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>> WE ARE HERE TODAY JOINED BY COLLEAGUES AND OTHER FOLKS. I ASSUME CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN WAS HERE FIRST FOLLOWED BY CITY COUNCILOR FRANK BREAKER FOLLOWED BY CITY COUNCILOR JOSH JAY KIM AND TIM MCCARTHY. I KNOW OTHERS WILL BE JOINING AS WELL.

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING DOCKETS.

DOCKET 0671 APPOINTMENT OF SAMMY AS A MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL LOBBYING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 3, 2022.

DOCKET 0672 OF STEPHANIE OF A LOBBYING COMMISSION EXPIRING JANUARY 23, 2022.

DOCKET 06 73 APPOINTMENT OF VIVIAN LEE AS A MEMBER OF THE LOBBYING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 23, 2022.

THESE MATTERS WARE SPONSORED BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE.

THE REFERENCE LAST YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL PASSED DOCKET 1148 AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY OF BOSTON CODE.

ORDINANCES REGARDING LOBBYISTS REGULATION AND REGISTRATION. THAT ORDINANCE REQUIRES NEW REGULATORY PRACTICES AIMED AT LOBBYING TRAGEDY PARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND DEFERRING TO 2-15.4 OF THE ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE COMMISSION COMPRISED OF FIVE COMMISSIONERS WHICH INCLUDE TWO AT LARGE AND ONE WHO IS AN ATTORNEY WITH EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC ETHICS LAW.

ALL OF WHOM ARE SELECTED BITE PARA LONG WITH OUR -- BY THE CITY LONG AND THEIR DESIGNEE OR COUNCIL DESIGNEE.

THE PURPOSE IS TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOBBYISTS REGULATIONS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL LAST YEAR.

TODAY JOINING US IS OUR CITY CLERK, CITY CLERK MAUREEN FEENEY ALONG WITH THE MAYORAL APPOINTEES.

THIS HEARING IS STREAMLINED ON BOSTON CITY COUNCIL TV AND BEING RECORDED ON AND BROADCAST ON COMCAST CHANNEL 8, RCN CHANNEL 82, VERIZON 1964 AND ALL HEARINGS ARE RECORDED.

THEY CAN BE VIEWED ON-LINE AS WELL.

UNLESS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY OPENING THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER, WE CAN KIND OF GET RIGHT INTO IT.

I KNOW COUNCILOR FEENEY FORMER COUNCILOR CLERK FEENEY HAS REALLY BEEN INUNDATED NOW WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE SO I WANT TO GET A PERSPECTIVE I GUESS AS TO WHAT'S WORKING, WHAT'S NOT WORKING.

WE OBVIOUSLY WANT TO ALLOW OUR CANDIDATES TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AS WELL.

AND IDENTIFY MOVING FORWARD IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT THE COMMITTEE NEEDS TO DO TO ADDRESS ANY OF THE CONCERNS THAT OUR CLERK WILL PUT FORTH IF ANY THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO TRY TO DO THAT AS WELL.

RIGHT THROW IT OVER TO THE CLERK FOR INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS AND WE'LL GET INTO THE CANDIDATES.

>> THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR.

I'M SO LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COMMISSION I THINK THIS IS REALLY GROUND BRAINING LEGISLATION FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

BUT I WOULD ALSO ADD TO THAT, THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT WITHOUT ITS CHALLENGES.

WE BEGAN THIS PROCESS THINKING THAT WE WOULD MIRROR THE PROCESS AT THE STATE LEVEL AND SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH REMINDING THEN SECRETARY OF STATE LOBBYING DIVISION LAURIE FLYNN WHO WAS CORPORATION COUNCIL.

IT WAS TREMENDOUSLY HELPFUL TO

US AND GUIDING US AS WE MOVED FORWARD TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING THAT'S DOCUMENTED, AND SO BASED ON THAT INFORMATION WE CREATED A DEDICATED E-MAIL WHERE IF ANYONE HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT REGISTERING OR HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LEGISLATION, THEY COULD FORWARD THE QUESTIONS.

SO WE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO JUST SORT OF LAY DOWN YOUR SYSTEM AND APPLY THIS ORDINANCE.

BUT IT'S TOO TOTALLY DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO LOBBYING REPORTING.

SO WHEN THIS WAS PASSED, IT WAS A SIX MONTH LEAD WAY.

WE BEGAN REGISTRATION APRIL 16, WHICH WAS THE SIX MONTH PERIOD HAD EXPIRED.

AND SO WE LITERALLY HAD TO START FROM SCRATCH, CREATE OUR OWN SYSTEM, OUR OWN FORMS, OUR OWN FILLABLE FORMS WORKING WITH I.T.

WHO HAS JUST BEEN EXTRAORDINARY BUT ALSO BECAUSE OUR DEPARTMENT HAS ADOPTED NOT JUST THE SYSTEM BUT SOMETHING CALLED HANSON WHICH GIVES YOU A HISTORY OF EVERYTHING THAT WE DO.

SO LIKE ALL OF OUR BUSINESS CERTIFICATES, EVERYTHING HAS A HISTORY WHEN THE LAST TIME THEY FILED.

SO WE FELT THAT THIS WAS IMPORTANT TO SORT OF MAKE SURE THAT ALL THOSE SYSTEMS THAT WE COULD CREATE A PROCESS THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO FIT INTO ALL THOSE SYSTEMS.

SO AS WE SPEAK RIGHT NOW, THE REST OF THE TEAM IS MEETING WITH THE IPS OR HANSON TEAM TO NOW THAT WE'VE CREATED THE FILLABLE FORMS, TO ACTUALLY SEE HOW WE CONNECT IT TO THE EXISTING SYSTEMS.

I CAN TELL YOU THAT AT THIS POINT, WE HAVE 362 PEOPLE WHO HAVE REGISTERED.

OF THEM ARE LOBBYISTS FROM OUR ENTITIES AND OTHERS ARE CLIENTS.

14 HAVE NOT PAID, SO WE HAVE 328 WHO HAVE ACTUALLY PAID AND ARE REGISTERED AND ARE WAITING TO BEGIN THE REPORTING PROCESS. MASSACHUSETTS HAS REPORTING TWICE A YEAR.

THIS PARTICULAR LEGISLATION REQUIRES REPORTING FOUR TIMES A YEAR, WHICH IS A HEAVY LIFT BECAUSE ALONG WITH JUST KEEPING UP WITH ALL THE REPORTING, WE HAVE NEW PEOPLE REGISTERING AT DIFFERENT TIMES DEPENDING UPON THE TOPICS THAT COME BEFORE THIS BODY ARE OR COME OUT OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

SO SOME OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT PAID ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE SACKING WAIVERS BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY HAVE WAIVER LANGUAGE FOR INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES THAT EXCLUSIVELY TAKE ON CLIENTS THAT ARE NOT FOR PROFIT.

OWE IN THE INTERIM, WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAN, IF YOU WILL, ON THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO GET SOME OF THE ANSWERS BECAUSE IT IS NOT THE ROLE OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO INTERPRET THIS LAW BUT RATHER TO IMPLEMENT THE PROCESSING. WE ARE AT THIS POINT, I WILL CONFESS TO YOU, WE ARE NOT READY, OUR PHONES ARE READY. WE CREATED ALL THE FORM WE HAD TO CREATE MANUALLY AND WE WORKED TO GET ALL FILLABLE FORMS SO INDIVIDUALS WILL BE ABLE TO DO THIS RIGHT ON-LINE.

BUT AS I SAID, WE ARE NOW GOING INTO THE NEXT PHASE IN CONNECTING THAT TO ALL THE SYSTEMS THAT EXIST NOW IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

SO WE'RE HOSPITALING THAT TODAY'S MEETING WILL BE A VERY SUCCESSFUL ONE BUT THE MOST NEEDED INFLUENCE TO THIS LEGISLATION ARE THE THREE AMAZING PEOPLE ARE SITTING RIGHT HERE BESIDE ME.

I'M HONORED TO BE IN THEIR COMPANY.

I KNOW THEY ARE ALL USED TO A

LOT OF WORK AND I COULD ASSURE YOU THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF WORK.

I WOULD JUST ADD THAT, YOU KNOW, AS WE KNOW THE MAYOR HAD FILED HOME RULE PETITION.

THE COUNCIL FILED AN ORDINANCE, I WOULD SAY TO THAT THANK GOD, BECAUSE IT IS AMENDABLE AND FIXABLE AS SO OFTEN IS THE CASE, WHAT LOOKS GOOD ON PAPER PRESENTED AS AN ORDINANCE WHEN IT'S IMPLEMENTED CAN HAVE SORT OF SURPRISES, SHALL WE SAY.

AND BECAUSE THERE'S NO THRESHOLD LANGUAGE HERE AND EVEN IN THE LANGUAGE FOR THE WAIVERS IS REALLY LEFT UP TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO GRANT THOSE WAIVERS. AND YOU KNOW OUR CONCERN IS THAT THERE BE EQUITY IN THEIR PROCESS.

WE HAVE A LOT OF NOT FOR PROFITS IN BOSTON AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IF WE START HANDING OUT THESE WAIVERS THAT IN FACT WE ARE DOING SO AS LARGE WRITTEN OR PRODUCE AS THE LAW MAY BE AMENDED.

BECAUSE I THINK THE ISSUE IS NOT JUST REGISTERING, IT'S ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT WORK AS LOBBYISTS FOR THOSE COMPANIES THAT THEY ONLY REPRESENT NOT-FOR-PROFIT.

SO THERE'S A LOT OF PAPERWORK TO ALL OF THIS AND I THINK NOW WE WILL HAVE THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS COMMISSION.

I KNOW THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS BROUGHT FORTH BY THE COUNCIL AND I JUST THINK IT WAS SUCH A CRITICAL COMPONENT TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS LANGUAGE.

SO I DON'T WANT TO TAKE UP ANY MORE OF YOUR TIME.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, I HAVE A MILLION ANSWERS BUT WE'RE JUST VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE COMMISSION COMING TOGETHER AND LOOKING FORWARD TO WORK WITH THEM.

>> I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND YOUR FEEDBACK.

FEEDBACK'S IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNCIL BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE.

WE NEED TO MAKE SOME AMENDMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS ON OUR SIDE.

THE ONLY QUESTION I HAVE HOW DO YOU SEE THE COMMISSION FUNCTIONING IN TERMS OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND MEETING FREQUENCY.

HAVE ANY OF THOSE IRKS BEEN DISCUSS -- ISSUES BEEN DISCUSSED.

>> INITIALLY I THOUGHT THE COMMISSION WOULD SERVE SORT OF THE FOURTH COMPONENT OF THE LEGISLATION.

AND CERTAINLY I DO THINK THAT WILL BE A MAJOR ROLE.

BUT AS WE KNOW, THE CITY OF BOSTON HAS A CAP OF \$300 FINES. SO THIS \$10,000 NUMBER THAT FLOATS AROUND A MAXIMUM OF \$10,000 AS WE KNOW HAD TO BE HOME RULE PETITIONED.

I KNOW IT HAD BEEN FORWARDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE ARE WE IN THAT PROCESS.

BUT AS THIS IS UNFOLDED, I THINK THAT I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO WORK AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE'VE RECEIVED BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE VAGUENESS OR WHEN YOU SIGN ON TO SOMETHING IT'S SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO INTERPRET WHAT THE INTENT WAS.

SO I THINK THE MAIN SORT OF TIGHTEN THE LANGUAGE A BIT AND I THINK THAT WILL REALLY HELP.

SO I'M HOPING THAT THAT WILL BE A ROLE OF THE COMMISSION ALSO.

>> ANY QUESTIONS, MADAM CLERK, FROM ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES? QUESTIONS OF THE CLERK.

>> I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE CLERK IF THAT'S OKAY.

>> I RECOGNIZE COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> GOOD MORNING, MADAM CLERK.

YOU HAD TALKED ABOUT WAIVERS, MONEY WAIVERS SO THEY DON'T NEED

TO PAY OR WAIVERS SO CERTAIN
INDIVIDUALS DON'T NEED TO
REGISTER.

>> NO IT'S WAIVERS SO THEY DON'T
PAY.

THEY WOULD WAIVE THE FEE.
WHAT THEY'RE SAYING IS IT'S A
NOT-FOR-PROFIT, THEY SHOULDN'T
HAVE TO PAY THE FEE.

AND THIS LEGISLATION IS NOT
ABOUT PEOPLE PAYING.
IT'S ABOUT TRANSPARENCY AND
OPENNESS AND ACCESS, PUBLIC
ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN WHO IS
DOING BUSINESS IN BOSTON AND WHO
IS WORKING WITH VARIOUS
DEPARTMENTS.

SO THE WAIVER ITSELF IS ONLY FOR
THE LOBBYIST, WELL LOBBYING
ENTITY BUT THEN THE LOBBYING
ENTITY REGISTERS.

THIS IS THE STEPS OF REPORTING
WE HAVE TO DO.

AND SO THE ENTITY, THE LOBBYIST
DOESN'T REPORT MONEY, IT REPORTS
ISSUES AND SCIENCE.

THE ENTITY IS REALLY THE ONE
THAT WILL BE MOST IMPACTED BY
THIS BECAUSE MANY OF THESE
COMPANIES AND STRATEGIES LET'S
JUST SAY.

I CAN'T IMAGINE THE LOBBYISTS
THEY HAVE WORKING.

OBVIOUSLY THEY WOULD NOT BE A
NOT-FOR-PROFIT BUT THEY WILL,
EACH ONE OF THOSE LOBBYISTS HAVE
TO REGISTER SEPARATELY.

SO EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE THE
ENTITY, EACH ENTITY HAS TO HAVE
THE INDIVIDUAL LOBBYISTS
REGISTER.

THIS IS GOING TO BE A HEAVY LIFT
BUT IT'S THE WAIVER IS STRICTLY
FOR --

>> WOULD THAT WAIVER TRICKLE, IF
THERE ARE VIOLATIONS, WOULD THAT
WAIVER TRICKLE DOWN SO THEY'RE
NOT PAYING FOR VIOLATION ALSO.
IF SOMEONE GETS A WAIVER.

>> RIGHT.

SO HERE'S THE THING.
THE ISSUES ARE GOING TO CHANGE
QUARTER TO QUARTER.
SOME THINGS MAY BE, YOU KNOW,

FOR THE WHOLE YEAR BUT VERY OFTEN, CITY HALL TENDS TO MOVE A LITTLE OR A FASTER PACE IN TERMS OF YOU KNOW, WE GET LEGISLATION, HAVE HEARINGS, DO WHAT THEY'RE DOING AND THEN PASS IT.

AT THE HOUSE YOU HAVE HE PEOPLE REPORTING, THEY MAY REPORT FOR A YEAR, YEAR AND-A-HALF BECAUSE THEY TEND TO HAVE THE TWO-YEAR BUDGET.

IT'S A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT SYSTEM.

SO EACH REPORTING PERIOD, IT COULD BE DIFFERENT.

THEY HAVE DIFFERENT CLIENTS. THAT CLIENT MAY NOT BE ENOUGH PROFIT.

THEREFORE THEY WOULDN'T BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE WAIVER.

SO WHEN I SAY THIS IS A HEAVY LIFT, IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY HEAVY LIFT FROM MY DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE IS GIVEN A WAIVER THAT SHOULDN'T GET IT AND WHEN, YOU KNOW, WHILE OTHER PEOPLE ARE PAYING BUT ALSO THEY HAVE TO CHANGE QUARTER TO QUARTER TO QUARTER.

>> SO WILL THE VIOLATIONS BE WAIVED ALSO.

>> NO.

THE VIOLATIONS, I DON'T BELIEVE VIOLATIONS CAN BE WAIVED. IT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE COMMISSION.

>> AND YOU LOOK AT THE THRESHOLD LANGUAGE.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW BY THRESHOLD LANGUAGE.

>> SO IN THE STATE THE LANGUAGE SAYS IF YOU LOBBY AND WHAT IS IT UNDER 2500 DOLLARS AND 2000 HOURS OR SOMETHING, I'M SORRY, I SHOULD KNOW THAT.

>> THE AMOUNT OF WORK AND PAYMENT.

>> YES.

SO THAT DOESN'T COUNT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO REPORT THAT BECAUSE THEY HAD THOSE THRESHOLDS.

THERE IS NO THRESHOLD LANGUAGE

HERE.
SO YOU HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH
SOMEONE.
SOME OF QUESTIONS ARE REALLY
INTERESTING.
ONE COMPANY, THEY DON'T LOBBY
THE CITY BUT THEY WORK IT'S
ACTUALLY A CAMBRIDGE COMPANY AND
THEY WORK WITH THE CITY.
ONCE SOMETHING'S APPROVED TO
WORK ON THE PROCESS.
WE DON'T LOBBY THAT DEPARTMENT.
IT'S JUST WE GET RETAINED TO
WORK THE PROCESS.
THAT'S WHAT WE DO AND THOSE ARE
THE SERVICES THEY RENDER.
BUT IT'S AFTER A PROJECT HAS
BEEN APPROVED AND FUNDED.
IT'S A LITTLE COMPLICATED
BECAUSE THERE ARE NO THRESHOLDS
HERE.
ANY CONVERSATION COULD BE VIEWED
AS --
>> SO IT'S SOMEONE ISN'T A
LOBBYIST, ISN'T A LAWYER, WANTS
TO HELP THEIR NEIGHBORS THROUGH
THE PROCESS OF AN ADDITION, THEY
NEED TO HIRE, THEY NEED TO
BECOME A LOBBYIST AND DISCLOSE
MEETINGS.
>> I PERSONALLY DISAGREE WITH
THAT BUT THAT'S PRETTY MUCH WHAT
IT IS.
>> YOU MAY MEET TO SAY
EVERYTHING'S GREAT MAUREEN AND
IF YOU DO I'M FINE WITH THAT.
AS FAR AS IMPLEMENTING
OPERATIONS, WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR
STAFF, WHAT DO YOU SEE AS YOUR
STAFFING NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD
ON THIS?
BECAUSE ALL THE WAY DOWN TO AN
ADDITION IS GOING TO NEED TO
REGISTER.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE FLOODED.
IF EVERYTHING'S PERFECT IT'S
PERFECT.
BUT IF YOU THOUGHT OF MAYBE
NEEDING, WHAT WOULD YOUR NEEDS
BE.
>> SO BECAUSE EVERYTHING IN OUR
OFFICE IS STATUTORILY CREATED,
AS YOU KNOW, ALONG WITH
PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATES AND

PARTSHIPS ALL CLAIMS GET FILED WITH US.
TRUSTS GET FILED WITH US.
WE ALSO DO PUBLIC NOTICES.
NOW ON ANY GIVEN ESPECIALLY BUDGET SEASON YOU COULD HAVE I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PUBLIC NOTICES THAT GET AMENDED -- YOU CAN CHANGE THE AGENDA.
SO OUR PROBLEM IS EVERYTHING IS TIME SENSITIVE.
EVERYTHING, LIKE ALL OF OUR MAIL COMES IN, GETS PROCESSED THE SAME DAY.
ONCE WE PUT THAT SCAN THAT IT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE, IT GOODS PROCESSED.
SO SOMEONE AT SOME POINT SAID OH, I THINK I NEED AN ATTORNEY. I DON'T THINK WE NEED AN ATTORNEY, I THINK THE COMMISSION WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT THERE.
THE LAW DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN VERY GRACIOUS TRYING TO ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE.
WHAT I WOULD HOPE TO SEE IS JUST SOMEONE THAT COULD HANDLE SOME OF THE FRONT OFFICE STUFF BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE THE FRONT COUNTER, WHICH IS BUSY.
WE JUST DON'T EVEN SCHEDULE BECAUSE WE JUST HAVE SO MUCH WORK.
EVERYTHING HAS TO BE DONE WITHIN THAT TIME FRAME.
SO IF I COULD POSSIBLY HAVE JUST AN INDIVIDUAL, YOU KNOW, NOT, I DON'T NEED SOMEONE THAT WOULD BE SUCH A HIGH PRICE TAG BUT IF I COULD HAVE SOMEONE THAT COULD HELP A LITTLE BIT WITH THE PAPERWORK, THAT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL BECAUSE WHEN WE MET WITH THE STATE, THEY WERE VERY ADAMANT, THEY SAID IN OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS BECAUSE IT'S A LAW, THEY DON'T ALWAYS REALLY REVIEW THEM AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE.
AND WHAT BOTH MARIE AND LAURIE SAID TO US, THIS IS NEW LEGISLATION FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU REVIEW THE LOBBYISTS, THE ENTITY AND THE CLIENT.

ARE THEY ALL REPORTING THE SAME AMOUNT.

ARE THEY ALL.

SO THERE IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF PAPER, EVEN THOUGH WITH ELECTRONIC, THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF WORK IN TERMS OF TRYING --

>> THERE'S NO PLACE IN THIS ORDINANCE THAT TALKS ABOUT OPERATIONS AND WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST US.

>> ONE OF THE THING THAT WE DID DO, WE UPGRADED TWO INDIVIDUALS IN OUR DEPARTMENT TO TAKE THIS ON BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DEAL WITH LEGISLATION.

SO IT WAS SORT OF LIKE A NATURAL FIT BUT THEY ALSO LEAD PEOPLE TO THE PUBLIC NOTICES.

ALL THESE THING THAT HAPPEN.

SO YOU KNOW, THEY ARE UP TO THE TASK AND WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO TRAIN THEM AS WE GO ALONG.

AND OF COURSE WE'RE VERY VERY ANXIOUS ABOUT THE JULY 20TH DATE BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN THE REPORTING BEGINS.

SO WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK BECAUSE ONCE THIS GETS APPROVED, WE STILL HAVE TO GO BACK AND TEST THE SYSTEM ON-LINE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT REALLY IS A SELLABLE AND DOABLE.

>> AM I STILL OKAY, MR. CHAIR?

SO WITH THE NON-PROFITS OR MAYBE THE ADVOCACY GROUPS, WHETHER IT'S, WHATEVER THE ADVOCACY GROUP IS, AND THEY HAVE PAID ADVOCATES, PEOPLE THAT HAVE PAID ON STAFF THAT ARE ORGANIZING AND FILLING ROOMS UP WITH PEOPLE. DO THOSE PAID PEOPLE HAVE TO REGISTER?

>> WELL, I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS BUT IT'S PAID OR NON-PAID.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE COMPENSATED FOR LOBBYING.

IF YOU ARE -- SO THAT IS THE OTHER PIECE OF THIS.

SO IT'S NOT A CASE OF, YOU KNOW,

I PAY HER A CERTAIN AMOUNT.
IT'S WHETHER YOU ARE PAID OR NOT
PAID.

THAT'S WHY THIS COMMISSION
WORKING I THINK WITH CORPORATION
COUNSEL IS REALLY GOING TO HELP
US TO GIVE THIS A BETTER SHAKE
BECAUSE AT THIS POINT, EVERYONE
THAT WORKS INTO THIS BUILDING
WOULD HAVE TO REGISTER.

YOU WOULD READ THIS LOOSELY.
I KNOW THAT'S NOT THE INTENT.
BUT I DO THINK WE'VE HAD A LOT
OF PUSH BACK AND I KNOW I'M
SPENDING SO MUCH TIME I FEEL
GUILTY BUT WE'VE HAD A LOT OF
PUSH BACK FROM ATTORNEYS WHO
REPRESENT PEOPLE AT THE BOARD OF
APPEALS.

IT'S A PUBLICLY NOTICED MEETING
WHICH IT SPEAK TO IN THIS
LANGUAGE.

IT'S A PUBLICLY NOTICED MEETING
WHERE DECISIONS ARE MADE IN
PUBLIC.

SHOULD THEIR ATTORNEYS, DID THEY
HAVE TO REGISTER AS LOBBY US.
WELL, IT GOES ON TO SAY IF
THERE'S A PRIVATE MEETING
INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS, YOU
DO.

SO AND I KNOW THIS IS A HUGE
ISSUE FOR YOU, COUNCILOR
CHAIRMAN.

>> LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION AS
AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, IN A TIME
OF MAYBE OVER ZEALOUS
PROSECUTORS, WHAT DO I DO, WHAT
SHOULD I BE LOOKING AT TO
PROTECT MYSELF.

SHOULD I JUST STOP MEETING WITH
PEOPLE.

THEY ARE COMING IN ON A BIG
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO
BE, NO, I DON'T MEET, THAT'S
PROBABLY THE BEST THING TO DO,
JUST STOP MEETING WITH PEOPLE.

SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN AS AN
ELECTED JUST KEEP MEETING WITH
PEOPLE OR GIVE THEM THE VANILLA
VERSION OF ANYTHING, DON'T GIVE
THEM ANYTHING STRAIGHT?

I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WITH A

THIS MEANS.

>> OFFICE WOULD NEED TO CONFIRM
IF THEY ARE REGISTERED LOBBYISTS
THEN YOU'RE COVERED.

YOUR JOB IS TO CARRY OUT THE
BUSINESS OF THE CITY.

YOU DON'T HAVE THIS INDIVIDUALLY
THIS BE THE OFFICE OF FRANK
BAKER YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE
CLERK'S OFFICE OR I BELIEVE
THERE'S A SYSTEM YOU HAVE ACCESS
TO JUST TO CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE
REGISTERED LOBBYISTS.

>> SO FIRST QUESTION, YOU MEET
SOMEONE ON THE SIDEWALK THEY ARE
LOOKING TO DO SOME SORT OF
PROPOSAL, ARE YOU A REGISTERED
LOBBYIST.

WE NEED TO ASK THAT FIRST,
PROBABLY.

>> I DON'T KNOW IF YOU NEED TO
ASK THAT.

IF IT'S SOMETHING LIKE YOUR
NEIGHBOR WANTS TO EXPAND THE
SIDEWALK, I HAVE NOT MEMORIZED
THE LEGISLATION YET.

BUT I BELIEVE THAT THESE ARE THE
QUESTIONS THAT WHEN YOU ARE
SPEAKING EARLIER BEFORE THE
MEETING STARTED THAT THERE WERE
A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE STILL
NEED TO KIND OF PULL OUT OF THE
LEGISLATION AND MAKE CLEAR AND
WE'LL DO THAT WITH REGULATIONS.
JUST SO THAT SOME OF THESE

QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE AND EVEN
I HAVE WITH WHAT MADAM CLERK IS
SAYING IT'S CLEAR WE HAVE SOME
WORK TO DO AND LUCKILY WE HAVE
SOMEONE WHO USED TO WORK IN THE
KROARKS DEPARTMENT TO HELP US.
BUT I DO THINK WE HAVE SOME WORK
TO DO AND I THINK ALL THE
QUESTIONS THAT YOU'RE ASKING ARE
ACTUALLY APPROPRIATE.

I DON'T LOBBY AT ALL BUT THERE
ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL CALL ME AND
JUST ASK ME WHO DO I TALK TO IF
I NEED TO GET THIS DONE.

>> IS AT THAT TIME LOBBYING.
THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET
AT.

>> IN THE EXAMPLE THAT SOMEONE
GAVE ME THAT THEY WERE SAYING

THAT THEY CAME IN AND TOLD ME
ABOUT AN EXPANSION OF A
FACILITY.

SO THEY WEREN'T LOBBYING, THEY
ALREADY WERE IN THE PROCESS,
THEY JUST WANTED IT TO BE REAL.
DO I LOBBY BECAUSE I HAPPEN TO
WORK WITH THAT ENTITY AND I WANT
TO KEEP THE PARA PRIZED WHAT WAS
GOING ON.

>> THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS IN MY
OFFICE.

PEOPLE WANT TO KEEP ME INFORMED,
HEY I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SEE
THIS BUT THIS IS OUR
PRESENTATION.

THAT'S A LOBBYING EXERCISE I
WOULD GUESS.

>> SO THAT'S BEEN MY, I THINK
THE DIFFICULT PART FOR ME AND
I'M HOPING THERE'S AN ANSWER, IS
WHAT IS INFORMING AND WHAT IS
LOBBYING.

AND I THINK THAT WHEN I TALKED
ABOUT HAVING MORE PARAMETERS, I
THINK THAT'S WHERE THIS
LANGUAGE, IF WE CAN JUST TIGHTEN
IT UP A BIT SO IT'S A LITTLE
CLEARER BECAUSE THAT'S YOUR JOB.
YOU GO TO CHURCH WITHOUT PEOPLE
COMING.

>> IS THE PRIEST A LOBBYISTS IF
HE'S ASKING ME TO HELP?
WHERE DOES IT END.

IN THRESHOLDS LIKE IF SOMEONE'S
COMING IN AND THEY HAVE A
BILLION DOLLAR PROGRAM
ABSOLUTELY WANT TO KNOW EXACTLY
BUT I THINK THIS IS A LITTLE BIT
FEEL GOOD AND ABOUT HEADLINES
AND GOOD GOVERNMENT BUT THAT'S A
WHOLE OTHER SIDETRACK.

CAN WE TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT,
AM I STILL OKAY MR. CHAIR?

CAN WE TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
THE ROLE OF THE BOARD.

YOU GUYS HAVE TO KIND OF BUILD
THIS FROM THE GROUND UP.

WHAT DO YOU SEE IN ANYBODY THAT
WANTS TO ANSWER.

>> THAT'S PROBABLY A GOOD SEGUE
TO INTRODUCE THE CANDIDATES
INSTEAD OF DOING IT DOCKET BY
DOCKET WE'LL JUST TAKE ALL THREE

CANDIDATES TOGETHER AND CONTINUE TO HAVE A FLUID CONVERSATION. MADAM CLERK REMEMBERS THAT WE HAD THE DILEMMA WE HAD WE'RE FAISD WITH EITHER A HOME RULE PETITION AND/OR A ORDINANCE. THE HOME RULE PETITION WORKS IF THE STATE HOUSE DIDN'T NECESSARILY APPLY HOW WE DO BUSINESS HERE IN THE CITY. HOWEVER THE INFRASTRUCTURE THE COMPLIANCE THE REGULATIONS WERE ALL IN PLACE. SO IT WASN'T NECESSARILY A PLUG AND PLAY WE DECIDED TO DO AN ORDINANCE WE FELT WAS MORE GERMANE TO THE CITY OF BOSTON. HOWEVER WE DIDN'T HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE THE HISTORY OR REGULATION PIECE OF IT. THAT'S PROBABLY WHERE WE'RE ALL STRUGGLING. SIX OF ONE HALF A DOZEN OF ANOTHER. WE MAY WANT TO LET GO THE HOME PETITION RULE BECAUSE THERE'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRY TO TWEAK IT. MADAM CLERK SAYS IT'S NOT AMENABLE SO WE ARE IN THIS PRIOR TO YOU FOLKS BEING APPOINTED AS COMMISSIONERS WE WERE SORT OF IN THIS CONUNDRUM AS A COUNCIL TO FOLLOW OUR LEAD EVEN THOUGH THOSE REGULATIONS BIG PIECES DIDN'T NECESSARILY APPLY TO HELP BUSINESSES CONDUCT. HERE AT CITY HALL, BRA, ETCETERA, VERSUS CREATING SOMETHING THAT WE THOUGHT WOULD BE MARY CONSISTENT WITH HOW WE DO BUSINESS BUT NOT HAVING SO THE BACK OFFICE SUPPORT IF YOU WILL. SO SORT OF HERE WE ARE TODAY WHICH IS HELPFUL OBVIOUSLY THAT THE CLERK IS STARTING TO SEE THINGS AND YOU THREE FOLKS WILL IN YOUR CAPACITY WILL ASSIST IN THAT EFFORT TO GIVE US SOME OF THAT FEEDBACK AND THE TOOLS THAT AND THE RESOURCES THAT WE NEED TO MAYBE MAKE SOME AMENDMENTS WHICH IS TO THE POINT THAT

COUNCILOR BAKER IS MAKING.
SO I'LL SPEAK FOR MYSELF.
AWE JUSTLY KNOWING ALL THREE OF
YOU PERSONALLY, YOUR COMMITMENT
TO THE CITY HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS.
KNOWING YOU PAUL IN BOTH A
PERSON AND PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY
AND ALL VERY WELL SUITED TO
SEVEN IN THIS CAPACITY ON BEHALF
OF THE MAYOR AND ON BEHALF OF
THIS IN NEW RULE OF THE
ORDINANCE.

I'M SATISFIED BASED ON THE
RESUMES THAT ARE HERE MY
COLLEAGUES WILL BE HERE TO ASK
VERY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.
THE QUESTION RIGHT OUT OF THE
GATE COUNCILOR BAKER MENTIONED
SORT OF I GUESS HOW DO YOU,
WHAT'S YOUR UNDERSTANDING I
GUESS OF THE ROLE OF THE
COMMISSION, HOW DO YOU INTEND TO
SORT OF CARRY THAT FUNCTION OUT.
I ALSO KNOW ONE SET ASIDE ARE
FOR THE ATTORNEY WITH THE
EXPERIENCE AND PUBLIC ETHICS
LAW, I KNOW I'M STARING TWO OUT
OF THREE OF YOU ARE ATTORNEYS,
BOTH STEPHANIE AND SAMMY.
IS ANYONE SORT OF CARRYING THAT
WITH THE PUBLIC ETHICS LAW
EXPERIENCE?

>> I'M HAPPY TO.

I ASSUME, I DON'T KNOW IF
STEPHANIE'S BACKGROUND.
WHILE WITH THE BOSTON LAW
DEPARTMENT I DID OVER ALL THREE
YEARS COUNSEL ALL THE CITY'S
DEPARTMENT HEAD, STAFF AND ALSO
THE MEMBERS OF SEVERAL BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS ON THEIR
OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS AND
PROHIBITIONS UNDER CHAPTER 268A.

>> I'M ASSUMING THAT'S GOING TO
BE YOU.

I KNOW STEPHANIE HAS A PRETTY
EXTENSIVE LEGAL BACKGROUND AS
WELL.

>> YES.

I'VE DONE MORE ON BOTH LIKE A
CANDIDATE SIDE AS WELL AS I'VE
WORKED IN ARIZONA STATE FOR 12
YEARS SO I'VE HAD TO DO A LOT OF
THIS TRAINING, WORKING AND MY

FIRST JOB WITH THE STATE WAS AT [INDISCERNIBLE] AND THE ATTORNEY I WORK FOR ENDED UP BEING THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSIONER SO WE DID A LOT OF WORK WHEN SHE WAS AT MASS -- I'M DEFINITELY AWARE OF WHAT THEY ARE AND THE CHALLENGES TO THEM AND WHAT 9 STATES REQUIRE YOU TO KNOW THEM.

>> THIS COMMISSION WILL BE THE CASE OF FIRST IMPRESSION IS THE VERY FIRST ONE FORMED SO I GUESS THE DUTIES, THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS WILL SORT OF BE LEFT TO THE COMMISSION AND TO THE CLERK. SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY INITIAL THOUGHTS AS TO HOW YOU GUYS SORT OF PERCEIVE IT COMING TO LIFE FOR SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

>> I JUST QUICKLY WANT TO SAY, YOU ASKED A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION COURTROOM BAKER WHICH IS WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE ROLE OF THE COMMISSION.

FIRST AND FOREMOST I WANT TO ECHO WHAT CLERK FEENEY SAID. ONCE THIS IS UP AND RUNNING, EVEN A PRIMARY ROLE OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE.

BUT I THINK THERE'S REALLY AN IMPORTANT TASK BEFORE THAT WHICH IS RULE MAKING.

I THINK PROBABLY MANY IMMEDIATELY WHAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD START WITH WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH CLERK FEENEY AND THEN ALSO ANY MEMBERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND THE COMMISSION IS TO CREATE PROMULGATE AND THEN OBVIOUSLY GET PUBLIC COMMENT ON RULES THAT INTERPRET THIS ORDINANCE.

I THINK THING THAT NEED TO BE COVERED, THERE CERTAINLY NEEDS TO BE CLARIFICATION ON SOME OF THE ISSUES YOU RAISE COUNCILOR BAKER WHAT FALLS UNDER LOBBYING ACTIVITY T I DON'T KNOW THAT I READ THE ORDINANCE TO SAY THAT ANY COMMUNICATION TO AN EFFECTED

OFFICIAL TRIGGERS LOBBYING BUT THAT WILL REQUIRE SOME CLARIFICATION FROM THE LOBBYING COMMISSION.

I THINK THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A PROCESS DEVELOPED FOR WHAT DOES THE INVESTIGATION I'M FORCEMENT LOOK LIKE MAKING SURE TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-PROFITS LOBBYING ENTITIES AS LOBBYISTS AND CLIENTS TO MAKE THEIR ARGUMENTS BEFORE THE CITY TAKES ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

AND THEN FINALLY WHAT DOES ENFORCEMENT LOOK LIKE.

YOU GUYS KNOW BETTER THAN I TO. MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT IS VERY TOUGH.

UNFORTUNATELY UNDER OUR SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, UNLESS THE STATE GIVES THE CITY OF BOSTON THE AUTHORITY TO FIND DIRECTLY, ENFORCEMENT ESPECIALLY A FINE COLLECTION IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE CITY.

I ENTHUSE PART OF THE PROMMAL BASIC OF CORRECTIONS WILL REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO THINK CREATIVELY AND ESTABLISH A LINE OF COMMUNICATION PROBABLY WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT AND THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO MAKE SURE THERE'S EFFECTIVE AND IMMEDIATE ENFORCEMENT OF THE COMMISSION. WE CAN ACTUALLY COLLECT FINALS OR TAKE ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION THAT THE ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR.

AND THEN CERTAINLY AFTER THAT, I THINK THE COMMISSION CAN BE VERY EFFECTIVE WORKING WITH THE CLERK'S OFFICE AGAIN EDUCATING PEOPLE.

WHAT THE REGULATIONS ARE AND WHAT THE ORDINANCE SAYS.

SO I THINK IF I WERE TO COMUR SUMMARIZE WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE COMMISSION THIS IS MY OPINION.

I THINK IT'S RULE MAKING, EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

>> STEPHANIE, ANY THOUGHTS.

>> MY BIGGEST PART FOR MEESE THE

EDGE STATION.

THERE ARE SO MANY QUESTIONS,
HAVING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION
THAT WOULD ALEVE ATE SOME OF THE
PRESS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE.
COUNCILOR BAKER WAS TALKING
ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS
ENOUGH SUPPORT.

I THINK WITH A WE DO OUR JOB
EFFECTIVELY WE CAN ELIMINATE
SOME ON THE CALLS THAT THE
CLERK'S OFFICE MAY RECEIVE.
HELPING TO CREATE A PROCESS THAT
WORKS REALLY WELL AND STREAMLINE
SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT'S
COMING INTO THE SCWHRURK'S
OFFICE THAT COULD BE ANSWERED
OTHER PLACES.

I KNOW THERE'S AN APPLICATION
STARTED JUST LOOKING AT THAT.
I DO AGREE THAT WE ARE ABOUT
EDUCATION, THE RULES AND THE
ENFORCEMENT.

AND I THINK THE BIGGEST WAY THAT
WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT THE
ENFORCEMENT PIECE IS NOT THE
BIGGEST STAR WE HAVE IS MAKING
SURE THAT THE EDUCATION PIECE IS
ACTUALLY A PRIORITY.

IF WE'RE DOING ANY REGULATIONS
THAT WE MAKE SURE THOSE
REGULATIONS ACTUALLY HAVE SOME
EDUCATION IN THEM SO THAT PEOPLE
ARE NOT ASKING YOUR OFFICE OR
THE CLERK'S OFFICE OR ANY OF US
QUESTIONS THAT YOU KNOW THE
ANSWER TO REALLY QUICKLY BUT WE
SHOULD HAVE ACTUALLY SPELLED
THEM OUT A LITTLE MORE FOR
REGULATIONS AND THE PEOPLE AND
QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT
THE SIDEWALK, ARE YOU ASKING ME
OR INFORMING ME.

I THINK THOSE ARE THE FREQUENTLY
ASKED QUESTIONS, HOW DO YOU TELL
WHICH IS WHICH.

A LOT OF THESE ARE GOING TO BE
HARD AND AS AN ATTORNEY OF
COURSE WE CAN TALK IN BIG TERMS
BUT YOU WANT A LAYPERSON TO BE
ABLE TO LOOK AT THIS AND SAY I
ASKED THE QUESTION I WAS GIVING
INFORMATION.

I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO DO

ANYTHING ELSE AND REALLY
FIGURING OUT WHERE THEY FALL AND
WHETHER THEY SHOULD REGISTERER
NOT.

FOR ME I THINK MY BIG PUSH IS
GOING TO BE AN EDUCATION PIECE
SO THAT THE ENFORCEMENT MEESE
WON'T BE EVERY DAY FOR THE
COMMISSION.

>> VIVIAN, ANY THOUGHTS.

>> AS A NON-ATTORNEY, IS IT OKAY
IF I READ A STATEMENT.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO BE BEFORE YOU TODAY.

THE LOBBYISTS REGISTRATION AND
REGULATION ORDINANCE IS AN
IMPORTANT MEASURE IN ENSURING
CONTINUED GOOD GOVERNMENT AND
GREATER TRANSPARENCY AND
LOBBYISTS ACTIVITIES ON THE
LOCAL LEVEL.

I'M HONORED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR
THE LOBBYING COMPLIANCE
COMMISSION WHEN WILL PROMMAL
GATE REGULATIONS FOR THE
ORDINANCE AS WELL AS HELP TO
ENSURE COMPLIANCE.

I WILL APPROPRIATE THE IMPORTANT
WORK OF THE COMMISSION FROM TWO
PERSPECT.

AS SOMEONE AS PART OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES BUT ALSO
SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN SUBJECTED
TO PUBLIC DIS CLOSURE
REGULATIONS.

THIS IS THE MUNICIPAL LOBBYING
COMPLIANCE COMMISSION AND OVER
THE YEARS I HAVE SERVED IN
DIFFERENT CAPACITY IN FIRST TIME
HE WAS.

I WORKED FOR 15 YEARS AT THE
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE PRESIDENT'S
DEG KNEE ON MASTER DEVELOPMENTS,
GROUND FEEL ADVISORY GROUP
INCLUDING OINS ITS INCEPTION.

ABOUT A 15-YEAR PERIOD WE HELPED
TO SET UP THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS THROUGHOUT
THE COMMONWEALTH AND MADE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE FAIR
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AS WELL AS
THE RECONTIZATION OF THE FUNDED
SELL.

I SERVED AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO

THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION OF PUBLIC HELPED WHO DEVELOPED FIRST REGULATIONS IN THE COUNTRY WHICH PRODUCTS LIKE APPLE JUICES.

YOUNGER CHILDREN CONSUME A LARGE AMOUNT OF APPLE PRODUCTS AND THE PESTICIDE LEVELS COMES INTO THEIR BODY BECAUSE OF THEIR SMALL SIZE.

THE STANDARD WHICH WE THE STAFF RECOMMENDED AND SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED BY THE STATE'S PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL BECAME THE NATIONAL STANDARD THAT THE COMPANIES FOLLOWED. I MYSELF HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO REPORTING REGULATIONS IN THE INTEREST OF TRANSPARENCY.

AS A MEMBER OF GOVERNOR MICHAEL DUKAKIS' SENIOR STAFF, I WAS REQUIRED TO FILE DETAILED ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT STOCKS, MORTGAGES, LOANS, REAL ESTATE AND SIMILAR INFORMATION.

AS A BOARD MEMBER OF EASTERN BANK I HAD TO FILE ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION. NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF BUT ALSO MY ADULT CHILDREN WHO AT THE TIME WERE IN COLLEGE.

BETWEEN 2015 AND 2018, I HEADED UP A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN PITTSBURGH.

I WAS SUBJECTED TO DETAILED FILING REQUIREMENTS WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA. WHEN ONE OF MY STAFF PERSONS LEFT TO TAKE ANOTHER JOB IN 2017, AN ATTORNEY RECOMMENDED I REGISTER AS OUR ORGANIZATION'S MUNICIPAL LOBBYISTS SO I REGISTERED FOR A FIVE MONTH PERIOD BEFORE I RETURNED IN MAY 2018 TO BOSTON TO BE WITH FAMILY IN DECLINING HEALTH.

AS AN ASIDE I WANT TO MENTION IN PITTSBURGH, MUNICIPAL LOBBYISTS PAY AN ANNUAL FEE OF A HUNDRED DOLLARS AND SURPRISINGLY DO NOT HAVE TO FILE ANY TYPE OF ANNUAL REPORT.

IN CONTRAST TO THE PITTSBURGH

EXPERIENCE, I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU SOMETHING WHICH I VOLUNTARILY INITIATED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION STARTING MORE THAN 15 CAREERS AGO.

ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO I WOULD SAY AT THE START OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL HEARING A MEETING COULD HAVE MORE THAN ONE HEARING, SOMETIMES AS MANY AS EIGHT OR TEN, I WOULD ALWAYS SAY FOR THE RECORD X, Y AND Z COMPANY IS A PAYING MEMBER OF MY EMPLOYER OF THE BOSTON HARBOR ASSOCIATION.

I THINK THAT PRO CONTINUES TODAY ON THE COMMISSION LEVEL AND ITEMS VOLUNTEER BUT IT'S SOMETHING WE DO BASICALLY FOR TRANSPARENCY.

LET ME CONCLUDE BY SAYING WHY I'M A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR THE PUBLIC INTERESTS, I THINK I'M ALSO REGARDED AS BEING VERY FAIR.

I SAID THAT HAVING BEEN APPOINTED BY THREE DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS FOR THE BROWNSVILLE ADVISORY GROUP, SERVING ON THREE GUBERNATORIAL TRANSITION COMMITTEES INCLUDING THAT OF TWO REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS AND BEING APPOINTED TO THE BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION BY TWO MAYORS.

THANK YOU.

>> VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS?

COUNCILOR FLYNN, ANY COMMENTS.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR FLAHERTYMENT FIRST I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO CLERK FEENEY FOR HER EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE AND THE COMMISSION IS IN GREAT HANDS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CLERK FEENEY.

I HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THE THREE RESUMES BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THAN THAT I HAVE THE CHANCE OAF MANY YEARS TO INTERACT WITH THE THREE NOMINEES

AND THEIR VERY COMMITTED TO THE CITY OF BOSTON, DEDICATED TO THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON, GREAT KNOWLEDGE CASES, BACKGROUNDS, WORK EXPERIENCE.

SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THIS HAD WHEN IT CAN COMES UP, MR. CHAIRMAN.

I KNOW THE CITY, THE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON HAVE THREE EXCELLENT LEADERS THAT WILL SOON JOIN THE COMMISSION.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM, ANY COMMENTS AT THIS TIME?

COUNCILOR BAKER ANY FOLLOW UP?

COUNCILOR WU AS JOINED.

COUNCILOR WU ANY COPS AT THIS TIME.

>> GOOD MORNING, GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE.

I'M SORRY I MISSED THE EARLIER COMMENTS.

I ACTUALLY KNOW THE THREE OF YOUR BACKGROUNDS VERY WELL AND HAVE KNOWN YOU IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES.

THANK YOU MADAM CLERK FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU ARE PUTTING INMENT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET YOU MORE SUPPORT EVEN TO DO THAT WORK.

I GUESS MY ONE QUESTION WAS AROUND INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER CITY OR MUNICIPAL ENTITIES.

FOR EXAMPLE I KNOW WE WERE JUST HAVING A SIMILAR CONVERSATION -- COULD YOU SPECIFY, ARE YOU SITTING OR NOMINATED FOR ANY OTHER BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS AT THE CITY RIGHT NOW?

>> I ARE SEVEN RIGHT NOW ON THE BOSTON EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION.

>> THE ONLY OTHER ONE IS BIF WHICH WE HAD A HEARING ON A COUPLE WEEKS AGO.

>> I'M NOT ON ANY AT THE MOMENT.

>> I GUESS IT'S A QUESTION I'M TRYING TO THINK THROUGH OF YOU ALL ARE SO TALENTED AND I BEGAN HAVE WORKED WITH YOU AND RELIED ON SAMMY FOR LEGAL ADVICE WHEN

YOU WERE IN THE BUILDING SO IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU AS INDIVIDUALS BUT I'M JUST, AND AGAIN I'M NOT SAYING I HAVE A POSITION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER BUT THINKING ABOUT THE LOBBYING COMMISSION AS A PLACE THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE TOTALLY INSULATED FROM THE OTHER BUSINESSES OF THE CITY AND WHETHER IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE THE KIND OF TIES TO EVEN OTHER COMMISSIONS.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE THOUGHTS ON THAT.

I'M JUST TRYING TO FLIRT THROUGH THAT AS I SEE YOU HERE TODAY ABOUT YOUR ROLE AS BEING KIND OF THE ARBITER OF WHAT QUALIFIES OR NOT AND IF YOU WOULD BE IN TRACK WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO WORK WITH BIFA OR THE EMPLOYMENT COMMISSIONER.

>> FOR THE EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION, IT'S THE DEPARTMENT'S ALREADY ON THE WAY. I DON'T HAVE ANY SAY THAT'S SOMETHING DONE THROUGH THE BRA SO THERE'S NO LOBBYING HAPPENS WITH ME.

THE COMPANIES COME IN AND THEY REPORT ON THEIR GOALS THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ATTAINING. SO THERE'S NO SPECIAL TREATMENT THAT THEY ARE ASKING ME FORMENT I'M JUST MAKING SURE THAT THE CONTRACT THEY SIGNED UP FOR THAT THEY'RE FOLLOWING.

I DON'T SEE IT AS T I'M NOT HELPING TO CREATE ANYTHING DIFFERENT A LOT OF THAT WORK IS DONE AT THE FRONT IN THE BRA OFFICE AND WE'RE MORE OF THE ENFORCEMENT.

I DON'T SEE IT AS A CONFLICT AT ALL MAINLY BECAUSE I'M NOT DEALING WITH THE ENTITIES WHO ARE TRYING TO PUT AN RSP IN THERE WAITING TO SEE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.

THE BRA HAS SAY ON MY COMMISSION.

MY COMMISSION STRICTLY IS REALLY AN ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.

>> SO FIRST AND FOREMOST I WILL

DEFER TO THE COUNCIL ON THE
APPROPRIATENESS OF WHETHER
ANYONE INCLUDING MYSELF SHOULD
SEVEN ON MORE THAN ONE
COMMISSION ESPECIALLY WHERE YOU
WANT THE MUNICIPAL LOBBYING
COMMISSION TO IF YOU CANNION
INDEPENDENT -- TO FUNCTION
INDEPENDENTLY.

I'LL SERVE WHEREVER YOU WANT ME
TO SERVE.

WHAT WOULD I DO IF A SCENARIO
CAME UP.

NUMBER ONE, I UNDERSTAND AND
I'VE NOT YET BEEN SWORN INTO THE
BOSTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
FINANCING AUTHORITY.

BUT ONCE IF THAT HAPPENS, AND
ONCE THAT HAPPENS MY
UNDERSTANDING THE WAY IT
FUNCTIONS IS TYPICALLY
INTERACTIONS WITH ENTITIES THAT
ARE SEEKING FINANCING THROUGH
THE CONDUIT ENTITY BIFA A LOT OF
THOSE INTERACTIONS ARE DONE AT
THE STAFF LEVEL WITH NIERKSON
AND VARIOUS FOLKS THAT WORK WITH
HIM.

THE RULE OF THE BOARD IS
OBVIOUSLY APPROVE ANY
TRANSACTIONS THAT ARE PRESENTED
BY STAFF.

AND SO I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE
WILL BE DAY TO DAY INNER
ACTIONS.

THAT BEING SAID AND I DIFFICULT
STATED IN FRONT -- I DID, I
STATED IN FRONT OF THE COUNCIL
ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO DO
AS A MEMBER OF BIFA IS INCREASE
OUR REACH.

THAT MAY INVOLVE ME SPEAKING
DIRECTLY TO INTEATS THAT COULD
BENEFIT FROM THE LOW COST
FINANCING OF BIFA.

IF THERE EVER WAS A CASE OF
ACTUAL CONFLICT OR EVEN THE
APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT I WOULD A
HUNDRED PERCENT ADVERTISE CLOSE
THAT IN WRITING AND RECUSE MY
SCEF FROM MY ENFORCEMENT
DECISIONS ON THE LOBBYING
COMMISSION.

>> I'M JUST TRYING TO WRAP MY

HEAD AROUND.

I THINK WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT IT'S PROBABLY LESS OF AN ISSUE AROUND THE EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION BUT POTENTIALLY FOR BIFA AND AGAIN NOT YOU BUT ANYONE WHO IS ON BIDFA COULD BE THEMSELVES SUBJECT TO THE LOBBYING ORDINANCE, RIGHT, BECAUSE THE LOBBYING ORDINANCE COVERS OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

IF SOMEONE IS APPROACHING YOU FOR SOMETHING AND YOU'RE THE SUBJECT OF THE LOBBYING ORDINANCE IN TRYING TO DECIDE OF COURSE IT WOULD BE CASE BY CASE THE DISCLOSURE AND RECUSAL BUT JUST IN GENERAL LIKE I CAN HAVE A CONVERSATION DOES THAT MAKE SENSE AND WHAT CASES DOES THAT MAKE SENSE.

AGAIN I HAVEN'T SETTLED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER ON IT EITHER.

>> TO ADD TO THAT YOU BRING UP A PARTICULAR SITUATION WHICH I THINK IS A GOOD EXAMPLE.

NUMBER%.

FROM HOLDING ANY EXPART EXPAR TEE COMMUNICATION WITH ANY APPLICANTS I BIDFA NEEDS A SEPARATE POLICY OR THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THE OVERLAP IS BETWEEN THE LOBBYING COMMISSION AND OTHERS.

AGAIN, IF THERE IS ANYONE THAT I KNOW COULD SORT OUT WHEN TO RECUSE, BECAUSE YOU HELPED ADVISE ME ON THIS STUFF IN THIS ROLE, BUT IT IS A PERCEPTION OF IF THE LOBBYING COMMISSION IS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE AS THIS ENTITY, HOW ARE WE REALLY MAKING SURE THAT EVERYONE, EITHER WHO DOESN'T KNOW SAMMY AN HIS CHARACTER AND HIS SKILLS, KIND OF HAS IT AS A BASE LINE TOO.

>> COUNCILLOR VEGA.

>> ONE MORE WE CAN THINK ABOUT. I HAVE FOUR 11 YEAR OLD GIRLS LOBBYING ME FOR THE PLASTIC BAN BAG.

DO WE CHARGE THEM \$300 EACH, LOBBYING ME HARD ON THE PLASTIC BAG BAN, THAT IS LEGISLATION.

I DON'T KNOW, WHERE DOES IT END?
THANK YOU.

>> I THINK THAT IS WHAT OUR JOB
IS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS
AN END.

THANK YOU.

>> ONE OF THE THINGS WE WERE
TALKING ABOUT WHEN TALKING ABOUT
THE ORDINANCING, SOME OF OUR
NONPROFIT DOINGS PHENOMENAL WORK
IN THE CITY, THEY ARE GREAT
PARTNERS FOR US. BUT THEY ARE
PRETTY ADEPT AND STRATEGIC IN
THEIR LOBBYING EFFORTS.

AND RECEIVE GRANT MONEY AND
FUNDS FROM A WHOLE MYRIAD OF
DIFFERENT AREAS.

BUT THEY ALSO, YOU KNOW, HAVE
BEEN KNOWN TO PUT THE HARD SELL
ON AND WE SAW THIS COUNCIL WHRRK
IT WAS THROUGH THE AIRBNB ISSUE
WHERE THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS
HAD-- WERE LOADED UP WITH
LOBBYISTS AND OBVIOUSLY AREA
RESIDENTS CAME IN, THE COUNCIL
SIDED WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE
CITY OVER THE SORT OF
HIGH-POWERED, HIRED GUNS, VERY
SIMILAR TO THE PIPELINE ISSUE
OVER IN WEST ROXBURY WHERE THE
UTILITY COMPANIES COME IN
HIGH-POWERED AND RARING TO GO.
THIS COUNCIL STOOD WITH THE
NEIGHBORS.

>> BUT BOTH OF THOSE EFFORTS
WERE HUGE ON BEHALF OF THE
COMMUNITY BUT ALSO THE
NONPROFITS.

SO WHO ARGUABLY WOULD I GUESS
GET A WAIVER, POTENTIALLY OR SO
WE WANT TO BE REALLY CAUTIOUS OF
THAT, YOU KNOW, A A LOT OF OUR
GROUPS AND ORGANIZES HERE IN
BOSTON AGAIN DOING GREAT WORK
BUT THEY COME HERE PRETTY
REGULARLY AND THEY HAVE AN
AGENDA.

AND THEY HAVE ITEMS ON THEIR
LIST. AND THEY HAVE PEOPLE THAT
THEY THEED TO SEE AND THERE ARE
VOTES THAT COME FORWARD THAT
PERTAIN TO INITIATIVES AND
LEGISLATION THAT THEY ARE
PUSHING.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS WAS ALL ENCOMPASSING, THAT WE WERE CATCHING THEM AS WELL AS ALSO CATCHING THE HIGH-POWERED LOBBYISTS THAT ARE OUT THERE AS WELL.

SO FOOD FOR THOUGHT, WHEN YOU ARE SORT OF TAKING A LOOK AT APPLICANTS WHO ARE PROPONENTS, THAT NONPROFITS PARTICULARLY IN BOSTON ARE PRETTY SAVVY AND SKILLED AT WHAT THEY DO.

AND THEY ARE NOT BASHFUL ABOUT COMING DOWN HERE AND KNOCKING ON DOORS, MAKING PHONE CALLS, AS THEY SHOULD, ADVOCATING FOR THEIR POSITION, ADVOCATING FOR THEIR CLIENT AND OR THEIR CLIENTEL OF FOLKS THAT THEY ARE SERVING.

THAT THEY ARE AN EQUAL PARTNER IN THIS DISCUSSION AS WELL.

ANY FINAL THOUGHTS ON THE THREE CANDIDATES.

SO OBVIOUSLY WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO PUTTING A COMMITTEE REPORTED TOGETHER.

WE'LL TAKE INTO K, OBVIOUSLY THE COUNCILLOR WU'S ISSUE THAT SHE HAD ADDRESSED AND AGAIN, THE RESUMES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, AS DO YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR CITY AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE, THAT IS A BIG PIECE OF THIS.

THANK YOU FOR PUTTING YOURSELVES OUT THERE AND FOR BEING WILLING TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY.

THIS IS A PRETTY IMPORTANT, AGAIN, CASE OF FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GET OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT AND WHETHER IF IS THROUGH AS SAM HAD STATED 9 NEED TO SORT OF CREATE SOME OF THESE THINGS AND TO CLOSE SOME OF THOSE GRAY AREAS AND LOOPHOLES, WILL BE THE CHALLENGEMENT AND THEN AS YOU GET SOME TIME AT THIS, AS COMMISSIONERS, THEN BRING THEIR FEEDBACK TO US.

BECAUSE THERE IS A BIG GAP BETWEEN THE THEORY IN PRACTICE, KSH-- STARTING TO SEE THINGS IN

FRONT OF HER.

RIGHT NOW WE'RE REGISTERING
QUARTERLY, DOES THAT MAKE SENSE,
SHOULD IT BE BY ANNUALLY,
ANNUALLY, SHOULD IT CONTINUE TO
BE QUARTERLY.

THOSE ARE THINGS WE NEED TO
CONTINUE TO DO TO MAKE SURE
WE'RE GETTING THE INFORMATION,
THAT ST AN OPEN AND TRANSPARENT
PROCESS, IT IS NOT OVERLY
BURDENSOME OR ONEROUS OR COSTLY
FOR FOLKS AND TO ADDRESS
COUNCILLOR BAKER'S CONCERNS AS
TO THAT ORDINARY CITIZEN OR
GROUP OR ORGANIZATION THAT IS
STOPPING YOU AT AN EVENT OR
WANTS TO TELL BUT THEIR PROPOSAL
OR PROGRAM OR IF THEY MAY HAVE
SOMETHING BEFORE THE CITY IN
SOME CAPACITY THAT LIKES TO BE
HEARD ON IT AND YOU KNOW, WHAT
CAN AND CAN'T WE DO.

WE WANT, YOU HAVE TO HELP US
WITH ALL OF THOSE DETAILS.

IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER, ANY
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR
SUGGESTIONS, COUNSEL ILLER WU.

>> THROUGH YOU, I WANT TO PUT ON
THE RECORD THAT THE DORCHESTER
GIRL SCOUTS WOULD BE EXEMPTED
FOR THE ORDNANCE BECAUSE THERE
IS AN EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEERS
AFFILIATED WITH NONPROFITS.

>> VERY GOOD, THANK YOU.

VERY GOOD.

AND COUNCILLOR, ANY.

>> VERY GOOD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
TIME AND ATTENTION, MADAME
CLERK, SAMMY, STEPHANIE, EVERETT
AND VIVIAN LEE WITH RESPECT TO
DOCK ET 0671-0672 AND 0673 WHICH
IS ITS, THEY ARE THE
APPOINTMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE
MUNICIPAL LOBBYING COMMISSION
FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY
3-RDZ OF 2022.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS ADJOURNED, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.