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>>> WE ARE HERE TO TALK ABOUT
0314 THE REVIEW OF PRECINCTS.
DOCKET 02311 WILL ESTABLISH
SUB PRECINCTS IN SOME AREAS
WITH GROWTH.

NONE OF THIS WILL CHANGE WARD
BOUNDARY LINES AND
REPRESENTATION FOR THE
PURPOSES OF CONGRESSIONAL AND
SENATORIAL DISTRICTS.

A FEW POLLING LOCATIONS MAY BE
INCLUDED IN THE COMMONWEALTH
STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION
SYSTEM KNOWN AS VRIS.

DOCKET 0211 WAS ASSIGNED
JANUARY 20, 2019.

0314 WILL ADD THE APPROPRIATE
COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
THAT WILL CONDUCT A REVIEW OF
CITY PRECINCTS EVERY FIVE
YEARS.

THIS SHOWS POPULATIONSHIPS AND
POLLING LOCATION, STAFFING,
AND ELECTION DAY OPERATIONS
AND OTHER FACTORS NECESSARY.

DOCKET 0314 WAS BACK ON
FEBRUARY 6.

THIS THIS HEARING IS BEING
STREAMLINED AND WILL BE
BROADCAST ON A LATER DATE.
SO, I KNOW WE HAVE BEEN JOINED
BY THE ADMINISTRATION PANEL.

WE KNOW WE HAVE THE
COMMISSIONER.

I ALWAYS GET THE TITLE MIXED
UP I HAVE YOU AS IT UTILITY
INFIELDER.

ASSISTANT REGISTER.

WE ARE JOINED BY FORMER
PRESIDENT OF THE BOSTON CITY
COUNCIL LARRY AND ALSO IAN IS
HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CHERYL
CRAWFORD.

I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES WILL HAVE
QUESTIONS AS WELL.

I REFER TO DION THE
COMMISSIONER AND YOU GUYS AND
WE'LL GO FROM THERE.

>> THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON

CHAIRMAN FLAHERTY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BODY.
THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WE THINK IS A VERY IMPORTANT THING.
IT'S DIRECTLY RELATED TO VOTER ACCESS OUR PRECINCTS.
AS YOU KNOW A PRECINCT IS THE SMALLEST BOUNDARY AND IT'S THE BUILDING BLOCK FOR DISTRICT MAKING FROM A VOTER STANDPOINT IT IMPACTS WHERE A VOTER GOES TO VOTE.
IT IMPACTS THE VOTER WAIT TIME, POLLING PLACE STAFFING AND MANY OTHER THINGS.
OVER THE YEARS THE CITY HAS GROWN TREMENDOUSLY IN POPULATION AND SOME PARTS OF THE CITY THAN OTHER PARTS.
SO, CURRENTLY, WE HAVE A HUGE DISPARITY WE HAVE PRECINCTS WITH 5,000 VOTERS AND 500 IN OTHERS.
THIS IS A CONCERNING THING FOR US.
WE NEED PRECINCTS THAT ARE MANAGEABLE IN SIZE.
THERE ARE WAYS TO DO THIS COMPREHENSIVELY.
WE WILL TALK ABOUT THAT AS WELL TODAY.
WHAT WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT FIRST IS SOME IMMEDIATE STEPS WE NEED TO TAKE TO ADDRESS OUR MOST URGENT PARTS OF THE CITY SO WE CAN ALLOW VOTING IN 2019 AND ALSO INTO 2020 ELECTIONS.
WE HAVE A PRESENTATION WE HAVE PREPARED AND WE'LL GO THROUGH THAT.
WE WOULD LOVE TO ADDRESS CONCERNS THAT MAY ARISE.
THIS PRESENTATION IS ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE SO THEY CAN VIEW IT AS WELL.
>> I'LL ASK YOU TO WALK US THROUGH THE POWERPOINT SLIDE.
>> THANK YOU, WELCOME AGAIN.
THE FIRST PRINTING PRECINCT IN QUESTION IS WARD SIX.
IN THAT TOTAL PRECINCT THERE IS 4,546 VOTERS IN THAT

DISTRICT OR PRECINCT.
THIS IS WHAT OUR PROPOSAL IS.
>> CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE
LOCATION.
WHAT IT'D WILL DO IS HAVE A
SEPARATE THING.
THERE WILL BE TWO MACHINES
PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE
AT.
PRECINCT A WILL ABOUT THE 2300
VOTERS.
WE TRIED TO DIVIDE IT
EQUALLY.
THE NEXT PRECINCT IN QUESTION
IS 7.
AT IN MOMENT THIS IS WHAT 3-7
WILL LOOK LIKE.
THE TOTAL IS IS 3,087.
OUR PROPOSAL IS TO CREATE TWO
DIVISIONS THERE WITH THE NEW
NUMBERS.
REPRESENTS 3-7 IS 1962 AND 3-7
TWO IS 1985.
>> THEY WILL VOTE AT THE
CATHEDRAL?
>> YES, THE SAME LOCATION.
THE NEXT PRECINCT IS WARD 3
PRECINCT 8.
THIS IS THE LARGEST PRECINCT
IN THE CITY AT THE MOMENT.
THERE ARE 6,138 VOTERS THERE.
WE WOULD LIKE TO SPLIT IT UP
INTO THREE SECTIONS THEY WILL
VOTE AT THE YMCA IN
CHINATOWN.
THEY WILL HOUSE THREE SEPARATE
PRECINCTS THERE TO ACCOMMODATE
WARD 8.
THE NEW COUNT WOULD BE 1646,
3-8 A WILL BE 2,448, WARD 3-8
B WILL BE 2,044.
THE REASON FOR US LEAVING 3-8
SHY OF OTHER ONES THERE IS A
LOT OF CONSTRUCTION ON
HARRISON AVENUE AND BERKELEY
STREET.
THIS WILL BRING THE TOTAL UP
TO PAR WITH THE OTHER TWO.
>> SO YOU WOULD BE BASICALLY
PUTTING THE YMCA YOU WOULD PUT
THREE DIFFERENT MACHINES YOU
WOULD FEED THE BALLOT INTO AND
ADDITIONAL STANDS TO FILL OUT
THE BALLOT.

RIGHT NOW IT'S ONE MACHINE YOU FEED INTO.

>> CORRECT.

SAME WITH THE OTHER ONES.

THERE ARE THREE CHECKS IN.

WE TRY TO SPLIT THE BOOKS AND

HAVE MULTIPLE CHECKS IN.

THAT'S DIFFICULT WITH THE WAY

WE SPLIT THE BOOK IN THIS

PROPOSAL IT WILL BE SECTIONED

OFF BY AREA.

EACH ONE WILL HAVE IT'S OWN

POLLING LOCATION BOOK AND

MACHINE TO DO THE CHECK OUT.

>> WE'LL HAVE FIVE EXTRA

POLLING CHECKS IN.

>> AT THIS LOCATION IT WOULD

BE A MINIMUM OF 12.

>> GOT IT.

CONTINUING ON THE NEXT IS

WARD 5 PRECINCT 1. THEY VOTE

AT THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTION.

OUR PROPOSAL AND REGISTER

VOTER COUNT IS 4,360.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SPLIT THAT UP

INTO TWO.

5-1 AND 5-1 A.

5-1 A WILL HAVE 2,000

REGISTERED VOTERS.

>> FRANKLIN INSTITUTE DIDN'T

THAT JUST SELL?

>> I BELIEVE IT WAS PUT UP FOR

SELL.

>> WILL THAT NO LONGER BE A

VIABLE POLLING LOCATION.

ARE WE ON TOP OF THAT?

>> IT ALL DEPENDS OF WHAT THEY

MAKE THE BUILDING INTO.

IF ANOTHER INSTITUTION

PURCHASES IT WE'LL TRY TO

STAY.

IF WE NEED TO MOVE IT THAT'S

ON OUR AGENDA.

>> BASED ON THAT LOCATION IT'S

PROBABLY A PRIVATE SALE AND

PROBABLY PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK SOONER

RATHER THAN LATER TO FIND AN

APPROPRIATE POLING LOCATION

FOR 5-1. I'LL LEAVE THAT UP

TO YOU.

>> ONE THING THAT WOULD BE A

CONCERN OF MINE IS THEY

ACTUALLY VOTE ON TWO LOCATIONS

THEN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BUILDING THERE IS A RAMP AS WELL.

SO, I WOULD BE CONCERNED IF THAT WORKS AND HOW CLOSE IT IS TO CASTLE SQUARE.

THEY ARE FULLY EDUCATED ON WHERE THE NEW LOCATION WOULD BE TO MAKE SURE ALL ISSUES RELATING TO THE HANDICAP HAPPEN ACCESS.

THERE IS A LOT OF SENIORS IMMIGRANTS, AND DISABLED.

>> OKAY.

THE NEXT PRECINCT WE HAVE IS WARD 6-1. THIS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST GROWING PRECINCTS IN THE CITY.

RIGHT NOW THERE ARE 5,817 REGISTERED VOTERS.

IT COMPRISED OF THE SEAPORT AND ALL THE WAY OVER TO WEST BROADWAY.

OUR PROPOSAL --

>> AT THE SCHOOL CORRECT? THERE ARE THREE PRECINCTS AT THE SCHOOL.

THIS WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL FOURTH.

WE ARE ALSO PROPOSALLING A DIFFERENT POLLING LOCATION WHICH WE HAVE AGREEMENTS TO HAVE THEM VOTE AT DISTRICT 12.

THEY WILL COME UP WITH 6,000 REGISTERED VOTERS.

6-1 WILL HAVE 3,600 REGISTERED VOTERS.

AGAIN, 6-1 A IS CONSTANTLY GROWING.

THERE IS DEVELOPMENT THERE THAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW. I'M SURE THAT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AS WELL.

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

ERE IS AN AGREEMENT TO VOTE THERE.

>> I THINK THERE IS A TEMPORARY LOCATION FOR REDEVELOPMENT.

>> I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT. WE WILL TAKE THAT YEAR BY YEAR UNTIL WE FIND A SUITABLE LOCATION THAT'S PERMANENT.

>> WHAT IS THE ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED?

>> I'M NOT SURE OF THE EXACT LAYOUTS ABOUT HOW THAT WOULD WORK.

>> WE'LL DO AN INITIAL ASSESSMENT.

IT'S ADA COMPLIANT SO IT'S ACCESSIBLE.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO DO A TOUR OF IT TO MAKE SURE I'M COMFORTABLE WITH IT. THERE IS A LOT OF ONGOING CONSTRUCTION THERE AS WELL. I WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S 100%.

>> WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE IT.

>> CONTINUING ON.

THE NEXT PRECINCT IS WARD 9 PRECINCT 3.

I BELIEVE IT'S THE LINCOLN HOUSE.

THIS WE MAKE IT THE REGISTER VOTER COUNTS WAS 3-1 AND 3100.

IT WILL BE 1,650.

>> MR. CHAIR, WHAT IS THE PLAN, I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT.

>> HOW DO YOU COMMUNICATE THAT IN TIME FOR THE NECESSARY INFORMATION SO THEY ARE NOT GOING TO THEIR OLD POLLING LOCATION AND GETTING TURNED AWAY.

POSSIBLY NOT GOING AWAY BECAUSE THEY WERE TURNED AWAY.

NOT JUST FOUR.

IF WE CHANGE POLING LOCATIONS WHAT IS THE PLAN TO INFORM VOTERS.

>> SO, IT'S THE SAME PLAN WE UTILIZED BEFORE.

ANY TIME THERE IS A CHANGE IN POLLING PLACE IT REQUIRED EDUCATION.

>> HELP ME UNDERSTAND.

WE WOULD DO A DIRECT MAILING TO VOTERS.

IN ADDITION TO THAT WE DO ADVERTISEMENT.

IT DEPENDS ON THE CONTEXT WITH

COMMUNITY ORGANIZES BEING IN THAT AREA.

WE DO AS MANY CHALLENGES AS WE CAN TO EDUCATE VOTERS.

>> SO EVERYONE ON YOUR VOTER LIST THAT LIVES IN 9.

9-3 WILL GET THAT OR JUST THE RESIDENTS BEING ASKED TO MOVE?

>> JUST THE RESIDENCES BEING ASKED TO MOVE.

WE CAN'T DO IT TO EDUCATE VOTERS.

>> WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE LOCAL PAPERS.

>> THE PAPERS WE DETERMINE THAT BUT WE DEVELOPED A STRATEGY ON WHICH AREA OF THE CITY.

SO, WE ARE FLEXIBLE WITH THE STRATEGY AND CONGRESS IN IT'S DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE CHANGE. KNOW

WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO COME UP WITH A DETAILED OUTREACH PLAN AND SHARE THAT WITH YOU.

>> I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

>> ANYTHING ELSE?

NO, THAT'S ALL OF THE SIX PRECINCTS WE ARE PROPOSING FOR SUB PRECINCTS AT THIS TIME.

>> WE ALREADY HAVE IS AN INTERESTING DISTRICT.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE LEVEL ABDOMEN CITY COUNCIL LEVEL THAT HAVE BEEN THERE FOR 2010.

THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSION THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

THIS WILL GIVE THE BOARD FULL AUTHORITY AND DISCRETION TO MAKE CHANGES TO PRECINCTS. TO UTILIZE THAT TYPE OF AUTHORITY AT THIS TIME AND GET THE CHANGES INTO THE VOTER REGISTER STATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEM WE WOULD NEED HELP FROM THE LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL.

THE PETITION PROCESS IS THE BEST WAY FOR US TO APPROACH THIS TO MAKE THE CHANGES AND

GET EVERYONE ON THE SAME PAGE.

>> DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO DO IT BEFORE THE CENSUS INFORMATION OR AFTER THE CENSUS INFORMATION.

>> THIS MIKES SENSE TO DO IT KNOW BECAUSE IT'S URGENT. WE WERE TRYING TO GET THIS DONE IN 2017.

WE WOULD LOVE TO GET IT DONE NOW BUT THE OTHER CONVERSATION IS ABOUT WHAT CAN WE DO A COMPREHENSIVE BASES.

WE EQUALALIZE THIS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

>> YOU GET EXPERIENCE AROUND THIS STUFF.

>> THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, MR. PRESIDENT.

IT'S RARE THAT FOUR PEOPLE ARE LOOKING EACH OTHER STRAIGHT IN THE EYE.

IT REMINDS ME OF I THINK IT WAS WHEN KENNEDY WAS IN THE WHITE HOUSE HE SAID IT HASN'T BEEN THIS MUCH TALENT.

IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE.

IT'S VERY SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS TO STREAMLINE.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO TAKE THE STEPS.

I BEGAN STUDYING WARDS AN PRECINCT MAPS.

A FRIEND OF MINE WENT FROM COLLECTING BASEBALL CARDS.

THIS HAPPENED IN 1967.

IT WAS DRAWN IN THE MID 1920s.

THEY HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR A LONG TIME.

IT'S AND 71.

I WASN'T IN THE ROOM BUT I RAN THE FIRST TIME IN '71.

ALL OF US KNOW WE HAVE A FEDERAL CENSUS EVERY TENTH YEAR.

ONE SOON WILL BE ON THE WAY. LET'S HOPE THE CURRENT ADMIN INSTALLATION DOESN'T UNDERMINED IT'S IMPORTANCE.

PRECINCT LINES MUST BE IN PLACE SO THAT STATE REPRESENTATIVES, STATE

SENATORIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL DRINKS TRUE AND CORRECTS CAN BE DRAWN IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 2021.

THEY MUST BE IN PLACE NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR BEFORE THE ELECTION IN 2022 BECAUSE STATE REPRESENTATIVES MUST BE RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT FROM WHICH THEY WOULD BE ELECTED. THERE WAS A CASE AFTER THE 20,000 REDISTRICTING WHERE A REPRESENTATIVE MOVED SO SHE COULD BE IN A DIFFERENT DISTRICT THEN THE ONE SHE LIVED IN AFTER REDISTRICTING. AT THAT MOVES QUIET QUICKLY. ALL OF THIS MUST BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE.

ONE VOTE DECISION GOING BACK MANY DECADES BEGINNING WITH BAKER AND CARR AND REYNOLDS. WE HAVE ALL STUDIES THOSE CASES.

FROM THE CORNER VIEW OF THE CITY AFTER MANY YEARS OF SEEING THE DIMINISHED REPRESENTATIVE.

THIS CYCLE WILL PROBABLY SEE THE DISTRICT NUMBERS STAY THE SAME AND SOME OF THE BOSTON DISTRICTS MAY SHED PRECINCTS TO PASS MUSTER FOR THE REASONS WE ARE DISCUSSING BECAUSE OF THE SURGE OF POPULATION. THE DOWNTOWN AREA AROUND IT. CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS WILL BE IMPACTED BY POPULATION CHANGES.

I EXPECT THE DISTRICTS TO THE NORTH, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE. WE'LL SHED PRECINCTS AND DISTRICTS TO THE SOUTH.

I NEVER MET AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IN ANY WAY.

THERE WILL BE CHANGES BOTH TO STATE REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICTS IN BOSTON TO A LESSER STATE.

THERE IS SIGNIFICANT LIMITATIONS AS IT VARIATION THAT CAN BE HELD AMONG DISTRICTS.

THERE IS A GREATER VARIATION

PERMITTED FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO LET YOU GO ABOUT 5%. THERE IS A MUCH SMALLER VARIATION. I WORK ON THESE THINGS FOR ABOUT 35 YEARS AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS. BOSTON HAS RULES THAT APPLY TO THE REST OF THE STATE AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER. I HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WITH EXEMPT BECAUSE IT WOULD BE ILLOGICAL TO HAVE BOSTON HAVE EVERY PRECINCT CONTAIN THE SAME NUMBER OF PEOPLE AS IS THE CASE OF THE REST OF THE STATE BECAUSE THE VOTING PATTERNS VARY SO GREATLY. NOW, AT LEAST THREE OF US HAVE RUN CITY WIDE. IF WE TAKE A LOOK AT FOR EXAMPLE WARD 20 PRECINCT 10, 11, 12, 13, AND 14 THESE ARE MULTI- SINGLE FAMILY HOMES. EVERYBODY IS AN ADULT. EVERYBODY IS A CITIZEN AND PEOPLE TEND TO PARTICIPATE AND A HIGH NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WITH GREAT STABILITY. YOU HAVE TURNOUT IN THE 80% RANGE IN THE PRECINCTS. ON THE OTHER HAND. TAKE A LOOK AT WARD 21 PRECINCT 2, 3, AND 4 WILL NOT FAR BEHIND AND THEY HAVE LOW OUTS EXCEPT PRESIDENTIAL YEARS. SOMETIMES THEY ARE 8% THAN 80%. I WAS TELLING THE COMMISSION ERIE WAS -- COMMISSIONER AND SIX PEOPLE VOTED. IT WASN'T HARD FOR HIM TO DO. HE GOT A SUNBURN OUT THERE SO MUCH. I TOLD HIM I CAME IN SECOND. WHEN YOU HAVE PRECINCTS LIKE THAT AND THERE ARE MANY IN THE CITY WHERE THE HIGH NUMBER OF TRANSIENTS AND STUDENTS. IT'S INEVITABLE THE REST OF THE COUNTRY WILL VOTE WE USE FLEXIBILITY.

THEY WOULDN'T BE FORCED TO
ABIDE BY THE SAME SORTS OF
RULES.
WE COUNT PEOPLE.
NOT JUST CITIZENS OR VOTERS.
THOSE NUMBERS VARY
DRAMATICALLY.
THERE ARE PRECINCTS I EXPECT.
I WAS UNELIGIBLE TO VOTE.
BECAUSE THEY ARE CHILDREN AND
NOT CITIZENS.
I WOULD ARGUE THAT IT MAKES
ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE TO HAVE
UNIFORMITY IMPOSED UPON US AS
OPPOSED TO THE REST OF THE
STATE BECAUSE OF THE PREDICT
2010.
IT WILL BE VERY
SIGNIFICANTLY.
I THINK THE COMMISSIONER AND I
TALKED ABOUT THAT WE COULD
CONSOLIDATE.
PROBABLY 200 WE SAVED THE CITY
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF
DOLLARS.
EACH ELECTION CYCLE BY
DECREASING THE NUMBER IN THE
LOWER VOTING AREAS AND BY
CREATING PRECINCTS.
>> WE HAVE 255 RIGHT NOW,
254.
WE WOULD GO DOWN TO 200.
>> I WAS SAYING AS A ROUND
NUMBER.
>> THE OTHER PRECINCTS WOULD
ABSORB THE OTHER NUMBERS.
>> I WOULD ARGUE WE HAVE A
WEIGHTED FORMULA.
21-2 YOU COULD PROBABLY HAVE
4,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN 21-2.
YOU WOULDN'T 2,000 PEOPLE IN
HIGHER VOTING PRECINCTS.
>> THE OVERALL NUMBER OF
PRECINCTS WAS A GREAT IDEA.
>> THERE WAS THE POTENTIAL FOR
CONSOLIDATION AND REDUCTION.
IT'S A COLLECTIVE DECISION WE
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE.
>> WE WOULD LIKE A PROCESS
WHERE WE GET GOING.
WE GO DOWN TO 200 WHICH COULD
BE A LONGER WAIT SO THAT'S
SOMETHING WE WOULD HAVE TO
DO.

>> WE WANT TO BE ACCESSIBLE WITH THE LIGHTNING AND ETC. THIS WILL HELP US STREAMLINE THAT.

WE HAVE 255.

>> WHAT WE WANT TO HAVE IS THE RIGHT NUMBER.

WE DON'T NEED ANYMORE PRECINCTS THAN WE NEED BECAUSE IT'S A WAIST OF RESOURCES.

WE ALSO DON'T WANT TO HAVE SO FEW WHERE THEY ARE BURSTING AT THE SEAMS AND WE HAVE LONGER WAIT TIMES OR DIFFICULTY PROPERLY CONDUCTING ELECTIONS.

>> SO, OBVIOUSLY, WE DISCUSSED EARLIER TOGETHER THE PRECINCTS AND REMEDY MAKES SENSE.

A LOT OF HISTORICAL COLLABORATIONS.

WHEN THE PRECINCTS LINES WERE STRONG WE HAD TWO OF THEM OF 13 AND 15.

THAT WERE COMBINED FOR 17-4.

THAT'S A BIG PRECINCT.

MY FIRST ELECTION YOU GET 931 VOTES.

RIGHT NEXT DOOR IS 17-11 WHICH IS A TINY PREDICT.

I HAVE BEEN THERE FOR 30 YEARS AND 19.9 IS A TINY PRECINCT.

I GET THERE FOR A FEW YEARS.

THROUGHOUT THE CITY YOU HAD NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WERE NONRESIDENTIAL.

WARD EIGHT AND THE OUTER PRECINCTS FOUR RECOGNIZE DEBTAL AT ONE POINT.

THEY CAN BE SOME WORK DONE TO IMPROVE ALL OF THOSE THINGS.

I WOULD CAUTION, HOWEVER THE DISCUSSION IS FOR THE LINES.

I'M NOT SURE IF THE REPUBLICANS HAVE COMMITTEES THESE DAYS.

I KNOW DEMOCRATS DO.

THOSE LINES DON'T SEVER AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE.

WE USE PRECINCT LINES BACK TO 1974.

FOR ALL OF THE DISTRICTS WE USED THEM AS WELL FOR THE

AMOUNT OF MONEY GOING BACK.

WARD LINES ARE IMPORTANT.
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT.
ONE AGAIN ALL OF THE PEOPLE
WITH THE LINES.
WHEN IT WAS DONE.
I THINK ALSO WE HAVE MORE
FLEXIBILITY BECAUSE WE HAVE
THE ABILITY TO PUT MORE PEOPLE
IN A SMALLER AREA.
WE DON'T HAVE THOSE BIG
MACHINES LIKE WE USED TO HAVE
BACK IN THE '70s AND
'80s.
ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT WE HAVE
WE HAVE FOUR TURNOUT.
WE CALL IT AND THE LAST TIME
THE NUMBER WAS 50,000
STANDARDS.
I RESPECT IT TO BE 70 OR 75.
PRESIDENTIAL TURNOUT WE HAVE
AN INCREASE.
THE TWO OBAMA ELECTIONS WAS
234 AND 255.
THE LAST ELECTION WAS 277.
THOSE ARE MAJOR CHANGES.
THEY WERE CLOSER TO 200 A
GENERATION AGO.
IF THE 2018 ELECTION HAS WOKEN
SLEEPING GIANTS.
I EXPECT THE PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION IN 2020 COULD HIT
300,000 GIVEN THE INCREASE.
THAT'S A GOOD REASON TO FIX UP
THESE SUBPRECINCTS HAVE BEEN
IN THE 100,000 RANGE.
I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT WE
HAD 200,000 PEOPLE VOTE.
THAT'S THE HIGHEST NUMBER,
CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, THAT
WAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER IN A
NONPRESIDENTIAL YEAR SINCE THE
'83 MAYORAL ELECTION.
WE HAVE OVER 100,000 PEOPLE
IN BOSTON AND I WOULD ARGUE
MOST OF THEM ARE YOUNG,
EDUCATED, AND NOT FROM HERE
AND THEY ONLY VOTE EVERY FOUR
YEARS.
WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THE LINES
ARE NOT LONG.
IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT IT, WITH
ALL DUE RESPECT TO ALL OF US.
SIX YEARS AGO WE HAD THE FIRST
TRULY OPEN MAYORAL SEAT IN 30

YEARS.

THAT'S A LONG TIME SINCE 83.

WE ONLY HAD 140,000 PEOPLE

VOTE.

I THINK THAT'S THE

DEMOGRAPHICS THAT ARE

CHANGING.

I MIGHT BE THE ONLY PERSON TO

GET THE HAROLD DELIVERED.

THEY DON'T KNOW THEIR CITY

COUNCILS OR STATE REP.

THAT'S THE REASON WE HAVE THE

DISCREPANCIES AND WHY THE

GENTLEMAN AND LADIES OF THE

ELECTION COMMISSION HAVE TO

HAVE ENORMOUS FLEXIBILITY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

LARRY.

CAN YOU STATE YOUR NAME AND

AFFILIATION.

>> THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME TO

TODAY COUNSEL COUNCILORS.

THANK YOU FOR ALL HAVING ME.

THIS IS NOT ONLY A SHORT-TERM

ISSUE OR LONG-TERM ISSUE.

I THINK AS YOU POINTED OUT

THAT WE NEED TO GET SOMETHING

DONE BEFORE THE 2020 CENSUS.

EVERYONE KNOWS SOME COUNSELORS

WOULD SAY THE SAME IT'S NOT

JUST THESE PREDICTS.

I LIVE INWARD 3-1 NEAR

COLUMBUS PARK.

WE HAVE 3,050 PEOPLE AS OF

NOW.

I WANT TO THROW SOME NUMBERS

AT YOU.

IN THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS

REGISTERED VOTERS OF BOSTON

AVERAGE OF 2020 PEOPLE.

OF THE CITY HALL IS LAND

AVERAGE WHICH IS IN

COUNCILOR'S FLYNN'S DISTRICT.

I BELIEVE THAT'S IN PRECINCT

SIX.

THAT'S 3,750 PEOPLE.

THE CHINATOWN AVERAGE IS

5,266.

THE SOUTH END AVERAGE IS

ALMOST 2,500.

91 OUT OF 255 OF OUR PRECINCTS

GO OVER THE BOSTON AVERAGE.

SO THIS IS NOT JUST REGISTERED

VOTERS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR
PEOPLE TO COMMAND VOTE ON
ELECTION DAY.
THAT MAY NOT BE REGISTERED.
THERE IS FLEXIBILITY TO THEM.
WE DON'T JUST NEED TO FIX IT
KNOW BUT DEVELOP A FUTURE DOWN
THE LINE AND THAT'S LONG-TERM
AND NOT BE SOLVED FOR ANOTHER
50 YEARS PERHAPS.

>> THANK YOU.

VERY MUCH.

BEFORE WE SHIFT TO OUR NEXT
DOCKET.

I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THE LEAD
SPONSOR.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL HAS
QUESTIONS ON THIS ONE.

>> JUST SO WE DON'T GET
CONFUSED.

I'LL KEEP THESE SEPARATE.

I'LL BE SHORT AND BRIEF.

JUST I GUESS PICKING UP ON
IANS POINT WHY ARE THEY JUST
THERE'S THREE AND NOT OTHERS
THAT HAVE THE POPULATION.

JUST CURIOUS FROM YOUR
PROSPECTIVE WHY THESE SIX AND
NOT OTHERS.

IN A FOLLOW UP QUESTION TO
THAT IS THE GOAL TO HAVE THESE
CHANGES HAPPEN WITHIN THE NEXT
YEAR.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF THE
CONVERSATION.

>> OUR GOAL IS TO GET THESE
CHANGES IMPLEMENTED THIS YEAR
THE OTHER QUESTION WAS WHY
THESE PRECINCTS.

>> AND NOT OTHERS.

FIRST CRITERIA IS WE WANTED
TO MAKE AS FEW CHANGES AS WE
HAD TO WE'LL DO AS MUCH AS WE
CAN.

THIS HAS BEEN A HUGE ISSUE
THIS IS THE LARGEST IN THE
CITY.

5-1 IS NOT FAR FROM THAT
NUMBER.

OF-1 YOU HAVE A HUGE AMOUNT OF
VOTERS BUT HAVE A DISTANCE
ISSUE.

ACTUALLY VOTE AND MAKING
CONVENIENCE.

YOU USE THOSE CRITERIA BUT WHICH ARE THE MOST PROBLEMATIC.
IT'S NOT CHANGING THINGS AND THEY MAY NOT HAVE A NUMBER.
WE ARE ABLE TO MANAGE THE ELECTIONS.
WE WANTED TO LEAVE THEM ALONE SO WE COULD MAKE THEM PART OF A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW.
>> THAT'S VERY HELPFUL.
IT FEEDS INTO THE NEXT DOCKET AND THE NEED TO DO A PROACTIVE REVIEW.
I DON'T WANT TO CONFUSE THE DOCKET.
THANK YOU.
>> MICHELLE WU.
THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
WE HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS OFFLINE.
I APPRECIATE HOW MUCH TIME. I WAS JUST CHECKING THIS WAS ONLINE.
I WANTED TO SEND IT TO PEOPLE THAT WERE INTERESTED.
IT HASN'T BEEN POSTED YET.
>> IT'S BEING WORKED ON.
THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
I'LL FOLLOW UP THEN.
THE LAST ONE THAT WAS POSTED WAS THE ONE LEADING UP TO WHEN THE COUNCIL PASSED THE HOME RULE IN MARCH OF 2017.
WHAT WILL LEAD YOU TO THINK IT WILL BE A DIFFERENT DYNAMIC.
>> WE HAD CONVOICATIONS WITH OUR DEPARTMENT.
THE MANY FACTORS THAT ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THIS.
ALSO, THERE IS CONFUSION AROUND THIS.
I JUST WANT TO GET ON THE SAME DECISION.
THIS IS A SHORT-TERM THING YOU HAVE TO ACCOMPLISH.
WE ALSO HAVE THE LONG-TERM CONVERSATIONS.
>> DO YOU HAVE A CHAMPION AT THE STAPLE HOUSE.
>> WE DO, I CAN'T --
BY THE WAY, THIS IS WHERE THEY OCCUR SO IT'S HOME.
>> YOU SAID EARLIER AND IN

SEVERAL MEETINGS THE CITY
DOESN'T NEED TO GO THROUGH A
PETITION TO DO THIS.

WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY IN 1921
EXCEPT FOR THE PIECE.

WE COULD DO EVERYTHING.

IN FACT THE CITY HAS CHANGED
POLLING LOCATIONS IN LINES.

>> YES, WITH THE CHANGES WE
ARE PROPOSING THE SUBPRECINCTS
THERE ARE OFF-LIMITS TO THE
ARTY -- AUTHORITY.

WE CAN'T EFFECT WARDS.

THERE IS A STRONG ARGUMENT FOR
NOT CHANGING WARDS.

WE DON'T NEED TO CHANGE THEM.

THE OTHER LIMITED FACTOR IS
THE TIMING OF WHAT WE ARE
TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH.

THE TIME THAT ENABLES US TO
USE THE AUTHORITY WITHOUT
NEEDING A PETITION WOULD BE
AFTER THE 2020 CENSUS AND
PRIOR TO NEW DISTRICTS BEING
CREATED.

BEING EFFECTIVE IN 2020.

THAT'S WHEN WE'LL PUT
SOMETHING FORWARD AND GOES
INTO THE DOCUMENT.

I THINK WHAT WE CAN DO
COLLECTIVELY WHAT COULD IT
LOOK LIKE AND CHANGES.

WE PROVIDE INPUT AND WE CAN
WORK TOGETHER.

THAT'S COMFORTABLE AND WE HAVE
A GREAT AGREEMENT ON IT.

>> AS LONG AS THE CITY WON'T
TOUCH WARD LINES AND DISTRICT
LINES YOUR DEPARTMENT COULD OR
ELECTIONS COMMISSIONS COULD
ERASE EVERYTHING AND REDRAW.

>> REDISTRICTING WILL NEED TO
HAPPEN WITHOUT ANY STATE
INVOLVEMENT AND PETITION.

>> THAT'S THE ONLY WINDOW WERE
THAT'S TRUE.

>> THIS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY
THE STATE.>> THAT'S CORRECT.

BUT WE'VE HAD COMPETITION WITH
THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THEY
WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT OUR
PROCESS LOOKS LIKE AND WE'D LOVE
TO GET THEM ON BOARD WITH
WHATEVER WE AGREE TO AS WELL.

>> MUST TO UNDERSTAND THE WINDOW
A LITTLE BIT BETTER.
WHENST THE CENSUS DATA COME
BACK.
>> THAT COMES BACK EARLY 2021.
>> LIKE FEBRUARY, MARCHISH.
>> AROUND THAT TIME.
AND COMMUNITIES DEVELOP NEW
PRECEPT PLANS AND COMMIT IT TO.
CITY COUNCIL OF CLICK MEN IN
JUNE -- SELECT MEN IN JUNE AND
FROM THERE, THEIR PLANS WOULD BE
SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL ELECTION
REVIEW COMMITTEE.
AND THE PROCESS OF NEW DISTRICT
MAKING WILL BEGIN IN THE LATTER
PART OF 20-21 WITH TOGETHER
DISTRICTS BECOMING EFFECTIVE
DECEMBER 31ST IN 2021.
>> OUR FORMER COUNCIL PRESIDENT
SAID THAT YOU NEED IT DONE A
YEAR BEFORE BY NOVEMBER 21
ESSENTIALLY.
>> BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN THE ROOM
WITH THE COMPUTERS TRYING TO
FIGURE THESE OUT.
I BELIEVE SOME YEARS IT'S MAY OR
JUNE BEFORE THE PRESINCE ARE
FINALIZED.
IT'S AROUND THEN.
AND THE HOW IS IS GOING TO VOTE
THAT BILL BY NO LATER THAN THE
MIDDLE OF OCTOBER OF NECESSITY.
SO IT'S A VERY TIGHT WINDOW.
>> SO ESSENTIALLY, IF THIS ISN'T
PASS THIS YEAR AT THE STATE
HOUSE WITH THE HOME RULE
PETITION, THE CITY COULD STILL
DO THIS BUT JUST IN THAT APRIL
AND MAY WINDOW.
IF WE WAIT AND DON'T DO THIS
UNTIL THEN.
IT FEELS LIKE IT WOULD BE
IMPOSSIBLE TO DO ANYTHING LARGER
IN THE APRIL AND MAY WINDOW
EXCEPT FOR THIS, RIGHT.
>> CAN YOU REPEAT THAT QUESTION.
>> SO LET'S SAY ASSUMING THIS
PASSES IN THE STATE HOUSE AND
THIS GETS IMPLEMENTED BY THE
2020 LERKION, WHAT ARE YOU
HOPING FOR IN TERM OF REDRAWING
IN THE APRIL AND MAY WINDOW OF
2021 WHEN THE CITY HAS FULL

AUTHORITY OVER.

>> WE'RE HOPING TO TAKE A LOOK AT ALL THE PRECINCTS AND TO SEE WHERE ELSE CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE.

IN TERMS ARE THERE PRECINCTS THAT ARE TOO BIG OR SOME TOO SMALL THAT MAY BENEFIT FROM CONSOLIDATION.

>> IS THAT POSSIBLE TO START THEN?

IS THERE ANY WAY TO KIND OF GET A JUMP ON IT WITH NOT THE LATEST LATEST CENSUS DATA BUT WHATEVER THE MOST RECENT COUNT.

I FEEL THERE'S TOO MUCH COMMUNITY PROCESS NECESSARY TO FIT IN APRIL AND MAY.

>> THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY.

I THINK WE CAN START THAT PROCESS NOW IN TERM OF DEVELOPING DRAFTS USING CURRENT DATA TO SAY THESE ARE CHANGES WE WOULD MAKE IF THIS WAS 2021 AND GET COMMUNITY FEEDBACK, E FISH FEEDBACK AND SO FORTH.

>> SO FOR THIS, THOUGH, BERRY REALLY JUST HOPING FOR THE STATE HOUSE TO HAVE MORE OF AN EYE ON IT AND YOU FEEL CONFIDENT THERE WILL BE MORE SUPPORT THIS TIME AROUND AND THERE'S NO CHANGES OTHER THAN THERE'S NO CHANGES COMPARED TO THE 201 VERSION.

>> JUST ONE MINOR CHANGE IN TERM OF WHICH DIRECTION A LINE WENT IF I THINK IN 5-1.

>> OKAY, GREAT.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR, ANY MORE ON THIS DOCKET, COUNCILOR FLYNN?

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

I HAD A QUESTION FOR THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

WITH THESE CHANGES POSSIBLY TAKING PLACE, COUNCILOR JANEY WAS ASKING ABOUT THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS FOR RESIDENTS OF VOTERS THAT WOULD BE IMPACTED.

I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT RESIDENTS OF VOTERS BEING IMPACTED.

AND I REPRESENT A LARGE
IMMIGRANTS COMMUNITY.
I REPRESENT A LARGE COMMUNITY
THAT OFTEN DOES NOT SPEAK
ENGLISH AS WELL.

WOULD YOU COMMIT TO DOING A
ROBUST OUTREACH TO THE RESIDENTS
EXPLAINING WHAT THE CHANGES ARE
AND WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HAVE
MEETINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
DISCUSSING WHAT THE CHANGES ARE
AND COMMUNICATING WITH THEM IN
THEIR OWN LANGUAGE.

>> ABSOLUTELY, YES.

>> SO WHAT WOULD THE TIME FRAME
LOOK LIKE IF THAT WERE THE CASE.

>> I IMAGINE THE TIME FRAME
WOULD BE ONCE THIS GETS APPROVED
SOON, IT WOULD BE JUNE, JULY,
AUGUST OF THIS YEAR.

SO WE'D HAVE THOSE
CONVERSATIONS.

>> SO WE WOULD HAVE OUTREACH IN
AUGUST FOR PEOPLE, FOR RESIDENTS
TO INFORM THEM THAT THERE'S A
PROBABLE CHANGE FOR SEPTEMBER?

>> YES.

OR WE COULD WORK ON TIMING AND
WE COULD ALSO COMMIT TO DOING
MULTIPLE MAILINGS SO THAT
THERE'S NOTIFICATION THAT GOES
OUT AT A GOOD TIME AT LEAST 20
DAYS BEFORE EACH ELECTION.

>> I JUST THINK HAVING
SOMETHING, HAVING COMMUNITY FORM
IN AUGUST FOR SEPTEMBER ELECTION
I THINK IT'S A QUICK TURN
AROUND.

I WOULD, THAT WOULD BE A CONCERN
OF MINE.

>> WHEN WOULD YOU SUGGEST THAT
WE HAVE THE COMMUNITY MEETING.

>> I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GIVE
PEOPLE ENOUGH AMPLE NOTIFICATION
OF WHAT THE CHANGES ARE.

I JUST THINK DOING IT IN AUGUST,
WE DON'T WANT TO DISCOURAGE
PEOPLE FROM NOT VOTING AND WE
WANT TO GIVE THEM AS MUCH
INFORMATION AS WE CAN IN A
DECENT TIME FRAME.

WE ALSO HAVE TO COMMUNICATE WITH
THEM IN THEIR LANGUAGE AS WELL.
SO SOME OF THOSE TOOK PLACE OF

LOGISTIC ISSUES WOULD BE A CONCERN OF MINE.

>> WHEN WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN AND WE'RE WILLING TO DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO COMMUNICATE EARLY AND CLEARLY AND MAKE SURE THAT VOTERS ARE AWARE OF ANY CHANGE THAT GETS APPROVED.

AND WE'VE ALSO TAKEN STEPS TO SORT OF LIMIT THE WAY IT WOULD IMPACT THEM THOUGH WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CREATING PRESENCE FROM VOTER'S PERSPECTIVE THEY'RE GOING TO THE SAME LOCATION THEY'VE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO GOING THERE JUST WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL MACHINE AND ADDITIONAL STAFF AT THAT LOCATION TO MAKE VOTING GO MORE SMOOTHLY FOR THEM.

>> THE PRECINCT THAT SIX ONE, IF YOU WERE TO SPLIT SIX ONE UP IN TERMS OF PHYSICALLY HAVING A CERTAIN SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION VOTING AT DISTRICT 12 AND THE REMAINING VOTING AT CONTINUING TO VOTE AT THE CDEN. WHERE WOULD YOU MAKE THAT CUT OUT.

>> SUMMER STREET, I THINK.

>> SUMMER STREET.

SO IF YOU WOULD BE FOUR POINT YOU WOULD CONTINUE TO VOTE AT THE CONDON.

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

>> TECHNICALLY HALF OF FOUR POINTS.

IF YOU'RE ON PERCENT STREET YOU'RE VOTING AT THE CONDON BUT IF YOU'RE AT STRARYT STREET YOU AREN'T.

IF YOU LOOK AT THE MAP IT CUTS FOUR POINTS RIGHT IN HALF.

>> THAT WOULD BE CONGRESS STREET MAY BE A LETTER LINE OF DEMARCATION FOR YOU GUYS.

WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT.

>> COUNCIL MAKE A GOOD POINT THERE.

>> WE COULD MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT.

>> IF THESE CHANGES WERE 2 TAKE PLACE, WHAT -- WERE TO TAKE PLACE WHAT IMPACT WOULD THAT HAVE DOWN THE ROAD WITH

REDISTRICTING OR IS THAT THE NEXT DOCKET YOU'RE GOING TO DISCUSS.

>> THAT IS THE NEXT DOCKET. BUT I WOULD STILL SAY AGAIN WE VIEW THE PRECEPT CITY WIDE LOOKING AT PRESINCE TO EQUALIZE THEM IS A CONVERSATION WE WANT TO HAVE WITH YOU AND WITH THE COMMUNITY.

QUITE FRANKLY TO MAKE DECISIONS LIKE THIS, WE NEED AS MUCH INPUT AS POSSIBLE SO IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SAY THAT EXACTLY WHAT WE WOULD DO BECAUSE WE WANT TO APPROACH THIS AS A COLLECTIVE EFFORT.

>> CAN I JUST BASED UPON THE LAST 30 OR SO YEARS, THERE IS A DATE CERTAIN SOMETIME MAY/JUNE, NO LATER THAN THAT IN 2021 WHEN WHOEVER IS DRAWING LINES IN THE STATE LEVEL WILL BE GIVEN THE DATA AND WELL START WORKING. SO WE HAVE ABOUT TWO YEARS AND SOME CHANGE TO DO WHATEVER WE WANT TO DO.

ABOUT TWO YEARS. BUT THERE'S NO TOGETHER BACK. SO IF HYPOTHETICALLY THIS HOME RULE PETITION DOESN'T PASS, AND WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THOSE BIG PRESINCE, IF NOTHING'S DONE, THESE GOING TO MAKE THE WHOLE REDISTRICTING PROCESS MORE DIFFICULT.

AND I'M GLAD THAT AARON THE CHAIRMAN MARK WITNESSES IS GOING TO FILE -- MARKWITZ IS GOING TO FILE IT.

TRYING TO COME TOGETHER, PUT TOGETHER A DISTRICT WITH PRESINCE THREE ONE THROUGH FOUR THE NORTH END AND FROM DOWNTOWN PRECINCTS, WE MAY BE ABLE TO NOT CONSTITUTIONALLY PROVIDE FOR IT BECAUSE THOSE PRECINCTS ARE BIG. THE SMALL PRECINCTS ARE EASY BUILDING BLOCKS.

BIG PRECINCTS ARE DIFFICULT.

>> I JUST WANTED TO ADD TO THAT, WHAT HAS HAPPENED HISTORICALLY BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT ON OUR OWN ADDRESSED PRECINCT SIZES IS THAT

THE GENERAL COURT AS WAS POINTED OUT, THEY ACTUALLY MAKE CHANGES FOR US.

1990, THEY MADE CHANGES AND THEY USED VOTING TILES DISTRICTS INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING OUR PRECINCT LINES OUR NUMBERS WOULDN'T WORK.

AFTER THE 2010 CENSUS THEY ACTUALLY CREATED A PRECEPT FOR US TO MAKE THE NUMBERS WORK. THAT'S 528.

>> 511.

>> 511, THE TIME BEFORE.

>> TRACK RECORD IS IF WE DON'T MAKE CHANGES OURSELVES THEN THOSE CHANGES WILL BE MADE AT THE STATE HOUSE BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO MAKE THE NUMBERS WORK TO CREATE DISTRICTS THAT ARE RELATIVELY EQUAL IN SIZE.

>> IF THIS WERE TO TAKE PLACE, THE REPRECINCTS, DOES IT SET US UP FOR ANY CERTAIN STEPS WE'RE REQUIRED TO DO FOR REDISTRICTING?

MEANING WILL ALL PRESINCE BE LOCATED IN THE SAME LAW DURING REPRECINCTING AS WE DO REDISTRICTING DOWN THE ROAD.

>> IT'S NOT NECESSARY WARD LINES BE CHANGED AT ALL, COUNCILOR. I THINK THE COMMISSIONER STATED THAT BECAUSE THE WAR LINES ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR IFD ASSESSING ALL SORTS OF THINGS.

BUT WITHIN THE WARDS, THERE COULD BE CHANGES MADE.

>> MEANING WHAT?

>> MEANING YOU COULD HAVE DIFFERENT PRECEPT LINES WITHIN THE WARDS -- PRECINCT LINES WITHIN THE WARDS.

>> MY BIG CONCERN IS I DON'T WANT TO SEE AN AREA THAT'S PREDOMINANTLY IMMIGRANT BE WATERED DOWN AT WALL. I WANT TO SEE THAT TYPE OF PRECINCT STAY IN TACT AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE REPRESENTED EQUALLY IS CRITICAL.

THAT'S MY MAIN.

>> THERE ARE ACTUALLY CONSTITUTIONAL CASES THERE

PACKING AND CRACKING.

SO I DON'T THINK THAT ANYBODY ON THE STATE LEVEL AT LEAST FROM THE PEOPLE I'VE WORKED WITH OVER THE PAST 35 YEARS WOULD TRY TO DO THAT.

IN FACT HE WAS ARE MADE, EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS TO UNITE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

DIFFERENT THOUGH IT MIGHT BE, I DON'T HAVE ALL THE STATS IN MY HEAD BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE DISTRICT WHICH IS CURRENTLY REPRESENTED BY REPRESENTATIVE MICKALVITS HAS A POPULATION OF 23% BECAUSE -- ARE ALL TOGETHER. IT'S NOT COMPLETELY BY ACCIDENT. THAT WAS DONE TO GIVE STRATEGIC STRENGTH TO THAT COMMUNITY.

>> THAT'S IMPORTANT -- TO THE ASIAN COMMUNITY.

>> THAT'S CRITICAL AS WE GO FOR THAT THE ASIAN COMMUNITY IN THIS AREA IS NOT DIVIDED.

I WANT TO SEE THAT STAY IN TACK THAT'S GOING SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE A TOP PRIORITY FOR ME.

>> SO WE AGREE, THERE ARE ACTUALLY PROTECTIONS ON THE LAW AS WELL.

I THINK WE'D GET SUED IF WE DID THAT, QUITE FRANKLY.

THIVE RIGHTS ACT OF 196 SECTION II COVERS THIS AS WELL.

SO THAT'S ONE OF THE FILTERS WE WOULD HAVE TO ABIDE BY TO NOT DILUTE MINORITY POPULATIONS. TO NOT HEAVILY RELY ON RACE AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE.

>> THE GOOD NEWS IS THE CITY'S A MUCH MORE INTEGRATED PLACE THAN IT WAS 50 YEARS AGO.

THOSE A IF THING AND IT'S ALSO A BAD THING IF YOU'RE TRYING TO CONCENTRATE POLITICAL POWER.

>> RIGHT.

HERE'S ANOTHER QUESTION I HAVE, SORRY TO TAKE UP ALL THE TIME. BUT ON AN UNRELATED ISSUE, IN MY DISTRICT, I HAVE EMERSON COLLEGE, I ALSO HAVE SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY AND A LOT OF STUDENTS

IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

ARE THEY FACTORED ALREADY IN THE CENSUS OR ARE THEY FACTORED IN THIS MAP OF REGISTERED VOTERS OR POPULATION OR WHAT IMPACT WOULD 9 YOUNG STUDENTS IN DOWN TOWN BOSTON HAVE ON THIS DISCUSSION?

>> THE SHEET YOU'RE LOOKING AT NOW IS JUST BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS BUT WHEN WE USE CENSUS DATA, THEN WE EXPECT THEY BE FACTORED INTO THAT DATA.

>> SO THEY'LL BE FACTORED INTO THE DATA FOR WHEN?

FOR WHAT PERIOD OF TIME?

ARE.

>> WELL, THERE'S TWO, CURRENTLY WITH THE CITY'S ANNUAL CENSUS, THEY'RE ALREADY FACTORED IN, RIGHT.

THAT'S 17 AND OLDER.

IN TERM OF THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU DATA, THAT IS THE DATA THAT THE GENERAL COURT WILL BE USING TO OPERATE NEW DISTRICTS AFTER THE 2020 CENSUS.

SO WE'D ALSO WANT TO LOOK AT IT FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE TO SEE WHAT THE RESIDENT DATA IN THE YOW CENSUS LOOKS LIKE AS WELL AS WHAT OUR DATA LOOKS LIKE.

>> IN A DOWNTOWN AREA AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S PROBABLY AT LEAST A DOZEN SKYSCRAPERS THAT HAVE RESIDENTS IN THEM, SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE.

ARE THEY FACTORED IN ALREADY.

>> YES, THEY ARE.

THAT HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE URGENCY TRYING TO DO SOMETHING FOR THESE PRECINCTS.

>> FACTORED IN HOW.

>> BY THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS AND REGISTERED NUMBER OF VOTERS WE HAVE IN THOSE PRECINCTS.

WHEN NEW BUILDINGS COME ON-LINE WE GO OUT AND SURVEY THEM AND WE ADD THEM TO OUR LIST SO WE KNOW WHAT THE REGISTER VOTERS ARE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR ANYTHING MORE ON THIS ONE.

>> THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.

I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT

THAT IS BEING PROACTIVE TO THE POINT COUNCILOR WU MADE EARLIER OR REALLY BROUGHT FORTH EARLIER THAT WE ARE LIMITED IN WHAT WE CAN DO WITHOUT HOME RULE WITHOUT THE STATE AND OBVIOUSLY THE OTHER DOCKET I THINK ADDRESSES THAT MORE DIRECTLY IS LONG OVERDUE AND NOT THE FIRST TIME SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE THIS BODY HAS PASSED EVERY PRECINCT AND HOME RULE BUT IT'S SO IMPORTANT WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING AND WHAT YOUR TEAM IS TO GO TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE.

AND TO LARRY'S POINT ABOUT HIGHER TURNOUT.

WE SEE THAT, WE SAW THAT, IN LAST YEAR IN OUR STATE-WIDE ELECTIONS CERTAINLY HIGHER THAN EXPECTED AND I THINK YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT GOING TO APPROACH PRESIDENTIAL LEVELS AT OUR MUNICIPAL OR STATE ELECTIONS BUT WE'RE GETTING CLOSER.

AND I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE PROACTIVE ON THIS PARTICULARLY MY GOOD COLLEAGUE COUNCILOR FLYNN'S DISTRICT MANY WHICH THOSE PRESINCE BUT PRECINCTS I REPRESENT AND ARE ALSO GROWING RAPIDLY.

I JUST WANT TO BE AS SUPPORTIVE AS WE CAN TO MAKE THIS PROCESS EASIER AND THE FACT THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING THIS WITH THIS BODY AND THE MAYOR'S SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO DEMOCRACY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

OBVIOUSLY TO OUR COLLEAGUES I'M NOT ABLE TO STAY FOR THE SECOND DOCK EVIDENT DISCUSSION BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THIS IS VITALLY IMPORTANT AND I DO LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THAT AGAIN AND HOPEFULLY GETTING SOME ACTION AND FINALLY BRING BOSTON MORE IN LINE WHERE THE REST OF THE STATE IS WHEN IT TUMS TO PRECINCTS IN GENERAL.

>> COUNCILOR JANEY.

>> I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE WORK YOU'RE DOING AND SOMETHING YOU SAID COMMISSIONER REALLY STANDS OUT FOR ME WHICH IS IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, SOMETHING WILL BE DECIDED FOR US.

I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT WE BE PROACTIVE IN TACKLING THESE ISSUES FOR ALL THE REASONS WE'VE DISCUSSED TODAY BUT ALSO LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WHICH MR. DECAR AND IAN SPOKE ELOQUENTLY TO. I WANT TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO MY COLLEAGUES I WANT TO THANK THE MAN AND THE ADMINISTRATION FOR BEING PROACTIVE AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR EARLIER HERESHIP AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THESE ISSUES. VERY IMPORTANT.

I WANT TO COME BACK TO THE NOTIFICATION PIECE. WHEN YOU PUT FORTH THAT MANDALA WILL BE THE VOTING LOCATION FOR IS IT 93A JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR. HOW DID YOU CAN COME TO THAT DECISION AND WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THAT TITTY CISION? SO WERE ANY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS OVER AT MANDELA OR IN THE SURROUNDING AREA PART OF THAT DISCUSSION OR NO.

>> FIRST LET ME SAY THAT NONE OF THOSE DECISIONS ARE SET IN STONE.

WE'RE STILL OPEN TO ANOTHER POLLING PLACE IN THAT AREA IF THESE A BETTER ONE AVAILABLE. WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO NOT COME TO THIS HEARING WITHOUT -- WE TALKED TO OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY AND THEY SAID ABSOLUTELY YOU CAN HAVE VOTING THERE IF YOU CHOOSE TO.

DISTRICT HALL IT WAS MORE LIKE A SURVEY WE HAD TO FIGURE OUT WHERE WOULD FOLKS VOTE IN THIS PART IN THE SOUTH BOSTON WATER FRONT IF WE WERE ABLE TO CREATE THE SUB PRECINCT AND WE LOOKED AND EXPLORED THAT LOCATION AND REACHED OUT TO THEM AND THEY SAID ABSOLUTELY WE'D LOVE TO BE

A VOTING PLACE IF THIS HAPPEN.
WE'RE NOT COMMITTED.

>> I UNDERSTAND AND I APPRECIATE
THAT THIS IS STILL THE PLANNING
STAGE OF THINKING STAGE AND THAT
CHANGES CAN BE MADE IF NEED BE.
IN TERMS OF MANDALA, HAS THERE
BEEN A CONVERSATION WITH THE
FOLKS OVER AT MANDALA ARE THEY
OPEN TO OPENING THEIR DOORS.

>> NO.
WE'VE SPOKEN TO THE MANAGEMENT.

>> THANK YOU.

THAT'S HELPFUL.

AGAIN I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
MAKING SURE WE GET THE
INFORMATION OUT.

I HAVE EXPERIENCE AS VOTING
RIGHTS ACTIVIST THE CHALLENGES
THAT RESIDENTS FACE WHEN POLLING
LOCATIONS CHANGE AND SOMEHOW
DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE
CITY OR OUR NON-PROFIT PARTNERS
WHERE OTHERS WHO ARE IN THIS
SPACE SOMEHOW CERTAIN RESIDENTS
ARE STILL NOT GETTING THE WORD
SO I THINK MAKING SURE THAT WE
ARE, HAVE A GOOD PLAN AND THAT
WE'RE EXECUTING THAT PLAN IS
VERY IMPORTANT AND I'M HAPPY TO
PARTNER WITH YOU AROUND HOW WITH
A ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS IN THE
AREA ARE AWARE THAT THIS CHANGE,
ONE THAT THAT'S A PROPOSAL ON
THE TABLE SO I'D LOVE IF THIS IS
IN FACT GOING TO BE MORE
CONVENIENT, I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR
RESIDENTS CO-SIGN AND SAY YES
THIS IS A GOOD MOVE AND IT WILL
BE MORE CONVENIENT.

TWO, MAKING SURE THAT OTHER
RESIDENTS WHO MAY NOT COME OUT
FOR A MEETING ARE GETTING THE
WORD.

SO I THINK ANYTHING AND
EVERYTHING WE CAN DO IS REALLY
IMPORTANT.

WHAT I DON'T WANT TO SEE HAPPEN
IS COME ELECTION SAY FOLKS ARE
BEING TURNED AWAY FROM THEIR
PLACE THAT HAS BEEN MR. PLACE
FOR THE -- THEIR PLACE FOR THE
LONGEST TIME FOR MANLTD LAW,
FOR RESIDENTS WHO NEED TO TRAVEL

THERE, WE USUALLY TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT POLLING LOCATIONS ARE WALKABLE FROM SOMEONE'S HOME. BUT IF PEOPLE ARE COMING ON PUBLIC TRANSIT THERE IS A STOP THERE ON THE SILVER LINE.

THEY DO HAVE PARKING IN THE BACK IF PEOPLE WANT TO DRIVE TO WORK OR WHEREVER THEY MAY BE GOING. JUST MAKING SURE WE HAVE THE RIGHT SIGNAGE.

SEEMS LIKE A GOOD LOCATION BASED ON THOSE THINGS BUT REALLY I WANT TO MAKE SURE RESIDENTS ARE OKAY WITH THIS AND THAT THEY ARE INFORMED ABOUT THE CHANGE AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW UP AT THE RIGHT PLACE ON ELECTION DAY.

AND NOT BEING TURNED AWAY BECAUSE THE WHOLE MOMENT AS SOMEONE HAS POINTED OUT AND AS I'VE SAID IN HEARINGS LIKE THIS, VOTING HAS BEEN EASY AND IT CAN BE EASY IF WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THINGS IN TERMS OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

THAT IS IT FOR ME.

I WOULD LOVE TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOU OFF LINE TO MAKE SURE THERE'S A GOOD PLAN IN PLACE FOR NOTIFYING THOSE RESIDENTS. THE NUMBER HERE WILL BE SPLIT. SO FOR 93A, HOW MANY FOLKS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE INFORMED OF THE LOCATION CHANGE.

>> 1,650.

>> 1,650, WONDERFUL.

SO MAKING SURE.

AND THEN HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS IS THAT.

>> I DON'T KNOW.

>> BUT FEWER.

SO MAKING SURE THAT THOSE 1600 AND 50 RESIDENTS ARE GETTING THAT INFORMATION HAPPY TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP AND HAVE TO DO ANYTHING I CAN DO ON MY END TO MAKE SURE FOLKS KNOW ABOUT THE CHANGE.

SO THANK YOU.

AND I WILL HAVE TO SLIP OUT BUT I WANT TO SHOW APPRECIATION FOR

MY COLLEAGUES.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR JANEY.

THIS IS OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC

TESTIMONY.

I SEE ERIC ETEVEZ.

HE'S ASKED FOR TESTIMONY ON

DOCKET 0211.

LARRY, YOU'RE EXCUSED, ALL

RIGHT.

VERY GOOD, IF TO SEE YOU.

IAN IF YOU WANT TO STICK AROUND

FOR THE NEXT TALKATE, YOU'RE

WELL -- DOCKET YOU'RE WELL CAN

COME TO DO THAT.

>> MY NAME IS ERIC I'M A

RESIDENT OF ROXBURY.

NOT TOO LONG AGO I WAS MEMBER

OF A CROSS MULTIETHNIC AND

MULTILINGUAL GROUP OF RESIDENTS

AND ACTIVISTS WHO PUSH FOR

HEIGHTENED SENSE OF EQUITY AND

URGENCY HOW THE CITY HANDLES

REDISTRICTING AND REPRECINCTING

THIS IS BACK IN 2011 AND 2012.

THAT GROUP LOOSELY REFERRED TO

AS THE COMMUNITY OF COLOR

REDISTRICTING COLLATION A

CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE EVERY TEE

RESIDENTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE

AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CENSUS

AND HOW AN ACCURATE COUNT BEING

TRANSLATE INTO SPECIFIC FUNDING

SCENES FOR CITIES AND TOWNS THAT

OUGHT TO BE FAIR AND BALANCED.

IN MANY PARTS OF COUNTRY AS YOU

NO VOTER DISENFRANCHISE MANY IS

A REAL THING THAT IMPACT VOTER

TURNOUT AND EQUAL LUN REVOTE.

IN FACT THE CLOSURE OF VOTING

HOE CASES AND SUBSEQUENT LONGER

INES IS ONE THAT DIRECT IMPACT

POLICY CHANGE.

IN BOSTON WE HAVE INHERITED THE

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF

NON-PREACTIVE PLANNING.

I SUPPORT THE EVIDENT TO CREATE

SUBPRECINCTS TO ALLEVIATE PHOTO

CONGESTION HOWEVER THE NEED FOR

SUB PRECINCTS WOULD BE A MOOT

POINT IF THE COUNCILOR HAD

HEEDED AN EARLIER REGULATION OF

THE COALITION TO EMBARK ON

REPRECINCTING WITH LACE EMPLOYER

TO THE DEADLINE AND THE STATE

REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

AS YOU KNOW BACK IN 1990, THAT CHANGE.

THE STATE USED TO DO THEIR PROCESS FIVE YEARS AFTER THE CENSUS AND THEY MOVED THAT UP DUE TO THE CHANGES IN LAW AND COURT DECISIONS.

I STRONGLY URGE THE COUNCIL TO MAKE SURE IT FOLLOWS THROUGH ON ITS STATED GOALS OF REVIEWING AND ACTUALLY FOLLOWING THROUGH ON REDISTRICTING THE CITY BY 2021.

FOR ITS CONTEXT THE COALITION ORGANIZED THE RESEARCH TEAM DEDICATED TO CLENCHING DEMOGRAPHIC FIGURES, ACCESSING ACCEPTABLE VOTER POPULATION VARIANCES, JOIN DOZENS OF DIFFERENT MAPS, ANALYZING CPAC, CITIZEN VOTING AGE POPULATION NUMBERS AND ENGAGING LEGAL AND POLICY RAMIFICATIONS OF EACH MAP.

I WOULD LIKE TO REMILD THE COUNCIL THAT THE COALITION DID IN FACT SEEK LEGAL COUNCIL AND INITIATED AN EXPLORATION OF LITIGATION TO ENSURE THAT THE FINAL MAP IN TERMS OF THE REDISTRICTING PROGRESS ENSURED FULL REPRESENTATION.

A KEY LIMITED FACTOR IN DOING THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS FOR THE CITY TO KEEP CURRENT WITH EVOLVING POPULATION TRENDS AND VARYING GEOGRAPHIC DENSITY AS COMMISSION HAS REFERENCED TODAY AS WELL.

IT'S NO SECRET SOME WARDS AND PRECINCTS PRESENT SIGNIFICANT HURDLES TRYING TO KEEP THE COMPANY STOLEN AS CONTIGUOUS BY RESPECTING BOUNDARIES AND WORKING HARD NOT TO CRACK OR TACK AS WAS MENTIONED WHICH WAS IN ESSENCE THE DISENFRANCHISEMENT VIA DILUTION OR OVER SATURATION SPECIFIC POPULATIONS WITH VOTING RIGHTS PROTECTIONS.

LASTLY I JUST LIKE TO SAY I SUPPORT THE COMMENTS OF

COUNCILOR JANEY AND FLYNN TO ENSURE THE CITY PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNICATION TO RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THE CHANGE.

I DO THINK PERSONALLY AND I THINK MANY OTHERS AGREE THAT THE CITY DOES NEED TO REPRECINCT SO THERE WILL BE POPULATIONS IMPACTED DOUBLY BY A CHOKE IN THEIR SUB PRESENCE AND THEN A LIKELY POSSIBLE CHANGE IN THE FULL CITY REPRECINCTING PROCESS BUT I THINK TOWARDS AN EFFORT OF ACTUALLY OFFERING FULL REPRESENTATION FOR THE CHOAL CITY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, ERIC.

ALL RIGHT.

SO THAT WILL CONCLUDE.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO OFFER PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON DOCKET 0211. HEARING NONE THAT WILL CLOSE DOCKET 0211.

>> ONE MORE THING ABOUT THE HOME RULE PROCESS ONE MORE STATE HOUSE STAFF AND MYSELF AND ALSO CONSTITUENT BRETT.

HE FILLED THIS AND WE KNOW THING GET LOST.

THE COMMITTEE IS MEETING ON THE 10TH AND MAJORITY OF WHAT THEY'RE HEARING IS LEGISLATION CONCERNING HOME RULE PETITIONS. I DO WANT TO URGE THE CONCERN THAT HOME RULE PETITIONS DO GET LOST AND THEY DO NOT GET THE ATTENTION THAT THEY SHOULD SOMETIMES.

>> VERY GOOD.

FAIR POINT.

>> THAT WILL CONCLUDE DOCKET 0211.

WE'LL SHIFT TO DOCKET 0314 AND ALLOW THE LEAD SPONSORS TO OPEN UP COUNCILOR CAMPBELL FLD BY COUNCILOR WU TO GIVE OPENING STATEMENTS AND GET THE STRAIGHTON'S PERSPECTIVE ON MASS VOTE GET PUBLIC TESTIMONY. WE'VE BEEN JOINED BY COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU TO COUNCIL WOULD

FOR NOT HER PARTNERSHIP ON THIS
AND OUR GOAL WAS TO DO ORDINANCE
SO WE CAN DO IT QUICKLY VERSUS A
HOME RULE PETITION BUT ALSO FOR
HER PAST LEADERSHIP WITH RESPECT
TO THE REPRECINCTING
CONVERSATIONS SO I WANT TO THANK
HER FOR HER PARTNERSHIP BUT ALSO
FOR HER PAST LEADERSHIP.

WE KNOW THE CITY OF BOSTON IS
EXEMPT UNLIKE OTHER HUMANITIES
IN THE COMMON -- MUNICIPALITIES WHEN
IT COMES TO REPRECINCTING.
WHEN WE WERE HAVING THESE
CONVERSATIONS AS WELL AS WITH
THE COMMISSIONER AND THE
ADMINISTRATION AND THANK YOU
GUYS FOR THE WORK YOU DO EVERY
SINGLE DAY, IT DID COME UP THAT
WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT HOW TO WE
PASS SOMETHING THAT MANDATES
THAT THE CITY OF BOSTON EVEN
AFTER WE'RE ALL GONE CONTINUES
TO ACTUALLY TAKE A PROACTIVE
STANCE IN REVIEWING PRESENCE SO
THAT WHEN WE -- PRECINCTS SO
WHEN WE GET INTO THAT WINDOW OF
TIME WHERE WE AS THE CITY HAD
THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE CHANGES TO
OUR PRECINCTS WE HAVE A PLAN
THAT'S BEEN REVIEWED NOT ONLY BY
THE COMMISSIONER AND YOUR TEAM
BUT ALSO BY THE COUNCIL.

I THINK WE GOT TO SOME
CONVERSATION EARLIER AND ERIC
JUST SORT TESTIFIED ON THE
IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A PLAN,
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CANMENT,
MAKING -- ENGAGEMENT, MAKING
TIME GETTING INTO HEARINGS OR
INFORMAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS SO
THEY CAN INFORM HOW WE REDRAW
THESE LINES THE POLLING HOE
CASES WE CHOOSE.

THIS ORDINANCE IS A WAY TO
MANDATE THE CITY OF BOSTON DOES
THAT REVIEW AND WE DO IT EITHER
THREE YEARS, EVERY FIVE YEARS.
IN THE HORTED NUNS, IT SETS OUT
EVERY FIVE YEARS BUT THESE BEEN
SOME CONVERSATION MAYBE IT
SHOULD BE EVERY THREE YEARS.
WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS.
NOT ONLY MANDATE THAT THE CITY

OF BOSTON DO IT BUT WE DO IT IN
PARTNERSHIP.
I THINK ONE TECHNICAL ETCHED IT
I PUT ON THE RECORD, WE'D LIKE
TO ADD THE ELECTIONS
COMMISSIONER SO THAT IT'S DONE
IN PARTNERSHIP THAT IT'S NOT
JUST OBVIOUSLY THE COUNCIL
ITSELF BUT IT TRULY IS A
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNCIL
AS WELL AS THE ELECTIONS
COMMISSIONER AND DEPARTMENT.
SO I THINK WHEN WE SAY THE
COMMITTEE OR WHEN WE SAY THE
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE WE ADD
LANGUAGE THAT ADDS THE ELECTION
COMMISSIONER AS WELL SO THAT
IT'S NOT JUST THE COUNCIL DOING
THE REVIEW.
THE GOAL IS THAT ONCE WE GET
THAT INFORMATION, WE CAN THEN
HAVE A ROBUST CONVERSATION BUT
HOPEFULLY MAKE SOME OF THESE
CHANGES WITHOUT HAVING TO GO
THROUGH THE HOME RULE PROCESS
WITHOUT GIVING UP THE
FLEXIBILITY AND THE AUTHORITY
THAT THE CITY OF BOSTON
CURRENTLY HAS AND OBVIOUSLY WILL
MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION THAT
CURRENTLY EXISTS WITH THE STATE
BUT ALLOW US TO MAINTAIN A SENSE
OF FLEXIBILITY AROUND TIMING AND
OUR AUTHORITY TO DO THIS.
SO LOOKING FOR TO THE
CONVERSATION AND AGAIN THANK YOU
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY FOR
SCHEDULING THIS SO QUICKLY.
THANK YOU COUNCILOR WU AND I
ALSO WANT TO THANK CHRISTINE WHO
IS OUR COUNCIL FOR THE CENTRAL
STAFF WHEN WE'RE GOING BACK AND
FORTH, SHE PUT IN A LOT OF WORK
WHETHER AN ORDINANCE CAN HAPPEN
AND DID A LOT OF BACK AND FORTH
SO I WANT TO THANK CHRISTINE FOR
HER WORK AS WELL.
>> THANK YOU.
CHAIR RECOGNIZE COUNCILOR WU
ALSO THE CO-SPONSOR.
>> THIS IS GREAT AND WITH A
COVERED A LOT ALREADY SO I JUST
WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE FOR
THEIR WORK.

PRESIDENT CAMPBELL AND COUNCILOR FLAHERTY FOR MAKE MEMORANDAING SURE WE GOT A HEAR -- MAKING SURE WE GOT A HEARING ON THIS AND TO EMPHASIZE HOW MUCH THERE IS TO DO IN SUCH A SMALL WINDOW IN THAT PROBABLY TWO MONTH PERIOD TWO YEARS FROM NOW. WE'LL GET INTO THIS IN QUESTIONS BUT I THINK EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS ACTUAL LANGUAGE IS MY DESIRE TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROCESS WILL LOOK LIKE AND WHAT THE PLANNING WILL LOOK LIKE IN TERMS OF ACTUALLY GETTING TO A PLACE WHERE WE'RE DOING AT LEAST SOME MAJOR REPRECINCTING LEADING INTO THAT 2021 WINDOW.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR WU.

ANY THOUGHTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION AND/OR MASS VOTE ON THIS PROPOSAL FROM MY COLLEAGUES.

>> I THINK THIS IS A GREAT PROPOSAL.

YOU AMENDED IT TO RIGHT THE ELECTION COMMISSION IN BUT QUITE FRANKLY WE ALREADY PLANNED THAT NOT ONLY WOULD THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT BE A PART OF THIS BUT SPOKEN TO THE CITY IT DEPARTMENT, GIF FOLKS, WHERE TO HELP WITH THIS AND SINGLES FOR THE BOSTON DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BECAUSE THIS WILL BE AS I SAID BEFORE VERY COLLECTIVE EFFORT.

I THINK THE COUNCIL WITH THIS ORDINANCE HELPS US TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S A PROPER ENGAGEMENT THAT'S NECESSARY AND THAT IT'S COMPLETELY TRANSPARENT.

BECAUSE WE NOTE THAT CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE BUT WE DON'T WANT TO DO IT ALONE.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE DOING IT WITH IN PLAIN VIEW IN THE TEE LIGHT AND EVERYONE GETS A CHANCE TO GIVE US FEEDBACK AND INPUT.

AND I THINK THAT WE SHOULD NOT LOOK AT THIS AS A TWO-MONTH WINDOW IN 2021, WE SHOULD LOOK AT IT AS A TWO YEAR WINDOW WHERE WE CAN BEGIN TO START HAVING

CONVERSATIONS NOW AND PUTTING
THING OUT HAVING A TWO YEAR
COMMENT PERIOD.

>> THOSE ARE HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS
AS WELL.

ANYTHING ADDITION TO THAT?

>> I ECHO WHAT WAS SAID.

>> IAN ANY THOUGHTS FROM THE
MASS VOTE.

>> YES.

THIS IS VERY COMMON SENSE
OBVIOUSLY BUT I ALSO WANT TO
TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF
PRECINCTS.

THERE'S A LOT OF STATES AND THIS
IS MORE AT THE STATE LEVEL BUT
CITY COUNCIL DOES INFLUENCE
STATE LEGISLATION.

YOUR NAME HAS A BACKING BEHIND
IT.

SO I DID WANT TO TALK ABOUT I
MENTIONED THERE'S A LOT OF
STATES LIKE COLORADO AND
WASHINGTON THAT ARE MOVING AWAY
FROM EVEN HAVING PRESINCE AND
JUST DOING MAIL BALLOTING AL
TOGETHER WHICH IS ODD.

>> WHERE IS THAT?

>> COLORADO FOR EXAMPLE.

THERE ARE SOME COST REDUCTIONS.
OBVIOUSLY WE TALKED ABOUT
CUTTING PRECINCTS.

AND THIS IS MORE WAY DOWN THE
LINE BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE
DO NEED TO CAP IN THE EYE, KEEP
IN CONSIDERATION AND THERE ARE
BILLS FILE CURRENTLY IN THE
HOUSE FOR AN OPT-IN SYSTEM FOR
MAILING BALLOTING.

IT WILL HELP PEOPLE WITH DISBILL
TEST AND THINGS LIKE THAT BUT IT
WILL HELP WITH THE PRECINCT
PROCESS CUTTING DOWN AND ALL
THAT.

>> INTERESTING.

SO WHAT COLORADO DID IS A
DISTRICT COUNCIL RATHER THAN AN
AT LARGE COUNCIL THEY DO THEY
HAVE THE BOUNDARY LINES.

>> YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE
PRESINCE HOW THEY DO IT?

I'M NOT SURE HOW THEIR ACTUAL
PRESINCE WORK JUST FROM A
VOTER'S STANDPOINT THAT PEOPLE

WILL, THEY HAVE DROPPED TENDERS
WHERE YOU JUST DROP YOUR BALLOT.
SOMETHING JUST LIKE A POSTAL
BALK.

SO -- BOX.

THERE ARE THOSE REFORMS COMING
ABOUT AND THE COUNCIL SHOULD
PLEDGE SOME SUPPORT TO THOSE AND
THINK ABOUT LONG TERM WAYS WE
CANNOT ONLY ENCOURAGE VOTERS TO
MORE EASILY VOTE BUT TO REDUCE
THE COST WITH THE PRECINCTS AND
MAKE LESS WORK FOR OUR SAYS AT
THE PRECINCTS.

>> THANK YOU IAN.

COUNCILOR FLYNN ANYTHING ON
0314?

>> THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.
JUST GOING TO MY NOTES ON THIS
DOCKET.

I ASK SOME OF THE SIMILAR
QUESTIONS IN THE PREVIOUS
DOCKET.

BUT CAN YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT
IMPACT THIS WILL HAVE ON FUTURE
REDISTRICTING IN THE TIME FRAME
AS WELL?

>> WE THINK THAT A PROCESS TO
EQUALIZE OUR PRECINCTS WILL BE
DISTRICT MAKING.

IT WOULD GIVE THE COUNCIL AND IT
WOULD GIVE THE STATE HOUSE
BETTER BUILDING BLOCKS TO USE TO
CREATE DISTRICTS.

AND IT WOULD ALSO ALLOW US TO BE
PROACTIVE TO AGREE ON THE
CHANGES THAT WE WANT TO MAKE
OURSELVES AS OPPOSED TO NOT
MAKING ANY CHANGES AND HAVING
CHANGES BEING FORCED UPON US BY
THE STATE BECAUSE OF THE FACT
THAT THEY NEED TO MAKE THE MATT
WORK.

WHEN THE WINDOW OF TIMES BECOMES
SHORTER THAN TWO MONTHS AND
CREATE DISTRICT THEY'LL JUST
PASS LEGISLATION TO MAKE CHANGES
TO OUR PRECINCTS FOR TO BUILD
DISTRICTS.

>> WOULD A PRECEPT DURING
RETRIXING DOWN THE ROAD --
REDISTRICTING DOWN THE ROAD,
WOULD THERE EVER BE A SCENARIO
WHERE A PRECINCT WILL BE BROKEN

UP OR WILL A PRECINCT ALWAYS STAY TOGETHER.

>> A PRECINCT WILL ALWAYS STAY TOGETHER BECAUSE THAT'S THE SMALLEST BUILDING BLOCK.

WHETHER THE PRECINCT IS GOING TO BE IN THE SAY TRIX IS REALLY A PART OF THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS WHERE AT THE COUNCIL LEVEL LIKE THERE WILL BE A DECISION MADE AS TO WHAT PRECINCTS FROM WHAT WARDS ARE GOING TO BE A PART OF DISTRICT TWO, FOR EXAMPLE.

THAT'S TOTALLY BEYOND THE PROCESS THAT THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT GETS INVOLVED IN. WE JUST TRY TO GIVE YOU GOOD TOOLS SO TO SPEAK SO YOU CAN CREATE DISTRICTS.

>> SO THERE COULD BE A SCENARIO WHERE A PRECINCT IN ONE DISTRICT WOULD BE MOVED INTO ANOTHER DISTRICT DOWN THE ROAD.

>> THAT'S POSSIBLE BUT THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT HAS THE ABILITY TO DO.

>> JUST THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX, DOES BOSTON HAS ENOUGH POPULATION FOR ANOTHER DISTRICT? ANOTHER CITY DISTRICT, CITY CAMP DISTRICT?

>> YES.

I THINK THAT WILL BE UP TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

THAT WILL BE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IS WHATEVER NUMBER OF PRECINCTS IS DECIDED UPON FOR THE CITY, THEN THE POPULATION WILL BE DIVIDED, I MEAN YOU BUILD DISTRICTS TO KEEP THOSE PRECINCTS EQUAL I THINK WITHIN 10% I THINK IT IS FOR DISTRICTS.

>> OR WOULD EACH DISTRICT JUST GATHER CERTAIN PRECINCTS IF ONE WASN'T, IF ONE DISTRICT WASN'T ADDED?

WOULD EACH CURRENT DISTRICT TAKE ON MORE POPULATION.

>> THAT'S PROBABLY THE WAY IT

WOULD GO.

>> IS THERE A SET NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN A DISTRICT FOR MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM.

>> THE NUMBER IS SET BASED ON THE CRITERIA OF HAVING RELATIVELY EQUAL WITHIN 10%.

>> WHAT WOULD THAT NUMBER BE?

>> IT WOULD BE A TOTAL NUMBER OF POPULATION DIVIDED BY WHAT, NINE DISTRICTS.

>> DO WE HAVE A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF WHAT THE AVERAGE POPULATION IS FOR EACH DISTRICT OR FOR THE REGISTERED NUMBER OF VOTERS.

HOW ARE WE FACTORING THAT? I THINK FOR EXAMPLE MY DISTRICT, I HAVE, YOU KNOW, A DOZEN SKYSCRAPERS THAT ARE ADDED TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

THEY MAY OR MAY NOT BE REGISTERED VOTERS BUT IN TERMS OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES, REGARDING QUALITY CONSTITUENT SERVICES TO THE RESIDENT REGARDLESS WHETHER THEY ARE REGISTERED OR NOT.

BUT WHAT IMPACT WOULD THESE SKY SKYSCRAPERS HAVE AND IT'S AN ADDITIONAL POPULATION OF 20,000. HOW WOULD THAT BE FACTORED IN.

>> SO THE DISTRICTS ARE GOING TO BE BASED ON POPULATION.

SO MY GUESS IS AND WE CAN PROBABLY ALL AGREE THAT SINCE THE DISTRICT WAS CREATED IN 2013, IT'S GROWN TREMENDOUSLY AND IF YOU WERE TO USE THE CRITERIA OF EQUAL TO OTHER DISTRICTS AT 10%, YOU'RE PROBABLY BEYOND THAT BUT THAT HAPPENS OVER TIME AND HENCE THE NECESSITY TO HAVE A REVIEW EVERY TEN YEARS AND TO GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS ALL OVER AGAIN.

BUT YES, IF YOUR DISTRICT IS NOW, HAS WAY MORE VOTERS, WAY MORE RESIDENT, SORRY, THAN OTHER DISTRICTS, THEN IN 2023, THE COUNCIL WILL COLLECTIVELY DECIDE TO GO THROUGH THAT PROCESS TO EQUALIZE THOSE DISTRICTS FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

>> I ALSO REPRESENT A LARGE

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

WHAT TYPE OF, WHAT TYPE OF OUTREACH ARE WE DOING TO RESIDENTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING AND WHAT TYPE OF DEMOGRAPHICS HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT WHERE THE POPULATION IS IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

>> WE DON'T COLLECT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION BUT THE OUTREACH THAT WE DO PARTICULARLY AROUND THE CENSUS IS WE'RE WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO MAKE SURE WE GET THE RHESUS TENT INFORMATION INCORPORATED INTO OUR ANNUAL CITY CENSUS.

>> IS THAT JUST, IS THAT JUST RESIDENTS ON THE LEASE IN TERMS OF PUBLIC HOUSING?

IS THAT HOW YOU WOULD FACTOR THAT IN?

>> WE ASKED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SUPPLY US A LIST OF ALL RESIDENTS, AGE 17 AND OLDER. AND YOU ARE DIRECT, I BELIEVE THEY ONLY SUPPLY WHAT'S ON THE LEASE.

>> OKAY.

THAT'S A BIG CONCERN OF MINE AS WELL.

AS I MENTION, I REPRESENT A LARGE NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE FACTORED IN, THEY ARE COUNTED AND THAT WE DO AT THE RIGHT TIME WE DO A THOROUGH JOB OF MAKING SURE EVERY PERSON, WE'RE TO GO THE CENSUS NOW BUT EVERY PERSON IN PUBLIC HOUSING IS COUNTED.

SO YOU'LL HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE COMMUNICATION OUTREACH WITH BHA ON THAT.

>> YES.

THE ACTUAL U.S. CENSUS, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THE CENSUS HE WAS AND THE GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE WE GET EVERYBODY COUNTED IN 2020. AND IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT BECAUSE THAT IS THE DATA THAT WE'LL BE RELYING ON IN 2021 TO DEVELOP A FINAL PROPOSAL.

>> MY FINAL QUESTION.
I KNOW IN PUBLIC HOUSING IT CAN
BE DIFFICULT AT TIMES WHEN
YOU'RE GETTING LETTERS OR
GETTING YOUR PIECEMEAL DELIVERED
TO YOU.

DO WE HAVE A BACK ASSIST ACTUAL
WHERE WE CAN BE 100% GUARANTEED
THAT THE PEOPLE WHO NEED TO
COMPLETE THE CENSUS INFORMATION
ARE FILLING IT OUT AND GETTING
THE LETTER FROM THE CITY AND GET
CANNING THE OFFICIAL VARIOUS
235U CASE FROM THE ELECTION
DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGES.
I WANT TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE IN
PUBLIC HOUSING DO HAVE THE SAME
ACCESS TO INFORMATION AS ANYONE
ELSE MANY AS I SAID, IT CAN BE
DIFFICULT AT TIME GETTING A
PIECE OF MAIL BUT WE WE DO A
PIECE OF MAIL AND THEN
ADDITIONAL OUTREACH INTO PUBLIC
HOUSING.

>> WHAT WE DO FOR PUBLIC
HOUSING, ALL RESIDENT DO GET A
MAILING BY HOUSEHOLD AND WE ALSO
GET A LIST SUPPLIED TO US BY THE
HOUSING AUTHORITY SO THAT IT
KEEPS OUR DATA UP TO DATE.

>> OKAY.

IS THERE ANY.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE THOUSAND
COUNCIL IN TERMS OF -- CITY
COUNCIL IN TERMS OF HELPING OUT
MAKING SURE OUR RESIDENT ARE
INFORM OF ELECTION CHANGES.
DOES THE DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL
WORK WITH THE ELECTION
DEPARTMENT TO HELP SCHEDULE A
MEETING OR HELP WITH THE
OUTREACH TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
RESIDENTS KNOW ABOUT CHANGES.
I WOULD LOVE TO BE PART OF THE
CONVERSATION IF THERE WERE
CHANGES IN MY DISTRICT, I WOULD
LOVE TO BE INVOLVED IN EDUCATING
MY CONSTITUENTS OF ANY CHANGES
TO VARIOUS LOCATION POLLS AS
WELL.

>> IF I MAY INTERJECT.

THAT WOULD BE REQUIREMENT
PARTICULARLY FOR THE DISTRICT
COLLEAGUES ON THE OURS.

I KNOW COUNCILOR JANEY REFERENCED TALKING ABOUT THE MANDALA STUFF BUT ANY TIME YOU GUYS ARE GOING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY YOU WOULD CONNECT AND REACH OUT TO THE DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL OR ANY AT LARGE TO SAY HEY WE HAVE A THING SCHEDULED NEXT TUESDAY OR NEXT WEDNESDAY PLEASE JOIN US OR DO YOU KNOW ANYONE THAT SHOULD COME OR SHOULD WE CONTACT.

IF IT'S NOT PART OF YOUR ROUTINE NOW, I THINK IT SHOULD BE PROFORMA.

>> CAN YOU REPEAT THE LAST PART.

>> LIKE RIGHT NOW, ANY TYPE OF OUTREACH TO COUNCIL FLYNN'S POINT.

ANY ELECTION DEPARTMENT OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY SHOULD INVOLVE THE AT THE VERY LEAST THE DISTRICT CITY COUNCILOR AND ALSO A CC TO THE FOUR AT LARGE COUNCILORS.

THEY COULD BRUCE YOU TO FOLKS THEY HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH AND COMMUNITY LEAFERREDZ AND CIVIC LEADERS THAT CAN HELP BROADEN SORT OF THE UP TRAIN IF YOU WILL TO GETTING THAT INFORMATION OUT THERE AND WHETHER IT'S A MULTILITTLE WUL SITUATION OR IF IT'S JUST BEING AN ECHO FOR THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

THE WAY YOU GUYS TO IT NOW I ASSUME YOU HAVE YOUR OWN RELATIONSHIPS AND YOU NOTICE FOLKS AND GET OUT IN THE COMMUNITY.

IF A COUNCILOR IS NOT INCLUDED YOU ADD THAT STEP AND THAT OUTREACH AS WE START TALKING ABOUT CHANGING THE MAPS, THE REPRECINCT AND CHANGING LOCATIONS.

IT SHOULD ALMOST BE PART OF THE PROFORMA IF YOU WILL.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

WITH A HAVEN'T HAD MANY COMMUNITY MEETINGS AROUND THINGS LIKE THIS BUT I THINK WE DO DO A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE COUNCIL.

SENDING YOU NOTIFICATIONS ON ANY CHANGES THAT, ACTUALLY BEFORE WE EVEN VOTE ON THEM.

MAKE IT A POINT TO SEND PROPOSALS UP TO THE COUNCIL SO THAT YOU CAN WEIGH IN BEFORE IT'S BROUGHT TO THE BOARD TO BE FINALIZED AND THE GOALS FOR EARLY VOTING ARE MACE CHANGES AND FOR COMMUNITY MEETINGS, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE THE COUNCILOR'S SUPPORT.

I THINK THE YOU KNOW YOUR DISTRICTS AND YOU KNOW THE CITY IN WAYS WE MAY NOT NOW. SO WE'D LOVE THE BENEFIT OF YOUR ASSISTANCE.

>> THANK YOU COMMISSIONER. MY FINAL COMMENT IS RELATED TO THAT IS MYSELF AND COUNCILOR EDWARDS IS HERE BUT WE BOTH REPRESENT A LARGE SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY AS WELL SO WE WOULD WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE TRANSLATORS THAT ARE PRESENT AT SOME OF THESE, AT ALL THESE MEETINGS REALLY SO THAT'S ANOTHER REASON I WOULD LOVE TO BE INVOLVED AND INFORMED AND HELP ON THAT TYPE OF KRAUT REACH AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU COMMISSIONER.

>> THANK YOU.

CITY COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

I JUST HAVE MORE CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS JUST TO MAKE SURE I'M UNDERSTANDING THE GOAL OF THIS WHICH SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING THAT'S LAUDABLE.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE I'M UNDERSTANDING THAT THOUGH. IF THE I READ THE MAYOR'S LETTER CORRECTLY, IT'S REALLY JUST ASSURING THAT ON THE DAY, VOTING DAY, THE RECRUITING SUBPRECINCTS TO ALLOW FOR SHORTER LINES, AM I CORRECT.

>> CORRECT.

SHORTER LINES, ADDITIONAL MACHINES, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO ENABLE US TO BETTER MANAGE THE NUMBER OF VOTERS AT CERTAIN

LOCATIONS.

SO.

>> SO I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THAT.

WHY TONIGHT WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE SITTING NEXT TO EACH OTHER FOR PRE SENT FOUR AND THEN WARD ONE PRESIN FOUR NEXT DOOR TO THAT PERSON SO THERE'S TWO PEOPLE COLLECTING THOSE VOTES?

>> YOU COULD ONLY HAVE ONE VOTING MACHINE PERPRECINCT.

IF YOU HAVE A PRECINCT WITH 6,000 POTENTIAL VOTERS YOU ALL HAVE TO USE THE SAME MACHINE. IT WOULD BE A NIGHTMARE.

>> IT WOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE THEN HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU LINED UP AT THE DESKS I GUESS BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE TEE THEY ALL STILL HAVE BEEN FUNNELED DOWN TO THE SAME MACHINE.

>> CORRECT.

THERE ARE PARTS OF CITY WHERE WE DO HAVE A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF VOTERS IN THE PRECINCT BUT WE'RE ABLE TO SPLIT THE BOOKS AND HAVE ADDITIONAL STAFFING AND DO WHAT YOU SUGGEST WHERE WE HAVE MULTIPLE PEOPLE TO AID WITH THE CHECK-IN PROCESS BUT ULTIMATELY THOAT VOTERS ARE GOING TO BE TO THE SAME MACHINE.

>> A SECOND LINE THEN TO GO TO A SECOND MACHINE.

YOU MENTIONED THAT THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE, NOT NO DIFFERENCE BUT THAT WHEN I READ THIS DOCUMENT, THE ACTUAL PRECINCT, AGAIN I'M GOING TO GO TO WARD ONE, THAT'S WHAT I THINK OF EAST BOSTON.

I'M IN WARD ONE PRECINCT FOUR. SO THIS WOULD CREATE A PRECINCT FOUR A, PRECINCT FOUR B OR WHATEVER SUBDISTRICT YOU WANT. BUT ULTIMATELY WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO LOOKING AT A CHART LIKE THIS, WARD ONE PRECINCT FOUR I'M GOING TO SEE A TOTAL NUMBER HERE I'M NOT GOING TO SEE A AND B BROKEN DOWN ON THE TOTAL VOTES HERE.

>> THAT'S INCORRECT.

YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THE A AND B SEPARATED.

>> I WILL ON THIS.

>> YES.

ONCE THERE'S A NEW PROPOSAL TO SPLIT THEM, THEY ARE TECTALLY CLASSIFIED AS A OPERATE PRECINCT SEPARATE MACHINE SEPARATE TOTAL SEPARATE EVERYTHING.

>> WHY NOT JUST GIVE IT A SEPARATE NUMBER.

WHAT'S THE A AND B.

>> BECAUSE WE CAN'T PRECINCTS. THEY CAN ONLY BE CREATED DURING THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

>> OKAY.

>> THE REPRECINCTING PROCESSING EXCUSE ME.

>> WHICH IS 2023.

>> CORRECT.

>> FOLLOWING UP ON COUNCILOR FLYNN'S QUESTION IT SALES LIKE WE'RE PREPARING THEN TO CREATE THESE DIFFERENT PRECINCTS FOR 2023 BUT BY CALLING THEM A AND B RIGHT NOW UNDER THE SAME PRECINCT.

I'M OKAY WITH THAT I'M JUST MAKING SURE I'M CLEAR WHAT THE FUNCTION OF THIS IS.

IS THAT TRUE.

>> THAT'S TRUE.

WE'RE JUST CREATING A SUBPRECINCT.

IT'S GOING TO CLOG UP OUR LITTLE CHART A LITTLE BIT.

>> THAT'S OKAY.

>> IT'S FOR THE PURPOSE TO ALLEVIATE THE LINES AT A LOT OF THESE PRECINCTS TO MAKE A FLOW GO A LOT SMOOTHER.

>> AGAIN, THIS IS CLARIFICATION.

I APPRECIATE THE EDUCATION.

AGAIN I SUPPORT THIS BUT I WANT TO CLEAR WHEN YOU CREATE THESE SUB PRECINCTS OR ANY KIND OF MANIPULATION HOW DATA IS LISTED, IS THERE ANY CONCERN ABOUT CONCENTRATING VOTES IN PRESINCE.

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRESINCE WHICH IS OVERWHELMINGLY ONE TYPE OF PERSON OR VERY VERY POOR, VERY VERY RICH.

AND I DON'T KNOW.

I'M CONCERNED HOW WHEN YOU CUT LIES AND STUFF LIKE THAT, IS THERE ANY CONCERN OF EQUITY IMPACT.

MAYBE THERE ISN'T.

AT THE END OF THE DAY THE VOTES COME IN.

I CAN SAY THERE A CAMPAIGN PURPOSES iYOU'VE CONLATED A LOT OF VOKES CONS RATED IN ONE PRECINCT.

GUESS WHICH PRECINCT GETS A LOT OF CANDIDATES OFTEN TIMES -- WAS THERE ANY THOUGHT ABOUT THAT?

>> FOR THE CHANGES THAT WE'RE PROPOSING, THERE AREN'T A LOT OF CHANGES THAT VOTERS ARE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IN TERMS -- IN MANY CASES THEY'RE GOING TO BE GOING TO THE SAME POLLING PLACE BUT THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL MACHINE AND ADDITIONAL STAFF.

IN THE 6A1 -- THERE IS A DISTANCE ISSUE AND VOTERS HAVE RAISED CONCERNS THAT THEY THINK THAT IT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE TO TRAVEL AS FAR AS THEY DO TO VOTE.

>> SO THAT'S GREAT THAT YOU GUYS, BUT YOU'RE ON IT RIGHT AS I UNDERSTAND IT AND YOU'RE LOOKING AT THAT AND ANALYZING THAT.

JUST AGAIN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME WARD AND THE SAME PRECINCT BUT LET'S JUST SAY BY VIRTUE OF WHERE YOU LAW THE -- DRAW THE LINE YOU COULD DRAW THE LINE WHERE THE PATTERNS ARE, THESE A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SO YOU CAN LOOK AT PRE SINCE TWO PRECINCTS WHICH IS TWO TWO A LARGE DEVELOPMENT IN LEAGUE A CHUNK OF THAT.

IF YOU WERE TO CREATE ASK YOU'RE NOT PROPOSING, I WANT TO PUT THAT ON THE RECORD.

IF YOU WERE TO CREATE A LINE IN THAT TWO TWO AND CUT BETWEEN THE NAVY YARD AND THE DEVELOPMENT, UNFORTUNATELY RIGHT NOW THERE'S VERY LOW TURNOUT IN OFTEN CASES FROM THE DEVELOPMENT VERSUS SAY THE NAVY YARD WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT MORE AWE FLUENT FOLKS,

LITTLE BIT MORE SENIOR, THEY
TEND TO VOTE MORE.

MY CONCERN IS YOU CREATED THERE
ALREADY WAS A BARRIER, OTHER
ISSUES.

BUT NOW IN OUR PRECINCT THE WAY
WE BROKE IT DOWN, WHO AND WHAT
VOTES, AND I'M CONCERNED OR
ALLEVIATE MY CONCERNS BY SAYING
IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY
DRAWING THAT LINE THERE.

>> THESE SUBPRECINCTS IS NOT
CHANGING WHO YOU ARE VOTING FOR.
THEY ARE STILL VOTING FOR THE
STATEMENT REPRESENTATIVES, CITY
COUNCIL STATE REP SAME CENTER.
THEY ARE CREATING A SUBPRECINCT
TO ALLEVIATE THE LINES, WITH
ADDITIONAL MACHINES BUT IN
REALITY IT'S THE SAME BALLOT FOR
THAT WHOLE PRECINCT.

DOES THAT HELP?

>> YES, IT DOES HELP.

AGAIN THIS IS SOMETHING I DON'T
OPPOSE.

I'M REALLY TRYING TO GET
EDUCATED.

SO MY CONCERN IS THAT HOWEVER IF
YOU HAVE A PRECINCT THAT DOESN'T
PERFORM -- SUDDENLY LIKE UNITED
PRECINCT TWO LOOKS REALLY REALLY
STRONG ON PAPER.

PRECINCT TWO LOOKS REALLY REE
STRONG WAS WE HAVE A LOT OF
SENIORS AND A LOT OF FOCUSES
LIKE THAT.

WHEN YOU SEPARATE INTO A AND B
AND ALL YOUR POVERTY PEOPLE WITH
COLOR AND SO ON AND SO FORTH AND
PRECINCT A AND 2B IS THE OTHER
PART THEN PRECINCT 2A DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE A STRONG VOTER TURNOUT
PLACE, RIGHT.

AND MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING YOU
CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT BUT I'M
THINKING IN TERMS OF CAMPAIGN
AND OUTREACH IN TERMS OF
MOBILIZATION.

PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGNS MOVE TO WHERE
THE VOTE WILL COME OUT WHERE
IT'S WORTH YOUR TIME TO KNOCK ON
DOORS MAKE THOSE PHONE CALLS.
DID YOU LOOK, AM I PACKING
SENSE?

>> YES, YOU'RE MAKING SENSE AND THAT IS OUR CONCERN FOR THE LARGER CITY WIDE REVIEW AND THAT'S SOMETHING WE WANT TO BE COMPLETELY TRANSPARENT AND WE WANT TO GET AS MUCH INPUT AS POSSIBLE ON THAT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT UNSPEECHLY DOING ANYTHING -- UNSPEECHLY DOING ANYTHING THAT WOULD -- UNINTENTIONALLY DOING SIGNIFY ANYTHING THAT WOULD -- AS IT RELATES, SEPARATED FROM THE CURRENT PROPOSAL FOR SUB PRECINCTS, THE PRECINCT WE'RE PROPOSING DOESN'T DO ANY OF THAT.

>> YOU DON'T HAVE THE SAME KIND OF --

>> I JUST WANT TO TAKE THAT OFF THE TABLE.

>> I APPRECIATE THAT.

>> I AGREE WITH WITH A YOU'RE SAYING GOING FORWARD WE LOOK AT THE CITY, WE'RE LOOKING THE TO MAKE CHANGES AND WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT LAYERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T MISS AN ANGLE AND DO SOMETHING. AND THERE IS CRITERIA THAT'S ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE PRECINCTING GUIDELINES THAT I WOULD SAY THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW. NOT EVERY SINGLE CRITERIA BECAUSE I THINK WE SHOULD LEAVE OUR WARDS ALONE AND WE SHOULD THINK LONG AND HARD ABOUT THE CRITERIA OF HAVING NO MORE THAN 4,000 RESIDENTS OF ANY AGE IN A PRE CINCT AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER.

IT WOULD NOT WORK WELL FOR BOSTON BUT WE CAN COME UP WITH OBJECTIVE CRITERIA WE CAN ALL GET AGREEMENT ON AND THEN WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE CITY DEMOGRAPHICALLY.

IF WE MADE THESE CHANGES BASED ON WHAT WOULD BE GOOD BOUNDARIES ACCORDING TO THE STATE GUIDELINES AND WHAT ARE GOOD NUMBERS, DOES IT HAVE AN UNINTENDED IMPACT ON MINORITY -- I THINK IT WILL BE A PROCESS WHERE WE COULD BEGIN I WOULD SAY

THIS SUMMER TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT FOLKS CAN REP ACT TO THAT'S NOT SET IN STONE THAT WE COULD AS WE GET NEW DATA UPDATE OVER TIME TOWARDS HAVING SOMETHING READY FOR 2021 WHEN THE FINAL DATA COME OUT.

>> BECAUSE I'M ALSO THINKING YOU KNOW, WARD 14 EAST BOSTON, RIGHT, YOU HAVE A CONCENTRATION WITH ORION HEIGHTS AND THIS KIND OF CONCENTRATION YOU MIGHT FIND THAT KIND OF, I WOULD ENCOURAGE THAT PERSPECTIVE TO BE THINKING EVERY TIME WHERE THROUGHOUT BOSTON WHERE WE HAVE LARGE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN PRESINCE THAT MIGHT BE CUT OFF OR DIFFERENT AND BE TELL GRAPHICALLY DIFFERENT THAN SAY THE REST OF THE POPULATION AROUND THEM WHICH YOU CAN FIND IN LOT OF PLACES.

SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. I KNOW YOU JUST SHOWED YOU'RE ON THE BALL AND YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT AND I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME IS THERE ANYONE WILLING TO OFFER PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON DOCKET 0314 MAY DO SO NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR MEESE.

COME DOWN FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY. THAT WILL CONCLUDE THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY PORTION.

I KNOW COUNCILOR WU HAS SOME FINAL QUESTIONS AND WE'LL BRING IT OUT AS THE LEAD CO-SPONSOR. CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR MICHELLE WU.q/çs