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>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD CALL
THE ROLL TO ASCERTAIN A QUORUM.
>> COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.
COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR FLYNN.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR GARRISON.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR JANEY.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.
>> PRESENT.
>> COUNCILLOR WU.
AND COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.
>> MADAM PRESIDENT, WE HAVE A
QUORUM.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE ALL
COUNCILLORS AND GUESTS AND STAFF
TO PLEASE RISE AS COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE COMES UP WITH
SISTER PAT TO LEAD US IN THE
INVOCATION.
AFTER THE INVOCATION, I ASK
EVERYONE TO REMAIN STANDING AS
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE LEADS
US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
TODAY IT IS MY GREAT HONOR TO
INTRODUCE YOU TO SISTER PAT WHO
ON THIS DAY WILL SPEAK ABOUT
THIS IN A LITTLE BIT.
TODAY IS NATIONAL GIRLS IN
SPORTS DAY.
SISTER PAT IS MY VERY FIRST
SOFTBALL COACH.
SO IT WORKED OUT VERY NICELY TO
ALSO HAVE HERE HERE TODAY TO
WELCOME EVERYBODY AND GIVE US A
PREMEETING BLESSING.

SISTER PAT.

>> ON THIS NATIONAL GIRLS AND
WOMEN'S SPORTS DAY, WE ASK YOU
LOVING GOD TO HAVE US ALL
ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY.

WE ASK A SPECIAL BLESSING ON THE
MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL THAT
YOUR DIVINE WISDOM MAY DIRECT
YOUR SENSE OF JUSTICE AS THEY
MAKE DECISIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF
THIS GREAT CITY OF BOSTON.

WE ALSO ASK YOU TO BLESS ALL OF
US WHO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS.

HELP US TO BE GRATEFUL FOR THE
ABILITIES YOU HAVE GIVEN US.

GRANT US THE STRENGTH TO PLAY
HARD AND TO PLAY WELL KNOWING
THAT WHATEVER SKILLS WE HAVE
COME FROM YOU.

HELP US TO STRIVE NOT FOR OUR
OWN GLORY, BUT FOR THE GOOD OF
OUR TEAMS.

MAKE US REALIZE THAT IF WE ACT
OUT OF GOODNESS AND RESPECT FOR
OTHERS, NOT ONLY WHILE
PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS, BUT IN
OUR DAILY LIVING, WE WILL ALWAYS
BE WINNERS, AMEN.

>> AMEN.

>> I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE
FLAG, OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

AND TO THE REPUBLIC, FOR WHICH
IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER
GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY
AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MADAM CLERK, IF WE COULD
CORRECT THE ATTENDANCE RECORDS.
AMEND IT TO ADD COUNCILLOR ZAKIM
WHO IS PRESENT.

NOW A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> MY COLLEAGUES, THOSE OF YOU
THAT KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE
SPORTS, I LOVE THIS PICTURE
HERE.

PRETTY EXCITING.

I'M INCREDIBLY EXCITED TODAY TO
PRESENT THIS RESOLUTION TO THESE
AMAZING ATHLETES.

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 33rd ANNUAL
GIRLS AND WOMEN SPORTS DAY.

A NATIONAL OBSERVANCE

CELEBRATING THE EXTRAORDINARY
ACHIEVEMENTS OF GIRLS AND WOMEN
IN SPORTS.

THE THEME THIS YEAR IS LEAD HER
FORWARD.

TODAY WE RECOGNIZE HOW SPORTS
EMPOWER, STRENGTHEN AND GIVE
CONFIDENCE TO GIRLS AND WOMEN IN
SPORTS TO BECOME LEADERS AND
CHAMPIONS FOR OTHER WOMEN.

TODAY I'M A REMINDER OF MY TIME
PLAYING SOFTBALL AND WHEN I WAS
IN HIGH SCHOOL AND WHEN I WAS
COACHING.

AS I REMEMBER MY STUDENTS, MY
PLAYERS, MY TEAMMATES, I'M ALSO
REMINDED OF HOW CRUCIAL IT IS TO
PROTECT TITLE 9 AND ADVANCE
GENDER EQUITY IN SPORTS.

WE TALK ABOUT FEMALE ATHLETES,
WE NEED TO POINT OUT -- WE NEED
TO BE AT A POINT WHERE GIRLS AND
WOMEN THAT PLAY SPORTS ARE
CONSIDERED ATHLETES.

I'M ALWAYS REMINDED OF THE
IMPORTANT ROLE THAT MY COACHES
PLAYED IN MY LIFE, WHETHER THEY
WERE WONDERFUL WOMEN LIKE SISTER
PAT OR WHETHER THEY WERE SOME OF
THE GREATEST COACHES I HAVE THAT
WERE MEN THAT EMPOWER ME AND
STRENGTHEN ME AS NOT JUST A
PLAYER BUT AS A PERSON.

I ALSO THINK ABOUT MY DAYS
COACHING IN EAST BOSTON HIGH.
MY DAYS PLAYING AT BOSTON TECH.
AND HOW FULFILLING IT WAS FOR ME
AS A COACH.

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COACH
BOTH OF MY SISTERS AND MY
YOUNGER SISTER WENT ON TO PITCH
AT NORTHEASTERN.

THAT WAS VERY REWARDING FOR ME.
NOT JUST AS A SISTER BUT AS HER
FIRST COACH.

FOR MY OWN BOYS THAT PLAY A LOT
OF SPORTS.

NOTHING MAKES ME HAPPIER THAN TO
PLAY WITH GIRLS AND I KNOW WHEN
THEY'RE PLAYING IN CO-ED
PROGRAMS, THAT THEY'RE LEARNING
TO BE BETTER ATHLETES.

I'M EXCITED TO HAVE EVERYONE
HERE.

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PLAYERS FROM BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND WE ALSO HAVE A NUMBER OF WOMEN REPRESENTING COLLEGE PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

WE ALSO HAVE SOME WOMEN THAT CONTINUE WITH THEIR WORK IN ATHLETICS IN THEIR EARLY YEARS.

I DO WANT TO INTRODUCE ONE OF OUR BOSTON GIRLS WHO HAS A FEW REMARKS TO GIVE AND SHARE SOME OF HER EXPERIENCES.

[APPLAUSE]

>> COURAGE, SACRIFICE, DETERMINATION, COMMITMENT, TOUGHNESS, HEART, TALENT AND GUTS.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT STUCK WITH ME WHILE BEING A FEMALE ATHLETE.

HELLO.

I'M NICOLETTE AND I'M A SENIOR AT EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL. EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL, MY DAD HAS ALWAYS MADE IT CLEAR THAT FEMALE SPORTS ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS MALE SPORTS.

EVER SINCE THEN, I STARTED MY JOURNEY AS A FEMALE ATHLETE AT THE AGE OF 5.

PLAYING SPORTS AT A YOUNG AGE AND CONTINUING TO DO SO DURING MY FOUR YEARS AT EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL THAT HAS TAUGHT ME MANY LESSONS THAT IMPACTED MY LIFE ON AND OFF THE COURT AND FIELD.

THROUGH THE GUIDANCE OF MY COACHES, VALUES, SUCH AS COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, LOYALTY, HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE, THEY V-SHAPED ME TO BECOME THE WOMAN AM TODAY AND VIEW THE WORLD.

NOT EVERY SITUATION I ENCOUNTER.

I CAN ALWAYS VIEW IT AS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

FROM SERVING AT THE BASELINE ON THE VOLLEYBALL COURT TO SHOOTING A FREE THROW AT THE FOUL LINE, TO SLIDING TO HOME PLATE.

I TRY TO BE MINDFUL OF MY ACTIONS AND CHOICES SO I CAN BE A ROLE MODEL AND LEADER TO YOUNGER FEMALE ATHLETES JUST

LIKE MY A LITTLE SISTER,
ALEXANDRIA.
I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE FEMALE
ATHLETES IN THE ROOM AND LEADERS
FROM OUR COMMUNITY THAT BELIEVE
IN THE IMPORTANCE OF FEMALE
ATHLETICS.

THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING ALL OF
US HERE TODAY.

SO I LEAVE YOU HERE TODAY WITH A
QUOTE.

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
CAPABLE OF UNTIL YOU TAKE THE
FIRST STEP AND JUST DO IT.

THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT
OPPORTUNITY.

[APPLAUSE]

>> ON TODAY'S CONSENT AGENDA,
THERE'S A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
TODAY, ALL OF THE GIRLS HERE AND
THE WOMEN WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF
TODAY'S RESOLUTION THAT WE'LL BE
PASSING IN THE CONSENTED AGENDA.
THANK YOU.

LOVE TO TAKE A QUICK PICTURE.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

AT THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO MOVE
ON TO APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

IF THERE'S NO CORRECTIONS, THE
MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL
MEETING WILL STAND APPROVED.

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

BEFORE I MOVE ON, I WANTED TO
QUICKLY ACKNOWLEDGE FORMER CITY
COUNCILLOR TITO JACKSON WHO IS
IN THE BUILDING.

THANK YOU AND GOOD TO SEE YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

MOVING ON TO COMMUNICATIONS FROM
HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0305.

MESSAGE AND ORDER FOR THE
APPOINTMENT OF FILLANINE
BAUTISTA TO BE A MEMBER OF THE
BOSTON HOUSING COMMISSION.

>> DOCKET 0305 WILL BE ASSIGNED
TO HEALTHY WOMEN, FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES.

MOVING ON TO REPORTS OF PUBLIC
OFFICERS AND OTHERS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0306.
NOTICE FROM THE MAYOR OF
APPOINTMENT OF JUAN RIVERA.
DOCKET NUMBER NUMBER --
>> DUCK 0306 WILL BE PLACED ON
FILE.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0307.
NOTICE FROM THE MAYOR FROM
5:45 A.M. ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY
2 UNTIL 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 4, 2019.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0307 WILL BE
PLACED ON FILE.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0308,
COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREA
CAMPBELL CALLING FOR THE
ELECTION OF THE CITY CLERK FOR
TERM COMMENCING FEBRUARY 6, 2019
AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 1, 2022.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.

>> I RISE TO MAKE A MOTION FOR
THE ELECTION OF OUR CITY CLERK
AS IS BEING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY
IN FEBRUARY.

>> SECOND.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.
COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY AND
COUNCILLOR FLYNN SAID SECOND.
THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME WE WILL PROCEED
WITH THE ELECTION.

I'M GOING TO ASK OUR ASSISTANT
CLERK TO TAKE US THROUGH A ROLL
CALL VOTE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR BAKER.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.
COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR GARRISON.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR JANEY.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

>> MAUREEN E.FEENEY.

>> COUNCILLOR WU.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.

>> MAUREEN FEENEY.

>> THANK YOU.

SO MAUREEN FEENEY HAS BEEN
ELECTED AS OUR CLERK.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO
SERVE WITH YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

THANK YOU ALL.

>> DOCKET NUMBER NUMBER 0309.

COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM
PRESIDENT CAMPBELL OFFERING HER
SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP EFFORT
WITH THE MBTA AND CITY OF BOSTON
TO INCREASE RESIDENT ACCESS TO
OFFER PICKUP AT BOSTON CITY
HALL.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0309 WILL BE
PLACED ON FILE.

>> MOVING ON TO MOTIONS ORDERS
AND RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER NUMBER 0310.

COUNCILLOR BAKER OFFERS THE
FOLLOWING ORDER APPROVING A
SPECIAL LAW REGARDING AN ACT
CONCERNING THE RETIREMENT
CLASSIFICATION FOR BOSTON
SCHOOLS POLICE OFFICERS.

>> COUNCILLOR BAKER, YOU HAVE
THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

I'VE BEEN FILING THIS PETITION
SINCE 2015.

IT WAS A BILL FOR THE RETIREMENT
CLASSIFICATION OF BOSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS OFFICERS THAT WOULD
AMEND THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL
LAWS TO ADD BOSTON SCHOOL POLICE
OFFICERS TO GROUP 2 IN THE
RETIREMENT.

CURRENTLY BOSTON SCHOOL POLICE
OFFICERS FALL UNDER GROUP ONE,
WHICH MAINLY CONSIST OF CLERICAL
AND ADMINISTRATIVE WORKERS.
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS IN

THE CITY OF BOSTON ARE
CLASSIFIED IN GROUP TWO BY THE
RETIREMENT BOARD.

BOSTON SCHOOL POLICE OFFICERS,
GARRETT HANCOCK AND LICENSED
UNDER BPD RULE 400 A AS SPECIAL
POLICE OFFICERS.

THEY HAVE THE POWERS TO MAKE
ARRESTS, PRESERVE ORDER AND
ENFORCE THE LAW.

ER THAT TRAINED BY THE BOSTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE
OFFICERS AND COMPLETE A SPECIAL
TRAINING A ACADEMY PRIOR TO
BEING A SIGNED TO ONE OF OUR
MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUSES.

I BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE OF THE
TRAINING THEY COMPLETE THE
DUTIES THEY'RE EXPECTED TO
PERFORM, THE BOSTON SCHOOL
POLICE OFFICERS SHOULD BE
ASSIGNED TO GROUP 2.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR BAKER.
ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON
THIS MATTER?

COUNCILLOR, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

I'D LIKE TO ADD MY NAME.

MADAM PRESIDENT, I HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS A
SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL TEACHER AT
SOUTH BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL IN
CHARLESTON.

I SAW THE PROFESSIONALISM OF
THESE POLICE OFFICERS.

THEY DREW OUTSTANDING WORK.
THEY'RE DEDICATED.

THEY DO THEIR BEST TO HELP THE
STUDENTS AND STAFF AND THEY'RE A
GREAT CREDIT TO OUR CITY.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL
BY CITY COUNCIL FRANK BAKER.

>> MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILLORS FLYNN'S NAME.

ALSO, ADD COUNCILLOR CIOMMO,
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, COUNCILLOR
GARRISON, COUNCILLOR McCARTHY,
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILLOR
WU, COUNCILLOR ZAKIM, COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, COUNCILLOR
FLAHERTY AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.
COUNCILLOR JANEY.

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>> DOCKET NUMBER NUMBER 0311,
COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL OFFERS THE
FOLLOWING ORDER, A PROVING A
PETITION FOR SPECIAL LAW
REGARDING AN ACT FOR THE TERM OF
OFFICE FOR CITY COUNCILLORS.

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR
PRESIDENT CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.
THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
I'M FILING TODAY FOUR MEASURES
AND I CAN SPEAK TO THEM
SEPARATELY THAT HAVE TO DEAL
WITH ELECTION REFORM FOR THE
COUNCIL.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME AS COUNCIL
PRESIDENT NOT ONLY TO RAISE THE
PROFILE OF MY DISTRICT INCLUDING
DORCHESTER, MATTAPAN, WHICH IS
IMPORTANT TO ME, BUT ALSO TO
STRENGTHEN THE COUNCIL AS AN
INSTITUTION.

SO THESE FORMS OF LEGISLATION
WHICH ARE PETITIONS, ONE IS AN
ORDINANCE, ARE TO STRENGTHEN THE
COUNCIL.

THE FIRST ONE HAS TO DO WITH THE
TERM OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CHANGING ITS FROM TWO YEARS TO
FOUR YEARS.

SO IT LINES WITH THE MAYOR'S
OFFICE.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HEARD
QUITE A BIT WHEN WE CAMPAIGNED.
FOLKS TALKING ABOUT WHY IS THE
COUNCIL EVERY TWO YEARS AND THE
MAYOR EVERY FOUR YEARS.

HOW DO YOU GET ANYTHING DONE?
HOW DO YOU PLAN IF IT'S ONLY FOR
TWO YEARS?

THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT
INCREASING OUR POWER.

IT'S ABOUT MAKING SURE WE HAVE
THE TIME TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS
THAT WE COMMIT TO AS CANDIDATES
AND MAKING SURE WE HAVE THE
ABILITY TO PLAN AND GET THINGS
DONE.

THIS BODY PASSED IN PREVIOUS
YEARS PETITIONS ON THE SUBJECT
AS RECENTLY AS 2016 UNDER THE
LEADERSHIP OF COUNCILLOR BAKER
AND WENT TO THE STATE HOUSE AND

DIED.
SO THIS WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
ME TO TAKE THE LEAD AND
STRENGTHEN THE COUNCIL AS AN
INSTITUTION, PASSING THESE BILLS
TOGETHER AND THEN HOPEFULLY WHEN
WE GO TO THE STATE HOUSE, WE'RE
ADVOCATING FOR ALL OF THESE
BILLS AT THE SAME TIME.
WE RECENTLY HAD A CONVERSATION
ON EARLY VOTING AND THE
IMPORTANCE OF DOING EARLY
VOTING.
I DID THAT WITH COUNCILLOR JANEY
AND ZAKIM.
WE PASSED THAT TO THE COUNCIL
AND SEND THESE BILLS TO THE
STATE HOUSE AT THE SAME TIME
WITH THE HOPES OF GETTING THEM
PASSED UP THERE.
SPECIFICALLY WITH THE CHANGING
OF THE TERMS, IT COST THE CITY
MORE THAN \$800,000 TO HOLD A
CITYWIDE ELECTION.
MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEARS IN
WHICH THE CITY COUNCIL IS THE
ONLY OFFICE ON THE BALLOT, VOTER
TURNOUT IS AT ITS LOWEST.
USUALLY THESE THAN 10%.
WE WON'T CHANGE THAT OVERNIGHT.
THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY NOT JUST
TO CHANGE THE TERMS AND
STRENGTHEN THE COUNCIL AND THE
AUTONOMY AROUND THE COUNCIL BUT
ALSO TO SAVE MONEY.
WE KNOW FOLKS GET FRUSTRATING TO
COME OUT AND VOTE.
WE GET QUESTIONS WHY THEY'RE
JUST VOTING FOR A COUNCIL AND
NOT THE MAYOR.
THIS WILL ALIGN ALL THE
PRACTICES AT THE SAME TIME.
I WILL TALK ABOUT THE OTHER
BILLS.
BUT THIS IS ONE OF MANY TO
STRENGTHEN THE COUNCIL.
I LOOK FORWARD TO STRENGTHEN MY
COLLEAGUES WITH THIS PIECE OF
LEGISLATION AND THE NEXT THREE
THAT I'LL TALK ABOUT IN A
MINUTE.
THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR

McCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU.

I RISE TO HAVE MY NAME ADDED.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU WERE
ABOUT FIVE WEEKS AGO.

THIS HAS NO EFFECT ON ME

ANYMORE.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THE
FOUR-YEAR TERM IS IMPERATIVE TO
NOT ONLY SAVING THE CITY MONEY
BE TO GETTING BETTER QUALITY
CANDIDATES.

SOME SAY HAVING IT EVERY TWO
YEARS IS EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO
RUN AGAINST YOU.

I BELIEVE IT'S JUST THE
OPPOSITE.

WHEN YOU HAVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM,
PEOPLE ARE GEARING UP TWO YEARS
IN YOUR TERM TO REALLY GET
MOMENTUM TO TAKE A SWING AT YOU
LATER ON.

I BELIEVE HAVING A FOUR YEAR
TERM WHETHER IT'S DURING THE
MAYOR'S ELECTION OR A
LEGISLATIVE OFF YEAR, HOWEVER IT
WORKS, IS IMPERATIVE TO MAKING
SURE YOU CAN WORK THROUGH A
PROCESS.

WE ALL TALK ABOUT DEVELOPMENT IN
OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

IT'S OUR BIGGEST ISSUE BESIDES
TRAFFIC.

FROM CONCEPTION TO SHOVEL IN THE
GROUND TAKES THREE OR FOUR
YEARS.

YOU CAN'T SEE A PROCESS THROUGH.

IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE IN SUPPORT
OF IT, EVEN WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE
NOT IN FAVOR OF, YOU HAVE TO
STEP BACK AND THINK THIS IS A
POLITICAL CAPITAL.

WHEN YOU HAVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM,
IT'S EASIER TO SPEND THE
CAPITOL.

SO I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
WITH THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND
THE REST OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON
TRYING TO GET THIS THROUGH.

WE'LL SEE WHAT THE STATE HOUSE
DOES WITH IT.

>> THANK YOU.

PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR McCARTHY'S

NAME.
COUNCILLOR BAKER.
>> THANK YOU, MR. VICE
PRESIDENT.
WE DID PASS THIS A COUPLE YEARS
AGO, AND QUITE FRANKLY I THINK
WE WERE SPINNING OUR WHEELS UP
THERE.
HOPEFULLY IF WE PASS IT AGAIN,
MAYBE THEY'LL -- WHEN I SAY
THEY, WE CAN GET THIS THROUGH
THE STATE HOUSE.
I DON'T REALLY HAVE HIGH HOPES
TO GET IT THROUGH THE STATE
HOUSE, BUT WE CAN I GUESS KEEP
GOING AT THEM.
I WANT TO ADD MY NAME TO IT.
I'M GOING TO A MEETING TONIGHT
OF A PROJECT THAT -- I'M IN MY
EIGHTH YEAR ON CITY COUNCIL.
I'M GOING TO A MEETING TONIGHT
OF A PROJECT THAT STARTED SIX
YEARS AGO.
AND WE STILL DON'T HAVE SHOVELS
IN THE GROUND.
THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU.
PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR BAKER'S
NAME AND ADD THE CHAIR'S NAME.
PLEASE ADD THE NAMES OF
COUNCILLOR FLYNN, COUNCILLOR
JANEY, COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY,
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS AND
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE AS
WELL.
AND PLEASE PUT DOCKET NUMBER
0311 IN THE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.
>> DOCKET NUMBER 0312.
COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL OFFERS THE
FOLLOWING ORDER.
APPROVING A PETITION FOR A
SPECIAL LAW REGARDING AN ACT
RELATIVE TO ELECTION PROCEDURES
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.
>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCIL
PRESIDENT CAMPBELL.
>> THANK YOU.
IT WAS EASIER TO TALK ABOUT THEM
AT THE SAME TIME.
DIFFICULT GIVEN THE RULES AND
PROCESS.
BUT THIS RULE IS QUITE SIMPLE.
IT'S ANOTHER RULE THAT I THINK

WILL STRENGTHEN THE COUNCIL.
IT PROHIBITS A CANDIDATE FOR
RUNNING FOR TWO SEATS AT THE
SAME TIME.

THAT IS YOU CAN'T RUN FOR
COUNCIL AND MAYOR AT THE SAME
TIME.

IT WAS PASSED PREVIOUSLY AND
WENT TO THE STATE HOUSE AND
DIED.

SO WE'RE FILING IT AGAIN WITH
THE HOPES THAT IF WE SEND THEM
AT THE SAME TIME, THEY HE GO TO
THE STATE HOUSE AND THEY WILL
PASS.

IT'S QUITE SIMPLE.

I RAN AGAINST MY PREDECESSOR WHO
RAN FOR MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL AT
THE SAME TIME WHICH FRUSTRATED
THE VOTERS.

FOR ME, PICK WHATEVER SEAT YOU
WANT TO RUN FOR AND RUN FOR THAT
AND RUN FOR IT HARD AND SPEAK TO
WHY YOU WANT THAT SEAT, NOT
BOTH.

WE DO DIFFERENT THINGS ON EITHER
SIDE.

SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
YOU SELECT THE OFFICE AND GO FOR
IT.

THIS IS ANOTHER MECHANISM TO
STRENGTHEN THE COUNCIL.

>> THANK YOU.

PLEASE ADD THE CHAIR'S NAME.
PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR BAKER'S
NAME.

COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE,
COUNCILLOR FLYNN, COUNCILLOR
JANEY, COUNCILLOR McCARTHY,
COUNCILLOR ZAKIM AND DOCKET
NUMBER 0312 WILL BE PLACED IN
THE COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0313.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL OFFERS THE
FOLLOWING ORDER, APPROVING A
PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW
REGARDING AN ACT CONCERNING A
VACANCY IN THE CITY COUNCIL AT
LARGE.

>> THEIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR
CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.
ANOTHER RULE THAT I THINK WILL

STRENGTHEN THE COUNCIL AS WELL AS HAS TO GO THROUGH THE STATE HOUSE.

THIS IS SOMETHING UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND O'MALLEY IN THE PAST DIED AT THE STATE HOUSE.

SO WE'RE BRINGING IT BACK.

IT'S SIMPLE.

IT SAYS THAT IF THERE IS A VACANCY IN A SEAT, PARTICULARLY THE AT-LARGE SEAT, THAT THAT PROCESS -- THERE HAS TO BE A SPECIAL ELECTION.

THAT YOU DON'T JUST TAKE THE NEXT VOTER.

I HAVE TO NAME THIS.

THIS IS NOT TO CALL OUT MY NEW COLLEAGUE, COUNCILLOR GARRISON. RIGHT NOW, IF YOU'RE A DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND I WERE TO SAY VACATE MY SEAT, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A SPECIAL ELECTION.

WE THINK THOSE PROCESSES SHOULD BE ALIGNED FOR AN AT LARGE SEAT AND A DISTRICT SEAT.

THERE WILL BE A HEARING AND HAVE A CONVERSATION.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT PASSES THROUGH THE COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY, DIED AT THE STATE HOUSE.

SO THE GOAL IS TO ALSO REMOVE THIS CONVERSATION AND HOPE WE GET IT PASSED THROUGH THE COUNCIL AND SENT TO THE STATE HOUSE AT THE SAME TIME.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

PLEASE ADD MY NAME AND COUNCILLOR GARRISON.

YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

COUNCILLOR GARRISON WISHES TO SIGN ON.

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR GARRISON.

>> THANK YOU, MR. SPEAKERS.

I THINK THIS LAW SHOULD REMAIN AS IS.

IT'S AN EXPENSE, IF YOU CALL IT SPECIAL ELECTION.

YOU HAVE TO PAY AN EXPENSE.

THE FIFTH PERSON HAS ALREADY WENT THROUGH THE ELECTION CYCLE, SO THAT PERSON SHOULD CONTINUE

TO -- IF SOMEONE RESIGNS OR DIES
OR WHATEVER, THE FIFTH PERSON
SHOULD GET THE SEAT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
GARRISON.

PLEASE ADD THE NAMES OF
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, COUNCILLOR
McCARTHY, COUNCILLOR JANEY,
COUNCILLOR FLYNN, COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS, COUNCILLOR BAKER AND
COUNCILLOR CIOMMO TOO, PLEASE.
DOCKET NUMBER 0313 WILL BE
PLEASED IN THE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0314.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL OFFERS THE
FOLLOWING ORDINANCE REQUIRING
THE REVIEW OF PRECINCTS FROM THE
CITY OF BOSTON.

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR
CAMPBELL.

>> I JUST ASK FOR THE NEW
LANGUAGE AND SUBSTITUTION TO ADD
COUNCILLOR WU AS A CO SPONSOR.

>> PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR WU'S
NAME.

>> AND THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WU,
FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS.
WE'VE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS
ALONG WITH OTHERS ON THE COUNCIL
INCLUDING PREDECESSORS WITH
RESPECT TO REPRECINCTING AND
OBJECTING PRECINCT SIZES SO IT'S
EASIER FOR FOLKS TO VOTE, TO GET
TO VOTING.

WE HAVE NEW NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE
CITY OF BOSTON INCLUDING THE
SEAPORT.

I GREW UP IN THE CITY.

THAT DIDN'T EXIST BEFORE.

NOW IT DOES.

WHEN YOU INCREASE THE POPULATION
IN FOLKS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON
AND GROWING OUR POPULATION AND
MAKING AND CREATING NEW
NEIGHBORHOODS, THAT MEANS IT HAS
AN EFFECT ON PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO
ACT AT THE POLLS.

SO UNLIKE MOST MUNICIPALITIES IN
MASSACHUSETTS, THE CITY OF
BOSTON IS EXEMPT FROM REVIEWING
ELECTORAL PRECINCTS.

SO WE'VE BEEN HAVING
CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS

ADVOCATES, COUNCILLOR WU AND I,
ABOUT HOW CAN WE GET THESE
PRECINCTS ADJUSTED SO IT'S
EASIER FOR FOLKS TO VOTE AND NOT
WAIT IN LONG LINES AND HAVE A
PLACE CLOSER TO HOME TO VOTE.
OUT OF THE CONVERSATIONS, MANY
ADVOCATES HAVE SAID WE NEED
THESE CONVERSATIONS MORE
CONSISTENTLY.

SO THIS ORDINANCE THAT DOESN'T
HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE STATE
HOUSE ALLOWS US TO REQUIRE THE
COUNCIL AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
ELECTIONS DIVISION TO HAVE THAT
CONVERSATION ABOUT
REPRECINCTING.

TO REVIEW OUR PRECINCTS EVERY
FEW YEARS, THE ORDINANCE OF FIVE
YEARS, COULD BE THREE, COULD BE
A DIFFERENT TERMS.

BUT DETERMINE IF WE NEED TO MAKE
CHANGES AS A COUNCIL, AS A CITY
AND TO PUT OUT A REPORT AS TO
WHAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE.
THOSE CHANGES WOULD HAVE TO GO
TO THE STATE HOUSE SO THERE'S
BEEN SOME CONVERSATION THAT THE
CITY OF BOSTON AT DIFFERENT
TIMES DOES HAVE AUTHORITY
POSSIBLY TO CHANGE PRECINCTS ON
ITS OWN WITHOUT GOING THROUGH
THE STATE HOUSE.

SO I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A
HEARING ON THIS AND INVITING OUR
COMMISSIONER WHO HAS ALSO LOOKED
AT THIS AND THOUGHT IT WASN'T A
BAD IDEA.

AND TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT
HOW WE MANDATE THAT THE CITY OF
BOSTON DO A MORE THOROUGH
ANALYSIS AND A MORE CONSISTENT
REVIEW OF THESE PRECINCTS SO
FOLKS DON'T HAVE A TOUGH TIME
WHEN GOING TO VOTE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
CAMPBELL.

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU.

I WANT TO GO AHEAD AND GET --
WAVE MY TIME TO BE CO SPONSOR.
I'LL SPEAK AFTER COUNCILLOR WU.

>> COUNCILLOR WU.

>> I FORGOT -- I WAS TRYING TO DO A LAST-MINUTE THING HERE. I THANK PRESIDENT CAMPBELL FOR INCLUDING ME ON THIS AND THE WORK OF MANY, MANY ADVOCATES AND COUNCILLORS TALKING ABOUT REDISTRICTING AND REPRECINCTING FOR TWO ITERATIONS BEFORE I ARRIVED.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN HAS BEEN REALLY INVOLVED IN THESE PARTICULAR DISCUSSIONS BECAUSE MANY OF THE MEGAPRECINCTS ARE IN HIS DISTRICT, THE LARGEST ONES THAT HAVE 6,000 VOTERS IN CHINA TOWN AND SEAPORT, SOUTH BOSTON PRECINCTS COMPARED TO A COUPLE HUNDRED VOTERS IN OTHER PRECINCTS ACROSS THE CITY. SO I HAVE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THIS SUBJECT SINCE DIVING IN.

WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT THERE'S A VERY COMPRESSED AND STRESSFULLY LIMITED WINDOW FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON TO FULLY DO REPRECINCTING.

BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT DONE IT IN 90 YEARS AT THIS POINT AND THE IMBALANCES ARE SO LARGE, THE WINDOW IN WHICH EVERY ONE ELSE IS REPRECINCTING, BUT BEFORE IT'S MANDATED TO BE DONE ABOUT 2022, 23, IT'S ONLY A COUPLE MONTHS THAT WE HAVE TO DO THIS WHOLE PROCESS OF RECKON ANYTHING YOURING THE LINES.

SO TO MAKE THAT EVEN A LITTLE BY FEASIBLE, THE CITY OF BOSTON NEEDS TO TAKE STEPS BEFORE THE DATA COMES BACK TO MAKE SMALL ADJUSTMENTS.

COUNCILLOR LINEHAN AND COMMISSIONER IRISH HAVE LED THE CHARGE ON TRYING TO IDENTIFY THE SIXTH BIGGEST PRECINCTS AND SUGGEST WAYS TO BREAK THEM DOWN IN TWO OR THREE SUB PRECINCTS TO HAVE MORE ACCESS.

AGAIN, IT WENT TO THE STATE HOUSE AFTER THIS BODY VOTED ON IT AND DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE. SO THERE WILL BE A RENEWED PUSH.

THE MAYOR ALREADY INCLUDED THAT
IN HIS LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE THIS
CYCLE AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET
THAT DONE BEFORE 2020.

WE HOPE IT WILL BE ENACTED IN
19, BUT I THINK THE ODDS ARE
THAT THE LONG LINES WILL BE THE
YEAR AFTER.

SO WE HAVE A LITTLE TIME.
IN THE MEANTIME, SOMETHING LIKE
AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THAT WE
BUILD IN THIS REGULAR REVIEW IS
REALLY IMPORTANT.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE COUNCILLOR
PRESIDENT'S APPROACH IS THAT
THIS KEEPS EXEMPTIONS, IF WE
WERE TO DIVE INTO WHAT EVERYONE
ELSE SAYS STATEWIDE, IT WOULD GO
INTO THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY
OF STATE AND BE SUBJECT TO A LOT
LESS FLEXIBILITY.

JUST LIKE THE ZONING CODE IS
ADAPTED TO SPECIFICS, THIS
PROCESS SHOULD BE ADAPTED TO
BOSTON SPECIFICS.

IN ADDITION TO THIS, WE HAVE
WORK TO DO AND HOW TO MAKE THE
SMALL ADJUSTMENTS UNDER
COUNCILLOR FLYNN'S LEADERSHIP
AND THE STATE DELEGATION TO GET
THAT DONE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP.
LOOK FORWARD TO THIS.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR.

>> I SUPPORT THE MAKERS OF THIS
BILL.

I AGREE.

I THINK WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT
IS SETTING UP A INFRASTRUCTURE
FOR REGULAR CONVERSATION SO
WE'RE INFORMED WHEN THE WINDOW
OPENS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

I'M PARTICULARLY EXCITED ABOUT
THIS BECAUSE I SEE THE MASSIVE
AMOUNTS OF DEVELOPMENT.

I THINK WE'LL ONE DAY COMPETE
WITH MY COLLEAGUE FOR ONE OF THE
LARGEST PRECINCTS AS WE'RE
SEEING SOON, WE'RE WORKING ON
THE ZONING FOR SUFFOLK DOWNS.

AGAIN, MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE
ADJUSTING AND LOOKING AT THE
PRECINCTS AS THAT IS GROWING.

LARGE DEVELOPMENTS DON'T HAPPEN

OVERNIGHT.

THEY HAPPEN IN PHASES SO TO HAVE
A REGULAR CHECK IN EVERY FOUR TO
FIVE YEARS IS GOOD.

IT COULD TAKE SIX, EIGHT YEARS
FOR SOMETHING TO START.

ONCE IT'S GOING, YOU HAVE A NEW
NEIGHBORHOOD.

I LOOKED AT CHARLESTOWN.

WE'LL BE HAVING TO BIGGEST
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN NEW
ENGLAND.

DOUBLING ITS SIZE AND MAKING
MORE FOLKS IN THAT ONE SQUARE
MILE.

THAT ALONE, AGAIN, BEING ABLE TO
REVIEWS AS THE PHASE-IN OF THAT
LARGE POPULATION COMES IN, IS
REALLY IMPORTANT THAT OUR
ELECTION LAWS ARE CREATING THE
STRUCTURE TO RECOGNIZE OUR
GROWING POPULATION.

THANK YOU.

>> PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS' NAME.

PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR JANEY, OH
MAILLY, ZAKIM, COUNCILLOR FLYNN,
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE,
COUNCILLOR BAKER AND THE CHAIR
AND COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

DOCKET NUMBER 0313 WILL BE PUT
IN THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS.

I'M SORRY.

0314.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0315.

COUNCILLOR JANEY OFFERED THE
FOLLOWING.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
EQUITABLE REGULATIONS ON THE
CANNABIS INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON.

>> COUNCILLOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
FIRST, LET ME BEGIN BY THANKING
THE MANY ADVOCATES AND
ENTREPRENEURS.

MANY OF WHOM ARE IN THIS ROOM
THIS AFTERNOON FOR SHARING THEIR
EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS THROUGHOUT
PREVIOUS HEARINGS AND WORKING
SESSIONS.

THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THIS
PROCESS HAS HELPED TO SHAPE THIS

ORDINANCE.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR
McCARTHY FOR PARTNERING WITH ME
TO REDUCE THIS ISSUE THIS YEAR.
HE AND CONGRESS WOMAN PRESLEY
SPONSORED A HEARING LAST YEAR ON
THIS TOPIC AND WE KNOW THAT
CONGRESSWOMAN PRESLEY'S ADVOCACY
WHILE A MEMBER OF THIS BODY TO
ESTABLISH EQUITY WITHIN THE
LIQUOR LICENSES ILLUSTRATES THE
IMPORTANCE OF ACTING NOW TO
ENSURE EQUITY AND THE EMERGING
CANNABIS INDUSTRY SO THAT WE GET
IT RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING.

ADDITIONALLY, I WANT TO THANK MY
AMAZING STAFF AND PARTICULAR I
WANT TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE
MILLA COOLIDGE, MY POLICY
DIRECTOR.

HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DRAFTING
THIS LEGISLATION.

AS THE CHAIR OF SMALL BUSINESS
AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, I HELD A
HEARING IN DECEMBER ON EQUITY
AND CANNABIS.

WE HEARD FROM THE CHIEF AND
SELINA MILNER.

I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR AND
HIS TEAM FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR
EQUITY IN THIS INDUSTRY.

AT THAT HEARING, WE HEARD FROM
THE CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION,
FORMER CITY COUNCILLOR TITO
JACKSON WHO IS HERE TODAY AND
COUNCILLOR J.P. SCOTT OF

SOMERVILLE, ALL THAT SHARED
MODELS OF EQUITY IN BOSTON AND
SUCCESS.

WE WANT TO THANK THEM.

LAST MONTH I HAD A LISTENING
SESSION TO HEAR FROM ADVOCATES
AND ENTREPRENEURS AS WELL.

TODAY I'M PROUD TO PRODUCE AN
ORDINANCE THAT WILL ESTABLISH AN
EQUITY PROGRAM FOR BOSTON AND
PRIORITY FOR LOCALLY OWNED
BUSINESSES AND IMPACTED
COMMUNITIES, OFFER SUPPORT AND
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR EQUITY
APPLICANTS, GENERATE REVENUE TO
BE REINVESTED IN COMMUNITIES TO
SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT, CREATE A BOARD TO OVERSEE THE PROCESS AND INVOLVE RESIDENTS AND DEVELOPING HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS AND CREATE AN ONLINE REGISTRY TO ENSURE CLARITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN THIS PROCESS.

THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE FOR GENERATIONS THE WAR ON DRUGS TARGETED AND CRIMINALIZED POOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR CAUSING ECONOMIC DEVASTATION, FAMILY SEPARATION AND EMOTIONAL TRAUMA.

ACCORDING TO THE NAACP, AFRICAN AMERICANS AND WHITES USE DRUGS AT SIMILAR RATES.

THE IMPRISONMENT RATES IS SIX TIMES THAT OF WHITES.

ENSURING EQUITY IN THIS INDUSTRY WILL HELP US CORRECT THE HARMS AND RIGHT THE WRONGS THAT HAVE BEEN INFLICTED BY MASS INCARCERATION.

AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP ARE NOT LOCKED OUT OF THIS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.

THIS INDUSTRY WILL GENERATE ENORMOUS WEALTH.

JUST THE FIRST TEN WEEKS OF OPERATION, CANNABIS SALES HAVE GENERATED 27.9 MILLION IN REVENUE ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH. ALMOST \$30 MILLION.

AS THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY GROWS, ITS IMPERATIVE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS ARE DIRECTED TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE FAR TOO LONG HAVE BEEN NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS AND RACIST DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES.

MASSACHUSETTS HAS TAKEN SOME IMPORTANT STEPS AND THE RECENT CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM LEGISLATION BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

IN 2016, MASSACHUSETTS PASSED LEGISLATION TO LEGALIZE TAX AND REGULATE ADULT USE MARIJUANA.

62% OF BOSTON VOTING OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTING THIS PROPOSAL.

WE HAVE SEEN WITH LIQUOR LICENSES WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN

THE INDUSTRY IS ALLOWED TO DEVELOP WITHOUT PROMOTING EQUITY.

WHERE PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE LOCKED OUT.

WE CANNOT LET THAT HAPPEN AGAIN.

WE MUST HONOR THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW AND ENSURE THAT THERE'S EQUITY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

WITHOUT A SUFFICIENT PROGRAM IN PLACE, WE WILL SQUANDER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PROGRESS AND ELIMINATING THE ENORMOUS WEALTH GAP IN BOSTON.

TO DATE, NO MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE STATE, NOT A SINGLE ONE.

FEW IF ANY HAVE NEGOTIATED THEIR HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF BOSTON.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW, THE CITY OF BOSTON WILL HAVE A MINIMUM OF 50 MARIJUANA BUSINESSES.

THAT MEANS EACH NEIGHBORHOOD IN OUR CITY IS LIKELY TO HAVE TWO MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AS SHOPS UP IN OUR CITY.

IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE ENSURE THE PROCESS IS FAIR AND EQUITABLE.

THIS ORDINANCE WOULD CREATE A CITY LEVEL EQUITY PROGRAM WHICH GIVES PREFERENCE TO LOCAL BUSINESSES FROM COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED AND GIVE A TWO-YEAR PRIORITY PERIOD FOR EQUITY APPLICANTS TO MOVE THROUGH THE PROCESS.

AFTER THAT PERIOD, IT WOULD REQUIRE A 2 TO 1 RATIO TO EQUITY CANNABIS BUSINESSES TO NONEQUITY TO MAKE SURE THAT EQUITY IS A CENTRAL FOCUS OF THIS REGULATION AND THE LONG-TERM.

THIS ORDINANCE ALSO CREATES A PROGRAM TO OFFER THESE EQUITY APPLICANTS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES, SOMETHING THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THEM NOW THROUGH THE FEDERALLY-FUNDED PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE CITY. THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE FUNDED

DIRECTLY BY LICENSEES AND THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE TAX REVENUE TO SUPPORT EQUITY APPLICANTS AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, THIS ORDINANCE WOULD ALSO CHANGE THE WAY THE CITY REVIEWS CANNABIS APPLICATIONS.

IT WOULD CREATE A NEW BOARD, A BOSTON CANNABIS BOARD, APPOINTED BY IN PART THE MAYOR AS WELL AS THIS BODY, THE CITY COUNCIL.

THIS NEW BOARD WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LICENSES CANNABIS BUSINESSES, SUPPORTING EQUITY-OWNED BUSINESSES AND ENSURING THAT BUSINESSES ARE OPERATING SAFELY WITH NO SALES TO MINORS.

IT PLACES FORMAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATING HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS WITH THE OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND DISTRICT CITY COUNSELORS.

IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THE INDUSTRY IS TRANSPARENT, THERE WOULD BE A ONLINE MAPPING OF THE CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN THE CITY INCLUDING OWNERSHIP AND INVESTOR INFORMATION.

WE HAVE A CHANCE TO GET THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING.

IF YOU REMEMBER IN 2015, THE COLOR OF WEALTH REPORTED BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK NOTED THE WEALTH GAP IN BOSTON.

THAT REPORT IS ALMOST FIVE YEARS OLD.

THAT WAS 2015.

WE'RE IN 2019.

WE SAW \$8 OF WEALTH FOR BLACK FAMILIES IN BOSTON VERSUS \$247,000 FOR WHITE FAMILIES.

IF WE DON'T ACT, WE RUN THE RISK OF HAVING THE LARGER CORPORATIONS COME INTO OUR CITY, SETTLE UP SHOP AND WE'LL BE LOCKING OUT PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY THAT WANT TO GET INTO THIS BUSINESS.

WE CAN HAVE EQUITY AND MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY.

THE TWO ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE.

WE CAN DO SO WITH A SENSE OF PURPOSE BUT IT REQUIRES THAT WE BE INTENTIONAL.

I LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING MY COLLEAGUES, THE ADMINISTRATION AND ALL THE KEY STAKEHOLDERS AS THIS PROCESS MOVES FORWARD.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR JANEY.

I KNOW YOUR MOM IS HERE.

I'M SURE SHE'S PROUD.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> I RISE TO COMMEND THE MAKER IN HER LEADERSHIP.

I'M SO INCREDIBLY PROUD OF YOUR TAKING THIS BY THE HORNS AND SAYING THERE SHALL BE EQUITY FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

I KNOW YOU'RE TAKING A BOLD STEP AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M 100% THERE WITH YOU IN EVERY SHAPE, EVERY WAY.

RESEARCH WHATEVER YOU NEED.

I'M SO PROUD OF YOU AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY.

YOU ARE MAKING HISTORY.

WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS AN EXAMPLE OF TRUE LEADERSHIP.

YOU'RE SETTING A TABLE FOR ALL TO COME IN AND FIGURE OUT HOW WE DO THIS RIGHT.

IF WE DON'T DO THIS, WE WILL NOT -- WE WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT AFTER ALL THE HEARINGS, THE ORDINANCES BE FOR NOTHING FROM THE LIQUOR LICENSE AND TOBACCO THAT WE'RE STILL TRYING TO CORRECT.

WHAT I SEE HERE IS THAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND LEARNED FROM THOSE CONVERSATIONS AND SAYING WE WILL NOT BE TRYING TO CORRECT 100 YEARS LATER THIS LOPSIDED LICENSING DEBACLE THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW.

INSTEAD, WE'RE GOING TO LEARN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

WHEN POLICY IMPLEMENTED TO HURT COMMUNITIES, IT'S IMPLEMENTED TO HELP THEM HEAL.

THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

I WANT TO SAY THAT ALSO YOU'RE

SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR HOW WE'RE TELLING COMPANIES AND CORPORATIONS TO COME IN TO BOSTON.

THAT'S WHAT THIS CAN DO AS WELL. WE WILL LEARN HOW TO TALK TO THEM AND SET STANDARDS IN A WAY THAT IS LEARNED BY THE COMMUNITIES, THAT ARE IN NEED OF THE JOBS, LED BY THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY LOCKED OUT OF THOSE JOBS AND MAKING SURE THAT BOSTON IS SETTING A TRUE STANDARD FOR WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. NOT JUST HOW WE CAN GIVE TAX BREAKS BUT TRULY HOW TO MAKE THEM AND INTEGRATE THEM INTO OUR COMMUNITIES, THIS WILL SET THAT PRECEDENT FOR ANY INDUSTRY THAT COMES BEHIND, WHETHER IT'S SCOOTERS, WHETHER IT'S THE FERRY SYSTEM.

WHATEVER SYSTEM THAT IS COMING TO BOSTON TO GROW HERE, THIS KIND OF CONVERSATION THAT YOU'RE SETTING WILL HELP TO MAKE THAT TRUE.

SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS.

AND I WANT TO SAY TO THE ADVOCATES OUT THERE THAT MET WITH US, TALKED WITH US, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE YOUTH IN THE ROOM THAT HAVE BEEN A PART OF THAT, THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN AT THE HELM TO DO THIS, WHO JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SETTING A STANDARD THAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO, THAT OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN CAN CONTRIBUTE TO, THAT WE WITH LOOK BACK AND SAY WE DID IT RIGHT. THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR JANEY. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS HEARING AND GETTING THIS DONE.

>> COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

COUNCILLOR WU?

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I ALSO RISE TO STAND IN SUPPORT
OF MY SISTER HERE AND HER
INCREDIBLE ORDINANCE.
THIS CAN'T COME A MOMENT TOO
SOON.

WE'RE ALREADY IN THE MAD RUSH OF
APPLICANTS AND PROPOSALS AND
OFTEN COMPETING FOR THE SAME FEW
SPOTS AND FEW LICENSES.

WHENEVER THAT IS THE CASE, GUESS
WHO WILL WIN OUT?

THOSE WITH RESOURCES, THOSE THAT
COME WITH THE BACKING, THE
NATIONAL, MULTINATIONAL
CORPORATIONS COMING IN RATHER
THAN WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO
HERE, CREATE OPPORTUNITY FOR
LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS, LOCAL
RESIDENTS.

WE SAW IT WITH THE MEDICAL
MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, IN TERMS OF
HOW EXPENSIVE THE APPLICATIONS
WERE, WHO GOT THEM, WHAT YOU
HAVE TO DO, ALL THE HOOPS TO
JUMP THROUGH.

NOW WE ARE 27.9 MILLION, SEEING
IT ROLL OUT WITH THE
LEGALIZATION OF ADULT USE AS
WELL.

SO I AM VERY EXCITED TO SEE YOU
PUT DETAILS AND SOMETHING THAT
WOULD ADD STRUCTURE TO THE
PROCESS JUST IN GENERAL.

ON TOP OF THAT, AS COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS ELOQUENTLY SAID, THIS IS
HOW WE SHOULD BE LEGISLATING ALL
THE TIME WITH VALUES, WITH THE
ULTIMATE BUSINESS IN FRONT OF US
AND I'M GRATEFUL TO THE
LEADERSHIP.

>> WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD
NAME?

>> YES.

>> PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR WU.
COUNCILLOR ZAKIM?

>> THANK YOU FOR TACKLING SUCH
AN IMPORTANT ISSUE.

HARDLY A WEEK GOES BY WHETHER
THERE'S NOT SOME NEW APPLICANT
OR ENTREPRENEUR OR SOMEONE
TESTING THE WAT
HERE IN THIS BUILDING ON A
DISPENSARY OF SOME KIND IN THE
CITY AND CERTAINLY IN DISTRICT

8, AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
ARE DELIBERATE ABOUT THIS.
IT IS IMPORTANT, NUMBER ONE,
THAT THERE IS A FRAMEWORK, THAT
THERE IS SOME SORT OF OBJECTIVE
STANDARDS, THAT PEOPLE KNOW WHAT
THE PROCESS IS IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON, THAT WE SHOULD BE
LEADING THE COMMONWEALTH ON
THIS, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.
BUT REALLY WHY THIS IS SO
IMPORTANT AND WHY I THINK WE
NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY ON THIS IS
THE, MOVE, IN IS A REAL
OPPORTUNITY TO PUT OUR MONEY
WHERE OUR MOUTH IS.
WE TALK ABOUT EQUITY ALMOST
EVERY DAY IN THERE CHAMBER AND
ALL OF US DO AND ALL OF US CARE
ABOUT THAT AND ELECTED AND
CAMPAIGNED AND WORK EVERY DAY TO
ACHIEVE THAT, BUT GIVEN THE
STATE OF OUR NATION, GIVEN THE
ISSUES OF THE ECONOMY OF ECONOMY
OF HAVES AND HAVE NOTES, OF
UNLIMITED AUTHORITY IN MANY WAYS
TO DIRECTLY ATTACK THIS, WE
SOMETIMES ARE HERE AND WE TALK
ABOUT IT AND WE DO WHAT WE CAN,
BUT THIS IS SOMETHING GIVEN THE
HIGHLY REGULATED NATURE OF THIS
INDUSTRY, GIVEN THE IMMENSE
AUTHORITY UNDER THE STATE LAWS
THAT CITIES AND TOWNS HAVE OVER
THIS, WE CAN BE DELIBERATE, WE
CAN SAY WE ARE GOING TO USE OUR
AUTHORITY TO ACHIEVE EQUITY.
TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE GOING
TO DO SOMETHING, NOT JUST
BECAUSE THIS IS THE MARIJUANA
INDUSTRY, NOT JUST BECAUSE OF
THE HORRIBLE LEGACY OF THE WAR
ON DRUGS, AND PEOPLE BEING
INCARCERATED AND SUBJECTED TO
MISTREATMENT, BUT BECAUSE OF THE
BROADER ISSUES IN OUR ECONOMY,
THE COLOR OF WEALTH SUPPORT YOU
REFERENCED AND THE THINGS WE SEE
EVERY DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.
I WANT TO THANK YOU.
THIS IS A COMPLICATED BILL, IT
IS NOT EASY TO PUT TOGETHER, IT
IS NOT EASY TO LEGISLATE
SOMETHING ESPECIALLY IN AN

INDUSTRY THAT IS IN ITS INFANCY
LIKE THIS, IT IS A PLEASURE TO
PARTNER WITH YOU AND THE
ADMINISTRATION AND PEOPLE WITHIN
THE INDUSTRY AND PEOPLE WHO WANT
TO BE IN THIS INDUSTRY TO MAKE
SURE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AT
LEAST WE ARE GOING TO BE
LEADERS, NOT JUST ON
TRANSPARENCY, NOT JUST ON
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND, BUT IN
EQUITY AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING ON
THIS WITH YOU, WITH OUR
COLLEAGUES AND ADD MY NAME,
PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ZAKIM.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ALSO
ADD COUNCILOR ZAKIM, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI GEORGE, FLAHERTY,
COUNCILOR FLYNN, COUNCILOR
MCCARTHY, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AS
WELL AS THE CHAIR.

>> COUNCILOR CIOMMO, COUNCILOR O
NATURALLY DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK?

>> I WANT TO O'MALLEY .. THANK
YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS.
CONGRESSWOMAN PRESSLEY, YOU HAVE
CONTINUED THIS, AND I LOOK
FORWARD TO WORKING IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU ON GETTING
THIS PASSED.

WE REALLY WANT TO APPLAUD YOUR
LEADERSHIP AS WELL, SO THANK
YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

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>> AT THIS TIME, DOCKET
0315 WILL BE PLACED IN THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS.

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>> DOCKET NUMBER 0316.
COUNCILORS CAMPBELL AND O'MALLEY
OFFER IS FOLLOWING ORDER, FOR A
HEARING TO DISCUSS STRATEGIES TO
REDUCE AND A ACTIVATE VACANT
RESIDENT CALL PROPERTIES IN THE
CITY OF BOSTON.

>> THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES
COUNCILOR CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

I FIRST WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND COUNCILOR JANEY BUT BEFORE WE PROCEED, WE WOULD LIKE TO SUSPEND RULE 12 AND ADD COUNCILOR JANEY AS A COSPONSOR.

>> SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE ADD COUNCILOR JANEY'S NAME.

>> THANK YOU.

STATERRED THIS CONVERSATION ACTUALLY WITH COUNCILOR O'MALLEY LAST YEAR, AND WE DID A JOINT HEARING LOOKING AT VACANT NOTES THE CITY OF BOSTON VACANT LOTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON ..

>> I THINK WE ARE GOOD.

WE STARTED THIS CONVERSATION LAST YEAR WITH A JOINT HEARING ON LOOKING AT THE VACANT LOTS THAT ARE BOTH COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL VACANT LOTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

AND TO MY SHOCK WHEN WE GOT THE DATA SPECIFICALLY FOR THE RESIDENTIAL LOTS AND THE CITY OWNED LOTS IN PARTICULAR, THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF VACANT CITY OWNED RESIDENTIAL PARCELS WERE IN DORCHESTER, MATTAPAN AND ROXBURY, AND WE ARE TALKING THAT IN THE THOUSANDS.

THESE ARE NOT COUNTING THE PRIVATELY OWNED LOTS THAT ARE BLIGHTED OR WHERE NOTHING IS SORT OF HAPPENING.

I HAVE ONE SUCH LOT BEHIND MY HOUSE IN MATTAPAN WHERE I LIVE, IT IS PRIVATELY OWNED.

I KNOW THE OWNER, I TALK HIM ALL THE TIME.

NO ONE LIVES THERE.

IT LITERALLY IS JUST -- IT IS AN EYESORE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT HAS BEEN THAT WAY FOR OVER FOUR YEARS.

AND SO WE RENEWED THIS HEARING ORDER TO SPECIFICALLY JUST TALK ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL LOTS, NOT COMMERCIAL LOTS, AND TO REALLY START WITH THOSE THAT ARE CITY OWNED.

RIGHT NOW IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, THERE ARE ROUGHLY ALMOST 1,200, ALMOST 1,300 CITY OWNED I HAVE

CATS KANLTS LOTS THERE IS NO DATABASE AND VERY LIMITED DATA ON THE PRIVATELY OWNED LOTS BUT WE SAID YOU KNOW WHAT? THERE IS ENOUGH OF AN WISH THE O C1 O CITY OWNED LOTS WE SHOULD FOCUS ON THOSE.

AND LIKE I SAID, WE PULLED IN COUNCILOR JANEY INTO THIS CONVERSATION BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF THOSE LOTS ARE IN MATTAPAN F DORCHESTER AND ROXBURY AND EVERY SINGLE DAY WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IN THIS BODY OR HEARING .. THE NEED FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT MORE HOUSING FOR OUR VETERANS AND SENIORS AND IT IS SHOCKING TO ME THAT WE DON'T HAVE A MANY OR A STRATEGY TO ACTIVATE THESE CITY OWNED VACANT LOT FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON, HOUSING COULD GO THERE OR SOMETHING ELSE MORE CREATIVE, AFTER OUR CONVERSATION THAT WE HAD LAST YEAR, ACTUALLY, A FRIEND OF MINE WHO LIVES IN AMSTERDAM BUT WHO WENT TO WENTWORTH WHO HAPPENED TO BE VISITING BACK IN BOSTON SAID I WANT TO BE HELPFUL IN THE WORK AND WE TALKED ABOUT VACANT LOTS AND HE SAYS, IN AMSTERDAM WE HAVE BEEN ACTIVATING LOTS ALL THE TIME, WE DO ART, WE DO DIFFERENT THINGS TO MAKE THESE SPACES COME ALIVE WHILE WE DEVELOP A LONG-TERM PLAN AND STRATEGY FOR THESE LOTS. WE ARE PARTNERING AND ACTUALLY WITH, WE ARE PARTNERING TO GO INTO DISTRICT 4, TO LOOK AT CITY OWNED LOTS, PARTICULARLY IN DORCHESTER, MATTAPAN THAT ARE VACANT TO ACTIVATE THOSE SPACES WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RESIDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY THAT LIVE IN THAT AREA. WE ASK THE CITY RESIDENTS WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN THIS LOT AND WE WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN AND I AM TELL YOU DYLAN AND OTHERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON THIS IS LOW COST TO THE CITY --.

>> THERE ARE ALREADY MANY OF US
IN THIS BODY WHO ARE DOING
CREATIVE THINGS IN THE CITY AND
IN OUR DISTRICT TO ACTIVATE
THESE SPACES, THE QUESTION IS
WHAT IS THE CITY AS A WHOLE
DOING?

SO THIS IS A HEARING 0 TO
EXPLORE STRATEGIES TO REDUCE
THESE LOTS, THESE VACANCIES, TO
ACTIVATE THE SPACES AND ALSO TO
LOOK AT EXISTING SOLUTIONS SO WE
HAVE A PROBLEM PROPERTY TASK
FORCE.

I THINK EVERYONE ON THIS BODY
CALLS THE TASK FORCE ALL THE
TIME TO SAY I HAVE THESE
PROPERTIES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD
THAT ARE CAUSING BLIGHT OR THAT
ARE CENTERS OF CRIME.

WE NEED, WE NEED THE TASK FORCE
TO STEP UP AND THAT MIGHT MEAN
WE NEED TO STRENGTHEN UP THE
TASK FORCE TO RESPOND.

WE HAVE A CLEAN IT OR LEAVE IT,
MCCARTHY IS IN PUBLIC WORKS AND
GO ON THESE LOTS AND ACTUALLY
CLEAN IT UP OR YOU GET TICKETED.
THAT PROGRAM WAS DISSOLVED AT
SOME POINT, MAYBE WE NEED TO
BRING THAT BACK.

THERE IS ALSO OTHER CITIES AND
MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS THE
COUNTRY THAT ARE USING FINANCIAL
INCENTIVES, WHETHER IT IS TAXING
FOLKS WHO HAVE THESE VACANT
LOTS, PARTICULAR THINK PRIVATELY
OWNED LOTS AND SAYING IF YOU NOT
GOING TO DO SOMETHING WITH IT,
WE ARE GOING TO TAX YOU WITH THE
HOPE THAT MAYBE WE WILL
INCENTIVIZE YOU TO DEVELOP IT,
SELL IT OR DO SOMETHING WITH IT
BUT WE ARE NOT GOING TO ACCEPT
PRIVATE OWNERSHIP LEAVING
BLIGHTED PROPERTIES LEFT
UNATTENDED IN THE CITY OF BOSTON
TO BE AN EYESORE, FRANKLY
USELESS TO THE FOLKS WHO LIVE IN
THAT COMMUNITY.

THERE ARE OTHER COMMUNITIES SUCH
AS NEW YORK AND DC THAT ARE
LOOKING AT CREATING LAND BANKS.
I DON'T THINK WE NECESSARILY

NEED A LAND BANK WE HAVE THE B
PFLT DA BUT THEY NEED TO BE
INVOLVED IN THE CONVERSATIONS AS
WELL, ALL OF THESE CITY OWNED
LOTS THEY HAVE RESOURCES AND A
THEY DO ZONING, AND WHAT IS
THEIR STRATEGY TO ACTIVATE THESE
SPACE MS. WE ASKED OUR
RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY IN
DORCHESTER AND MATTAPAN THAT I
REPRESENT TO STEP UP, TO COME TO
THE COUNCIL TO ADVOCATE TO SHOW
UP, AND THEY DO.

AND WE ARE WAITING, THEY ARE
WAITING FOR US TO SHOW UP.
THESE VACANT LOTS WHERE NOTHING
IS HAPPENING, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
CALLING THE CITY OFTEN FOR YEARS
SAYING, I LIVE NEXT TO A CITY
OWNED PARCEL THAT HAS BEEN
VACANT FOR TEN YEARS AND YOU
DON'T EVEN MAINTAIN IT WELL.
THEY WANT US TO STEP UP AND --
WE NEED TO DO OUR PART SO THIS
IS THE BEGINNING OF A
CONVERSATION TO HAVE A
PARTNERSHIP WITH JANEY AND
O'MALLEY AND IT IS EXCITING TO
GET THE CITY TO DO BETTER WITH
THE VACANT LOTS AND SAY IT IS
UNACCEPTABLE THEY ARE LARGELY IN
COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND
COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
CONCENTRATED IN POVERTY.
WE CAN'T BE A PART OF THE
PROBLEM.

WE NEED TO BE A PART OF THE
SOLUTION.
SO THANK YOU AND THANK YOU,
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND JANEY FOR
THE PARTNERSHIP.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. VICE PRESIDENT
I BEGIN BY THANKING MY DEAR
COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND, THE
PRESIDENT AND COUNCILOR FROM
ROXBURY FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP
AND LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.
THIS IS ACTUALLY A FASCINATING
TOPIC AND A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT
TOPIC THAT THIS BODY CAN PLAY A
PROFOUNDLY IMPACTFUL ROLE ON.

WHEN WE BEGAN WORK LOOKING AT --
AT VACANCIES, SORT OF DID A
CATCH-ALL ON COMMERCIAL AND
RESIDENTIAL, THERE IS REALLY
SORT OF THREE BUCKETS WE ARE
TALKING ABOUT HERE.

THERE IS, STARTING, YOU KNOW,
THE COMMERCIAL VACANCY THAT WE
SEE IN OUR LOCAL BUSINESS
DISTRICTS WHICH HAS A PROFOUNDLY
NEGATIVE IMPACT ON SURROUNDING
BUSINESSES, A BUSINESS CAN SEE
UP TO A 25 PERCENT DECREASE IN
BUSINESS WHEN IT IS VACANT, THEN
IT IS SORT OF THE HIGH END
LUXURY HOUSING VACANCY WHERE
OFTENTIMES A MORE RELIABLE AND
LUCRATIVE INVESTMENT QUITE OFTEN
WITH FOREIGN INVESTMENT IS IN
SOME OF THESE HIGH END LUXURY
BUILDINGS WHICH I KNOW THE
COUNCILOR HAS BEEN TACKLING AS
WELL AND THE THIRD IS THIS
NOTION OF THESE CITY TONED LOTS,
THESE EMPTY LOTS, SOMETIMES
THESE BUILDINGS THAT HAVE RAPED
EMPTY FOR YEARS, SOMETIMES EVEN
DECADES AND WHAT IS SORT OF THE
INTERESTING OR PERHAPS THE
UNUSUAL OR COUNTERINTUITIVE
ECONOMIC UNDERSTANDING OF THIS
IS, THIS IS HAPPENING AMIDST
BOSTON'S BIGGEST BUILDING BOOM
AND ECONOMIC, YOU KNOW,
THRIVINGNESS OF MY TIME IN ANY
RECENT HISTORY.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET HAS NEVER
BEEN STRONGER.

WE HAVE GOT A PROFOUNDLY
POWERFUL REAL ESTATE MARKET.
IT IS WHY WE ARE SPENDING MOST
OF OUR NIGHTS PARTICULARLY IN MY
DISTRICT, MY COLLEAGUES AND OUT
AT DEVELOPMENT BUILDINGS EVERY
NIGHT OF THE WEEK SO IT SEEMS
COUNTERINTUITIVE WE STILL HAVE
THE VACANT SPOTS WHEN THE MARKET
IS SO GOOD.

IT IS NOT AS THOUGH THERE IS NOT
INTEREST IN DEVELOPING THESE
LOTS AND THESE ARE NOT
BUSINESSES THAT WANT TO COME
HERE BUT YOU OFTEN HAVE CASES OF
A LANDLORD WHO WILL MAKE THE

DETERMINATION THAT HE OR SHE WILL GET MORE MONEY BY KEEPING A SPACE VACANT AND HOLDING OUT FOR A HIGHER PAYING TENANT, SOMETIMES SOMEONE IN THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY RIGHT NOW WHICH IS FOUR, FIVE, SIX TIMES OF THE RENT THAN A MORE I GUESS MAINSTREAM, HOWEVER WHAT IS MAINSTREAM NOW, MORE BRICK AND MORTAR MOM AND POP BUSINESS MS., AS I SAID YOU HAVE PEOPLE THAT MAKE A DETERMINATION A THREE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS CONDO, MY DEAR COLLEAGUE FROM THE BAY DISTRICT IS GOING TO BE A LOT MORE BENEFICIARY TO HOLD ON TO THAT, LESS VOLUME TILE THAT THE THAN THE STOCK MARKET.

AND THEN I THINK THE APPROACH WITH DEALING ALL THREE OF THEM IS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR BUT WE NEED TO BE DIFFERENT IN OUR TACTICS TO ADDRESS THAT, WHICH IS WHY I AM SO DELIGHTED THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT IN TALKING ABOUT A IN, FOCUS SPECIFICALLY ON THESE LOTS AND FOCUS SPECIFICALLY ON THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AS WELL BECAUSE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY COLLECT SOME GOOD DATA HERE WHICH AT A MINIMUM THAT IS SUBPAR THUS FAR.

WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY THINK OF SOME GOOD INCENTIVES FOR THESE, CLEAN IT OR LEAN IT WAS A GREAT WORK AND GREAT PARTNERSHIPS YEARS AGO, I WORKED FOR OUR PREVIOUS SHERIFF, CABRAL, TOM KINS WILL CONTINUE THAT AND IS CONTINUING THAT. GREAT WORK.

THERE ARE WAYS WE CAN INCENTIVIZE THE LANDLORD OR OWNER TO MAKE SURE IT IS A SAFE, CLEAN PLACE, THERE IS A WAY WE CAN EXPEDITE THAT PROCESS BECAUSE ONE OF THE MOST MADDENING THINGS I HAVE BEEN DEAL WITH AND WE CAN ALL, ALL OF US CAN POINT TO SEVERAL EXAMPLES IN OUR DISTRICTS OF THESE PROBLEM PROPERTIES THAT HAVE REMAINED THAT WAY FOR YEARS.

AND RESIDENTS DON'T WANT TO SAY
HEY THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH WE CAN
DO, WE CAN -- THAT IS JUST A
DELAY TACTIC. SO WE NEED TO BE
MORISM AND AGGRESSIVE IN OUR
APPROACH AND THIRDLY WE NEED TO
HAVE A TOUGH COMPETITION, YOU
KNOW, ON THE STICK, WHEN WE TALK
ABOUT THE INCENTIVES TO HELP
THEM BUT THERE SHOULD BE SOME
BENEFITS AND CONSEQUENCES WHEN
THEY DON'T ADD UP.
SO I WANTED TO CLOSE BY SAYING A
VERY WISE MAN ONCE SAID THAT
WHAT MAPSER MATTERS TO YOU IS
WHAT MATTER AND WHEN WE LOOK OUT
OUR FRONT DOOR I WAS GOING TO
BEG BEGIN MY SPEECH THAT WAY BUT
HE STEPPED OUT FOR A MOMENT.
HE IS RIGHT AND WE HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO AFFECT SOMETHING
THAT HAS A PROFOUND QUALITY OF
LIFE IMPACT ON ALL OF US BUT
WHAT WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING
FOCUSING ON.
THE I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
PARTNERSHIP CONTINUING TO WORK.
IT MAKES SENSE THAT -- TO SORT
OF COMPARTMENTALIZE EACH OF
THESE ISSUES AS WE GO FORWARD
AND WE WILL BE CONTINUING WORK
ON THE COMMERCIAL CRAY CAN
SITUATE IN SOME OF THE HIGH END
LUXURY VACANCY AS WELL.
>> THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR O'MALLEY,
COUNCILOR JANEY YOUR THE FLOOR.
>> FIRST LET ME SAY THANK YOU A
TO COUNCILOR O NATURALLY AND
PRESIDENT CAMPBELL FOR ADDING ME
TO THIS IMPORTANT HEARING ORDER
THEY REALLY KIND OF SUMMED IT UP
SO I JOUST WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A
PARTICULAR CASE STUDY IN MY
DISTRICT THAT HAS BEEN JUST AN
AWFUL PLAYER WHEN WE ARE TALKING
ABOUT VACANT LOTS.
SO CERTAINLY THERE ARE LOTS
OPPORTUNITIES IN TERMS OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, YOU ALREADY
HEARD THAT, INNOVATION WE WANT
TO SEE IN OUR DISTRICT, THERE IS
A PARTICULAR LOT IN GROVE HALL
RIGHT NEXT TO THE HISTORIC

FREEDOM HOUSE, BETWEEN
APRIL 2011 AND NOVEMBER 2018, SO
SEVEN YEAR PERIOD, IT RACKED UP
\$705,000 IN CODE ENFORCEMENT
VIOLATIONS NONE OF WHICH HAVE
BEEN COLLECTED BY THE CITY.
SO SEVEN YEARS OF BEING A BAD
PLAYER COLLECTING FINES, \$7,000
OF FINES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
COLLECTED FROM THE CITY.
THEY HAVE BEEN CITED 95 TIMES,
WHEN PROPER STORAGE IMPROPER
STORAGE OF TRASH, OVERGROWN
WEEDS AND 22 TIMES FOR FAILURE
TO REMOVE SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS.
THEY ARE SMALL FINES, 15, 25,
\$50, SOMETIMES 100.
BUT THE AVERAGE HAS BEEN ABOUT
\$40 FOR OVER 200 CITATIONS.
THIS IS JUST ONE LOT IN MY
DISTRICT IN DROVE A HALL.
AND I CAN'T REMEMBER .. THERE
THEREEVER BEING ANYTHING IN IN THIS
LOT OTHER THAN WEEDS AND TRASH
SO I DEFINITELY WANT US TO TAKE
ACTION AND I THINK THERE ARE
CERTAINLY SOLUTIONS TO THESE
CHANCE.
I WAS A FAN OF THE LEAN IT,
CLEAN IT OR REINIT, LEAN IT
PROGRAM, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A
DISCUSSION ABOUT BRINGING THAT
BACK FOR SOMETHING SIMILAR TO SO
THAT COMMUNITY ARE NOT FORCED TO
KIND OF LIVE WITH THIS BLIGHT.
I THINK IT IS REALLY UNFAIR IN
TERMS OF THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE
BUT PARTICULARLY WHEN WE KNOW
FOLKS WHO ARE JUST SITTING ON
THESE PROPERTIES WAITING FOR
VALUES TO INCREASE SO THAT THEY
CAN SELL THEM AND GET THIS GIANT
WINDFALL FOR BEING A BAD PLAYER.
WE SHOULD NOT BE REWARDING BAD
PLAYERS WITH A GIANT WINDFALL.
WE SHOULD BE DOING MORE TO TAKE
CONTROL OF THESE LANDS, THE I
HAVE CAN LOTS IF THEY WON'T.
SO ANYWAY I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVE
THE HAVING THE DISCUSSION.
THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]
>> COUNCILOR ED WARLDZ YOU --

YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, THE MAKERS AND LEADERSHIP AND THIS CONVERSATION OF VACANCY, I HAD TALKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT DURING I THINK A PREVIOUS HEARING ABOUT THE HOW EVEN A CASE STUDY IN EAST BOSTON, THE THE -- HOTEL IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE LARGER CASES THAT WE SEE ON A DAILY BASIS THAT THE IMPACTS EVERYBODY COMING DOWN ROUTE 1 A IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND JEFFERIES POINT, IT IS A HOLLOWED OUT HOTEL, SEVERAL, I DON'T KNOW, 75 FEET HIGH, IT IS JUST CONCRETE WITH PLASTER GOING TO AND FROM WITH CARDBOARD, IF NOT MAYBE SOME DRYWALL, SOME SORT OF WINDOWS, BUT ULTIMATELY IT IS SIT, BEEN SITTING LIKE THAT FOR TEN YEARS, IT WAS SOLD FOR \$2 MILLION, \$12 MILLION, WE CAPTURED NONE OF THAT INCOME WHICH WE WOULD IF WE PUT IN A SPECULATOR FEE.

BUT ALSO IT JUST SITS THERE CONTINUALLY.

THE OWNERS LIVE IN PSEUDOEPHEDRINE AND SOME, SUDBURY AND 0, THE DEBRIS BLOWS ON YOU IF YOU ARE DRIVING ON THE GREENWAY.

THEY DON'T TAKE CARE OF THE LAND, AND WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT.

NOW, THEY HAVE TAKEN SO LONG IN PASSING OWNERSHIP TO OWNERSHIP THAT THE PREMISE THAT THEY HAVE TO CORRECT THOSE PROBLEMS HAS NOW EXPIRED.

THEY HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN AND GET NEW COUNCILOR TO, COUNCIL TO HOPEFULLY FIX THE ISSUE AND THE PROBLEM IS WE DO HAVE CURRENTLY IN POLICY, PA RECEIVERSHIP PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BOSTON THAT WORKS WITH THE GENERAL ATTORNEYS OFFICE THAT WOULD ALLOW LOCAL FOLKS AND A RECEIVE FORE STEP UP TO THE PLAY T PLATE AND IT IS UNDERUTILIZED AND I WOULD LIKE IN THIS HEARING ROOM WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THIS HOW

WE CAN REALLY SUPPORT INNING PROGRAM, WHERE, LOCAL FOLKS GETTING RECEIVERS AND CAN'T GO IN THERE WITH PAINTBRUSHES AND WITH BROOM SIX AND WHATEVER IT MAKES TO MAKE THAT LOT BETTER AND ULTIMATELY CAN THEY GET A LIEN ON THAT HOUSE WITH THEIR RECEIPTS FOR HOW MUCH IT COSTS THEM TO DO THAT AND IF THAT LOT IS EVER SOLD OR IF THAT GOES INTO FORECLOSURE, THEY GET THEIR MONEY BACK.

BUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD ESSENTIALLY RISES WITH THE RECEIVER AND GETS TO IT.

AND WE HAVE THIS PROGRAM, I THINK WE HAVE LESS THAN 100 PROPERTIES IN IT, BUT I THINK IT IS SOMETHING WORTH TALKING ABOUT THAT THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT EXISTS, WE HAVE TALKED BRIEFLY ABOUT IT IN THE THE LATEST LAND HEARING WITH COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER AND I THINK WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT THIS AS VACANCIES, WITH THESE ABSENTEE LANDLORDS, ESPECIALLY, ARE THE ONES WHERE WHEN THEY -- SO IF WE HAVE A PROCESS THAT CAN RESPOND TO THAT, WE NEED TO SUPPORT IT WITH THE CITY COUNCIL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD YOUR NAME?

>> YES.

>> PLEASE ADD COUNCILOR EDWARD'S NAME, PLEASE ADD 0 COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, FLYNN, MCCARTHY 0, COUNCILOR WU, COUNCILOR ZAKIM, COUNCILOR BAKER AND COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE AND COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

>> DOCKET 0316 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0317 ORCS COUNCILORS FLAHERTY AND CAMPBELL OFFER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE DOCKET 2385 AND SENATE DOCKET 746.

AN ACT TO SUSTAIN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION.

>> THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES

COUNCILOR CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, 0 COUNCILOR CIOMMO AND COUNCILOR FLAHERTY FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP IN THIS AND TO MEET IN YOUR OFFICE TO WORK ON THIS.

THIS IS PRETTY SELF-EXPLANATORY WE PASSED THIS, PASSED THIS BEFORE, THE PRESERVATION ACT, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT HOW INCREDIBLE THAT HAS BEEN FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH REALLY, FRANKLY HAPPY TO PARTNER WITH COUNCILOR FLAHERTY IN MY FIRST TEMPLE AND OF COURSE WITH ALL OF TO ADVOCATES AND YOU IN GETTING THAT PASSED IN THE STOIF BOSTON AND WE HAVE CHRISTINE WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMITTEE WHO IS HERE, AND WHO DOES INCREDIBLE WORK, BUT THIS MONEY IS BEING USED FOR RESIDENT DRIVEN PROJECTS, FOR HOUSING, PRESERVATION .. AND IT IS JUST AMAZING.

THE CONTINUED ADVOCACY THAT IS NECESSARY AROUND THIS IS REALLY AT THE STATEHOUSE.

RIGHT NOW THERE IS A BILL IN THE STATEHOUSE THAT WOULD INCREASE THE MATCHING FUND SO THAT THE MONEY THAT THE CITY OF BOSTON PUTS INTO THE CPA IS MATCHED BY THE STATE AT A HIGHER LEVEL, AND SO THIS RESOLUTION IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SAY NOT ONLY DO WE SUPPORT THIS BILL, WE WANT -- WE WANT THE STATEHOUSE TO MOVE ON THIS AND INCREASE THIS MATH MATCH SO ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITIES AT THIS POINT OVER 168 IN MASSACHUSETTS, BUT OF, HAVE ADOPTED THE CPA WILL SEE MORE MONEY FROM THE STATE IN TERMS OF THIS MATCH.

HE THINK EVERY MUNICIPALITY THAT KNOWS ABOUT THIS BRAM WILL SPEAK ABOUT HOW POWERFUL, NOT JUST ENGAGING RESIDENTS IN THE WORK AND BUILDING PROJECTS THAT THEY ACTUALLY WANT, AND HOW IT BRINGS THEM INTO GOVERNMENT, IT IS A WIN-WIN SO THIS YES, SIR FLIEWTION WE ARE ASKING THAT WE

SUSPEND THE RUSE AND ADOPT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ADD OUR VOICE TO THE CONVERSATION AT THE STATEHOUSE AND PUSH THE STATE TO INCREASE THAT MATCH AND TO DO SO IN SHORT ORDER. SO THANK YOU AND THANK YOU THE COUNCILOR FLAHERTY FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR AND OBVIOUSLY THANK YOU TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR THE CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP, WE ARE NOT ONLY COME ON THE SAME TO WORK WITH THE CITY COUNCIL BUT ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF ALL MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH TO INCREASE THE CPA MATCH FUNDS, AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT, SHE DESCRIBED AND AS MENTIONED WE ARE JOINED BY CPA DIRECTOR WHO IS DOING A GREAT JOB OF MANAGING THE CPA PROJECT.

>> SO HOW ABOUT A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

>>

[APPLAUSE]

>> ONE WAS A PILOT, WE DISTRIBUTED \$8 MILLION TO SHOVEL READY PRONGTS, WE HAVE A GOINGER ROUND OF FUNDING UNDER WAY NOW FOR FUND 2 WHICH WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING WII SUZE ORMAN WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WHO OUR DIRECT, THE INTERESTING PIECE ABOUT A THIS IS THAT DESPITE THE ONGOING RAN MID GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CITY THE OTHER CAN CURRENTLY WAITING IT HAS BEEN OVER 18 YEARS FOR THERE TO BE AN UPDATE WITH RESPECT TO THE -- THIS IS JUST -- THAT IS JUST INEXCUSABLE AND TOO LONG FOR US TO GET AN UPDATE SO IF WE CAN GET THAT UPDATE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS PROVIDED LEGISLATION AS DESCRIBED BY A COLLEAGUE HAD OVER 100 SPONSORS BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND SENATE SO I AM ASSUMING THAT THROUGH THE CHAIR AND THE LEAD SPONSOR WE WOULD

PROBABLY WANT TO MOVE FOR
SUSPENSE AND ADOPTION TODAY SO
WITH THAT I WOULD URGE MY
COLLEAGUES TO DO THE SAME, WE
ARE EXPECTING TO -- FOR THAT TO
BE ASSIGNED TO A COMMITTEE AND
HAVE THAT HEARING UP IN BEACON
HILL BECAUSE IT JUST DOESN'T
AFFECT BOSTON IT AFFECTS
EVERYONE, EVERY MUNICIPALITY AND
CITY AND TOWN THAT IS IN THE
COMMONWEALTH AND MUCH DESERVED
ADDITIONAL MATCH FUNDING IS IN
THE PIPELINE BUT WITH HE WE NEED
TO GET IT THROUGH AND I KNOW
GOVERNOR BAKER HAS SIGNALLED HIS
SUPPORT FOR SUCH A PROPOSAL SO I
THINK THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME WE
HAVE SORT OF MUTUAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES,
COLLEAGUES UP AT THE STATEHOUSE
AND ON THE, I AM THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE AND IF WE CAN GET THAT
DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WE
HERE IN BOSTON WOULD BE THE
BENEFICIARY OF SOME ADDITIONAL
MATCHING GUNLDZ THAT WILL GO TO
OUR, AND SERVICE MORE PEOPLE ON
OPEN HOUSING, PRESERVE,
PRESERVE,.

WED WILL THINK ABOUT ROUND 3 BUT
LET THE FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY
KNOW.

PEOPLE STILL, BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
DON'T KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
CPA AND WHAT IT CAN MEAN FOR
THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES SO
MAKE SURE THEY ARE PAYING
ATTENTION AND MAKING SURE THEY
ARE GETTING THEIR APPLICATIONS
IN BECAUSE THEY WILL BE
RESPECTED AND VETTED AND
HOPEFULLY BE RECIPIENTS OF SOME
FUNDS THAT WILL HELP ALL OF OUR
NEIGHBORS HERE ACROSS THE CITY
AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE
STRUGGLING TO FIND AFFORDABLE
HOUSING.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

>> COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, THE CHAIR
MOVES SUSPEND OF THE RULES AND
ADOPTION OF DOCKET 0317, ALL IN
FAVOR, SAY AYE; OPPOSED, NO.
THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 0317 HAS BEEN ADOPTED.
DOCKET NUMBER 0318, COUNCILOR,
COUNCILOR CAMPBELL AND EDWARDS
HAVE THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR
HEARING TO DISCUSS THE SENIOR
HOME REPAIR PROGRAM AND OTHER
HOUSING PROGRAMS.

>> THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES 0
COUNCILOR CAMPBELL.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO,
THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
THANK YOU TO COUNCILOR EDWARDS
FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS.

THIS IS A HEARING, FRANKLY
CREATING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US
TO HAVE A CONVERSATION NOT ONLY
WITH THE HOME CENTER, BUT ALSO
THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT, SPECIFICALLY THE
AROUND THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR
PROGRAM.

TWO OF MY TEAM MEMBERS,
INCLUDING ONE OF MY TEAM MEMBERS
THAT I CALL MY TEEN ADVISOR THAT
WORKS FREQUENTLY WITH THE
SENIORS IN OUR DISTRICT.

WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF
CONVERSATION AND GOP BACK AND
FORTH WITH THE HOME CENTER,
THOSE WHO OVERSEE THIS PROGRAM
FOR OUR SENIORS, SOMETIMES WITH
SUCCESS AND SOMETIMES NOT.
BUT IN CASES WHERE SENIORS HAVE
COMPLAINED THAT ONCE THEY
PARTICIPATED IN IN PROGRAM THEY
HAD CONTRACTORS COME OUT AND DO
REALLY SHODDY WORK, REALLY BAD
WORK, WE HAVE HAD CONSTITUENTS
COME IN WITH ACTUAL PICTURES OF
WORK THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE
DONE, BUT NONE OF US IN THIS
BODY, FRANKLY, IF THE CONTRACTOR
AND DIFFICULT DIM THE SAME WORK
ON OUR HOUSE WE WOULD BE
EXTREMELY ANGERED AND UPSET SO
THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING
FORTH MANY OF THOSE SEEN YOURS
WHO CAME TO US TO TALK ABOUT
THIS PROGRAM AND HOW IT HAS NOT
WORKED FOR THEM.

THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR
SOME OF THESE CONTRACTORS THAT
GO OUT AND DO THE WORK AND DO DON'T
DO A GREAT JOB.

SOME ARE STILL WORKING AS PART OF THE SENIOR HOME PROGRAM AND DOING MORE WORK ON OUR HOMES WITH OUR SENIORS.

MANY SENIORS HAVE ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT SIGNING THE PAPERWORK AND NOT NECESSARILY UNDERSTANDING THE FINE PRINT, SO WE HAD JUST RECENTLY A GROUP OF SENIORS WHERE THE SENIOR ACTUALLY PASSED AWAY AND THE LOAN OF COURSE THAT THEY SIGNED PASSES ON TO THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO NOW HAVE, YOU KNOW, \$30,000 BUT THEY, THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY.

I DON'T THINK ANY SENIOR WOULD PROBABLY SIGN UP FOR THAT AND PASS THAT BURDEN ON TO THEIR FAMILY.

BUT IN THIS CASE, THEY DIDN'T THINK THAT THIS WAS EXPLAINED WELL TO THE CONSTITUENT.

SO THERE ARE MANY WAYS I THINK WE CAN IMPROVE THIS PROGRAM.

AND IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM, IT IS SPECIFICALLY IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS, INCLUDING, YOU KNOW, MATTAPAN, WEST ROXBURY, ROSS DALE, CHARLESTOWN, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT NOT JUST ..

DISPLACEMENT, YES THE CITY IS AFFORDABLE BUT A LOT OF SENIORS THAT OWN THEIR HOME SO WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE PROGRAMS THAT HELP THEM STAY IN THEIR HOME.

IN MANY OF THESE SENIORS NEED HELP WITH REPAIRING THEIR HOME SO THIS IS A GREAT PROGRAM AND SOMETHING THAT IS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH RESPECT TO SOME OF THESE SENIORS AND THOSE FOLKS WHO HAVE LIVED IN OUR COMMUNITY SAY 10, 20, 30, EVEN 40 OR 50 YEARS SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE FOLKS WHO ARE GOING OUT AND WORKING WITH YOUR SENIORS, THAT THERE IS SOME TRANCE PARENT PROCESS, THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE CRAPPY WORK THAT THEY DO, AND THAT OUR

SENIORS ARE NOT FEELING LIKE THEY ARE ALONE IN THIS BATTLE. YOU KNOW, I WILL ADD ONE-STORY FROM MY DISTRICT RECENTLY WHERE THE SENIOR CAME IN WITH HER SON WHO IS A POLICE OFFICER IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND HAD BEEN ADVOCATING FOR NOW A COUPLE OF YEARS IN SAYING THE CONTRACTORS THAT CAME OUT TO DO THE WORK IN HER HOME DID A TERRIBLE JOB, SHE TOLD HER SON WHO IS HER ADVOCATE OF COURSE WE ARE MEETING WITH THE HOME CENTER, ONE OF MY TEAM MEMBERS GOES OUT TO WALK THROUGH THE HOME TO LOOK AT THE WORK FIRSTHAND AND TO SAY HOW CAN WE DO BETTER?

AFTER HAVING THIS INCREDIBLE CONVERSATION HERE AT CITY HALL WE GO OUT TO DO THIS TOUR AND THE PEOPLE FROM THE HOME STERN DIDN'T REALLY SHOW UP, SO IT WAS JUST THIS BACK AND FORTH, AND IF IT IS BACK AND FORTH WITH US, I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW SOME OF OUR SENIORS FEEL WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS PROGRAM BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN A SUCCESS AND FEEL THEY ARE ADVOCATING BY THEMSELVES AND THAT NO ONE IS LISTENING TO THEM OR STANDING UP TOO THEM SO THIS SAN OPPORTUNITY FOR 0 ALL OF US TO BRING 0 THESE STORIES TOO A HEARING AND SAY HOW DO WE STRENGTHEN THE PROGRAM AND HOLD ACCOUNTS ACCOUNTABLE AND NOT HAVE ANY CONTRACTORS WORKING FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON IF WE HAVE EXAMPLES FOR RE, OR RESEARCH OR EVIDENCE SAYS THEY JUST DON'T DO GREAT WORK, THERE ARE MANY FOLKS WHO WOULD LOVE THESE CONTRACTS, WHO WOULD LOVE TO DO THE WORK ON BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON WHO DO GREAT WORK, SO WE NEED TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ALSO ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY.

I LOOK GUARD A TO THE HEARING AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE PARTNERSHIP WITH COUNCILOR EDWARDS AND THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

>> 0 COUNCILOR EDWARDS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> FIRST OF ALL THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOU, COUNCILOR CAMPBELL ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE OF THE SENIOR HOME PROGRAM BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE REASON WHY I ALSO SIGNED ON FOR THIS IS BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN ON THE OTHER SIDE. I HAVE WORKED FOR THE CITY. WITH THE FOLKS OF THE BOSTON HOME CENTER, SO I HAVE BEEN, I HAVE IDENTIFIED THE PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CALLED TO A CITY COUNCIL HEARING TO TESTIFY IN FRONT OF ALL OF YOU, AND I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE WHEN YOU ARE SITTING THERE 9:00 TO 5:00 WORK YOUR BEST AND, 0 COUNCILOR CIOMMO AND A MCCARTHY YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE ON TO THE OTHER SIDE AND THEN HAVE CITY COUNCIL CALL YOU IN TO REALLY TALK ABOUT THE WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING OR TRYING TO DO, WHICH IS NOT EASY A LOT OF TIME.

WAY TONIGHT ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF MY FORMER COLLEAGUES AT THE BOSTON HOUSING -- HOME CENTER, THE OFFICE OF HOUSING STABILITY IS NO LONGER THERE BE 2 LEAD THERE, DOMINIQUE WILLIAMS WORKING EXTREMELY HARD TO DEAL WITH THIS THE HOUSING CRISIS WE ARE IN AND TRYING TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE STAY IN HOMES, AND SO WHEN WE DO CALL FOLKS FORWARD, WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE WHEN WE ARE HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE, WE ARE ACCURATE WHEN WE DO THAT AND IN MANY CASES THEIR JOB IS TOO MAKE SURE TO BUILD A BRIDGE, YES, WE NEED TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHO THEY ARE CONNECTING IN TERMS OF CONTRACTORS BUT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INCREDIBLE WORK THAT IS GOING ON THAT IS NOT STATED, I MEAN OFTENTIMES ONLY THE NEGATIVE THINGS AND THE NEGATIVE STORIES MAKE IT TO THE STAGE SO I JUST, FOR, THAT'S WHY I AM HERE ALSO, I FEEL LIKE I AM

ADVOCATING IN MANY CASES FOR THOSE WHO ARE PUTTING IN THE 9:00 TO 5:00 WORK AND WORKING STREAMLY HARD FOR TO THE CITY OF BOSTON TO DO -- TO DO RIGHT BY THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS AND BY THEIR NEIGHBORS.

OTHER PROGRAMS, HOWEVER, I DO WANT TO HAVE, COME FORWARD TO TALK A ABOUT HOW WE CAN ENHANCE AND SUPPORT FOR MANY FOLKS ARE NOT AWARE THE LANDLORD GUARANTEE PROGRAM, THAT'S A PROGRAM THAT STARTED TO ACTUALLY PROVIDE ALMOST AN INSURANCE TO SMALL LANDLORDS WHO WOULD HOUSE FOLKS WHO WERE AT HIGH RISK WHO MAY HAVE GONE THROUGH RECOVERY, MAY HAVE BEEN EVICTED, MAY HAVE BEEN HOMELESS AND IN MANY CASES BECAUSE OF THAT CONNOTATION AND DISCRIMINATION PEOPLE DO NOT LET THEM IN THEIR HOMES.

THIS IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM THAT WAS SHORING UP \$10,000 FOR BACK RENT AND ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES THAT CAME WITH THAT.

AND THEY FOUND, THERE WERE MATCHING PEOPLE WHO WERE HOMELESS BASED ON HOW LONG THEY WERE HOMELESS WITH FOLKS WHO WERE WILLING TO ENTER INTO THE PROGRAM.

I WOULD THROW SHES LOVE TO SHARE HOW THE PROGRAM IS DOING AND EXPAND IT.

AND THERE IS THE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT PILOT PROGRAM, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW THE CITY OF BOSTON IS ALLOWING FOR FOLKS TO OPEN UP A NEW UNIT IN THE ENVELOPE OF THEIR HOME, EITHER THE ATTIC OR THE BASEMENT, AND ALLOWING THEM TO ACTUALLY TAKING A THREE TO FOUR, A QUARTER 5 OR TWO TO THREE, OR STREAMLINE PROCESS.

TO DATE I HAVE HEARD, THERE ARE THREE NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE THEY ARE ALLOWING THIS TO HAM, THAT WAS EAST BOSTON, JA JAMAICA PLAIN AND MATTAPAN, AND I WOULDN'T SAY THAT MAYBE EVEN 100

UNITS HAVE GONE THROUGH THAT PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY, AND SOME PEOPLE HAVE REACHED OUT TO ME SAYING, YOU KNOW, EVERY TIME I CAME BACK WITH WHAT I THOUGHT WAS SUFFICIENT, IT WAS ONE MORE THING, ONE MORE HURDLE AND ANOTHER \$10,000, EVENTUALLY I JUST COULDN'T DO IT.

AND I WANTED TO HAVE THE EXTRA BASEMENT AND WANTED IT MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD.

SO I JUST WANTED TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION BE A BALANCE WHEN WE DO PUSH ON THE CITY OR THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE INNOVATIVE AND GOODNESS KNOWS THEY ARE RESPONDING WITH THE INNOVATION -- OR THE TINY HOUSES AND A ALL OF THE DIFFERENT KIND OF PRODUCE, PROTOTYPES THEY HAVE IN CITY HALL, WHEN THEY ARE COMING UP WITH PROGRAMS, THEN WHEN WE INVITE THEM WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE INVITING THEM TO KNOW WE DO SUPPORT THEM, WE WANT TO ENHANCE THEM AND RECOGNIZE THE GOOD WORK THEY ARE DOING AND THEN ALSO SAY, SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WE ARE SEEING, WE HOPE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO RESOLVE THEM, SO THAT IS WHY I SEE, THAT IS WRITE SEE OUR PARTNERSHIP AND LOOK FORWARD TO THAT CONVERSATION.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. VICE PRESIDENT.

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCILOR EDWARDS FOR A THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND ASK MY NAME BE ADDED RESPECTFULLY AND I WOULD LIKE TO, DURING THE HEARING IS CONSIDER, YOU KNOW, WHAT TYPE OF FINE FOR WHAT TYPE OF PENALTY THAT WOULD BE TO DEVELOPERS THAT INTENTIONALLY OR CONTRACTORS THAT INTENTIONALLY, YOU KNOW, PROVIDE SHABBY WORK TO OUR ELDERLY, TO OUR DISABLED, WHETHER IT IS A FINE OR A SUSPENSION FROM THE PROGRAM, BUT

I THINK WE NEED TO BE
TRANSPARENT THAT ANYONE THAT
DOES COMMIT THIS TYPE OF AN
OFFENSE AGAINST THE ELDERLY OR
THE DISABLED, IN MY OPINION THEY
SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT
TYPE OF CONTRACT ANYMORE.

SO I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE US
HIT THEM HARD RIGHT IN THE
WALLET WHEN THEY EXPLOIT THE
ELDERLY AND THEY EXPLOIT THE
DISABLED.

THANK YOU, MR. VICE PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU.

PLEASE ADD COUNCILOR FLAHERTY'S
NAME, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE,
COUNCILOR BAKER, GARRISON,
O'MALLEY, O WU, AND THE CHAIR,
PLEASE.

>> AT AH AND DOCKET 318 WILL BE
ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT.

>> ARE YOU LOOKING TO SPEAK?

>> MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION ON
DOCKET 0803 --.

ANY OBJECTION TO --

>> OKAY.

GO AHEAD, COUNCILOR.

>> THANK YOU, I STEPPED OUT FOR
A MOMENT AND I WOULD LIKE MY
NAME TO BE ADDED IN SUPPORT FOR
THE REELECTION OF CLERK FEENEY.

>> IF WE COULD AMEND THE ROLL
CALL VOTE TO ADD COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI GEORGE IN FAVOR OF
FEENEY.

>> THANK YOU.

AND MADAM PRESIDENT, IF YOU
DON'T MIND ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO
ADD MY NAME TO DOCKET 0309.

>> WHAT DOCKET WAS THAT,
COUNCILOR.

>> 0309.

>> 0309.

OH, I JUST PLACED THAT ON FILE.

>> OKAY.

BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I MOVE TO RECONSIDER 0317, MADAM
PRESIDENT.

>> 0317?

YES.

ANY OBJECTION?

>> NO.

>> GO AHEAD.

>> I JUST WANT TO RESPECTFULLY
ASK IF I COULD HAVE MY NAME
ADDED TO THAT.

>> YES, WE MIGHT HAVE MISSED
THAT STEP SO FOR DOCKET 317 DID
ANYBODY WANT TO ADD THEIR NAME,
WE ALREADY PASSED IT BUT ADD
THEIR NAME.

>> MADAM CLERK, BAKER, CIOMMO,
ESSAIBI GEORGE, FLYNN, GARRETT,
JANEY, MCCARTHY, O'MALLEY, WU,
AND THAT'S IT.

>> THANK YOU.

>>

>> OKAY.

COUNCILOR JANEY, WE CLEARLY
MISSED A LOT.

COUNCILOR JANEY.

>> WHILE WE ARE ADDING NAMES I
WOULD REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADD
MY NAME TO A DOCKET 0318.

I WAS OUT OF THE ROOM WHEN YOU
GUYS --

>> ANY OBJECTIONS?

>> NO.

>> MADAM CLERK, ADD JANEY TO
318.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

>> MOVING ON TO PERSONNEL ORDERS

..
>> DOCKET NUMBER 0319, COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL OFFERS THE FOLLOWING
ORDER, THE CHAIR SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF 0319.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE;
OPPOSED, NO.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 0319 HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0320, COUNCILOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> COUNCILOR EDWARDS SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0320, ALL
THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE; OPPOSED,
NO.

THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 0320

HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0321, COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULE AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0321, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE; OPPOSED, NO.

THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 0321 HAS BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKETS NUMBER 0322, COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, COUNCILOR WU.

>> COUNCILOR WU SEEKS THE SUSPENSION OF THE RULES ON DOCKET 03 TUTU, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE; OPPOSED, NO. THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 0322 HAS BEEN PASSED.

A I AM INFORMED BY THE CLERK THAT THERE IS ONE LATE FILED MATTER.

>> WHICH IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION WILL BE ADDED TO TODAY'S AGENDA.

>> HEARING AND SEEING NO OBJECTION, THE LATE FILED MATTER IS ADDED.

THE I BELIEVE EVERYONE HAS A KEEP COPY.

>> IT IS A RESOLUTION -- YES. THANK YOU.

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 10, 2019 AS WINTER WALK DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

WHEREAS THIS YEAR MARKS THE THIRD ANNUAL WINTER WALK, A CAMPAIGN RAISING A AWARENESS AND FUNDS TO HELP END HOMELESS MECHANICS THE CITY OF BOSTON.

WHEREAS THIS YEAR WILL BRING TOGETHER AGAIN OVER 1,000 PEOPLE TO SHARE, LEARN AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES FEBRUARY 10, 2019 AS WINTER WALK DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

AND A REMINDER THAT WE CAN AND MUST DO MORE TO SUPPORT OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION.

COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE, YOU

HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, I
RISE TO RECOGNIZE THE WINTER
WALK, A TWO-MILE WALK THAT HELPS
RAISE RESOURCES FOR BOSTON'S
HOMELESS SHELTERS.

I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT
100 PERCENT, 100 PERCENT OF THE
EVENT PROCEEDS WILL GO
TREMENDOUSLY TO PARTNER
ORGANIZATIONS IN CRITICAL
PROGRAMS SERVING OUR HOMELESS
COMMUNITY.

I INVITE YOU ALL TO JOIN
COMPETENT.

IT IS THIS SUNDAY, THERE ARE
ABOUT 1,000 WALKERS,
FEBRUARY 10TH, 8:30 A.M. IN --
SQUARE FOR THIS THIRD ANNUAL
WALK AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE
ON, IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO ME
THAT WE CONTINUE TO SUPERVISOR
ABOUT THOSE THAT ARE MAKING
STRIDES TOWARDS ENDING
HOMELESSNESS.

I WILL PRESENT THIS RESOLUTION
THE DAY OF THE EVENT, DECLARING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, WINTER
WALK DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON
THIS MATTER, ADD THEIR NAME?

>> THE MADAM CLERK, ADD
COUNCILOR THE BANKER, CIOMMO,
EDWARDS, FLAHERTY, FLYNN,
GARRISON, JANEY, MCCARTHY,
O'MALLEY, WU, ZAKIM AS WELL AS
THE CHAIR.

>> I AM ASSUMING SUSPENSION OF
THE RULE AND PASS A SAJ.

AT THIS TIME, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE
RULE AND ADOPTION OF THE LATE
FILED MATTER, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR
OF ADOPTION SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

>> THE AYES HAVE IT, THE LATE
FILE HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

>> ANYONE AT THIS TIME, WE WILL
NOTIFY ON TO THE GREEN SHEETS.

ANYONE WISHING TO REMOVE A
MATTER FROM THE GREEN SHEETS?

>> MOVING RIGHT ALONG.
I AM INFORMED BY THE CLERK THAT
THERE ARE TWO LATE FILED MATTERS
TO ADD TO THE 0 CONSENT AGENDA.
WHICH IN THE ABSENCE OF
OBJECTION WILL BE ADDED TO THE
CONSENT AGENDA HEARING AND
SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, THE TWO
LATE FILED MATTERS ARE ADDED.
AT THIS TIME, THE CHAIR MOVES
FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT
AGENDA:ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY
AYE; OPPOSED, NO.
THE AYES HAVE IT.
THE CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN
ADOPTED.
ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS?
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.
>> I ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO
MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT.
>> ANY OBJECTION.
>> REGARDING IN MEMORIAL.
>> THANK YOU.
SOMEBODY YOU KNOW, ABSOLUTE
TRAGEDY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IN 0
WEST ROXBURY, A WOMAN WAS
CROSSING THE STREET AND WAS HIT
BY A CAR, YOU KNOW, AND WAS
KILLED.
SHE WAS SENT TO THE HOSPITAL
LAST NIGHT WITH INJURIES AND WAS
PRONOUNCED DEAD LATER LAST
NIGHT.
HER NAME HASN'T BEEN RELEASED.
SO I JUST, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO
RESPECT OBVIOUSLY HER FAMILY AND
THERE WILL BE A FORMAL MEMORY
LATER BUT I JUST WANTED TO ASK
ALL OF YOU AS WE CLOSE TODAY TO
ALSO KEEP HER IN OUR THOUGHTS
AND PRAYERS AS WELL.
THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY.
ANYONE ELSE?
>> GO PATS.
>> AT THIS TIME, SKI ALL GUESTS
AND MY COLLEAGUES AND STAFF TO
PLEASE RISE AND WE ADJOURN
TODAY'S MEETING IN MEMORY OF THE
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS.
>> FOR COUNCILOR CIOMMO, RAYMOND
MALONE MY, FOR COUNCILOR NINE

AND A FLAHERTY, MAR GIN DOWLING,
CAROL DATKAS, JAMES FITZPATRICK,
THOMAS GANNON, ROSALYNN THAN.
LAURA LOFTUS, ROSEMARY
MCDONOUGH, ROSEMARY WALSH, HARRY
HAYES AND PATRICE JIRACHI.

>> AND THERESA ANDREWS, DAVID
DANA ROBINSON, MARILYN DOSSEN,
EDWARD JAMISON HARVEY, CHERYL
MALLARD FACIE.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.

>>

>> THANK YOU.

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

WE WILL MEET AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 13 AT 12:00 NOON, ALL
THOSE IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNMENT
SAY AYE.

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

THE YIELZ HAVE IT AND THE
COUNCIL IS ADJOURNED.

>>