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[ROLL CALL]

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK, I'M
TOTALLY OPEN.

I'VE BEEN INFORMED BY THE CLERK
THAT THERE IS A QUORUM PRESENT.
AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO
ASK ALL COUNCILORS AND GUESTS TO
PLEASE RISE.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL MEMBERS
AND GUESTS REMAIN STANDING AS
COUNCILOR EDWARDS LEADS US IN
RECITING THE PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE.

IT IS MY HONOR TO INTRODUCE
FATHER TOM CONWAY ORIGINALLY
FROM LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK,
BEFORE BECOMING A FRIAR.

HE WORKED AS A NEW YORK STATE
AUDITOR.

AFTER VOLUNTEERING AT
ST. FRANCIS AT THE PROVINCE'S
SOUP KITCHEN IN PHILADELPHIA HE
DECIDED TO ANSWER THE CALL FOR
RELIGIOUS LIFE.

HE JOINED THE ORDER OF FRIARS
MINOR IN 1988 AND WAS ORDAINED
IN 2005.

IN ADDITION TO A MASTER'S DEGREE
IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, HE HOLDS
A DOCTORATE IN ACCOUNTING FROM
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.

FATHER THOMAS SERVED IN A
VARIETY OF MINISTRIES.

IN 2013 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO
ST. ANTHONY'S SHRINE SO IT IS
WITH MY HONOR THAT I GOT TO
INTRODUCE FATHER TOM.

>> THANKS FOR INVITING ME AND
HAVING ME HERE.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE
SHRINE IS KNOWN FOR IS BEING
CATHOLIC, BUT I HOPE THAT ONE OF
THE THINGS THAT WE'RE ALSO KNOWN
FOR IS BEING WELCOMING TO ALL
DIFFERENT KINDS OF PEOPLE AND
PERHAPS THIS TIME OF YEAR IT'S

MORE IMPORTANT THANçó EVER JUST TO
BE AWARE THAT NOT EVERYONE
THINKS THE WAY YOU DO, THE WAY I
DO.

OTHER PEOPLE HAVE LOTS OF
DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES AND I
THINK MAYBE THE MOST BOLD AND
QUICKEST WAY THAT WE TRY TO BE
OPEN TO OTHER FOLKS AT THE
SHRINE IS WE'RE A CATHOLIC
CHURCH AND WE HAVE AN LGBT
MINISTRY AND WE HAVE FOLKS THAT
SPEAK ALL DIFFERENT KINDS OF
LANGUAGES AMONG THE FRIARS AND
THE STAFF.

JAPANESE, KOREAN, MANDARIN,
CANTONESE, SPANISH, ITALIAN.
PEOPLE COME IN AND THEY NEED
DIFFERENT THINGS AND WE TRY TO
BE OPEN TO THEM.

WE HAVE THESE GREAT BIG BANNERS
OF WELCOME.

SO I THINK AT THIS TIME OF YEAR
ESPECIALLY, IT'S GOOD TO BE
AWARE THAT WE NEED TO BE OPEN TO
OTHER FOLKS, FOLKS ARE GOING TO
COME THROUGH THE DOOR, OUR DOORS
AND JUST TO BE OPEN TO ALL THE
DIFFERENT POSSIBILITIES OF WHERE
PEOPLE ARE IN THEIR LIVES,
WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THEM.
I'M REALLY GRATEFUL TO BE IN
THIS CITY.

I'VE BEEN HERE FIVE YEARS NOW.
IT IS AN INCREDIBLE CITY.

WE GET 1 MILLION VISITORS AT THE
SHRINE.

BIG PERCENTAGE OF THE PEOPLE
WALKING THROUGH THE DOOR ARE
FROM OUT OF TOWN AND YOU FOLKS
HAVE SET THE TONE AS A WELCOMING
CITY, A PLACE WHERE DIFFERENT
KINDS OF FOLKS ARE WELCOME AND
WE SKI THAT VERY MUCH DOWNTOWN.

SO IT'S IN A SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE
REALLY THAT I'M HERE, THAT WE
PRAY FOR YOUR WORK TODAY, IN
THANKSGIVING FOR THE GOODNESS,
FOR YOUR WELCOMING AS A COUNCIL,
AS A CITY, TO BRING PEOPLE
TOGETHER, TO BE OPEN TO OTHER
PERSPECTIVES, BLESSINGS ON YOUR
WORK TODAY.

BLESSINGS ON YOUR FAMILIES, ALL

GOOD THINGS.

AMEN.

>> I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE
FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR
WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATIONO%
UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH
LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

>> THANK YOU, FATHER TOM IF YOUR
WORDS AND ALSO THANK YOU,
COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

MADAM CLERK, PLEASE AMEND THE
ATTENDANCE REPORT TO INCLUDE
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

ADAM CLERK.

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

SEEING AND HEARING NO
OBJECTIONS, THE MEETINGS ARE SO
APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS.

>> MR. PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU LIKE
ME TO READ DOCKET NUMBER 172
THROUGH 175?

>> YES.

DOCKET NUMBER 172, NOTICE
RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF THE
APPOINTMENT OF -- AS CHIEF OF
THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER
10th, 2018.

DOCKET NUMBER 1783, NOTICE
REGARDING FROM COUNCILOR JANEY
REGARDING HER ABSENCE FROM THE
DECEMBER 12th MEETING OF 2018
CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

DOCKET NUMBER 1784,
COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM
COUNCILOR AT LARGE PRESSLEY
SUBMITTING A REPORT ON THE 2017
EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE
POLICY BRIEFING SERIES.

AND DOCKET NUMBER 1785, NOTICE
RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE
ORDINANCES OF 1979 REGARDING
ACTION TAKEN BY THE MAYOR AND
PAPERS ACTED UPON BY THE CITY
COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 28th, 2018.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM.

DOCKETS 1782-85 WILL BE PLACED

ON FILE.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1538, MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXTEND AN AMOUNT OF \$200,000 IN THE FORM OF A COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT. THE GRANTS WILL FUND ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SULLIVAN SQUARE SLASH --

[INAUDIBLE]

IN CHARLESTOWN.

>> MADAM CLERK.

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR WU.

YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

[INAUDIBLE, OFF MICROPHONE]

>> -- FROM THE COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND COMING THROUGH THE MASS GAMING COMMISSION AND AGAIN, USING THESE DOLLARS TO HELP OFFSET THE CITY'S PORTION IN FUNDING COSTS FOR THE AREA. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT REMINDED US THAT THE CITY HAS SECURED FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT AND CAN BASICALLY USE 80% -- HAVE A 20% OBLIGATION TO PAY FOR DESIGN.

THIS \$200,000 WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO A PREVIOUS \$250,000 TO OFFSET THE CITY'S 20% OF THE DESIGN COSTS AND THE DESIGNS ARE NOW APPROACHING 75% COMPLETION. SO WE HAD A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON THE PROGRESS AND WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS GOT IN BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR SO THE CITY CAN CONTINUE WORKING ON TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE MUCH-NEEDED IN THAT AREA OF THE CITY AND CITYWIDE SO I WOULD RECOMMEND PASSAGE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THIS GRANT DOCKET 1538.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

AT THIS TIME COUNCILOR WU CHAIR
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING
DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION
SEEKS ACCEPTANCE OF THE
COMMITTEE REPORT AND PASSAGE OF
DOCKET.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE, THE
AYES HAVE IT THE DOCKET HAS BEEN
PASSED.

MADAM CLERK AT THIS POINT I
WOULD LIKE TO GO BACK AND
RECOGNIZE COUNCILOR PRESSLEY
WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON A
PREVIOUS DOCKET.

ANY -- ANY OBJECTIONS?
SEEING NONE, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY
YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> OKAY, THANK YOU.

[INAUDIBLE]

>> I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT IS.
BUT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THE
MAYOR TODAY DOES THAT MEAN I'M
IN CHARGE?

THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW.

[LAUGHTER]

>> OH, MY GOODNESS.

WELL, THANK YOU, ACTING
PRESIDENT.

THANK YOU.

I MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE THE
PREVIOUS REPORT ON EARLY
EDUCATION AND CARE DOCKET NUMBER
1784.

I JUST WANTED TO ACCOMMODATE
SOME MINOR EDITS AND FORMAT
CHANGES THAT YOU WILL EACH FIND
IN FRONT OF YOU.

FIRST, I JUST WANT TO THANK
COUNCILOR WU, WHEN SHE WAS THE
PRESIDENT OF THE BODY, SHE DID A
SERIES OF TRANSPORTATION
BRIEFINGS WHICH INFORMED HER
ADVOCACY AND POLICY PROPOSALS
AND SUGGESTS THAT WE DO A
SIMILAR FORMAT AROUND THE ISSUE
OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE.
THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT -- THIS IS
CRITICAL FOR THE STABILIZATION
OF OUR FAMILIES, THE GROWTH AND
DEVELOPMENT OF OUR WORKFORCE AND
OUR ECONOMY AND EACH OF THE
WOMEN COUNCILORS AT THE TIME
BEFORE TWO MORE JOINED US HAD
BEEN FOCUSED ON A SPECIFIC AREA

OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE.
SO WE HAD A SERIES OF -- OF
BRIEFINGS AND HEARINGS IN
COMMUNITY WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN
THE PRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT OF
POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS.

I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE PARTNERSHIP
AND THE THOUGHTFUL WORK OF MY
COLLEAGUES, COUNCILOR WU,
COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, HAPPY
BIRTHDAY; COUNCILOR CAMPBELL,
AND JUST THE OPPORTUNITY TO
SPOTLIGHT THE NEED FOR EXPANDED
ACCESS TO EARLY EDUCATION AND
CARE IN BOSTON TO REDUCE REDUCE
DISPARITIES.

THIS IS AN ISSUE OF CONSEQUENCE
TO MANY FAMILIES AND EDUCATORS
ACROSS THE CITY.

EVERY WORKING FAMILY IN BOSTON
NEED ACCESS TO QUALITY
AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE IN ORDER TO
MAINTAIN THEIR CAREERS AND TO
MAKE GREATER IMPACTS IN THEIR
FIELDS.

I DO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR
YOUR INDULGENCE BECAUSE I AM
GOING TO SPEAK FOR A MINUTE.
THIS IS MY FINAL MEETING AND I
WANT THESE MATTERS TO BE
OFFICIALLY A PART OF THE RECORD
FOR TODAY.

AS THE COUNCIL THAT IS LOOKING
TO CHANGE POLICY AROUND EARLY
LEARNING, WE NEED TO CONSIDER
THE DIFFERENT ACCESS POINTS AND
BARRIERS FOR FAMILIES OF ALL
MODELS AND ALL KINDS.

THIS REPORT WILL SERVE AS A
STARTING POINT TO SOLVE THESE
MAJOR CHALLENGES IN EARLY
EDUCATION.

WE KNOW EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE
ARE CRITICAL VEHICLES FOR SOCIAL
MOBILITY, TO A FAMILY'S ABILITY
TO ACCESS AND MAINTAIN STEADY
EMPLOYMENT, FURTHER THEIR
EDUCATION AND TO SEEK OUT THE
NECESSARY TRAINING THAT LEADS TO
GOOD JOBS AND TO ENSURE THAT WE
DO NOT OVERLOOK OR IGNORE THE
NEEDS OF THE PROVIDERS, THE
OPERATORS AND EDUCATORS IN THE
EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE

INDUSTRY.

THIS REPORT AND ITS
CORRESPONDING RECOMMENDATION ARE
THE CULMINATION OF OUR WORK
TOGETHER, OF OUR ACTIVELY
LISTENING, AND AS I'VE DONE WITH
EVERY HEARING, EVERY REPORT AND
EVERY MAJOR POLICY DECISION, WE
CENTERED THE VOICES OF THOSE
MOST IMPACTED BY THE ISSUE.

DURING A SERIES OF POLICY
BRIEFINGS AT MY COMMITTEE ON
HEALTHY WOMEN, WE HEARD FROM
FAMILIES, FROM CAREGIVERS, FROM
RESEARCHERS ON A RANGE OF ISSUES
FROM GEOGRAPHIC INEQUITIES, COST
BARRIERS AND PAY DISCREPANCIES
IN THE EARLY EDUCATION FIELD.
BECAUSE OF WHAT WE HEARD, THESE
RECOMMENDATIONS CALLED FOR EARLY
LEARNING TO CONTINUE TO BE MADE
A CITYWIDE PRIORITY,
PARTICULARLY IN OUR PUSH TO
ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL PRE-K AND TO
GUARANTEE SEATS FOR EVERY CHILD
UNDER THE AGE OF 5.

WE HAVE CALLED FOR REVIEW AND
UPDATE TO CITYWIDE ZONING
REGULATIONS SO THAT MORE
FAMILY-BASED CHILDCARE PROVIDERS
CAN HAVE ACCESS TO THE SPACE AND
THE CERTIFICATION THEY NEED TO
PROVIDE CARE.

THIS WORK REQUIRES COMMITTED
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MUNICIPAL,
STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO
SECURE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THIS
INDUSTRY.

I WILL REMAIN A DEDICATED AND
ACTIVE LEADER ON THIS ISSUE WHEN
I GET TO WASHINGTON AND I WILL
LEAN IN ON THIS MATTER TO ENSURE
THAT WE GET THE INVESTMENTS WE
NEED.

WE NEED AN EXPANSION OF
AROUND-THE-CLOCK CARE TO MEET
THE NEEDS OF PARENTS WORKING
NON-TRADITIONAL, NON-STANDARD
HOURS, WHO ARE FURTHERING THEIR
EDUCATION AND FOR FAMILIES
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO
NEED ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION
AND CHILDCARE OPTIONS THAT ARE
IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE

SHELTERS.

AND AMONG OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
WE CALL FOR INCREASED
INVESTMENTS IN PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO
SUPPORT PROVIDERS AS WELL AS
PARAPROFESSIONALS.

IT IS MY GOAL THAT THIS REPORT
WILL SERVE AS A BLUEPRINT FOR
THE CITY AND A STARTING POINT
FOR OUR COLLECTIVE WORK TO
ADDRESS CHALLENGES FACING OUR
EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE SYSTEM.
WHEN WE INVEST IN OUR CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES, WE CAN IMPROVE OUR
ECONOMY AND BE ONE STEP CLOSER
TO CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP
AND CREATING BETTER HEALTH AND
LIFE OUTCOMES THAT IMPACT THE
LIVES OF EVERY CHILD IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON.

AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
INDULGENCE FOR A LONGER
STATEMENT.

THERE WILL BE MANY MORE OF THEM
THIS MEETING, I APOLOGIZE IN
ADVANCE, AND AGAIN, I THANK YOU.
ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR
PARTNERSHIP.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY.

AND THAT WILL REMAIN ON FILE,
CORRECT.

AT THIS POINT, MADAM CHAIR WE
ALSO NEED TO GO BACK TO DOCKET
NUMBER 1784 -- 83, SORRY.

>> COUNCILOR KIM JANEY BOSTON
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7,
DECEMBER 12th, 2018.

DEAR MADAM CLERK DUE TO TRAVEL
WITH COLLEAGUES FOR A LEARNING
JOURNEY IN ISRAEL, I AM UNABLE
TO ATTEND TODAY'S CITY COUNCIL
MEETING.

SINCE THIS IS THE LAST MEETING
OF THE YEAR I WANT TO AGAIN TAKE
A MOMENT TO EXPRESS MY DEEP
GRATITUDE TO COUNCILOR PRESSLEY,
SOON TO BE CONGRESSWOMAN
PRESSLEY FOR HER FRIENDSHIP AND
SUPPORT DURING MY FIRST YEAR ON
COUNCIL.

AS THE FIRST WOMAN OF COLOR ON
THIS BODY, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY

HAS MADE SPACE FOR THOSE WHO ARE OFTEN EXCLUDED AND HAS LIFTED UP THE VOICES THOF EASY WHO HAVE BEEN UNHEARD FOR FAR TOO LONG. WHILE I WILL MISS HER ON THE COUNCIL, I WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS IN WASHINGTON.

AND I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AS SHE CONTINUES TO SERVE HER COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WISH MY GRANDSON A HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND BLESSED BIRTHDAY.

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER INTO THE RECORD.

SINCERELY, KIM JANEY.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR GOOD FRIEND TITO JACKSON.

COUNCILOR JACKSON THANK YOU FOR COMING.

DOCKET 1539.

MADAM CLERK?

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

DOCKET NUMBER 1539.

MESSAGE AND ORDER FOR THE --
[READING ITEM]

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR WU, CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

THIS IS THE OTHER DOCKET THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER, TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT WE CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION.

AT OUR HEARING WE HEARD FROM HIM DIRECTLY ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND AND HIS INTEREST IN THE ROLE.

HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS ON THE COMMUNITY SIDE.

HE HAS WORKED FORMALLY IN THE FIELD WITH PRESERVATION

MASSACHUSETTS, WITH HISTORIC BOSTON, AND PARTICULARLY

OVERSEEING VARIOUS SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN DORCHESTER AND

THEREFORE, HAD A SEAT AT THE TABLE ALREADY.

WE ALSO HEARD FROM DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE, WHO IS IN THE

CHAMBER WITH US TODAY ABOUT HOW MUCH IT WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO HAVE THIS ROLE FILLED, THAT THIS HAS BEEN A VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION FOR A WHILE AND THAT THIS WOULD GIVE THE CHAIR THE ABILITY TO TAKE BREAKS DURING MEETINGS AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE REACHING A QUORUM EVERY TIME.

WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE BIGGER PICTURE, TOO, THAT THE COMMISSION AND NOT NECESSARILY DIRECTLY FROM HER WORDS, BUT I'M NOW EDITORIALIZING A LITTLE BIT, THAT THE COMMISSION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEEDS MORE RESOURCES IN THE CITY BECAUSE THERE'S A HUGE BACK LOG OF STUDY REPORTS, MULTIPLE YEARS LONG, OF COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROJECTS THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANCE TO THE CITY THAT WOULD -- THAT ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE CHARACTER OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BUT ARE STUCK IN LIMBO BECAUSE THERE ISN'T CURRENTLY THE FUNDED CAPACITY TO GET THROUGH THOSE REPORTS.

SO HAVING MORE COMMISSIONERS AND MORE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS MAKES A DIFFERENCE, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO SUPPORT ON THE STAFFING SIDE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE RESOLVING THESE ISSUES ON A TIMELY BASIS FOR EVERYONE.

I WAS EXCITED TO GET TO KNOW JEFFREY A LITTLE BIT MORE AND HEAR THAT HE HAS A GREAT VISION FOR THE COMMISSION AND FOR ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL SO WOULD RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION TODAY.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU. CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION SEEKS ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DOCKET 1539.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE --

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE DOCKET HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.
DOCKET NUMBER 1735.
MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING
THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND
EXTEND A PARKLAND ACQUISITIONS
AND RENOVATIONS FOR COMMUNITIES
KNOWN AS PARK PROGRAM GRANT FROM
MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE
OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF
CONSERVATION SERVICES IN THE
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 TO
BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOSTON
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.
THE GRANTS WILL FUND PHASE 2 OF
THE RENOVATIONS TO THE PARK IN
DORCHESTER.

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.
BEFORE I READ MY REPORT, I WOULD
LIKE THE RECORD TO REFLECT THAT
THIS SECTION OF REAL ESTATE IS
BOASTING 100% ATTENDANCE RIGHT
AT THE FINAL COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE YEAR.

>> DULY NOTED.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.
I RISE TODAY IN REGARD TO DOCKET
1735 FOR THE COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND
PARKS.

WE HELD A HEARING ON DECEMBER
10th.

I WANTED TO THANK THE AT-LARGE
COUNCIL FROM SOUTH BOSTON, FROM
DORCHESTER FOR THEIR
PARTICIPATION AND GREAT
QUESTIONS.

FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT --
TESTIFIED, THIS WAS FOR A PARK,
WHICH IS AN ACRONYM, PARKLAND
ACQUISITION AND RENOVATIONS FOR
COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, GRANT FROM
THE MASS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF --
DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND IT
WILL AWARD A \$400,000 GRANT TO
THE CITY OF BOSTON WHICH WILL
THEN BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION
DEPARTMENT.

THE GRANT WOULD FUND PART OF
PHASE 2 OF THE RENOVATION OF THE
PARK IN DORCHESTER.

IT'S ESTABLISHED IN 1992, I BELIEVE IT IS IN THE COUNCILOR COUNCILOR COUNCILOR PRESIDENT'S DISTRICT AND THERE IS A TREMENDOUS INVESTMENT HAPPENING.

\$20 MILLION PROGRAM, ALL IN, IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT 10 YEARS OR SO.

PHASE 1 IS COMPLETE.

THIS IS PARTIALLY FUNDING PHASE 2 WHICH IS ABOUT \$3.3 MILLION OR \$3.2 MILLION AND \$400,000 OF IT.

I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR HOW THIS WILL REFLECT A GREAT INVESTMENT IN THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PARK, MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE ENERGY EFFICIENT L.E.D. LIGHTS FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AS WELL AS OTHER ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING FOR SPORTS LIGHT.

AT LEAST ONE, POSSIBLY MORE WATER FILLING STATIONS AS WELL AS SOME DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR STORM WATER RUNOFF.

ONCE THIS IS COMPLETED YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A 45-ACRE PRISTINE PARK WHICH WILL INCLUDE BASKETBALL COURTS, CRICKET PITCHES, MULTIPURPOSE SOCCER, LACROSSE FIELDS, FOOTBALL FIELD, LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD AS WELL AS PLAY STATIONS AND STRUCTURES.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT OBVIOUSLY I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT.

I REALLY THINK THAT THE PARK WILL BE SEEN AS ONE OF THE FINEST PUBLIC SPACES IN BOSTON WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE.

THIS IS PHASE 2 SO WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, BUT I'M DELIGHTED TO URGE YOU ALL TO SUPPORT ACCEPTING TO SPEND THIS GRANT FROM THE STATE.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY, SEEKS ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND PASSAGE OF THE DOCKET.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE -- [CHORUS OF AYES]

ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY NO.

THE AYES HAVE IT, THE DOCKET HAS

BEEN PASSED.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 1655, ORDER FOR
A HEARING TO LISTEN TO
COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY VIOLENCE
AND TRAUMA.

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY, CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE
ON HEALTH WOMEN, FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES.
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.
AGAIN, I THANK YOU IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR INDULGENCE AS I AM
OFFERING A LONGER COMMITTEE
REPORT THAN I WOULD NORMALLY
SINCE THIS WILL BE MY FINAL AND
IT WILL BE THE FINAL FOR THE
COMMITTEE THAT I'VE CHAIRED
DURING MY EIGHT-YEAR TENURE HERE
ON THE COUNCIL.

FIRST, I WANT TO THANK THE MANY
COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO
PARTICIPATED IN OUR SECOND
LISTENING-ONLY HEARING, TO LIFT
UP AND TO CENTER THE VOICES OF
THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY
VIOLENCE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON
AND MORE NOTABLY TO SPEAK TO THE
ISSUE THAT VIOLENCE LEAVES IN
ITS WAKE AND THAT IS TRAUMA.
FIRST AND SECONDHAND TRAUMA,
RESIDUAL TRAUMA,
INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA THAT IS
CHOKING AT THE FULL PROMISE OF
OUR FAMILIES, OUR COMMUNITIES
AND OUR CITY.

SO I WANT TO THANK THE 100
STRONG WHO PARTICIPATED IN
MONDAY NIGHT'S LISTENING-ONLY
COMMUNITY VOICES HEARING.
ESPECIALLY OUR DAVE BRAVE AND
BRILLIANT YOUNG CITIZEN
ACTIVISTS FROM TEEN EMPOWERMENT
AND VARIOUS BOSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS.

SPECIAL THANKS TO MY COLLEAGUES
WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE HEARING.
COUNCILOR WU, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, FLAHERTY,
McCARTHY, EDWARDS, AND ZAKIM
AND I THANK COUNCILOR CAMPBELL
AND JANEY FOR THEIR LETTERS OF
ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT DESPITE

THE FACT THAT THEY COULD NOT BE THERE IN PERSON.

TO ALL THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN DOING THIS WORK ON THE FRONT LINES WHO WERE REPRESENTED AT THAT HEARING, THEY DO THIS WORK EVERY DAY.

[READING NAMES AND GROUPS] AND I COULD GO ON.

IT IS REALLY CHALLENGING TO SUM UP THE COMPELLING AND HARROWING TESTIMONY WE HEARD ON MONDAY NIGHT, BUT I WILL SAY THAT AGAIN, IT REITERATES HOW GUN VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA ARE CHOKING AT THE PROMISE OF OUR CITY.

THE LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS AND SPECIFICALLY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, EVERY PERSON THAT CAME BEFORE US WAS A RESIDENT OF EITHER ROXBURY MATTAPAN OR DORCHESTER.

THE RESIDUAL IMPACT OF TRAUMA THAT GUN VIOLENCE LEAVES IN ITS WAKE IS REAL.

IT IS MY HOPE, MY PRAYER, MY WISH THAT WE WILL GET TO A PLACE THAT WE ARE PLASTIC ALONG MORE THAN INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA, INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY AND INTERGENERATIONAL POOR PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES.

ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE ARE INTERRELATED AND CONNECTED AND THEREFORE, WE MUST NOT ONLY ADDRESS THE CONSEQUENCES AND THE AFTERMATH, AND THE SYMPTOMS, BUT THOUGHTFULLY AND COMPREHENSIVELY GET AT THE ROOT CAUSES.

WE NEED TO PASS COMPREHENSIVE GUN CONTROL, INCLUDING BACKGROUND CHECKS.

WE NEED TO IMPROVE STAFFING LEVELS FOR TRAUMA SERVICES AND PREVENTION.

BUT MORE IMPORTANT, THE INTERRELATED NEEDS OF SCHOOL NURSES AND PSYCHOLOGISTS WAS REITERATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND AS COUNCILOR WU LATER IN HER -- IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT HEALTH COVERAGE, BUT IT IS ABOUT ACCESS AND WE HEARD THAT OVER AND OVER AGAIN, BOTH IN

COMMUNITY, BUT SPECIFICALLY IN OUR SCHOOLS.

THIS MOVEMENT THAT WE ARE BUILDING ACROSS DEMOGRAPHIC LINES AND NEIGHBORHOODS IT MUST CONTINUE TO BE SURVIVOR-LED.

I'M CERTAIN THAT THIS WORK WILL NOT END ON THE COUNCIL.

I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT THIS FIGHT WITH ME AT THE CITY AND STATE LEVEL AS I TAKE THIS FIGHT TO WASHINGTON TO ENSURE THE SURVIVORS FEEL SEEN AND HEARD AND THAT ALL FAMILIES RECEIVE THE HEALING AND THE JUSTICE THAT THEY DESERVE.

OUR WORK AT ALL LEVELS WILL REQUIRE POLITICAL WILL AND COURAGE.

IT WILL REQUIRE THAT WE CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO THOSE MOST IMPACTED.

I WAS STRUCK BY MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ASKED WHAT WAS THE POINT OF ANOTHER HEARING AND I BELIEVE MONDAY HELPED TO ANSWER THAT.

AS I SAID, IN MY FAIRLY ADDRESS, SOMEONE HAS TO ASK THE QUESTION AND WE WILL KEEP ASKING THE QUESTION UNTIL WE GET THE ANSWER.

WHEN WE HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, WHEN WE HAVE THE STAFFING LEVELS, WHEN WE HAVE THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT.

SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO ASK THE QUESTION UNTIL WE GET THE ANSWER AND THAT ANSWER WILL BE IN THE FORM OF ACTION.

SO UNTIL THEN, WE'LL FOLLOW UP, WE'LL BE TRANSPARENT AND WE'LL HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE.

AND AS I CLOSE, AS THE COMMITTEE AND FOUNDER AND CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE, I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE INCREDIBLE WORK WE'VE DONE TOGETHER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS.

EXPANDING SEX ED IN OUR SCHOOLS, LIFTING UP THE EXPERIENCES OF OUR GIRLS, PROTECTING IMMIGRATION RIGHTS, ENSURING

THAT NO MATTER WHAT WE WILL FIGHT TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER, WE HAVE BUILT COALITIONS TO TAKE ON LIQUOR LICENSE REFORM AND EVERY YEAR WE HAVE PUSHED FOR MORE FUNDING TO HAVE A NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL.

WE HAVE CHAMPIONED HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCHES AND ADDRESSED SCHOOL CULTURE AND DISCIPLINE REFORM.

WE HAVE STOOD UP FOR ELDER SERVICES WHICH ALLOW OUR SENIORS TO LIVE AND AGE IN COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE LIFTED UP ADULT LEARNING ACCESS CHALLENGES.

THESE ISSUES DO NOT LIVE IN SILOS, BUT RATHER MAKE UP THE TOTALITY OF OUR EXPERIENCES.

WE CANNOT SOLVE THE TRAUMA FROM GUN VIOLENCE WITHOUT INVESTING IN EQUITABLE SCHOOLS THAT FOCUS ON TEACHING THE WHOLE CHILD.

I AM HUMBLED BY THE WORK THAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, BUT THE WORK DOES NOT END HERE.

THIS IS NOT THE LAST MEETING. THE WORK CONTINUES BECAUSE THE PEOPLE CLOSEST TO THE PAIN SHOULD BE THE CLOSEST TO THE POWER, DRIVING AND INFORMING THE POLICY MAKING.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

THE DOCKET WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

MADAM CLERK.

>> ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING NEW ZONING AMENDMENTS TO REGULATE THE PROXIMITY OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES TO RECOVERY FACILITIES.

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR WU, CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION.

COUNCILOR WU YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

WE HAD A ROBUST AND EXTENDED HEARING YESTERDAY AND I'LL DEFER TO THE COSPONSORS WHO ARE HERE.

THIS IS THE STARTING POINT FOR A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE IMPACT WHEN

IT COMES TO THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WILL OF THE VOTERS IN LEGALIZING CANNABIS AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN NEIGHBORHOODS AND ALSO THE SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES THAT WILL BE ABSORBING THE NEW INDUSTRY. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THIS ROOM LATELY AND THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR EDWARDS, ESSAIBI-GEORGE, FOR MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE HAVING THE CONVERSATION ON THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY AND THE PROXIMITY TO RECOVERY FACILITIES. COUNCILOR BAKER YOU WERE ALSO AN INTEGRAL PART OF MAKING SURE WE ARE ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS IN EACH OF THE PANELS SO I'LL DEFER TO THE SPONSORS ON NEXT STEPS, BUT IT WAS A GREAT CONVERSATION, ONE THAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING IN THE NEW YEAR.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU. AT THIS TIME CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

>> I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR HAVING A TIMELY HEARING DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT WAS AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND ALLOWING US TO HAVE WHAT I THOUGHT WAS VERY PERTINENT, APPROPRIATE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE EMERGING INDUSTRY.

AT THE HEARING WE HEARD FROM VARIOUS SIDES. WE HEARD FROM FOLKS WHO ARE ACTUALLY THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TRYING TO LOCATE THEIR RECREATIONAL FACILITY NEAR A RECOVERY CENTER. WE HEARD FROM THE FOLKS IN THE RECOVERY CENTER. WE HEARD FROM THE ADMINISTRATION, SPECIFICALLY THE HEAD OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE HEAD OF ONS AND WE ALSO HEARD WHAT I THINK WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT VOICE FROM THE DAY AND THOSE ARE THE FOLKS

WHO ARE SURVIVORS AND THRIVERS FROM ADDICTION WHO CAME OUT AND SAID THAT THEY VOTED TO SUPPORT MARIJUANA AND THEY SAID THAT THE SPECIFIC LOCATION OF THIS PARTICULAR RECREATIONAL SITE RIGHT NEXT TO A RECOVERY CENTER SEEMED INAPPROPRIATE.

AND ALSO HONESTLY IT WAS HELPING US TO REALLY HONE IN THE CONVERSATION.

NO LONGER SHOULD WE BE DEMONIZING THE INDUSTRY.

NO LONGER ARE WE OR SHOULD WE BE DEMONIZING THE USE OF MARIJUANA.

THE QUESTION IS REALLY HOW WE AS A CITY MOVE FORWARD AND ZONE APPROPRIATELY TO ENSURE THAT WE BALANCE THE INTERESTS OF THOSE WHO WANT TO ACCESS AS ADULTS THE USE OF MARIJUANA, THOSE WHO WANT TO BUILD A BUSINESS AND HAVE INCOME FOR THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO THE SAFETY OF THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.

I THOUGHT THERE WAS A VERY VIBRANT CONVERSATION AND I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT KATIE

O'LEARY'S TESTIMONY ESPECIALLY WHO WAS THE A PERSON WHO PERSONALLY WALKED THE STREETS, THE STREET THAT THE RECREATIONAL FACILITY IS TRYING TO GO TO.

SHE WOULD HAVE PASSED BY THAT BECAUSE SHE WAS USING OR GOING TO GET HELP WITH HER ADDICTION AND TO DEAL WITH THAT AND SHE SAID I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE AMONG ANYBODY ELSE TO BE THE PERSON WHO NEEDS THOSE SERVICES, BUT THEN ALSO TO TURN AROUND AND BE PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES AND

I AM TELLING YOU, HAVING A RECREATIONAL FACILITY OR POT SHOP ON THE WAY, THAT CLOSE TO WHERE WE ARE TRYING TO GET TREATMENT WOULD HAVE HINDERED HER RECOVERY AND AGAIN, SHE ADMITTED SHE VOTED AND WOULD PROBABLY VOTE AGAIN TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA SO WE ARE NOT -- WE ARE PAST DEMONIZATION.

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PRACTICALITY AND MAKING SURE

THAT WHEN WE DO ZONING, WE DO IT
IN A WAY THAT IS THE BEST FOR
THE CITY OF BOSTON.

THE OTHER THING THAT I THINK IS
REALLY IMPORTANT AND WHY THIS
CONVERSATION WILL CONTINUE AND
YOU BROUGHT UP YOURSELF,
COUNCILOR BAKER IS THE
DEFINITION OF RECOVERY CENTER.
YOU KNOW, WE HEARD FROM MANNY,
HEAD OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH
OF THEM, BUT WHEN WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT ZONING THE DEFINITION IS
KEY AND VITAL.

90 OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY LICENSED
BY THE STATE.

OF THOSE I'M NOT SURE HOW MANY
ACTUALLY PROVIDE METHADONE IN
THEIR SERVICES AND MAYBE ZEROING
IN ON ONLY THOSE THAT HAVE THE
MOST VULNERABLE FOLKS COMING
DIRECTLY OUT OF DETOX, COMING
DIRECTLY OFF PROBATION SHOULD BE
THE ONES THAT ARE SOMEWHAT IN A
BUBBLE OR SOMEWHAT PROTECTED.

ALSO NOTED IN THE HEARING I
THINK IT'S WORTH, THE FOUNDATION
SUBMITTED WONDERFUL WRITTEN
TESTIMONY AND NOTING THAT THIS
IS NOT ABNORMAL.

COLORADO HAS 700 RECREATIONAL
SITES AND THEY ALSO HAVE A
BUFFER ZONE OF 1,000 FEET
BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND ALSO
RECOVERY CENTERS.

SO DOES -- I DON'T KNOW IN TERMS
OF THE DISTANCE BUT LOS ANGELES
HAS A VERSION, SO DOES ARIZONA,
AND SO DOES NEW MEXICO.

SO HAVING SOME SORT OF SITE
PROTECTION IS NOT ABNORMAL.

AND STILL -- IT HASN'T PREVENTED
THE TRYING BUSINESSES IN OTHER
STATES.

IT'S THE BALANCE WE NEED TO
STRIKE.

IT'S A BALANCE AND CONVERSATION
WE WILL CONTINUE INTO THE FUTURE
AND I ENCOURAGED THEN AND I
ENCOURAGE NOW IT'S ABOUT ADULT
CONVERSATION.

WE CANNOT BE CALLING PEOPLE
NIMBYs, BIGOTS WHO MIGHT BE

CAUTIOUS ANY MORE THAN WE SHOULD
BE PUTTING OUT FALSE SCIENCE
SAYING HORRIBLE THINGS ABOUT THE
USE OF MARIJUANA AND BEING
VOCALLY IGNORANT.
IT'S TIME FOR ADULT
CONVERSATION.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS.
ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON
THIS MATTER?

SEEING NONE, MADAM CLERK, DOCKET
1511 WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

>> DOCKET 0169, ORDER FOR A
HEARING REGARDING THE GOVERNANCE
STRUCTURE OF THE BOSTON SCHOOL
COMMITTEE.

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, CHAIR OF THE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.
YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN.
THANK YOU ALL WHO ARE HERE.
YESTERDAY EVENING I HELD A
HEARING REGARDING THE GOVERNANCE
STRUCTURE OF THE BOSTON SCHOOL
COMMITTEE.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COUNCILORS
O'MALLEY, McCARTHY, BAKER AND
EDITWARDS FOR ATTENDING THIS
HEARING AND FOR THEIR THEY'LL
HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT PANELISTS.
THE FIRST PANEL PROVIDED US A
SNAP SHOT OF THE PAST.

WE WERE JOINED BY PRESIDENT OF
THE BOSTON MUNICIPAL RESEARCH
BUREAU SAM TYLER AS WELL AS
FORMER BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR --
WHO HAPPENED TO WRITE HIS 1971
GRADUATION DISSERTATION ON THE
HISTORY OF THE BOSTON SCHOOL
COMMITTEE, WHICH HE WAS ABLE TO
ACCESS A COPY OF THE --

>> I THINK HE NEEDED TO READ IT
LAST NIGHT, TOO.

>> I HAVE EXCERPTS FOR ANYONE OF
THAT DOCUMENT WHO WOULD LIKE TO
READ IT.

THROUGH THEIR HISTORICAL
DESCRIPTION AND TIMELINE WE WERE
TOLD THAT THE ONCE-13 MEMBER
ELECTED BODY WAS SUCH A DISASTER
THAT IT NEGATIVELY IMPACTED
FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS IN THE
DISTRICT.

THEY BOTH AGREED THAT THE ANSWER IN IMPROVING THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE IS NOT GOING BACK TO AN ELECTED.

IT WAS ARGUED THAT HAVING AN APPOINTED BODY HOLDS ONE INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTABLE, THE MAYOR AND THAT IT WOULD BE ONLY A POLITICAL STEPPING STONE FOR OTHERS.

OUR SECOND PANEL CONSISTED OF COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO CARED DEEPLY ABOUT EDUCATION AND THE CITY OF HONEST AND UNLIKE THE FIRST PANEL BELIEVED THAT IT IS TIME TO REVISIT THE CONVERSATION ON WHICH STRUCTURE WORKS BEST FOR OUR STUDENTS AND MOST OF THEM AGREED THAT WE SHOULD GO BACK TO AN ELECTED BODY.

WE WERE JOINED BY SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP BOSTON BRANCH.

JOSE LOPEZ THE CHAIR OF THE NAACP EDUCATION COMMITTEE, THE BOSTON BRANCH.

RUBY REYES OF BOSTON EDUCATION JUSTICE ALLIANCE.

EDITH BRAZIL FROM THE BLACK EDUCATORS ALLIANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RETIRED BOSTON TEACHER.

AND QUALITY EDUCATION FOR EVERY STUDENT.

WHILE THE NAACP BOSTON HAS NOT TAKEN AN OFFICIAL POSITION ON A PARTICULAR GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, THEY DO BELIEVE THAT THE TIME IS NOW FOR THE CITY TO HAVE A PUBLIC AND TRANSPARENT CONVERSATION THAT WILL LEAD TO GREATER ACADEMIC OUTCOMES.

AND I THINK A MORE RESPONSIVE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, OTHERS HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION OF NEEDING TO GO BACK TO AN ELECTED BODY AND TO GIVE THE RIGHT VOTE TO THE PEOPLE.

THEY ARGUE THAT BECAUSE THE CURRENT SCHOOL COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED THEY VOTE ON ISSUES AND AGENDAS THE WAY THEY ARE

APPOINTED TO VOTE.

I WILL ALSO SAY THAT QUEST IN PARTICULAR I THINK HAS TAKEN A WHILE TO GET TO A POSITION, AND HAS REMAINED NEUTRAL FOR MANY, MANY YEARS AND WE'VE HEARD THIS CONVERSATION HAPPEN AT SOME OF MY COMMUNITY MEETINGS ACROSS THE CITY THIS FALL, BUT IN OTHER SETTINGS, TOO, WHERE FOLKS HAVE VERY NEGATIVE MEMORIES OF THE FORMERLY ELECTED SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE REAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOME OF THE PROCEDURES THAT HAPPENED WHEN WE COMPARE THAN ELECTED TO AN APPOINTED, BUT FEEL THAT THE APPOINTED BODY HAS NOT BEEN AS RESPONSIVE AS THEY SHOULD BE TO OUR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS.

THE ACT TO CHANGE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE WOULD BE A LENGTHY ONE.

TIME IS A SIGNIFICANT BARRIER TO IMMEDIATE CHANGE.

AND A CHARTER CHANGE WOULD BE REQUIRED IF WE WERE TO GO BACK TO AN ELECTED BODY.

THERE IS A NEED CERTAINLY FOR FURTHER PUBLIC AND TRANSPARENT CONVERSATIONS.

THE PROCESS ITSELF MIGHT BE LONG, BUT THERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT WE CAN IMMEDIATELY START WITH AND I THINK THERE'S SOME GENERAL CONSENSUS ABOUT THE PROCESS OF NOMINATING RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH THE NOMINATING -- THE CITIZENS NOMINATING PANEL FOR THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THIS PANEL AND THAT PROCESS DOES NEED TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT. WE DON'T KNOW HOW -- THERE'S VERY, VERY LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF HOW INDIVIDUALS ARE CHOSEN TO BE A PART OF THE NOMINATING PANEL AND WHAT THEIR CREDENTIALS ARE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR ON FUTURE REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE. I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO

ALSO NOTE IN THAT THIS MOST RECENT APPOINTMENT PROCESS -- NOMINATING PROCESS, ONLY SEVEN APPLICATIONS LAST NIGHT WERE PRESENTED TO THE NOMINATING PANEL FOR TWO OPENINGS. I THINK A CITY OUR SIZE WITH SUCH A GREAT INTEREST IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AND BOSTON THAT WE CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE SEEN MORE. WE KNOW THEY RECEIVED APPLICATIONS, THEY HOLD INTERVIEWS AND THEY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR, BUT OUTLINING THE BASIS AND THE PROCESS AND UNDERSTANDING THE FORMULA AND THE CONVERSATION THAT GOES INTO THAT, INTO THOSE CONVERSATIONS, THOSE DELIBERATIONS WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR US TO NOTE. BUT IN GENERAL, WE HEARD BOTH FROM THE PANELS -- BOTH PANELS, WE HEARD THROUGH PUBLIC TESTIMONY THAT OUR RESIDENTS, OUR FAMILIES, OUR STUDENTS WANT TO BE HEARD. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A VOICE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CHOICE. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO US TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS CURRENT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND TO UNDERSTAND WAYS THAT WE CAN MAKE SOME IMMEDIATE, SMALL CHANGES AND INCREMENTAL CHANGES AND TO HAVE THAT MORE THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY FOR FUTURE -- AND WHETHER OR NOT IT'S A GOOD DECISION TO GO INTO A DISCUSSION AROUND CHARTER CHANGE. I THANK YOU, CHAIR, FOR YOUR INDULGENCE. >> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE. IS THERE A ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER? SEEING NONE, DOCKET 0169 WILL BE PLACED ON FILE. PERSONNEL ORDERS, MADAM CLERK? >> DOCKET NUMBER 1786. COUNCILOR CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE
SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET 1786.

LIN FAVOR SAY AYE --

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY, THE
AYES HAVE IT, THE DOCKET HAS
BEEN PASSED.

LATE FINALS, MADAM CLERK.

I AM INFORMED BY THE CLERK THAT
THERE ARE SEVEN LATE FILE
MATTERS, WHICH IN THE ABSENCE OF
AN OBJECTION WILL BE ADDED TO
THE AGENDA.

HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THE
MATTERS ARE ADDED TO THE AGENDA.
THE CLERK WILL READ THE FIRST
LATE FILE MATTER.

OKAY.

SO WE'RE BACK TO THE GREEN
SHEET.

OKAY.

IS THERE -- WE'RE GOING TO GET
THE LATE FILES AFTER THAT.
WE'RE GOING TO DO THE GREEN
SHEETS FIRST.

ANYBODY WISH TO REMOVE A MATTER
FROM THE GREEN SHEETS MAY DO SO
AT THIS TIME.

[INAUDIBLE]

[LAUGHTER]

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
I WOULD LIKE TO PULL DOCKET
NUMBER 1663, FROM PAGE SIX OF
16.

I WOULD LIKE TO PULL DOCKET
NUMBER 1664 FROM PAGE 6 OF 16.

I WOULD LIKE TO PULL DOCKET
NUMBER 1666 FROM PAGE 6 OF 16.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO PULL DOCKET
NUMBER 1667 FROM PAGE 6 OF 16.

>> COUNCILOR PRESSLEY WOULD YOU
LIKE TO PULL YOUR -- YOUR
COMMITTEE?

>> SURE.

I THINK THAT'S THE POLICY.

>> COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

I'M ATROPHIED, Y'ALL.

YOU'RE LIKE GET HER OUT OF HERE!

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

YES.

COUNCILOR WU, YES.

COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YES.

AND COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE,
YES.

THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN PULLED
AND ALL ARE IN FAVOR OF BRINGING
THESE MATTERS BEFORE THE BODY.
AND COUNCILOR-ELECT
CONGRESSWOMAN COUNCILOR, WOULD
YOU LIKE ME TO READ THESE
DOCKETS INTO THE RECORD SO YOU
CAN DISCUSS THEM?

>> SURE.

IN THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTHY
WOMEN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES,
DOCKET NUMBER 1663, SPONSORED BY
THE MAYOR.

MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING
THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND
EXTEND AN AMOUNT OF \$1,809,008
IN THE FORM OF THE TITLE C
NUTRITION PROGRAM, SFY2019,
AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
PASSED THROUGH THE MASS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER
AFFAIRS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY
THE ELDERLY COMMISSION.

THE GRANT WILL FUND
HOME-DELIVERED AND CONGREGATE
MEALS FOR SENIORS IN BOSTON.
IT WAS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
NOVEMBER 28th, 2018.

IN THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTHY
WOMEN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES,
1664, SPONSORED BY THE MAYOR,
MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING
THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND
EXPEND AN AMOUNT OF
\$1,353,854.32 IN THE FORM OF A
GRANT FOR THE STATE ELDER LUNCH
PROGRAM AWARDED BY THE MASS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER
AFFAIRS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY
THE ELDERLY COMMISSION.

THE GRANTS WILL FUND MEALS FOR
SENIORS IN BOSTON, REFER TO
COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 28th,
2018.

IN THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTHY
WOMEN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES,
DOCKET NUMBER 1666, SPONSORED BY
THE MAYOR, MESSAGE AND ORDER
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON
TO ACCEPT AND EXTEND AN AMOUNT

OF \$493,379 IN THE FORM OF A
GRANT FOR THE TITLE 3E
CAREGIVERS AWARDED BY THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES.

PASSED THROUGH THE MASS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER
AFFAIRS, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY
THE ELDERLY COMMISSION.
THE GRANT WILL FUND SUBGRANTS
FOR CAREGIVER SERVICES TO
SENIORS AND GRANDPARENTS RAISING
THEIR GRANDCHILDREN.

ONCE AGAIN, REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 28th,
2018.

AND HEALTHY WOMEN FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES, 1667, SPONSORED BY
THE MAYOR, MESSAGE AND ORDER
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON
TO ACCEPT AND EXTEND AN AMOUNT
OF \$300,000 IN THE FORM OF A
GRANT FROM BOSTON CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL TO BE ADMINISTERED BY
THE OFFICE OF FOOD ACCESS, THE
GRANT WILL FUND THE BOSTON EAT
PROGRAM, IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND
WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES DISPROPORTIONATELY
IMPACTED BY INEQUITIES IN HEALTH
AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF
HEALTH.

REFER TO COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER
28th, 2018.

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES THE CHAIR OF
HEALTHY WOMEN AND FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON ALL
FOUR OF THEM, AND THEN WE'LL
TAKE THE VOTES AFTER OR WOULD
YOU LIKE TO SPEAK, VOTE.

>> I'LL SPEAK ON ALL OF THEM.
WE'RE FILIBUSTERING HERE TODAY,
BUT IT'S ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE.
THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

MADAM CLERK.

I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO HOLD THE
HEARING ON THIS GRANT TO
HIGHLIGHT THE AMAZING WORK OF
THE ELDERLY COMMISSION.

THIS GRANT SUPPORTS SOCIAL
OMBUDSMEN, AND NUTRITION
SERVICES TO OUR BOSTON SENIORS.
THIS WILL ESPECIALLY FUND THE

MUCH-NEEDED RESOURCES AND SERVICES REQUIRED TO DELIVER MEALS TO OUR SENIORS.

THE PORTION OF THE GRANT MONEY WILL SUPPORT THE NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM, MEALS ON WHEELS, AS WELL AS CONGREGATE NUTRITION LUNCH SITES, WHICH ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO MEET SENIORS IN COMMUNITIES.

THIS PROGRAM ALSO HOSTS GROUP MEALS AND OPENS 45 MEAL SITES AROUND BOSTON.

THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES REGULAR WELLNESS CHECKS AND ASSESSMENTS WHILE ALSO PROVIDING NUTRITION AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD COMMUNITY.

AS A CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE I MOVE TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND TO ACCEPT THIS GRANT TODAY.

DOCKET 1663, THIS GRANT IS IN THE SAME VEIN AS THE PREVIOUS DOCKET, 1663.

THIS WILL ESSENTIALLY FUND THE MUCH-NEEDED RESOURCES AND SERVICES, ALLOWS US TO HAVE GREATER CAPACITY FOR THE SAME RESOURCES FROM WHAT I JUST DETAILED.

DOCKET NUMBER 1666, THIS GRANT WILL DIRECTLY TACKLE THE INEQUITIES IN OUR CITIES AS WE SEE OUR ELDERLY FINDING THEMSELVES MORE AND MORE AS THE PRIMARY CARE TAKERS AND GIVERS OF THEIR GRANDCHILDREN.

THIS WILL FUND THE MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES AND RESOURCES TO HELP OUR ELDERS STAY IN COMMUNITIES AND TO SUPPORT AND RAISE THEIR GRANDCHILDREN.

WE SEE THIS AS A GROWING PHENOMENON.

THERE ARE SO MANY FAMILIES OF THIS MODEL AND CERTAINLY, THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC HAS CONSIDERED TO THIS CONSIDERABLY.

THIS RESOURCES AND A DEDICATED WRAP-AROUND SUPPORT FOR THIS GROWING NUMBER OF GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN IS SO GRANDCHILDREN IS SO IMPORTANT.

THIS WILL PROVIDE AID IN SPACES
LIKE TRANSPORTATION COSTS, FOOD
SERVICES, SCHOOL COSTS AND ALL
THE DEMANDS THAT COME ALONG WITH
RAISING A CHILD.

AND THEN, FINALLY, AND I MOVE TO
SUSPEND THE RULES AND ACCEPT
THIS GRANT TODAY.

OUR FINAL ONE HERE, THIS IS
DOCKET NUMBER 1667.

THIS GRANT WILL FUND THE BOSTON
EAT PROGRAM, WHICH WORKS TO
TACKLE THE INEQUITIES PRIMARILY
FACE BIPOC CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
OF COLOR WHEN IT COMES TO ACCESS
TO HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS.

THIS OFFICE PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE
IN ENSURING HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS
AT OUR STORES AND FARMERS'
MARKETS AND TARGETED NEIGHBORS.

IF WE TRULY AIM TO BUILD
HEALTHIER FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES, WE NEED TO BE MORE
INCLUSIVE, AND WHERE PEOPLE CAN
HAVE PURCHASING POWER,
ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO DO NOT
HAVE ACCESS TO FRESH AND HEALTHY
FOODS.

I MOVE TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND
ACCEPT THIS GRANT TODAY AND I
THANK YOU EVERY ONE FOR YOUR
INDULGENCE.

WE WERE ASKED TO EXPEDITE THESE
GRANTS BECAUSE THEY ARE
CRITICALLY NEEDED.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
PRESSLEY.

AT THIS TIME, CHAIR OF HEALTHY
WOMEN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES
COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY WOULD LIKE
TO SUSPEND AND PASS DOCKET
NUMBER 1663.

(VOTING)

SEEING NONE OPPOSED, DOCKET 1663
HAS BEEN SUSPENDED AND PASSED.

CHAIR OF HEALTHY WOMEN AND
FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES,
COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY, WOULD LIKE
TO SUSPEND AND PASS CAN YOU DOCTOR NUMBER
1664.

(VOTING)

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1664 HAS BEEN SUSPENDED
AND PASSED.

DOCKET 1666, COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY
CHAIR OF HEALTHY WOMEN FAMILY
AND COMMUNITIES WOULD LIKE TO
SUSPEND AND PASS DOCKET 1666.

(VOTING)

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1666 HAS BEEN PASSED.

DOCKET 1667, CHAIR OF HEALTHY
WOMEN AND FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES, COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY
WOULD LIKE TO SUSPEND AND PASS
DOCKET 1667.

(VOTING)

DOCKET 1667 HAS BEEN SUSPENDED
AND PASSED.

MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE
READ DOCKET 1665.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

IN THE COMMITTEE ON PAGE 9 OF 16
IN THE COMMITTEE OF JOBS, WAGES
AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,
DOCKET NUMBER 1665 SPONSORED BY
THE MAYOR, MESSAGE AND ORDER
CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND
EXTEND THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 IN
THE FORM OF A GRANT FOR THE
PLANNING FOR THE ECONOMIC
MOBILITY LAB AWARD BID THE
ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION TO BE
ADMINISTERED.

THE GRANT, THE FUND, THE COST OF
RESEARCHING AND PLANNING AND
ECONOMIC MOBILITY LAB TO ADVANCE
ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND SECURITY
FOR LOWER AND LOWER-MIDDLE CLASS
BOSTONIANS, FILED -- REFERRED TO
COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 28, 2018.

>> MADAM CLERK, PLEASE POLL THE
COMMITTEE.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, YES.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

COUNCILLOR JANEY.

COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY, YES.

>> WE HAVE A MAJORITY.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE COUNCILLOR
BAKER.

>> THANK YOU MADAM CLERK.

BEING SENSITIVE TO THE TIME
RESTRAINS WE HAVE, I WOULD LIKE
TO SUSPEND AND PASS THIS ORDER
FOR \$500,000 FOR THE ECONOMIC
MOBILITY LAB WHICH IS AN

INITIATIVE WITHIN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE WHICH AIMS TO ADVANCE THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY OF BOSTONNIANS BY TESTING INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN PILOT PROJECTS, EVALUATING THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN HELPING PEOPLE MOVE UP THE ECONOMIC LADDER AND SCALING WHAT WORKS BEST WITH THIS \$500,000 GRANT FROM THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION, THE LAB WILL BE ABLE TO HIRE A FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBER TO READ ENGAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PILOT PROJECTS, ALSO INCLUDES INNOVATION FUNDS TO ACTUALLY BRING PILOT PROJECTS TO FRUITION.

>> COUNCILLOR BAKER MOVING FOR PASSAGE OF DOCKET 1665.

>> YES
(VOTING)

>> THE AYES HAVE IT.
1665 HAS PASSED.

MADAM CLERK, PLEASE -- THERE ARE NO MATTERS FOR THE CONSENT AGENDA, CORRECT?

SEVEN LATE FILE MATTERS.

MADAM CLERK, PLEASE READ THE LATE FILES.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH -- THE FIRST LATE FILE OFFERED BY COUNCILLOR LYDIA EDWARDS AND AYANNA PRESSLEY, RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND ELIMINATION OF SYSTEMATIC BIAS IN THE WORKPLACE.

MR. PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ --

>> YES.

WHEREAS EVERY EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON DESERVES THE SPACE AND HEALTHY -- A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKPLACE FREE OF STRUCTURAL BIAS, RACISM, SEXISM OR DISCRIMINATION BY AGE, ORIENTATION, ORIGIN OR ABILITY. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT COMMISSION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN THE WORKPLACE.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED SUCH

COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW COMPLAINTS OF EMPLOYEES MADE AGAINST A CITY DEPARTMENT. THE CITY COUNCIL OR QUASI PUBLIC YAGHTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON DEVELOPED PROTOCOLS AND STANDARDS FOR INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS.

ISSUES REPRESSED FOR PROPOSALS RETAIN INVESTIGATORS, MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF DEPARTMENT DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PLANS AND BINDING RULES THE N COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 12, 2018.

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE -- LET ME GIVE CONTEXT TO.

THIS WE ARE IN IF MIDDLE OF TRYING TO INVESTIGATE AND LOOK AT THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND LOOK AT THE WAYS IN WHICH IT HAS COME TO BE A NONDIVERSE CITY DEPARTMENT THAT DOES NOT REFLECT THE DIVERSITY IN BOSTON.

IT HAS ABOUT 16 WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR AND SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS BROUGHT TO RIGHT IN DIVERSITY. YOU START TO SEE THE ISSUE IS NOT BETWEEN TWO EMPLOYEES OR NOT BETWEEN HAVING TO DO WITH A SPECIFIC KIND OF ADMINISTRATION, IT HAS TO DO WITH THE SYSTEM, IT HAS TO DO WITH THE INHERITED ISSUES OF RACISM, SEXISM AND THE WAY IN WHICH WE HAVE STRUGGLED AS A CITY WITH THOSE ISSUES AND HOW THAT THEY ARE REFLECTED, UNFORTUNATELY, IN SOME OF OUR CITY DEPARTMENTS WITH OUR LACK OF DIVERSITY AND STILL HAVE A STRUGGLE WITH RACISM, SEXISM AND OTHER "ISMS."

SO INSTEAD OF DEALING WITH THE FACT THAT EVENTUALLY WE'LL GET A REPORT, I BELIEVE, ASSESSING WHAT'S GOING ON, AND INSTEAD OF JUST TALKING ABOUT THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AS THE ISSUE THAT SHOULD BE RESOLVED, I THINK WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE DEAL WITH INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS.

THERE WAS ONE THAT WAS CALLED
FOR IN THIS INCIDENT, AND, SO,
WHAT HAPPENED?
WELL, SPECIFICALLY, ACTUALLY A
COUPLE OF THINGS.
THE CITY RESPONDED WITH ISSUES
OF THE CONTROVERSY AND THE
BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.
THERE WAS A \$500,000 AMOUNT OF
MONEY WITH NO PLAN SET ASIDE TO
DO SOMETHING FOR WHAT WE DON'T
KNOW AND WHO KNOWS WHAT OR WHEN.
THAT WAS ONE RESPONSE.
THE OTHER RESPONSE WAS TO HAVE A
REPORT WRITTEN.
THE STANDARDS FOR THOSE REPORTS
I AM TOLD ARE ATTORNEY-CLIENT
PRIVILEGE.
SO I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE
STANDARDS, ARE NEITHER WILL MOST
PEOPLE.
WHEN IT WAS DUE, HOW IT WILL GET
HERE, ALSO NOT CLEAR.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, THOUGH, IT'S
HOW WE CHOSE WHO'S GOING TO
WRITE IT.
WE LUCKILY HAVE A WONDERFUL SET
OF ATTORNEYS ON RETAINER WHO ARE
EXCELLENT AT THEIR JOBS, THIS IS
NOT A CRITICISM OF THEIR
CHARACTER OR THEIR ABILITY TO
DEFEND THE CITY AT ALL COSTS.
BUT, WHEN YOU TAKE ONE OF OUR
DEFENSE COUNSELS WHO ALREADY
HAVE DIRECT CONTRACTS WITH THE
CITY OF BOSTON AND THEN TURN
AROUND AND ASK THAT VERY SAME
PERSON TO SAY, OH, YOU DEFEND US
ALL THE TIME, AS A MATTER OF
FACT YOU'RE DEFENDING THE BOSTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW, BUT
IN THIS CONTEXT WE FEED YOU TO
ACT AS AN INDEPENDENT
INVESTIGATOR, JUST ACT AS ARMS
LENGTH.
THE SAME PEOPLE YOU TALKED TO
DEFEND YOU WILL ACT NEUTRALLY
TOWARDS AND BE ABLE TO
INVESTIGATE TRULY AND HONESTLY.
I QUESTION WHETHER THAT BRINGS
ABOUT THE TRUST THAT IS
NECESSARY FOR US AS A CITY, FOR
US AS BOSTONIANS TO TRULY
BELIEVE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION

IS ABLE TO INVESTIGATE ITSELF.
WHY PUT ANY ATTORNEY IN THAT
POSITION?

I WOULD STRUGGLE WITH THAT AS AN
ATTORNEY.

IF I DEFENDED LEGAL SERVICES FOR
YEARS TO TURN AROUND AND THEN
INVESTIGATE MY COLLEAGUES OR THE
FOLKS WHO I'VE WORKED WITH FOR
YEARS AND DO THAT IN AN
INDEPENDENT WAY.

VERY LIKELY WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS
A WONDERFULLY THOROUGH REPORT
ABOUT THINGS IN WHICH WE COULD
AND SHOULD BE DOING.

BUT IT WILL NOT BE A REPORT THAT
SUBJECTS THE CITY OF BOSTON TO
ANY FORM OF LIABILITY BECAUSE
YOU JUST CAN'T DO THAT AS A
DEFENSE ATTORNEY YOU WON'T DO
THAT AS A DEFENSE ATTORNEY.

BUT AS AN INDEPENDENT
INVESTIGATION, YOU SHOULD NOT
HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
YOU SHOULD BE OUT THERE SAYING
EVERYTHING GOOD, BAD, WHATEVER
LIABILITY THAT IT RESULTS IN.

MY CONCERN IS WE'RE NOT GOING TO
GET THAT.

THE OTHER CONCERN IS THIS IS THE
FOURTH REPORT ABOUT THIS
PARTICULAR AGENCY.

THE FACT THAT YOU'VE HAD SO MANY
REPORTS ABOUT AN AGENCY OR THE
SYSTEMIC BIAS WITHIN THERE MEANS
THAT, DESPITE THE REPORTS OR
KNOWLEDGE, THINGS ARE NOT
HAPPENING.

WHO DO YOU HOLD ACCOUNTABLE FOR
THAT NOT TO HAPPEN?

THE FACT THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT
ABLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR JOBS AND
ABLE TO GROW IN THE WORKFORCE
WITHOUT HAVING IMPLEMENTED SOME
OF THE VERY IMPORTANT -- EXCUSE
ME -- DECREASE WE'VE AGREED OR
REPORTS IS A PROBLEM, IT IS A
SYSTEMIC PROBLEM, IT RELIES AND
LIES ON NO PARTICULAR
ADMINISTRATION.

SO WHAT THIS IS HOPING TO DO IS
BRING ABOUT A SYSTEMIC SOLUTION,
ONE IN WHICH WE AS A BODY, WITH
THE ADMINISTRATION, CREATE AN

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION THAT,
WHEN THESE ISSUES COME ABOUT,
NOT AGAIN -- THIS IS NOT A ME
VERSUS SOMEBODY IN PARTICULAR
KIND OF ISSUE, BUT ONE IN WHICH
WE SEE THIS DEPARTMENT IS
STRUGGLING WITH THIS IN A
SYSTEMIC WAY, THAT THEY COULD
THEN GO TO AN INDEPENDENT
COMMISSION.

THAT COMMISSION WOULD RFP AND
DESIGN FOR US WHAT THAT
INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATE SHOULD
LOOK AT.

WE WOULDN'T BE WONDERING WHAT
THE STANDARDS WERE.

SO THEY COULD RFP THOSE
STANDARDS AND OTHER PEOPLE COULD
BID ON THAT.

THAT WAS THE ISSUE.

NO ONE GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR.

IT WAS JUST GIVEN TO SOMEBODY.

SO I WANT THIS OPEN,

TRANSPARENT, I WANT PEOPLE TO BE
ABLE TO COME FORWARD AND HELP
THE CITY OF BOSTON THE WITH
SYSTEMIC ISSUES, AN INDEPENDENT
COMMISSION, ONE WHERE THEY ARE
NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED ALREADY
OR PAID BY THE CITY TO DEFEND
THE CITY IS TRUE INDEPENDENCE.

I THINK, ULTIMATELY, THE GOAL IS
TO BE ABLE TO SAY TO THE PUBLIC,
WHEN WE SAY WE'RE GOING TO DO AN
INVESTIGATION AND FIGURE OUT
WHAT WENT WRONG, WE WILL ONLY
GAIN THE TRUST, AND PEOPLE WILL
BELIEVE US WHEN THEY GET THAT
END RESULT.

AND THIS INDEPENDENT COMMISSION
CAN HELP THEM MONITOR HOW THOSE
RESULTS, THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS,
THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE HELD
ACCOUNTABLE.

THIS DOES NOT PUT IT ON
CO-WORKERS TO HAVE TO LOOK AT
CO-WORKERS.

IT DOES NOT PUT IT ON THE
ADMINISTRATION TO TARGET ANY
INDIVIDUAL.

IT ALLOWS FOR THE INDEPENDENT
COMMISSION TO LOOK AT IT.

THIS IS BEYOND THE BOSTON FIRE

DEPARTMENT.

IT COULD BE THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT, IT COULD BE LOOKING
AT THE COMMITTEE.

IT ALLOWS US TO HAVE AN ARMS'
LENGTH ANALYSIS ABOUT ISSUES ANT
SYSTEMIC CONCERNS THAT THE CITY
OF BOSTON STILL STRUGGLES.

WITH SO I HOPE THAT WE WILL
RESOLVE AS A BODY TODAY THAT WE
SHOULD AT LEAST CONSIDER ABOUT
HAVING AN INDEPENDENT
COMMISSION.

OF COURSE, BECAUSE IT'S THE END
OF THE YEAR, THERE'S NO
ORDINANCE BEFORE US, THERE'S NO
ACTUAL, DIRECT BODY DESIGNED,
BUT I WILL BE BRINGING IT AND I
GUESS MY COLLEAGUES WILL BE
BRINGING SOMETHING IN THE NEXT
YEAR.

THIS IS BECAUSE WHEN WE LOOK
AT THE END RESULT TO TRULY
RESULT THE CITY OF BOSTON IS
GOING TO HOLD ITSELF
ACCOUNTABLE, WE NEED
INDEPENDENCE, WE NEED FOLKS NOT
DIRECTLY PAID ALREADY BY THE
CITY OF BOSTON TO DEFEND IT TO
BE A PART OF THAT CONVERSATION.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS.

CONSIDERED PEREZLY, WOULD YOU
LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS?

>> I'LL TRY.

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR
PRESSLEY.

>> THANK YOU.

AND I WANT TO THANK THE LEAD
SPONSOR HERE FOR LEADERSHIP AND
PARTNERSHIP ON THIS AND FOR HER
ELOQUENT AND IMPASSIONED
CONTEXTUALIZING, HOW WE FIND
OURSELVES AND WHY, AT THIS
MOMENT, AND WHAT HAS BEEN THE
PROMPT FOR THIS PROPOSAL.

AGAIN, IT IS SO MUCH BIGGER THAN
ANY ONE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY.

I THINK IT IS ABOUT
INSTITUTIONALIZING.

IT IS ABOUT STANDARDIZING.

IT IS ABOUT CODIFYING A SYSTEM
AND A PROCESS THAT BUILDS TRUST,

THAT INSTITUTIONALIZES OUR INTEGRITY FOR THIS PROCESS AND, AGAIN, FOSTERS A PUBLIC TRUST IN THAT PROCESS.

THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND ELIMINATION OF SYSTEMIC BIAS IN THE WORKPLACE IS ONE STEP TOWARDS TRULY BUILDING A SAFE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OUR EMPLOYEES.

WE COULD BE A MODEL FOR THE COUNTRY, TRULY.

MORE SPECIFICALLY TWO, MONTHS AGO, OUR ENTIRE CITY CAME TOGETHER AND EXHAUSTED EVERY AVENUE POSSIBLE TO RESIST THE APPOINTMENT OF BRETT KAVANAUGH.

LAST WEEK THIS VERY BODY PASSED AN HISTORIC HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR THE CITY COUNCIL BECAUSE WE ACKNOWLEDGED THEN THAT OUR WORKPLACE MUST NEVER TOLERATE INAPPROPRIATE MAIFER AND WILL HOLD ONE ANOTHER ACCOUNTABLE. SO IN THE INTEREST OF SUPPORTING ALL WORKERS, IN THE INTEREST OF SUPPORTING ALL SURVIVORS, EVERY EMPLOYEE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON DESERVES THAT SAME SUPPORT, THE SAME PROTECTIONS THAT WE AFFORD CITY COUNCIL STAFF AND TO -- MUST BE TRUE FOR ALL OUR CITY WORKERS.

IN SPEAKING WITH THE WOMAN IN THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND, AGAIN, THIS IS NOT ABOUT ANYONE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT THAT'S BEEN THE PROMPT FOR THIS SPECIFIC PROPOSAL, BUT IT IS SYSTEMIC, IT IS CULTURAL.

THESE ARE CHALLENGES THAT ARE PERVASIVE AND CULTURALLY INGRAINED AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE THOUGHTFUL WILL AND APPROACH AND TRANSPARENCY TO DIG IT OUT FROM ITS ROOT AND TO ADDRESS IT.

AND SPEAKING WITH THE WOMEN IN THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY, WE HEARD, YOU KNOW, VERY HARROWING EXPERIENCES FROM THEM AND, AGAIN, THEY'RE NOT UNIQUE TO THEM.

THEY JUST HAPPENED TO COME FORWARD.

SO IMAGINE, YOU KNOW, ALREADY DISCLOSING SOMETHING SO PAINFUL AND THE SHAME AND ISOLATION AND STIGMA THAT CAN GO ALONG WITH THAT, AND THEN DOING A JOB EVERY DAY THAT'S ABOUT KEEPING THE PUBLIC SAFE, WHEN YOU CONTINUE TO FEEL UNSAFE.

SO A COMMISSION WOULD AFFORD US THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THESE CULTURAL SYSTEMIC ISSUES BECAUSE, WHEN WE OVERLOOK THEM AND CHOOSE TO IGNORE IT, WE'RE NOT LIVING UP TO OUR MISSION AND OUR VALUES AS A CITY AND AS A COUNCIL.

A COMMISSION WOULD CREATE A DEDICATED AVENUE FOR OTHERS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES, TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR OPTIONS AND FOURS TO ADDRESS THESE THINGS IN THE LIGHT OF DAY AND, AGAIN, TO STRENGTHEN AND RESTORE TRUST IN OUR PROCESSES, IN OUR SYSTEM.

SO I HOPE OUR COLLEAGUES WOULD CONSIDER SUPPORTING IT.

THIS IS NO DIFFERENT THAN MANY OF THE OTHER ISSUES WE'VE TAKEN ON AS A BODY.

I DO THINK WE SHOULD EXHAUST EVERY TOOL AT OUR DISPOSAL TO SUPPORT ALL WORKERS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE IN A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT.

AGAIN, I THANK COUNCILLOR EDWARDS AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK NOT ONLY THE BRAVE WOMEN OF THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE COME FORWARD, BUT ALSO MEGAN IRONS FOR HER WORK WHO BROUGHT THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY.

AT THIS TIME, FIRST LATE FILE MATTER WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

>> SECOND LATE FILE FROM ED FLYNN, BOSTON CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2, DECEMBER 12.

DEAR MADAM CLERK, I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT I AM UNABLE TO

ATTEND TODAY'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS I AM CURRENTLY ON A LEARNING EXPEDITION IN ISRAEL. AS THIS IS THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING OF THE YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN OFFER MY SINCEREST GRATITUDE TO COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE WITH HER AND WITNESS HER COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL. I WISH HER GREAT SUCCESS IN WASHINGTON, AND I KNOW SHE WILL WORK HARD TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON IN DISTRICT 7. THANK YOU AGAIN, AND I REQUEST THIS LETTER BE READ INTO RECORD, SINCERELY, ED FLYNN, BOSTON CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK, SECOND LATE FILE WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

>> LATE FILE NUMBER THREE. COUNCILLOR MARK CIOMMO, BOSTON CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

DEAR MADAM CLERK, DUE TO TRAVEL WITH COLLEAGUES IN ISRAEL, I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

SINCERELY, MARK CIOMMO.
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK. CAN YOU PLEASE PLACE THE THIRD LATE FILE MATTER ON FILE. AND THE FOURTH.

>> FOURTH LATE FILE, COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY P. McCARTHY, BOSTON CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5.

DEAR CLERK AND PRESIDENT, REGRETTABLY, I WILL NOT BE ATTENDING TODAY'S HEARING BUT WILL REVIEW THE TAPE AT A LATER DATE.

MAUREEN AND I ARE PROUDLY ATTENDING OUR SON'S GRADUATION FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY INFANTRY SCHOOL IN FORT BENING, GEORGIA.

PLEASE WISH MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES ALL THE BEST FOR HAPPY HANUKKAH, MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SINCERELY, TIMOTHY McCARTHY,
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5.

>> DO YOU REALLY THINK HE'S
GOING TO REVIEW THE TAPE?

(LAUGHTER)

WE WOULD LIKE TO PLACE THE FIFTH
LATE FILE MATTER ON FILE,
PLEASE.

>> THIS LATE FILE, THAT'S THE
FOURTH.

THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR AYANNA
PRESSLEY, BOSTON CITY

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE, ON DECEMBER 12, 2018, DEAR MADAM
CLERK, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT I

AM RESIGNING MY POSITION AS
AN-AT-LARGE BOSTON CITY
COUNCILLOR EFFECTIVE 5:00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2, 2019.

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE
THE CITY OF BOSTON IN THIS ROLE,
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE
PARTNERSHIPS WITH THIS AWE GUST
BODY.

SINCERELY, AYANNA PRESSLEY.

>> DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK,
COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY?

>> OH, NO.

KAY.

YOUR LIGHT IS ON.

(LAUGHTER)

PLEASE PLACE THE SIXTH LATE FILE
MATTER -- OH, THE FIFTH LATE
FILE MATTER ON --

(APPLAUSE)

>> (INAUDIBLE)

(LAUGHTER)

>> THE SIXTH LATE FILE, DECEMBER 12, 2018, COUNCILLOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILLOR BAKER.

>> COUNCILLOR BAKER SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF THE SIXTH LATE FILE
MATTER.

(VOTING)

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE ORDER HAS PASSED.

>> THE SEVENTH LATE FILE, THE
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, THE
CITY BOSTON, OFFICE OF CITY
CLERK, UNIVERSITY ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT FROM 2018 TO 2019
STATISTICS.

THAT JUST STATES --

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

WILL YOU PLEASE PLACE THE SEVENTH LATE FILE MATTER ON FILE.

THE CONSENT AGENDA, THERE ARE ZERO LATE FILE MATTERS --

>> OH, I HAVE ONE MORE.

SORRY.

THE EIGHTH LATE FILE IS FROM THE BOSTON GROUNDWATER TRUST, SUBJECT TO BOSTON GROUNDWATER TRUST THE ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATE.

CLEAR CLERK FEENY, AS FOUNDING AUTHORITY THAT CREATED THE BOSTON BROWN WATER TRUST, PLEASE ACCEPT THE ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATE OF OUR ACTIVITIES.

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT WHICH ENABLES US TO CONTINUE PRESERVING THE FOUNDATIONS OF BOSTON'S HISTORIC STRUCTURES.

VERY TRULY YOURS, CHRISTIAN CIMANELLI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

WILL YOU PLACE THE EIGHTH LATE FILE ON FILE.

CONSENT AGENDA, THERE ARE ZERO LATE FILE MATTERS.

THE CHAIR MOVES FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.

(VOTING)

THE AYES HAVE IT, THE CONSENT AGENDA IS ADOPTED.

IS THERE ANYONE THAT WISHES TO MAKE A STATEMENT TODAY?

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

I JUST VERY QUICKLY WANT TO NOTE AT OUR LAST MEETING AND THE YEAR WINDS DOWN THAT I THINK WE HAVE TWO NORTHEASTERN CO-OPENS, ONE IN MY OFFICE, MEGAN CAMELLO, AND ONE CENTRAL STAFF, KIM NOE, WHO WILL BE RETURNING BACK TO SCHOOL.

WANT TO WISH THEM WELL AND THANK THEM BOTH.

SPECIAL THANKS TO MEGAN WHO'S BEEN IN OUR OFFICE THIS SEMESTER.

KIM IS VERY SUPPORTIVE ON
CENTRAL STAFF.

I WANT TO PUSH THEM BOTH A HAPPY
RETURN TO SCHOOL AND THANK THEM
TO THEIR DEDICATION TO OUR WORK
OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR GEORGE.
AND I WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A
HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR
COLLEAGUES AND I.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

>> THANK YOU.

(APPLAUSE)

MEMORIALS.

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL
GUESTS AND MEMBERS TO -- OH,
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

>> (INAUDIBLE).

ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MAKE A
BRIEF STATEMENT.

>> TOUGH FLOOR.

I WANT TO NOTE THIS FRIDAY
WILL BE THE FIRST OFFICIAL DAY
TO HAVE THE PLASTIC BAG
ORDINANCE GOING INTO EFFECT IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON AND I AM
INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY
COUNCIL-AT-LARGE FROM
ROSLINDALE.

WE HAD A VERY LABORIOUS AND
EFFECTIVE OUTREACH PROCESS AS WE
WERE DRAFTING THE LEGISLATION,
WORKING ON THAT AS WELL AS A
HOST OF OTHER ISSUES, AS WE ARE
QUITE CAPABLE OF MULTI-TASKING
IN THIS BODY, BUT REALLY LEADING
FROM THIS BODY ALL OF US, AND
EVEN THE NEWER MEMBERS THAT
DIDN'T TAKE A VOTE AT THE TIME
BUT CERTAINLY PART AND PARCEL OF
GETTING THIS THING DONE.

IT'S GOING TO BE A REMARKABLE
THING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.
AND I AM GRATEFUL TO THE MAYOR'S
LEADERSHIP IN WORKING, AND THE
FOLKS THAT HE'S PUT IN
PARTICULAR IN CHIEF CHRIS COOK'S
CABINET WHO HAVE BEEN REALLY
FOCUSED ON THIS, AND I JUST
THINK THAT I HAVE BEEN SPENDING
THE WEEK SORT OF LOOKING AT A
LOT OF TREES AND SEEING PLASTIC
BAGS CAUGHT IN TREES, AND, GOD

WILLING, ONE YEAR FROM NOW
THEY'RE GOING TO SEE THOSE
NUMBERS DIMINISH BY LEAPS AND
BOUNDS.

SO I'M PROUD THAT MY TEAM AND I
HAVE GIVEN OVER THE LAST YEAR
AND A HALF, WE'VE GIVEN OUT
NEARLY 7,000 REUSABLE SHOPPING
BAGS AT ELECTION DAY, AT EVENTS,
SENIOR EVENTS.

WONDERFUL GROUPS LIKE ABCD, I
KNOW JOSH YOUNG WAS HERE
EARLIER, IS STILL HERE, THEY
HAVE MORE THAT THEY'RE GIVING
OUT AND A REAL FOCUS
PARTICULARLY ON THE COMMUNITIES
TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE ACCESS TO
THEM.

SO IT'S GOING TO BE CERTAIN
GETTING USED TO FOR FOLKS BUT
IT'S BEEN A GREAT CELEBRATION OF
PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER TO BOTH
DO SOMETHING ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL
GESTURES WHILE, AT THE SAME
TIME, MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE
ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE
AND MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS
ACCESS TO REUSABLE BAGS.

SO I'M GRATEFUL TO OUR COMMUNAL
WORK ON THIS STUFF AND LOOK
FORWARD TO COMMUNAL IN EIGHT
HOURS.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO PREMATURELY
CONGRATULATE COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.
GOOD LUCK ON WHEN THAT BUND OF
JOY COMES.

MY MOTHER TOLD ME YOU WILL NEVER
EXPERIENCE LOVE UNTIL YOU'RE
HOLDING YOUR OWN CHILD.
SO KEEP THAT IN THE BACK OF YOUR
MIND.

ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO
CONGRATULATE AGAIN CONGRESSWOMAN
ELECT AYANNA PRESSLEY FROM THE
BOTTOM OF MY HEART AND I'M SURE
FROM EVERYBODY ON THIS BODY,
GOOD LUCK DOWN THERE.
YOUR SUCCESSES ARE OUR
SUCCESSES.

SO CONGRATULATIONS.

>> THANK YOU.
(APPLAUSE)

>> AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
RECOGNIZE COUNCILLOR ZAKIM FOR

WHAT YOU RISE, COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.

>> UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

>> YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

I WANT TO JOIN OUR COLLEAGUES IN OBVIOUSLY RECOGNIZING COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY TODAY AND COUNCILLOR EDWARDS' BIRTHDAY TOMORROW AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER BIRTHDAY TO ANNOUNCE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS AND ALSO JUST TO ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS IN THE SPIRIT OF JOY, I DON'T WANT TO DIGRESS TOO MUCH, BUT IT'S AN EXCITING LAST DAY AND I'M PROUD TO BE HERE WITH THE PERFECT ATTENDANCE SIDE OF THE ROOM TODAY.

THANK YOU.

(LAUGHTER)

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR ZAKIM. NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL GUESTS AND MEMBERS TO RISE.

WE WILL NOW ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING IN THE MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: FOR COUNCILLOR FLYNN AND FLAHERTY RETIRED BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN HUBERT JOE MCGRAFF.

FOR COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY, FLORA IOLA AND BLANCH D. SPITZ.

FOR COUNCILLOR WHICH IS RYAN SPITZ'S, COUNCILLOR CHIEF OF CHAFF'S GRANDMOTHER.

FOR COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, TODD J. DORSETT.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.

(SILENCE)

THANK YOU.

THE CHAIR NOW MOVES ADJOURNMENT.

C MAY DA.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT MEANS BUT WE CAN CIRCLE BACK ON THAT.

THAT'S OUR LAST DAY.

(VOTING)

THE AYES HAVE IT.

COUNCIL THE ADJOURNED.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR.

(APPLAUSE)

(END OF EVENT)