT WILL FUND THE CITY'S
EMPOWERED AGAINST SEXUAL

EXPLOITATION NETWORK IN BOSTON.
A MULTI-SECTOR STRATEGY AMONG
LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUSINESSES,
STATES, COMMUNITY, LEGISLATORS
AND SURVIVORS FOR WORKING IN
PARTNERSHIP TO ABOLISH THE
DEMAND FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
COUNCILOR McCARTHY.

>> THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd,
REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BOSTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON FIRE
DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS HOMELAND
SECURITY ATTENDED I WANT TO
THANK MY COLLEAGUES WHO DID COME
TO THE MEETING ASKED GREAT
QUESTIONS.

I'M NOT GOING THROUGH EVERYONE
UNLESS YOU WEREN'T LISTENING TO
THE CLERK.

SHE COVERED IT VERY, VERY WELL.
EACH ONE OF THESE DOCKETS ARE
LOOKING TO ACCEPT AND EXTEND
THIS WILL FURTHER HELP BOSTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS HOMELAND
SECURITY TO CONTINUE TO MAKE
BOSTON THE SAFEST CITY IN THE
NATION.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
McCARTHY.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK?
AT THIS TIME COUNCILOR
McCARTHY WHO IS THE CHAIR OF
THE COMMITTEE SEEKS ACCEPTANCE
OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND
PASSAGE OF DOCKETS 0666 THROUGH
1668 I WILL TAKE EACH OF THEM
SEPARATELY.

FOR DOCKET 0666 ALL THOSE IN
FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED?

DOCKET 0666 HAS BEEN PASSED.

FOR DOCKET 1151, ALL THOSE IN
FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

DOCKET 1151 HAS BEEN PASSED.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED.

AYEs HAVE IT DOCKET 115 HAS
BEEN PASSED.

FOR DOCKET 1386 ALL THOSE IN
FAVOR OF PASSAGE I SAY.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1386 HAS BEEN PASSED.

FOR DOCKET 1495 ALL THOSE IN
FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

DOCKET 1495 HAS BEEN PASSED.

FOR DOCKET 1496 ALL THOSE IN
FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1496 HAS BEEN PASSED.

FOR DOCKET 1583, ALL THOSE IN
FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 15834 HAS BEEN PASSED.

DOCKET 16862 ALL THOSE IN FAVOR
OF PASSAGE SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1662 HAZARDS BEEN PASSED.

LASTLY, DOCKET 16868 ALL THOSE
IN FAVOR OF PASSAGE SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1666 -- 1668 HAS BEEN
PASSED.

MOVING ON TO DOCKET 1226.

>> DOCKET 12 6, ORDER FOR
HEARING TO EXAMINE AND DISCUSS
DEBT EQUITY PRACTICES IN THE
CITY OF MARIJUANA LICENSING
PROCESS POTENTIAL FOR A SOCIAL
EQUITY PROGRAM.

COUNCILOR JANEY THE CHAIR OF THE
COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

YESTERDAY AS CHAIR OF THE
COMMITTEE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS I HELD A
HEARING ON DOCKET 1226 TO
DISCUSS TO ENSURE EQUITY IN THE
CANNABIS INDUSTRY AS IT UNFOLDS
IN OUR CITY.

BEFORE ISSUING MY REPORT I'D
LIKE TO START BY ISSUING SOME
THANK YOUS, FIRST JUST WANT TO
THANK MY AMAZING TEAM FOR ALL OF
THEIR HARD WORK MIND THE SCENES
AND PLANNING THE HEARING,
WORKING WITH THE SPONSORS AND

THEIR STAFF.

I ESPECIALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE N

NOAH HE IS MY POLICY AND

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK CENTRAL

STAFF FOR THEIR WORK AND

ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK

COUNCILORS PRESSLEY AND

McCARTHY FOR SPONSORING THIS

VERY IMPORTANT HEARING.

AS I OPENED UP THE HEARING I

THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO

PROVIDE SOME FRAMEWORK.

AS I'VE SAID BEFORE THE QUESTION

ISN'T WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD

HAVE MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN

OUR CITY.

THE QUESTION IS HOW THESE SHOPS

WILL OPEN.

IN 2016 MASSACHUSETTS AND BOSTON

VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED

THE IDEA OF LEGALIZING AND

REGULATING RECREATIONAL

MARIJUANA USE WHICH INCLUDED AN

EQUITY PROGRAM ASCII COMPONENT

OF THE LAW.

FOR DECADES COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

HAVE BEEN CRIMINALIZED FOR CA

CANNABIS USE AND POSSESSION

CAUSING ECONOMIC DEVASTATION,

FAMILY SEPARATION AND EMOTIONAL

TRAUMA DUE TO MASS IN

INCARCERATION.

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE

COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN

LOCKED UP ARE NOT BEING LOCKED

OUT OF THIS ECONOMIC OP

OPPORTUNITY.

AND OTHER STATES LESS THAN 2% OF

DISPENSARIES ARE OWNED BY PEOPLE

OF COLOR IN MASSACHUSETTS, 76

PROVISIONAL LICENSES HAVE BEEN

AWARDED BUT NONE TO AN MBE.

FOR THE TWO SHOPS THAT OPENED UP

IN MASS, THEY SAW 2.2 MILLION

DOLLARS IN SALES IN THE FIRST

FIVE DAYS.

2.2 MILLION IN SALES IN THE

FIRST FIVE DAYS.

AT THE HEARING WHICH WAS

ATTENDED BY I THINK ALL OF MY

COLLEAGUES, THANK YOU SO MUCH

FOR BEING THERE IT WAS FOUR HOUR

PLUS HEARING, SO THANK YOU FOR

BEING THERE.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING STAFF
PRESENT AND THANK YOU TO
COUNCILOR McCARTHY WHO HAD A
HEARING RIGHT AFTER MY HEARING.
MINE RAN A LITTLE LATE THANK YOU
FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND IN
INDULGENCE.

AT THE HEARING WE HAD PANEL FROM
THE CITY, WE HAD TWO PANELS,
PANEL CENTER THE CITY INCLUDING
CHIEF OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
JEROME SMITH, CHIEF OF CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT.

THE NEW DIRECTOR OF EQUITY AND
INCLUSION, THAT'S A NEW POSITION
UNDER THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO ALEXIS THE
DIRECTOR OF EMERGING INDUSTRIES.

THEY DISCUSSED THE CITY'S
APPLICATION PROCESS FOR
BUSINESSES HOPING TO ENTER INTO
THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY SOME OF
THE CHALLENGES THAT EXIST.
INCLUDING THE PROHIBITION OF
USING FEDERAL FUNDS TO HELP
CANNABIS-RELATED COMPANIES
THROUGH EXISTING CITY PROGRAMS
FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.

ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE ROLLING
APPLICATION PROCESS AND HOW IT
WAS REALLY HARD TO UNDERSTAND
APPLICATIONS JUST COMING AT
DIFFERENT TIMES THROUGHOUT WHICH
OF THESE WOULD BE EQUITY, WHICH
WOULD BE A GOOD IN ONE LOCATION
AND THOUGHT THAT HAVING A CHOICE
OF SEVERAL WOULD BE BETTER.

THE DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON
POTENTIAL WAYS TO PROMOTE EQUITY
INCLUDING THE IDEA FOR A ONE FOR
ONE RATIO WHEN WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT EQUITY APPLICANTS.

OR EVEN A ONE FOR TWO RATIO IN
TALKING ABOUT THOSE APPLICANTS.
WE TALKED ABOUT GIVING
PREFERENCE IN THE APPLICATION
PROCESS.

TALKED ABOUT POTENTIALLY
LOOSENING THE BUFFER ZONE
REQUIREMENTS.
PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
AND SUPPORT AND ADVICE FOR
EQUITY APPLICANTS.

REINVESTING TAX REVENUE 3% WHICH
WILL COME TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.
REINVESTING THAT MONEY INTO
COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN
HARMED BY THE SO-CALLED WAR ON
DRUGS.

WE ALSO DISCUSSED
JUST

LIKE ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED YOU
CAN'T DRINK ALCOHOL IN A PARK OR
NOT SUPPOSED TO.
NOT SUPPOSED TO SMOKE EITHER,
BUT PEOPLE WILL NEED A PLACE TO
SMOKE PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE
RENTERS AND NOT ALLOWED TO SMOKE
IN THEIR HOMES.

WE TALKED ABOUT ENCOURAGING LE
LENDERS TO PROVIDE CAPITAL.
IDENTIFYING OWNERS IN HELPING TO
INCREASE TRANSPARENCY IN THE
WHOLE PROCESS.

UPDATING THE CITY'S APPLICATION,
RIGHT NOW THERE IS NO QUESTION
ON THE APPLICATION TO ASK
WHETHER OR NOT AN APPLICANT IS
AN EQUITY APPLICANT OR ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT APPLICANT OR WHETHER
THEY'RE NOT THOSE THINGS.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO
DISCUSS FOUR TOPICS, TYPE OF
ESTABLISHMENT THAT THEY WILL BE.
THE LOCATION.

THEY HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT
THEY WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT
SECURITY.

WHAT STEPS THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE
TO MAKE SURE THAT MINORS ARE NOT
GETTING ACCESS TO CANNABIS AND
THEN HOW THE COMMUNITY OVERALL
WILL BENEFIT.

TALKING ABOUT COMMUNITY BENEFIT
AND PROVING THAT THEY WON'T BE A
NUISANCE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD BUT
BE AN ASSET TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

ALSO HEARD FROM A SECOND PANEL
WHICH INCLUDED COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MASSACHUSETTS CANNABIS
CONTROL COMMISSION, ALDERMAN
J.T. SCOTT OF SOMERVILLE WHO DID
SOME AMAZING WORK GETTING AN
ORDINANCE PASSED.

FORMER CITY COUNCILOR TITO
JACKSON.

COMMISSIONER TITLE TESTIFIED

ABOUT THE STATE'S EQUITY PROGRAM AND EXPLAINED THE NEED FOR CITIES LIKE BOSTON TO IMPLEMENT THEIR OWN EQUITY PROGRAMS TO BE A LEADER IN THIS SPACE.

ALDERMAN SCOTT TESTIFIED ABOUT HIS ORDINANCE IN SOMERVILLE WHICH THEY DECIDED THAT THERE WOULD BE A ONE FOR ONE RATIO THERE OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THAT THE BUSINESSES WOULD HAVE AN EQUITY TEE OR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT THEN NON-ONE. ONE TO ONE RATIO THERE.

SOMERVILLE RESIDENT OWNERSHIP THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS ALSO CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS.

COUNCILOR JACKSON OR MR. JACKSON DISCUSSED SOME CHALLENGES FOR OPERATION INCLUDING THE SUDDEN RISE IN COST.

FOLKS HAVE TO SECURE LOCATION BUT THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY OPEN FOR BUSINESS AND SO THEY HAVE TO PAY RANK ON -- RENT ON THAT LEASE.

THAT CAN BE A HUGE BARRIER FOR PARTICULARLY EQUITY APPLICANTS. FINALLY WE HEARD PUBLIC TESTIMONY WHICH INCLUDED SOME OF THE APPLICANTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES TRYING TO OPEN UP BUSINESSES IN BOSTON AND ARE FINDING IT VERY DIFFICULT.

MANY EXPRESSED THEIR FRUSTRATION IN THE PROCESS THAT IT WAS MOVING SLOW OR THEY JUST WERE NOT GETTING GUIDANCE ABOUT HOW TO MOVE FORWARD.

OF THE 27 APPLICANTS IN BOSTON WHO ACTUALLY MADE IT TO STEP TWO, THERE'S APPLICATION PROCESS, THERE WERE FIVE STEPS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

27 MADE IT TO STEP TWO OF THAT 27, THERE ARE THREE MORE STEPS AFTER STEP TWO.

OF THE 27 THAT MADE IT THAT FAR ONLY ONE IS AN EQUITY APPLICANT. AND THAT'S A PROBLEM.

OUT OF 27 ONLY ONE IS AN EQUITY APPLICANT.

THAT IS WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT

FOR US TO LEAD AND PUT OUT
POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN PLACE
TO ENSURE THAT AS THE CANNABIS
INDUSTRY ROLLS OUT IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON THAT WE DO SO WITH
INTENTION AND THAT WE ENSURE
THAT EQUITY IS AT THE FOREFRONT.
WE'VE ALREADY SEEN WITH LIQUOR
LICENSES WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN AN
INDUSTRY IS ALLOWED TO DEVELOP
WITHOUT INTENTIONAL POLICIES
PROMOTING EQUITY.

CERTAINLY GOOD CHANCE TO
ACKNOWLEDGE MY GOOD FRIEND AND
COLLEAGUE, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY,
CONGRESSWOMAN ELECT PRESSLEY FOR
HER LEADERSHIP IN ENSURING
EQUITY TRYING TO CORRECT THOSE
POLICIES THAT WERE PUT IN PLACE
THAT LEFT MANY LOCAL SMALL
BUSINESSES OUT.

PEOPLE OF COLOR OUT, IMMIGRANTS,
WOMEN.

SO, HERE WITH CANNABIS INDUSTRY
WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET
THIS RIGHT, RIGHT FROM THE
BEGINNING.

I URGE SWIFT ACTION BEFORE ALL
OF THE BIG PLAYERS FROM OUT OF
STATE COME IN AND TAKE UP ALL
THE LOCATIONS AND LOCK OUT OUR
LOCAL FOLKS OR PEOPLE OF COLOR
AND OUR WOMEN.

IF WE ENHER YOU CAN QUESTION TEE
IN THIS PROCESS, THAT WILL GO A
LONG WAY IN HELPING TO CLOSE THE
WEALTH GAP IN BOSTON WHICH WE
ALL ACKNOWLEDGE IS A HUGE
PROBLEM.

THIS HEARING WAS ONLY THE
BEGINNING OF A VERY IMPORTANT
CONVERSATION.

I LOOKED AT NEXT YEAR THAT IS
COUNCIL WE'LL TAKE THE LEAD IN
PRIORITIZING EQUITY IN THE
CANNABIS INDUSTRY I ASK THAT
THIS REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

CERTAINLY IF MY COLLEAGUES THE
COSPONSORS WOULD LIKE TO ADD
ANYTHING.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY OR
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY?

AT THIS TIME COUNCILOR JANEY WHO IS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS ASK THAT DOCKET 1226 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

DOCKET 1226 WILL REMAIN IN THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

MADAM CLERK IF WE CAN READ DOCKET 1656 TOGETHER.

>> DOCKET NO. 1656, MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$18,212,630 TO COVER THE FY19 COST ITEM CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, IA IAFF LOCAL 718.

TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ARE, JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30th, 2018 AND JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 MAJOR PROVISION OF THE CONTRACT INCLUDE, WAGE INCREASES OF 2% EFFECTIVE THE FIRST PERIOD OF JULY OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.

THE AGREEMENT ALSO INCLUDE INCREASES TO NIGHT DIFFERENTIAL, HAZARDOUS DUTY COMPENSATION, EMT SPECIALISTS PAY AND MODIFIED WELLNESS DIFFERENTIAL.

DOCKET 1657 MESSAGE AN ORDER TO RADIO DUES FY19 APPROPRIATION FOR RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY 18,212,630 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FY19 INCREASES.

CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BOSTON AND INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS IAFF LOCAL 718.

>> COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MADAM CLERK, DOCKET 1656 AND 1657 WE HELD A COMMITTEE HEARING YESTERDAY.

BUDGET DIRECTOR, CFO TESTIFIED ON BEHALF OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND ADDITION TO TESTIMONY FROM PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 718.

DOCKET 1656 AND 1667 CONCERNED

APPROPRIATION FOR COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CITY OF BOSTON AND INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS
LOCAL 718.

BARGAINING UNIT MADE UP
APPROXIMATELY 1600 FIREFIGHTERS.
CONTRACT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED COST
OF OVER \$95 MILLION OVER THE
FOUR-YEAR PERIOD.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION THAT
WE'RE AUTHORIZING TODAY OR HOPE
TO AUTHORIZE TODAY FOR THIS
AGREEMENT TO \$18 MILLION,
LANGUAGE ITEM INCLUDE PROVISIONS
REGARDING CLARIFICATION AND DRUG
TESTING POLICY, ENTITLEMENT TO
THE CITY'S PAID LEAVE BENEFIT,
UPDATES TO THE PROTECTED CLASSES
WITHIN ANTI-DISCRIMINATION
CLAUSE, ADDITION OF
PSYCHIATRISTS AND LIST OF
INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINERS
FOR INJURY ON DUTY CLAIMS.
MODIFICATION OF THE USE OF
PERSONNEL AND VACATION, PERSONAL
AND VACATION% WAGE -- VACATION
BENEFITS.

COMPENSATION AND COST ITEMS
INCLUDE 2% WAGE INCREASES
EFFECTIVE FOR FIRST PERIOD OF
JULY OF EACH YEAR OF THE
CONTRACT.

INCREASES TO HAZARDOUS DUTY,
DIFFERENTIAL, NIGHT SHIFT
DIFFERENTIAL, EMT STIPEND THE
PAID DETAIL RATE, INCREASE TO
HOLIDAY PAY CALCULATIONS AND
MODIFICATION TO WELLNESS
DIFFERENTIAL.

DOCKET 1657 TRANSFERS FUNDS FROM
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESERVE
AND DOCKET 1656 AUTHORIZES USE
OF THOSE FUNDS TO PAY THE
CONTRACT.

AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THE
APPROPRIATION OF THESE UNIONS
THERE WILL BE BALANCE OF
APPROXIMATELY \$18 MILLION RE
REMAINING IN THE COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING RESERVE AND CITY WILL
HAVE SETTLED 78% OF THE CONTRACT
AT THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
TABLE.

AS VICE CHAIR OF COMMITTEE I
REQUEST PASSAGE OF THE DOCKET.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
McCARTHY.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK?
AT THE TIME VICE CHAIR OF THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SEEKS ACCEPTANCE OF THE
COMMITTEE REPORT IN PASSAGE OF
DOCKET 1656 AND 1657.

WE WILL TAKE THEM SEPARATELY.
FOR DOCKET 1656 ALL THOSE IN
FAVOR SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED?

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 16 -- MADAM CLERK?

>> IF YOU COULD CALL THE ROLL
FOR DOCKET 1656.

>> DOCKET 1656.

COUNCILOR BAKER?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YES.

SOURD ESSAIBI GEORGE YES.

CURT FLAHERTY, YES.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.

COUNCILOR JANEY, YES.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YES.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.

COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, YES.

COUNCILOR WU, YES.

COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.

MADAM PRESIDENT WE HAVE ALL IN
FAVOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

DOCKET 1656 HAS BEEN PASSED.

FOR DOCKET 1657.

DO ONE FOR 1657.

>> Councilor Baker, yes.

Councilor Campbell?

YES.

Councilor Ciommo.

Councilor Edwards, yes.

Councilor Essaibi George yes.

Councilor Flaherty, yes.

Councilor Flynn, yes.

Councilor Janey, yes.

Councilor Mccarthy, yes.

Councilor O'Malley, yes.

Councilor Pressley, yes.

Councilor Wu, yes.

Councilor Baker, yes.

MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET 165712

VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

DOCKET 165 HAS BEEN PASSED.

MOVING ON TO MOTIONS ORDERS AND
RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET 1745.

OFFERS FOLLOWING RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING REFUGEES TRAVELING TO
UNITED STATES.

>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I BRING THIS RESOLUTION FORWARD
TODAY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AN
ORGANIZATION THAT IS FAMILIAR TO
THIS ENTIRE BODY AND PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE BOSTON AREA FOR
THEIR ADVOCACY WHEN IT COMES TO
IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AND
CIVIL RIGHTS.

I BRING IT FORWARD NOT BECAUSE I
EXPECT PRESIDENT TRUMP TO LISTEN
TO IT, AS HE DOESN'T LISTEN TO
ANYTHING.

NOT BECAUSE I EXPECT THEM HIM TO
CHANGE HIS RHETORIC OR ACTIONS
WHEN IT COMES TO IMMIGRATION OR
CIVIL RIGHTS.

BUT BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
CITY LIKE BOSTON LENDS OUR VOICE
AND STANDS UP FOR JUSTICE AND
CIVIL RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS
BECAUSE OF THE APPALLING IMAGES
WE HAVE SEEN HAPPENING IN OUR
SOUTHERN BORDER WITH TEAR GAS
BEING SHOT AT CHILDREN, AT
FAMILIES THAT ARE SEEKING ASYLUM
BECAUSE OF THIS PRESIDENT'S
CONTINUED INHUMANE AND
UNAMERICAN ACTION WHEN IT COMES
TO IMMIGRATION, WHEN IT COMES TO
CIVIL RIGHTS.

WE NEED TO STAND UP.

AND WE NEED TO STAND UP HERE IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON, WE NEED
PEOPLE ACROSS THIS COUNTRY TO
CONTINUE STANDING UP.

NOT JUST CITIES LIKE BOSTON OR
NEW YORK OR LOS ANGELES OR
CHICAGO BUT SMALL COMMUNITIES AS
THEY ARE ACROSS THIS COUNTRY.

WE NEED TO LEAD AND NEED TO

STAND UP OVER AND OVER AGAIN
UNTIL THIS STOPS.

I'M GOING TO ASK FOR SUSPENSION
AND ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION
BECAUSE THE CITY OF BOSTON HAS
SUCH A LONG HISTORY NOT JUST
HERE IN THIS BODY OVER THESE
LAST FEW YEARS.

AND WORK ON SO MANY ISSUES OF
RESOLUTIONS AND LEGISLATION
AROUND IMMIGRATION AND
IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS.

BUT BECAUSE WE CANNOT SIT
SILENTLY, WE CANNOT STAND BY, IT
IS FRUSTRATING THAT WE'RE HERE
ONCE AGAIN IF NOT TWICE WEEKLY
BUT EVERY OTHER MEETING THAT
THERE'S SOME NEW APPALLING
ACTION FROM THIS ADMINISTRATION
WHETHER IT'S AROUND CIVIL RI
RIGHTS, DOMESTICALLY WHETHER
AROUND IMMIGRATION POLICY SO I
FEEL COMPELLED TO STAND UP.
I WANT TO THANK PEOPLE HERE FOR
THEIR WORK EVERY DAY ON THIS
ISSUE.

[APPLAUSE]

AND FOR BEING A PARTNER IN THIS
WORK SO AGAIN I MOVE FOR
SUSPENSION AND ADOPTION OF THIS
RESOLUTION AND OBVIOUSLY THANK
MY COLLEAGUES IN ADVANCE AND FOR
YOUR PAST AND CONTINUED SUPPORT
ON ISSUES OF THE LIKE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM
PRESIDENT.

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

>> I KNOW THAT THIS BODY IS
INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR
IMMIGRANT HISTORY.
BUT I JUST WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE
THE REASON WHY WE DO THESE
RESOLUTIONS NOT ONLY EXPRESS OUR
DISDAIN FOR WHAT IS HAPPENING IN
WASHINGTON BUT REMIND US HOW WE
NEED TO STAND BY AND RESPECT AND
LOVE AND REMEMBER WHAT MAKES US
AMERICANS.

FIGHTING FOR IMMIGRANTS MAKES US
MORE AMERICAN.

AS A MATTER OF FACT JUST QUOTE
REMIND OURSELVES OUR COUNTRY WAS

GIVEN A GIFT THAT SAYS, GIVE ME
YOUR POOR, YOUR TIRED, YOUR
HUDDLED MASSES YARNING TO BREAK
FREE.

AND THAT IS WHAT REFUGEES ARE.

I NATURALLY SUPPORT THIS
RESOLUTION BUT JUST REMIND
PEOPLE WE BECOME MORE AMERICAN
BY FIGHTING FOR IMMIGRANTS.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS.
YOU WANT TO ADD YOUR NAME --

[Applause]

>> MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI GEORGE, COUNCILOR JANEY,
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY, COUNCILOR WU I THINK I
ALREADY SAID COUNCILOR JANEY,
COUNCILOR FLYNN, COUNCILOR BAKER
AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

DOCKETED 1745 HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND FLYNN
OFFER FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN
SUPPORT OF MASS HOUSE BILL 4960
THE END OF THE NATIONAL
GRIDLOCK.

>> I'VE BEEN CALLED WORSE, MADAM
PRESIDENT, THANK YOU.

>> I FIRST ASK THAT WE SUSPEND
RULE 12 AND ADD COUNCILOR AT
LARGE PRESSLEY AS ORIGINAL
COSPONSOR.

>> ANY OBJECTION?

MADAM CLERK ADD COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY.

>> THE PURPOSE OF THIS BILL TO
ENCOURAGE CONTRACT BARGAINING
AND PROTECT BETWEEN NATIONAL
GRID, PROTECT MEMBERS OF THE
UNITED STEELWORKERS LOCAL 12.
THANK MANY MEMBERS INCLUDING FOR
BEING WITH US AGAIN TODAY.
LOCAL 1202 HAVE BEEN UNFAIRLY
LOCKED OUT SINCE JUNE 25, 2018.
OCTOBER 30th, WE SPONSORED A
HEARING ON THE SAFETY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON GAS
INFRASTRUCTURE NATIONAL GRID
FAILED TO APPEAR THEIR WORKERS
DID NOT.

THEY WERE HERE AND THEY OFFERED
INCREDIBLY HELPFUL TESTIMONY TO
THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL THAT
ONLY WORKERS WITH DECADES OF

EXPERIENCE WORKING ON THE GROUND
DO PROVIDE ON STATUS OF OUR GAS
INFRASTRUCTURE ESPECIALLY AS IT
CONCERNS THE LOCK OUT.

MY WORK ON THIS ISSUE BEGAN
SEVERAL YEARS AGO AS PART OF
COALITION OF STAKEHOLDERS
IMPACTED BY ENVIRONMENTAL HARM
AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT OF GAS
LEAKS, I WAS INSPIRED THEN BY
OUR UNION'S WILLINGNESS TO TAKE
ON CHALLENGES FOR CLIMATE CH
CHANGE, FOR GAS SAFETY, INSPIRED
NOW BY SAME WORKERS FIGHT FOR
FARRAKHAN TRACT.

THIS ISSUE HAS MANY SIDES TO IT
FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE OF
FREQUENT AND UNSOLVED GAS LEAKS
MADE WORSE BY LACK OF SKILLED
LABOR CURRENTLY ADDRESSING THEM.

TO THE SAFETY IMPLICATIONS EVER
DISRUPTION IN OUR ENERGY
WORKFORCE AT THIS CRITICAL TIME
TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURING
FAIR HEALTH CARE AND RETIREMENT
BENEFITS FOR ALL WORKERS.

NATIONAL GRID MAY BELIEVE THAT
THE GAS LEAK GOING UNFIXED
DURING THIS LOCK OUT ARE
HARMLESS BUT EVERY RELEASE OF
GREENHOUSE GAS ADDS UP IN THE
CLIMATE WON'T LISTEN TO EXCUSES.

WE ALSO FACE INCOME INEQUALITY
CRISIS WITH OUR WORKING AND
MIDDLE CLASS SQUEEZE BY RISING
HEALTH CARE AND RETIREMENT COSTS
WILL BIG BUSINESS ENJOYS
UNPRECEDENTED PROFITS.

THIS LABOR DISPUTE SYMPTOM OF
LARGER CAUSE WITH NEGATIVE
AFFECTS ON OUR HARD WORKING
NEIGHBORS.

NOT ONLY HAVE MANY OF THE
WORKERS LOST THEIR REGULAR
INCOME BUT THE COMPANY HAS CUT
OFF HEALTH INSURANCE WHICH
AFFECTS THEIR FAMILIES AND IT
WAS INCREDIBLY COMPELLING AT
YESTERDAY'S HEARING WHEN YOU
HEARD A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS
SEEK HOW THEY'RE DEALING WITH
CANCER, ADVANCED CANCER ON
CHILDREN, ON SPOUSES WITH THE
FACT THAT THE MANAGEMENT IS

CUTTING OFF RESOURCES, CUTTING OFF SUPPORT, CUTTING OFF HEALTH CARE.

IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE WHAT NATURAL GRID IS DOING.

THIS WILL CALL FOR STATE LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY TO ESTABLISH A BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS INVOLUNTARY LOCKED OUT.

ALSO UNDER THIS BILL ALL PROGRAM COSTS WILL BE ASSESSED ON NATIONAL GRID AND PRECLUDE THEM FROM PASSING ON THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM TO RATE PAYERS, IT WILL HELP, I HOPE BRING AN END TO THIS UNCONSCIONABLE LOCK OUTED BY NATIONAL GRID AS WE'RE ENTERING THE COLD SEASON AND I WILL BE ASKING ON BEHALF OF DISTRICT FOR SUSPENSION AND ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND URGE OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONTINUE THEIR DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP BY PASSING THAT BILL.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O' O'MALLEY.

COUNCILOR FLYNN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

THANK YOU TO MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE COUNCILOR O'MALLEY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE FOR MANY YEARS.

THANK YOU TO COUNCILOR PRESSLEY AS WELL.

AN HONOR TO SPEAK AT THE STATE HOUSE YESTERDAY WITH COUNCILOR O'MALLEY REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE JIM O'DAY'S WORK ON THIS ISSUE.

UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE HERE TODAY ONCE AGAIN DUE TO NATIONAL GRID'S LACK OF CONCERN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND UNWILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH WITH THE UNITED STEELWORKERS OVER THE SUM OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL BROUGHT FORTH RESOLUTION TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STEELWORKERS.

AT THAT TIME I SAID WE MUST

ALWAYS STAND WITH OUR UNION
BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO SEEK
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE.
I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT I ALWAYS
WILL HOWEVER TO ME NUMBER ONE
PRIORITY HERE WHEN IT COMES TO
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS
INFRASTRUCTURE IS PUBLIC SAFETY.
WE ALL WITNESSED THE HORRIBLE
EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER IN THE
MERRIMAC VALLEY.
OVER PRESSURIZED GAS LINES
CAUSED 60 FIRES, THREE EX
EXPLOSIONS IN HOMES, 25 PEOPLE
INJURED.
TRAGICALLY THIS EVENT ALSO TOOK
THE LIFE OF AN 18-YEAR-OLD.
WE PRAY FOR HIM AND FOR HIS
FAMILY AND ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY
THIS TERRIBLE INCIDENT.
THEY HAVE UNDERSCORED HOW
CRITICAL THAT THE THE NATURAL
GAS AND GAS LEAKS ARE MAINTAINED
AND TREATED BY HIGHLY SKILLED
AND TRAINED WORKERS.
MANY OF THEM ARE HERE TODAY.
IN OCTOBER, THERE WERE REPORTS
OF OVERPRESSURIZATION WHICH
COULD HAVE RESULTED IN
ADDITIONAL THREATS TO PUBLIC
SAFETY.
NATIONAL GRID HAS SUBSEQUENTLY
ORDERED TO HALT ALL NONEMERGENCY
AND COMPLIANCE WORK PENDING THE
RESULTS OF A REVIEW OF THE
COMPANY'S SAFETY PRACTICES.
THESE EVENTS SHOULD GIVE US ALL
PAUSE TO REFLECT ON HOW CRITICAL
IT IS THAT WE MAINTAIN THE
SAFETY OF NATURAL GAS
INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR CITY AND
IN OUR STATE.
WE DO NOT WANT TO WE LIVE
HORRIBLE TRAGEDY THAT OCCURRED
IN THE MERRIMAC VALLEY.
IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THIS LOCK
OUT MUST END SO THAT THE PEOPLE
OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND STATE
OF MASSACHUSETTS HAS HIGHLY
TRAINED IN QUALIFIED WORKERS
HANDLING OUR NATURAL GAS
INFRASTRUCTURE.
AND AS IT IS THE HOLIDAY SEASON,
CHRISTMAS SEASON THE UNITED

STEELWORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
HAVE BEEN IN OUR THOUGHTS EVEN
MORE SO AROUND THIS TIME TO HAVE
THEM TO GIVE THEM PIECE OF MIND
THIS CHRISTMAS KNOWING THAT THEY
WERE ABLE TO GET BACK TO WORK
WITH A FAIR CONTRACT.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE, DECENT
PENSION FOR THEM AND THEIR
FAMILIES.

IT IS OUR HOPE THAT NATIONAL
GRID, WILL COME TO ITS SENSES
FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS
AND TO HAVE COMPASSION FOR THESE
PROFESSIONAL WORKERS AND THEIR
FAMILY AND TO TREAT THEM WITH
RESPECT AND DIGNITY ESPECIALLY
DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT,
THANK YOU COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND
COUNCILOR FLYNN FOR YOUR
STEADFAST LEADERSHIP AND
PARTNERSHIP IN THIS SPACE IN
PUTTING FORCE THIS RESOLUTION.
THAT IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC
SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC
GOOD.

OUR STEELWORKERS HAVE BEEN
LOCKED OUT SINCE JUNE SIMPLY FOR
FIGHTING FOR BETTER WAGES,
AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE AND
SECURE RETIREMENT.

IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE THAT A
BILLION DOLLAR COMPANY WITH
SHIFT THESE COSTS ON THE BACK OF
THESE EMPLOYEES.

DURING OUR LAST CITY COUNCIL
HEARING, I REFER TO THEM AS
NATIONAL GREED AND IT WAS
SPECULATED THAT PERHAPS I HAD
MISSPOKE.

I DID NOT.

AS A REGULATED UTILITY NATIONAL
GRID ACTION ARE RELEVANT NOT
JUST OWN WORKERS BUT EVERYONE IN
THIS COMMON HEALTH, ENSURES WHEN
WORKERS ARE INVOLUNTARILY LOCKED
OUT BY THEIR EMPLOY THEY WILL
STILL HAVE ACCESS TO A BENEFIT
PROGRAM.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THESE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE SECURITY WHEN IT COMES TO HEALTH CARE COSTS. ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH PREEXISTING CONDITIONS. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR MANY OF THESE WORKERS ARE GOING TO EXPIRE NEXT MONTH WE CANNOT ALLOW THEM TO BE HUNG OUT TO DRY. THEY HAVE HAD OUR BACKS, THEY HAVE SHOWN UP IN EXTREME WEATHER IN ORDER TO KEEP THIS CITY AND OUR COMMONWEALTH GOING THEY HAVE HAD OUR BACKS AND WE MUST CONTINUE TO OF THIS THEIRS. STEELWORKERS SHOULD NOT BE PRESSURED INTO TAKING A LESSER IF THEY HAVE SICK LOVED ONE, THIS IS AN EFFORT TO PIT HEALTHY VERSUS SICK, YOUNG VERSUS OLD AGAINST ONE ANOTHER AND FORCE A DEAL THAT IS BAD FOR EVERYONE. I URGE NATIONAL GRID TO NEGOTIATE FAIRLY WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN OF USW 12012 AND 12003 BRING TAN END TO THIS SIX-MONTH LOCK OUT. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR PR PRESSLEY. COUNCILOR McCARTHY YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, I'D LIKE TO ADD MY NAME I'M JUST STANDING TO THANK THE MAKERS, COUNCILOR FLYNN AND COUNCILOR OWE MALL LILY NOT ONLY UP AT THE STATE HOUSE REPRESENTING THIS BODY INCREDIBLY POSITIVE FASHION AS YOU HEARD THEM BOTH SO ELOQUENTLY SPEAK AS WELL AS COUNCILOR PRESSLEY WHO IS NOW ON AS WELL.

I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR GETTING UP THERE AND KNOW THAT AFTER THAT HEARING UP AT THE STAYS HOUSE THEY WERE DOWN AT THE MARIJUANA HEARING WITH THE REST OF US.

JUST SAY THAT THERE ARE FAMILIES ARE HURTING WE CONTINUE TO WATCH THIS GO BY.

AS CHRISTMAS COMES AROUND AS

COUNCILOR FLYNN SAID ONLY GOING TO GET TOUGHER FOR THESE FAMILIES.

CONTINUE TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE, IF WE HAVE TO GO TO ENGLAND OURSELVES, THEY CAME OVER HERE, MAYBE WE SHOULD GO OVER THERE TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS.

I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH OF IT TALKING TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY. IT IS AN AWFUL, CRITICAL SITUATION NOW.

IT WAS ONE THING FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS BUT NOW IT'S GETTING COLD AND IT'S REALLY AWFUL.

I JUST WANT TO THANK THEM FOR KEEPING UP THE PRESSURE.

>> THANK, COUNCILOR McCARTHY. COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE YOU HAVE THEM FROM.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU TO THE MAKERS FOR NOT JUST THIS RESOLUTION TODAY SUPPORTING MASS BILL 4960, BUT FOR THEIR UNWAVERING LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL GRID WORKERS OVER THE LAST IS, JUST BEEN TOO LONG.

I DO WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE CONTINUE THESE WORKERS THERE IS A CHANGE IMAGINING THESE WINTER MONTHS, ONGOING SICKNESS EARLIER THIS YEAR, I TALKED ABOUT OUR MENTAL HEALTH HEARING EARLIER THIS WEEK AND IMPACT IT MUST HAVE ON WELL BEING NOT JUST OF THE WORKERS, BUT ON THE WELL BEING OF THEIR FAMILIES.

THE EMOTIONAL STRESS AND PRESSURE THAT PUTS ON FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL MUST BE UNIMAGINABLE. ALSO WANT TO MENTION THE IMPACT THAT THIS HAS ON HOUSEHOLDS NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE WORKERS AND OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. WE THINK ABOUT THE SHOPPING THAT WE'RE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO DO IN THESE HOLIDAY WEEKS AND BUYING ON MAIN STREETS AND BUYING LOCAL. BUT THESE WORKERS HAVEN'T BEEN TO WORK.

ALSO THE STRAIN THAT PUTS ON HOUSEHOLDS ON SMALL BUSINESS, THAT CAN'T BE OCCUPIED BECAUSE OF THIS LOCK OUT.

THE WORK THAT CANNOT HAPPEN BECAUSE OF THIS WALK OUT VERY DIRECT IMPACT ON THE WORKERS AND THEIR HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY THAT IT HAS MUCH GREATER AFFECT, MAGNIFIED AFFECT WHEN WE THINK ABOUT IMPACT IT HAS ON OUR LOCALLY, OUR LOCAL BUSINESS AND THOSE THAT LOOKING TO MOVE INTO THE CITY OF BOSTON OR RELOCATE OR BUY NEW CONSTRUCTED HOME OR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUSINESS.

COUNCILOR BAKER AND I WERE AT A COMMUNITY MEETING EARLIER HEARD OF LOCAL BUSINESS LOOKING TO CELEBRATE HER OPENING DAY BUT BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY WILL GET THAT OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE BECAUSE GAS LINES HAVEN'T BEEN LOOKED UP SHE'S INVESTED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY INTO OPENING HER BUSINESS. BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THAT FIRST DAY WILL BE.

AGAIN, I SUPPORT THE MAKERS OF TODAY'S RESOLUTION AND COUNCILOR FLYNN AND COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY AND LOOK FORWARD TO PERHAPS A TRIP TO ENGLAND BUT CERTAINLY THERE IS WORK TO DO, WE CAN LAUGH ABOUT THAT BUT IT IS SO INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT THAT WE FIND AN END TO THIS.

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH SEVERAL OTHER STRIKES AND WALK OUTS IN THE MEANTIME THE MEN AND WOMEN OF NATIONAL GRID, THE STEELWORKERS, NOT BEEN ALLOWED BACK TO WORK. WE NEED THEM TO WORK FOR THEMSELVES.

WE NEED THEM TO WORK FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS THE CITY OF BOSTON, THE COMMONWEALTH, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

COUNCILOR BAKER, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> JUST RISE TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND COUNCILOR
FLYNN, SIGN MY NAME ON.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE STOLE
MY SPEAKING POINTS SHE GOT IT
ACROSS.

WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN TO FEEL
THE IMPACT OF WHAT IS GOING TO
HAPPEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND
HOW THIS IS GOING TO BECOME REAL
FOR BUSINESS FOR BUILDINGS THAT
ARE TRYING TO GET GAS SERVICE IN
IN.

THERE COULD BE DAMAGE IN THE
WINTERTIME, COLD, RAIN, THAT
DAMAGE IS ALL OUR INFRASTRUCTURE
WHEN IT'S NOT KEPT WARM TALKING
ABOUT BUILDING INDUSTRY JUST
THANKFUL TO BE HERE TO BE ABLE
TO SHOW MY SUPPORT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR BAKER.
MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILOR BAKER, COUNCILOR
EDWARDS, COUNCILMEMBER ESSAIBI
GEORGE, COUNCILOR JANEY,
COUNCILOR McCARTHY AND
COUNCILOR WU AS WELL AS THE
CHAIR.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
ADOPTION OF DOCKET 1746.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
ANY OPPOSED?

AYEs --

>> MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD CALL
THE ROLL?

Councilor Ciommo.

Councilor Edwards, yes.

Councilor Essaibi George yes.

Councilor Flaherty, yes.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.

COUNCILOR JANEY, YES.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY, YES.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.

COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, YES.

COUNCILOR WU, YES.

COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.

MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET 1746
RECEIVES 11 VOTES IN THE
AFFIRMATIVE.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
DOCKET 1746 HAS BEEN ADOPTED.
AT THIS TIME WE'LL TAKE --

[Applause]

THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO TAKE
A BRIEF BREAK FROM THE AGENDA
AND INVITE THE MAYOR TO COME UP
TO THE PODIUM FOR A SPECIAL
PRESENTATION.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
THROUGH YOU TO THE MEMBERS HERE
TO THE CITY COUNCIL AN HONOR TO
COME OVER HERE TODAY TO
RECOGNIZE THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY FOR HER WORK.
I WAS JUST THINKING AS I WAS
WALKING OVER FIRST TIME I MET A AY
AYANA SHE WAS RUNNING FOR OF
OFFICE.

SHE WAS TAKING TRAINS AND BUSES
EVERYWHERE SHE COULD GO AND WAS
SOMEBODY THAT NOT EVERYONE IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON KNEW WHEN SHE
STARTS HER RUN AND RAN ON ISSUES
THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO THE
COMMUNITIES OF OUR NE
NEIGHBORHOODS.

SINCE THAT TIME I'VE HAD CHANCE
TO WATCH HER ACTIONS HERE IN
THIS CHAMBER AS MEMBER OF THE
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL AND TAKING A
LOT OF HER ACTIONS AROUND THE
COUNTRY ON DIFFERENT CAMPAIGNS
AND DIFFERENT CONVERSATIONS
AROUND RAISING EQUITY AND
RAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE.
EXPERIENCE, IS THAT SHE LEARNED
HERE IN BOSTON AND LEARNED IN
HER HOMETOWN WHEN SHE WAS A
YOUNG PERSON AND BRINGING THEM
HERE AND TAKING THAT PACKS TO
THIS BUILDING AND TO THIS
CHAMBER.

TODAY'S HISTORIC DAY IN GENERAL
HISTORIC DAY FOR HER DISTRICT
FOR CONGRESS IN THE UNITED
STATES FOR MASSACHUSETTS AS
FIRST BLACK WOMAN ELECTED TO THE
CONGRESS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

[APPLAUSE]

WE KNOW THAT.

TO THE COUNCILORS IN THIS
CHAMBER, SHOULD BE A HAPPY DAY
FOR ALL OF YOU.

BECAUSE A MEMBER OF THIS BODY IS
GOING TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF
BOSTON IN THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS.

A PERSON, A COLLEAGUE WHO SAT
NEXT TO YOU SO SHE TAKES THE
FLOOR AND CONGRESS IN JANUARY.
SHE WAS SITTING WITH YOU SEVERAL
MONTHS BEFORE THAT.
THAT ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT WE
SHOULD BE PROUD OF.
TOO OFTEN IN POLITICS WE TALK
ABOUT PEOPLE MOVING ON WE FORGET
WHO THEY ARE.
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BRANCH OF
GOVERNMENT.
YOU THINK ABOUT GOVERNMENT WE
ALL THINK ABOUT GOVERNMENT WE
TALK ABOUT WASHINGTON AND WE
TALK ABOUT THE STATE HOUSE,
DIFFERENT PLACES.
BUT IT'S AT THE LOCAL LEVEL,
LEGISLATIVE LEVEL WHETHER IT'S
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER OR COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ACROSS THIS
COMMONWEALTH AS A LOT OF THE
IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT DEAL WITH
EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON AND EVERY SINGLE
PERSON IN CITIES AND TOWNS A
PART OF.
AT THE GROUND LEVEL, YOU'VE BEEN
AT THE GROUND LEVEL FOR A LONG
TIME HERE ON BEHALF OF MYSELF,
YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE CITY
COUNCIL, RES DEPARTMENTS OF THE
CITY COUNCIL.
WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU.
WE'RE HAPPY FOR YOU.
WANT TO SAY GOOD LUCK IN
WASHINGTON.
ALSO WANT TO SAY WE HAVEN'T
GOTTEN A LOT OF FEDERAL MONEY IN
A LONG TIME.
I PERSONALLY JUST WANT TO THANK
AYANA FOR HER FRIENDSHIP OVER
THE YEARS, WE WORKED IN ON A LOT
OF DIFFERENT ISSUES WITHIN I WAS
A REP AND SHE WAS A COUNCILOR.
THIS IS A FAMILY BUSINESS.
HER NAME IS ON THE BALLOT.
AYANA PRESSLEY IS THE PERSON WHO
WON THE ELECTION, HER FAMILY ARE
THE PEOPLE STAND BEHIND THE
SCENES, THEY GO UP WHEN THE TIDE
IS RAISED GO DOWN WHEN TIDE IS
LOW I WANT TO THANK HER FAMILY
AS WELL FOR STANDING BY HER SIDE

THE ENTIRE TIME THROUGHOUT THE
CAMPAIGN AND OVER HER RISE HERE
IN THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL SO
COUNCILOR ON BEHALF OF THE
RESIDENTS I HAVE A CUSTOMARY
GIVEN TOE DEPARTING COUNSELORS
WANT YOU TO COME ON UP.

[Applause]

WE ALSO HAVE SOME SWAG FROM
BOSTON SHE'S DOWN THERE MINGLING
WITH NEW YORK AND OTHER PLACES
YOU HAVE THE BOSTON SCARF, THE
SWAG TO LET THEM KNOW WHERE
YOU'RE FROM.

>> WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH,
MAYOR MALL ARE FOR THIS HONOR.
I DO JUST WANT TO SAY THAT
BEFORE YOU TAKE AN OATH OF
OFFICE YOU AND I SAT DOWN AND
TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE
PRESSING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES
IN OUR CITY AND MADE PLANS FOR
THE WORK THAT WE WOULD DO
TOGETHER ONCE YOU TOOK THAT OA
OATH.

SO MUCH OF THAT WE HAVE WORKED
ON AND HAS BEEN HONORED,
RENAMING THE FERDINAND BUILDING,
THE RUTH BOLING MUNICIPAL
BUILDING.

AUTHORING AND PASSING THE FIRST
ORDINANCE IN THE COUNTRY, RE
REFORMING THE STATE'S ANTIQUATED
LIQUOR LICENSE LAWS AND WORKING
TO DEVELOP LAWS THAT WOULD
REDUCE THE DEMAND AND SUPPORT
SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.
SO MANY WAYS WE ARE BETTER THAN
WE USED TO BE.

AND YET STILL NOT WHO WE CAN BE.
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING
TO PARTNER WITH YOU, MR. MAYOR,
IN GETTING THERE.

AND AGAIN I THANK YOU FOR THE
HONOR AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
COMMITMENT TO WORKERS' RIGHTS,
TO THOSE BATTLE SUBSTANCE ABUSE
DISORDERS.

I'VE BEEN ON THE PHONE WITH YOU
TRYING TO FIND A BED FOR
SOMEBODY IN NEED AND YOU'VE
TAKEN THE CALL EVERY TIME.
AND ANSWERED THE CALL MORE
BROADLY AND WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR

YOU.

I'VE HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING IN
MY EIGHT YEARS ON THE COUNCIL
WITH TWO MAYORS.

IT HAS INDEED BEEN AN HONOR SO
THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR WALSH.
WE'VE WILL GO QUICKLY THROUGH
THE REST OF THIS AGENDA SO THAT
THE COLLEAGUES AND COUNCIL CAN
OF COURSE HONOR COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY.

PERSONNEL ORDERS.

>> DOCKET 1747, COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE.

>> SEEKS PASSAGE.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED?

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1747 HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET 1748 COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE.

>> COUNCILOR R COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE
RULES.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED.

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1748 HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET 1749, COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> COUNCILOR BAKER SEEKS
SUSPENSION WAS RULES PASSAGE OF
DOCKET 1749, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR
SAY AYE.

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1749 HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET 1740 COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> COUNCILOR BAKER SEES PASSAGE.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL THOSE OPPOSED NAY.

HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET 1751 COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

>> CURT PRESSLEY SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF DOCKET 1757.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1751 HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET 1752, COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR PRESSLY.
>> SEEKS SUSPENSION OF PASSAGE
OF 1752.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."
AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 175 HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKETED 1753, COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

>> COUNCILOR FLAHERTY SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."

ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY "NAY."

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKETED 1753 HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET 1754 COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

>> COUNCILOR FLAHERTY SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF DOCKET 1754 ALL THOSE
IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."

ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY "NAY."

AYEs HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1754 HAS BEEN PASSED.

MOVING ON TO LATE FILES.

I'M INFORMED THAT THERE ARE FIVE
LATE FILE MATTERS.

THREE ARE PERSONNEL ORDERS.

ONE IS A LETTER FROM COUNCILOR
CIOMMO AND FIFTH IS A FILING BY
COUNCILOR ZAKIM IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

MADAM CLERK START WITH COUNCILOR
CIOMMO'S LETTER.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILOR MARK
CIOMMO, DISTRICT 9.

DEAR COUNCILOR PRESSLEY AND
CAMPBELL, DUE TO AN ILLNESS I AM
UNABLE TO ATTEND TODAY'S COUNCIL
MEETING.

I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR
McCARTHY FOR REPORTING OUT
DOCKET 1756 FROM THE COMMITTEE
ON WAYS AND MEANS.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK AND
WISH THE BEST TO MY FRIEND AND
COLLEAGUE CONGRESSWOMAN-ELECT
PRESSLY AS SHE EMBARKS ON THIS
NEW CHAPTER.

HAVING SERVED WITH HER HER
ENTIRE TENURE IN THE CITY
COUNCIL, I SAW FIRSHTHAND HER
DEVOTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND

COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE.
AS WELL AS HER CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO
HER BEING OUR VOICE IN
WASHINGTON.

SINCERELY, MARK CIOMMO.

>> FIRST LATE FILE MATTER WILL
BE PLACED ON FILE.

IN CITY COUNCIL, COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR ZAKIM.

>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
SECOND LATE FILE MATTER ALL
THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."
ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY "NAY."
SECOND LATE TIE MATTER HAS BEEN
PASSED.

>> IN CITY COUNCIL, DECEMBER 5,
FOR COUNCILOR CAMPBELL FOR
COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> COUNCILOR EDWARDS SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF THE THIRD LATE FILE
MATTER.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."
ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY "NAY."
AYEs HAVE IT.

THIRD LATE FILE MATTER HAS BEEN
PASSED.

>> IN COUNCIL DECEMBER 5, 2018,
COUNCILOR CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR
EDWARDS.

>> COUNCILOR EDWARDS SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF THE FOURTH LATE FILE
MATTER.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."
ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY "NAY."
AYEs HAVE IT FOURTH LATE FILE
MATTER HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> FIFTH LATE FILE.

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL.
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL POLICY ON
DISCRIMINATION, SEXUAL AND OTHER
FORMS OF HARASSMENT AND
RETALIATION.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ THIS
INTRODUCTION?

>> I DON'T THINK THAT'S
NECESSARY.

THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT,

THIS IS BETWEEN MYSELF AND COUNCILOR PRESSLEY WORKED ON THIS BODY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THIS POLICY FIRST OF ITS KIND EARLIER THIS YEAR, HOWEVER AFTER CONSULTING WITH CORPORATION COUNCIL, HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HERE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON THERE WERE SOME TECHNICAL CHANGES WE WANTED TO MAKE TO THIS DOCUMENT.

SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES, JUST LIKE TO REITERATE ONCE AGAIN, WE SEEK IN THE NEWS AROUND CBS AND THEIR ISSUES AROUND GOVERNANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, RETALIATION IS IMPORTANT FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO HAVE THESE STRUCTURES IN PLACE FOR REPORTING, FOR DISCIPLINE, FOR SUPPORT FOR POSSIBLE VICTIMS AND I'M PROUD THAT WE PARTNERED ON THIS WORK, ESPECIALLY FITTING THAT WE ARE PUTTING THIS IN AS FINAL VERSION TODAY AS WE ALSO HONOR COUNCILOR PRESSLEY FOR ALL HER WORK HERE ON THE CITY COUNCIL.

HAPPY TO TOUCH ON MORE SPECIFIC ITEM, REALLY IS REFLECTING THE ADVICE OF OUR EXPERTS HERE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MAKE SURE IT'S THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE POLICY WE COULD HAVE. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ZAKIM.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS.

ENDEAVOR TO CODIFY FORMAL WORKPLACE HARASSMENT FOR BOSTON CITY COUNCIL JUST HAVE BEEN IN WASHINGTON FOR LAST TWO WEEKS FOR NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION I DO BELIEVE THAT OUR POLICY IS MUCH MORE PROGRESSIVE THAN THAT OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS. I WILL BE TAKING THIS UP THERE. SO THANK YOU ALL.

BUT THIS NEW POLICY WILL IMPLEMENT ZERO TOLERANCE WORKPLACE HARASSMENT ON THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL, THE POLICY

IS APPLICABLE TO BOTH PAID AND UNPAID STAFF AND WE HAVE INTENTIONALLY OPTED TO INCLUDE COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THIS POLICY AS WELL.

IN ORDER TO MAKE SYSTEMIC CHANGES AND PROTECTS EVERYONE, IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE END THE ABUSE OF POWER.

THIS POLICY, FIRST OF ITS KIND FOR THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL, WILL MAKE CLEAR THE STEPS TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF HARASSMENT OR DISCRIMINATION INCIDENT OCCURS. MANDATES TRAINING, ESTABLISHES A CHAIN OF REPORTING, DEFINES VARIOUS FORMS OF HARASSMENT INCLUDING CYBER AND DIGITAL ABUSE.

REPORTING AND FOLLOW-UP DEADLINES PROTECTS PRIVACY, PROHIBITS RETALIATION AND MAKES CLEAR THAT TERMINATION WILL BE THE RESULT OF ANY ALLEGATION THAT IS FOUND TO BE TRUE. IT ALSO SPECIFIES AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE POLICY TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PREVENT HARASSMENT OR CONDUCT FOR OUR EMPLOYEES IN AND OUTSIDE.

I'M GLAD WE WERE ABLE TO OPEN THIS POLICY TO THE PUBLIC AND REVISE IT TO BECOME ONE UNIFORM FORMAL POLICY AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND PASSAGE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR PR PRESSLEY.

THANK YOU COUNCILOR ZAKIM FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON THIS?

JUST REMINDER THAT WE WILL WORK WITH HUMAN RESOURCES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE ROBUST TRAINING FOR EVERY COLLEAGUE'S OFFICE WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTATION.

SO THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME COUNCILOR ZAKIM AND COUNCILOR PRESSLEY SEEK PASSAGE OF THESE AMENDMENTS TO THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY FOR BOSTON CITY COUNCIL.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."
ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY "NAY."
AYE AS HAVE IT AMENDMENTS HAVE
BEEN PASSED.

MOVING ON TO THE GREEN SHEETS.
ANYONE LOOKING TO REMOVE A
MATTER FROM THE GREEN SHEETS?
GREAT.

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

CHAIR MOVES FOR ADOPTION OF THE
CONSENT AGENDA AT THIS TIME.
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE."
ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY "NAY."
CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

>> YES, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE
RESOLUTION ON THE CHINESE
VETERANS GOLD MEDAL.

>> AT THIS TIME COUNCILOR FLYNN
ACTUALLY WAS -- HE HAS
RESOLUTION THAT WAS PUT ON
CONSENT AGENDA WANTED TO PULL
PULL IT OUT TO BE ABLE TO
DISCUSS IT.

IT WAS NOT PUT ON FORMAL AGENDA
I'LL PULL IT AT THIS TIME SO
THAT HE CAN SPEAK ON THE MATTER.
I THINK YOU ALSO WANT TO ADD
SOMEONE IS THAT CORRECT?

>> YES, MADAM PRESIDENT.

IT'S COUNCILOR FLAHERTY AND
COUNCILOR WU.

>> ANY OBJECTIONS TO ADDING
THIRD COSPONSOR?

MADAM AM CLERK, COUNCILOR FLYNN
AND COUNCILOR WU AS COSPONSORS.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I RISE TO SPEAK ON THE
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR
CHINESE AND CHINESE AMERICAN
VETERANS.

NEARLY 20,000 CHINESE AND
CHINESE AMERICANS SERVED OUR
COUNTRY WITH HONOR AND
DISTINCTION DURING THE SECOND
WORLD WAR DESPITE FACING
DISCRIMINATION.

WHICH PREVENTED NON-U.S. BORN
CHINESE AMERICANS FROM OBTAINING

CITIZENSHIP.

THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN SERVED
IN ALL THEATERS OF THE WAR
THROUGH COORDINATING WITH
CHINESE ALLIES GATHERING
INTELLIGENCE, SERVING IN BOTH
COMBAT AND SUPPORT ROLES.

CHINESE AMERICAN WOMEN LEFT
TRADITIONAL DUTIES TO SERVE WITH
THE ARMY AIR FORCE AND UNITED
STATES RESERVE, WOMAN'S RESERVE.
IN THE PAST THE UNITED STATES
HAS RECOGNIZED SERVICE AND
PATRIOTISM OF NATIVE AMERICANS,
AFRICAN AMERICANS AND JAPANESE
AMERICANS.

OUR CHINESE AMERICAN VETERANS
ALSO DESERVE THE RIGHT TO BE
RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND
PATRIOTISM AS WELL.

THIS LEGISLATION PREVIOUSLY
PASSED THE U.S. SENATE ON
SEPTEMBER 17th IN SUPPORT FROM
BOTH U.S. SENATOR WARREN AND
SENATOR MARKEY HAS SINCE BEEN
WORKING THROUGH THE COMMITTEE
AND U.S. HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES WHERE IT HAS THE
FULL SUPPORT OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION.

I THANK MY COLLEAGUES, COUNCILOR
WU, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY FOR
SIGNING ON TO THIS RESOLUTION
HOPE WE CAN URGE CONGRESS TO
TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THIS
LEGISLATION BEFORE THE 2017-2018
SESSION CLOSES.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON
THIS?

IT'S OBVIOUSLY ALREADY BEEN
ADOPTED SO THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
FLYNN.

AT THIS TIME I QUICKLY WANT TO
ACKNOWLEDGE WE'VE BEEN JOINED BY
REPRESENTATIVE RUSSELL HOLMES
AND REPRESENTATIVE WHO IS
WALKING OUT I THINK AS WE SPEAK
BUT WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE HER
PRESENCE AS WELL.

AND REP RYAN IS HERE, THANK YOU.
AT THIS TIME WE'RE OBVIOUSLY ALL

HERE FOR A SPECIAL MOMENT BUT ALSO A SAD MOMENT AS WE SAY FAREWELL TO OUR COLLEAGUE, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

WE DO HAVE ANOTHER COUNCIL MEETING BUT LAST COUNCIL MEETING OF THE YEAR MOST OF US WILL NOT BE PRESENT WE WANTED TO TAKE THIS TIME TO ADEQUATELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THIS BODY TO, THIS CITY.

I TOLD MYSELF I WOULDN'T GET EMOTIONAL.

THIS IS TOUGH WORK.

AS WAS EXPRESSED EARLIER WE PULL OUR FAMILIES INTO THIS, PUT ALL OF OURSELVES INTO THIS.

I KNOW I HAVE GROWN AS A HUMAN BEING, AS AS COUNCILOR BECAUSE OF YOUR LEADERSHIP.

IT IS NOT LOST, YOU PAVED THE WAY FOR EACH AND EVERYONE OF US TO BE HERE.

MADE A LOT OF SACRIFICES THAT MOST FOLKS PROBABLY DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT.

I APPRECIATE YOU.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

I DON'T THINK IT'S BY ACCIDENT THAT WE SAW EACH OTHER LAST NIGHT AT THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL AND BURIED BRIAN STEVENSON SPEAK.

AND HE PUSHED US IN THIS WORK TO SEE AND EVERY SINGLE PERSON THAT WE LOOK TO SERVE, THOSE WHO WE LABEL PERPETRATORS, THE POLICE IS LONG.

THOSE THAT WE DON'T NECESSARILY SEE OURSELVES IN.

TOLD US TO BE APPROXIMATE TO THE ISSUES NOT BEING MINDFUL DISCONNECTED FROM THOSE MOST VULNERABLE.

YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT LEADERSHIP AND THAT CONNECTION EVERY SINGLE DAY IN THIS WORK. PROBABLY DIDN'T GET THE APPLAUSE OR YOUR DUE WHEN IT CAME TO WHAT IT MEANT TO BE CONNECTED THOSE WHO ARE MOST IN NEED AND MOST VULNERABLE, SO THANK YOU FOR DEMONSTRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT.

AND LIVING THOSE VALUES EVERY SINGLE DAY.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO ROOT FOR YOU AS YOU GO DOWN TO CONGRESS TO BE THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO REPRESENT AM OF US THERE.

[APPLAUSE]

AND I APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE WORK, YOUR DEDICATION TO THE WORK AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO EXERCISE NOT JUST POLITICAL COURAGE, BUT FACE EVERY SINGLE DAY TO TAKE ON WHAT HE TALKED ABOUT YESTERDAY, THE UNCOMFORTABILITY OF MOVING A SYSTEM AND SYSTEMS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY SERVE EVERYONE EQUALLY.

SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE.

[APPLAUSE]

I'M NOT GOING TO GO IN PARTICULAR ORDER BUT AS PEOPLE RING IN I'LL JUST PRESS THE BUTTON.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

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

>> CONSENT GRANTED FOR EVERYBODY.

>> THANK YOU.

I FIRST MET AYANA PRESSLEY WHEN I WAS WORKING FOR THEN SHERIFF, SHE WAS WORKING FOR SENATOR JOHN KERRY HE I THINK A FRIENDSHIP WAS FORMED BECAUSE WE BOTH APPRECIATED HOW HARD THIS WORK CAN BE BUT ALSO THE LIGHTER MOMENTS.

AND IT WAS THERE I FIRST GOT TO SEE THE GLIMPSE OF AYANA'S REALLY FUNNY, DRY, SARCASTIC SENSE OF HUMOR.

I WAS HOOKED.

SEVERAL YEARS AFTER THAT I WAS AT MASS EQUALITY, SHE WAS THINKING OF RUNNING AT LARGE.

THERE WAS A GROUND SWELL OF SUPPORT FOR HER TO RUN AT LARGE BUT YOU HADN'T, I THINK YOU MADE A FINAL DECISION, IT'S A HUGE DECISION, OBVIOUSLY.

WE TALKED FOR A WHILE I REMEMBER
BEING STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT
THIS WOMAN IS IN IT FOR THE
RIGHT REASONS.
AND NO TRUER WORDS WERE EVER
SPOKEN.
YOU HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO THIS
CITY.
TO THIS COMMONWEALTH NOW TO THIS
COUNTRY.
AND IT'S BEEN REMARKABLE.
I WAS ELECTED IN THE SAME YEAR,
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARK WE'VE
SERVED LONGEST THROUGH THE
REALLY INTERESTING TIMES, TOUGH
TIMES IN THE CITY, GREAT TIMES
IN THE CITY, TOUGH TIMES
PERSONALLY, GREAT TIMES
PERSONALLY.
I REMEMBER SHORTLY AFTER I WAS
ELECTED I HAD WHAT IS NOW
COUNCILOR JANEY'S OFFICE BECAUSE
IT HAD BEEN COUNCILOR TOBIN'S
OFFICE, MY PREDECESSOR, I HAD
THAT BEFORE MIKE ROSS WHO IS
STEPPING DOWN AS COUNCIL
PRESIDENT I WAS RELEGATED.
I WAS SITTING IN THAT NICE
OFFICE, RELEGATING.
IT IS A GOOD -- AYANA CAME OVER
I HAD JUST STARTED DATING THIS
WOMAN AND AYANA HAD JUST STARTED
DATING THIS MAN.
SHE DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW.
SEVERAL YEARS AFTER THAT I GOT
TO ATTEND AYANA'S WEDDING TO
THAT MAN AND THEN SHE GOT TO
ATTEND THAT WEDDING WITH THAT
WOMAN.
I THINK ABOUT THOSE JOYFUL TIMES
WE HAD.
THE BIRTHDAYS, IT WAS A BIRTHDAY
GIFT FROM AYANA SHE GAVE IT TO
ME DESPITE THE FACT THAT I
DIDN'T HAVE A RED VALLEY VELVET
CUPCAKE.
SHE WANTED A RED VELVET CUPCAKE.
THEN I THINK IT WAS YOUR 40th
BIRTHDAY PARTY WHICH YOU WERE A
LITTLE TARDY FOR.
BUT LUCKILY SANDY PRESSLEY THERE
WAS, THAT'S WHERE I GOT TO SPEND
TIME WITH HER, SHE CALLED ME
RITCHIE CUNNINGHAM.

BUT I THINK HOW PROUD SHE IS OF YOU.

I KNOW THAT PICTURE IS GOING TO BE IN THE U.S. CAPITAL.

SHE WAS AN AMAZING WOMAN AND WE CAN FEEL HER EVERY DAY.

FINALLY, WHEN IT COMES TO POLICY AND WHAT WE HOPE TO HAPPEN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT CYNICISM THAT MANY OF US FEEL ABOUT GOVERNMENT.

YOU'RE GOING TO DO GREAT THINGS. CONGRATULATIONS.

>> I WASN'T GOING TO FOLLOW O'MALLEY.

I WAS HOPING TO FOLLOW BAKER. OR RELEGATED TO -- I DON'T KNOW.

I'VE BEEN HERE FOR -- I'VE BEEN IN THE BUILDING FOR 26 YEARS.

GOOD LORD.

BUT LAST FIVE YEARS SINCE I'VE BEEN ELECTED YOU TALK ABOUT HISTORY, FIRST WOMAN, ASIAN PRESIDENT.

WE HAD THE FIRST WOMAN OF COLOR, PRESIDENT.

NOW WE HAVE HISTORICALLY PERSON FROM THIS COUNCIL GOING DOWN TO CONGRESS, I WISH YOU THE BEST OF WORK, GODSPEED, THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING US, I STILL HAVE YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER.

YOU ARE NOW MY CONGRESSWOMAN AND I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT.

CONGRATULATIONS, BEST OF LUCK TO THE BABY AND EVERYBODY ELSE AND YOU ARE GOING TO DO A GREAT JOB DOWN THERE.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU,