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>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CLERK.
WILL YOU PLEASE CALL A ROLE TO
ASCERTAIN THE PRESENCE OF A
QUORUM.

>> COUNCILLOR BAKER.
COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL.

>> HERE.

>> COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.

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>> HERE.

>> COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> HERE.

>> COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> HERE.

>> COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> COUNCILLOR JANEY?

>> PRESENCE.

>> COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

>> HERE.

>> COUNCILLOR WU.

SHE WAS JUST HERE.

COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.

WE DO HAVE A QUORUM THOUGH.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

MADAM CLERK, COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE WILL JOIN US.

OUR CLERK WILL TAKE US THROUGH
THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE WITH COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

IF WE CAN AMEND THE RECORD TO
SHOW THAT COUNCILLOR ZAKIM HAS
JOINED US.

AND HE BROUGHT VALENTINE'S DAY
STUFF AND CANDY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

THE CLERK WILL BE GIVING THE
OPENER PRAYER.

WE HAD A QUICK CONVERSATION AT
MY OFFICE A LITTLE WHILE AGO AND
TALKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR OFFICE
AND WHATEVER.

I WANT TO SHARE THIS STORY
BECAUSE IT'S HYSTERICAL.

WE WERE TALKING ABOUT OUR MOMS,
VALENTINE'S DAY AND LOTS OF LOVE

IN THIS ROOM.
I LOVE MY MOTHER.
I REMEMBER THE DAY SHARING THIS
WITH THE CLERK.
I TOLD MY MOTHER WAS RUNNING FOR
OFFICE.
FOR MANY -- MY MOTHER SAID TO
ME, BUT MAUREEN IS SO PULLED
TOGETHER.
I SAID THANKS, MOM, THANKS.
THANKS FOR THE WORDS OF
ENCOURAGEMENT.
SO OUR CLERK IS SO PULLED
TOGETHER.
BUT I DO WANT TO WELCOME AND
THANK OUR CLERK FOR BEING HERE
FOR US AND WHEN WE NEED SOMEONE
TO OPEN US IN GREAT WORDS OF
REFLECTION.
YOU HAVE THE MAGIC TO ALWAYS
SHARES, ALWAYS SELECT THE
OPENING RECORD.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.
I HAVE TO TELL YOU A STORY.
THE DAY I TOLD MY MOTHER THAT I
WAS SEEKING RUNNING FOR OFFICE
AND IN HER TRUE IRISH FORM, MY
MOTHER SAID WITHOUT BLINKING,
BUT WHO WOULD EVER VOTE FOR YOU?
GOD BLESS THE IRISH.
>> THEY RAISE TOUGH GIRLS.
>> THANK YOU.
>> IF YOU'D ALL JOIN ME.
SPIRIT OF LIFE AND LOVE, WHICH
MOVES THROUGH US AND ALL THE
WORLD, WE MAY THIS DAY BE
GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE
WHICH IS OURS.
REMEMBERING TODAY AND ALWAYS
THAT THE LIFE WE HAVE AND HOLD
IS TO US A HISTORY AND PRECIOUS.
MAY WE THIS DAY BE REMINDED OF
THE RESPONSIBILITIES WE CARRY.
NOT SO THAT WE'RE INTIMIDATED OR
OVERWHELMED BUT SO THAT WE MAY
BE TRUE TO THEM SO THAT WE MAY
BE FAITHFUL IN CARRYING THEM
FORWARD.
MAY WE THIS DAY MAINTAIN A SENSE
OF PERSPECTIVE, REMEMBERING WHO
WE ARE, ENGAGING THE TASKS AT
HAND AND UNDERSTANDING OUR
LIMITATIONS, UNDERSTANDING OUR

OWN SHORTCOMINGS AND FORGIVING
OURSELVES IF WE FALL SHORT OF
PERFECTION.

MAY WE BE FILLED WITH NEW
BREATH, BE FILLED WITH NEW
ENTHUSIASM AND READY FOR ACTION
AND RESOLUTION.

AND MAY WE THIS DAY REMEMBER
THOSE VIRTUES THAT BLESS OUR
LIVES AND BLESS THE LIVES OF
OTHERS.

THE VIRTUES OF CARING AND
CONCERN AND THE VIRTUE OF
HONESTY AND RESPECT, THE VIRTUES
OF CHARITY, INDUSTRY AND
PATIENCE.

MAY THE MEMBERS OF THIS BOSTON
CITY COUNCIL MAIN THEY A HIGH
SENSE OF THEIR CALLING,
REMEMBERING THAT THEY ARE
INVESTED HERE WITH HONOR AND
CALLED TO A WIDER VISION OF THE
WORLD, A WORLD MADE MORE FAIR,
MORE JUST, MORE EQUITABLE BY
THEIR EFFORTS.

AMEN.

>> AMEN.

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

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

>> MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD
AMEND THE ATTENDANCE RECORD THAT
COUNCILLOR BAKER AND FLAHERTY
ARE ALSO PRESENT.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU.

MADAM CLERK, DID WE GET
EVERYONE?

>> YES.

>> MOVING ON TO APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES.

IF THERE'S NO CORRECTIONS TO BE
MADE, THE MINUTES OF THE LAST
MEETING WILL STAND APPROVED.
SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECTION,
THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL
MEETING ARE SO APPROVED.

MOVING TO COMMUNICATIONS FROM
HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0335.

MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXTEND THE AMOUNT OF \$440,000 IN THE FORM OF A GRANT FOR THE NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, PASSED THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE ELDERLY COMMISSION. THE GRANT ARE FOR HOME BOUND SENIORS.

THIS IS AN ESTIMATED AWARD, TOTAL BASED ON PRIOR ALLOCATIONS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0335 ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH THINK WOMEN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0336.

MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPAND AN AMOUNT OF \$200,000 IN THE FORM OF A GRANT FOR THE IMMIGRANT ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVE AWARDED BY THE DONOR GROUP TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT.

THE GRANT WILL FUND PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, EVENTS AND SMALL GRANTS THAT ENABLE IMMIGRANTS TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE ECONOMIC CIVIL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0336 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTHY, WOMEN, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0337.

MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXTEND AN AMOUNT OF \$25,000 IN THE FORM OF A GRANT FROM THE FY FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT FORMULA GRANT AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, PASSED THROUGH THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE CRIME LABORATORY, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE GRANT WOULD FUND TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR FORENSIC EXAMINERS AND

LABORATORY PERSONNEL.

>> COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> I RISE TO ASK TO SUSPEND AND
PASS 0337 AS THE CLERK STATED,
\$25,000 GRANT WILL GO TO THE
CRIME LAB FOR FURTHER EDUCATION.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR McCARTHY, AS THE
CHAIR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF 0337.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET NUMBER 0337 HAS BEEN
PASSED.

MADAM CLERK, IF COULD READ
DOCKET NUMBER 0338 THROUGH
03342.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

DOCKET NUMBER 0338, MESSAGE AND
ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF
THE APPOINTMENT OF NADINE VALENS
AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

DOCKET NUMBER 0339, MESSAGE AND
ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION AND
APPOINTMENT OF BRUCE DICKERSTAFF
AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
APPEALS.

DOCKET NUMBER 0440, MESSAGE AND
ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF
THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK FORTUNE
AS MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE
1, 2021.

DOCKET NUMBER 04341, MESSAGE AND
ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION AND
APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH RODERIO AS
A MEMBER OF THE ZONING AND BOARD
OF APPEALS.

AND DOCKET NUMBER 0342, MESSAGE
AND ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION
OF THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE
ARDURO AS A ABDULMUTALLAB OF THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0338 THREW 0342
WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PLANNING,
DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION.
MOVING ON TO REPORTS OF PUBLIC

OFFICERS AND OTHERS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0343.

COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE UPDATING ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF MEETINGS HELD WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

>> IT WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0344.

NOTICE RECEIVED FROM THE POLICE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE BOSTON TRUST ACT REGARDING CIVIL IMMIGRATION DETAINER RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0344 WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

MOVING ON TO MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD READ DOCKET NUMBER 0311 THROUGH 0313 SO THE CHAIR CAN TALK ABOUT THEM TOGETHER AND THEN WE WILL TAKE ACTION ON THEM SEPARATELY.

THANK YOU.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0311, ORDER APPROVING A PETITION FOR SPECIAL LAW REGARDING AN ACT REGARDING THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCILLORS.

0312, AN ORDER APPROVING A PETITION FOR SPECIAL LAW FOR ELECTION PROCEEDIERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

DOCKET NUMBER 0313, ORDER APPROVING PETITION FOR SPECIAL LAW REGARDING AN ACT CONCERNING VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCILLOR AT LARGE.

>> COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

JUST ONE PETITION WAS FILED WITH COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL WITH RELATED HOMELAND PETITIONS.

I'LL SPEAK TO ALL THREE OF THEM. THEY WERE REFERRED IN FEBRUARY. THE NOTICES HAD BEEN SPONSORED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER BACK IN 2016.

THE COMMISSIONER AND HEAD OF THE REISTRAR SAID THE PROPOSAL WILL BE UP TO \$1.6 MILLION IN SAVINGS FOR THE CITY.

COUNCIL IS IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL INCREASING THE TERM FROM 2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS AND ALLOWING THE COUNCIL TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND FOCUS ON MORE TIME OF THE WORK BECAUSE THEY WON'T HAVE TO CONTINUE CAMPAIGNING. THE CURRENT STATE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND HOW LONG A TERM COULD STRAIGHTEN AN INCUMBENT'S ABILITY TO GET RESOURCES.

AFTER THE HEARING CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE DOCKET IN ORDER TO REFLECT REFERENCES IN THE CHARTER THAT CONTEMPLATE BIENNIAL ELECTIONS.

A PROVISION WAS ADDED IN SECTION 1 TO CLARIFY THAT IN 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WILL TAKE QUADRA ANNUALLY IN EVERY ODD NUMBERED YEAR.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON QUADRENNIAL BASIS AND NO LONGER BIENNIAL.

AS CHAIRMAN, I RECOMMEND DOCKET 0311 OUGHT TO PASS AND A NEW DRAFT.

0312, A SPECIAL LAW TO ELECTION PROCEDURES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

THIS IS A PETITION THAT THE COMMISSIONER AND REGISTRAR HIGHLIGHTED THE POTENTIAL SCENARIO FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL RUNNING FOR TWO OFFICES WIN BOTH SIDES.

THEY WOULD HAVE TO VACANT ONE SEAT.

VOTERS WOULD LIKE TO TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM OF RUNNING FOR MORE THAN ONE SEAT BY NOT VOTING FOR THEM.

AT THE HEARING, TECHNICAL CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE DOCKET. THAT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING.

THE CITATION FOR SECTION 2.54 OF THE ACTS OF 1951 HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO SECTION 2 OF 376, THE ACTS OF 1951.

SECTION 3 HAS BEEN DELETED.

I RECOMMEND THAT DOCKET NUMBER 0312 TO PASS.

WITH RESPECT TO DOCKET NUMBER 0313, AN ORDER FOR A SPECIAL LAW

REGARDING AN ACT CONCERNING
VACANCY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT
LARGE.

THE PROCEDURES FOR ORDERING A
SPECIAL ELECTION WOULD FOLLOW
THE SAME PROCEDURES OF AN
ELECTION SHOULD A VACANCY OCCUR.

DURING THE HEARING, THE
COMMITTEE DISCUSSED IN BROAD
TERMS HOW THE PROPOSAL COULD
ALIGN THE PROCEDURES ACROSS THE
BODY AS WELL AS TECHNICAL
CHANGES THAT MAY NEED TO BE
ADDRESSED IN THE EVENT THIS THE
COUNCIL WOULD GO FROM TWO YEARS
TO FOUR YEARS.

AS A RESULT OF THE FEEDBACK
COLLECTED IN THE HEARING, I
RECOMMEND THAT DOCKET NUMBER
0313 REMAIN IN THE COMMITTEE AND
WILL TURN IT OVER TO LEAD
SPONSOR FOR ANY ADDITIONAL
COMMENTS IF SHE SO CHOOSES.

MADAM PRESIDENT?

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
FLAHERTY.

THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK ON
THIS.

SPECIFICALLY WITH DOCKET NUMBER
0313, WHICH HAS TO DO WITH A
SPECIAL ELECTION THROUGH MANY
CONVERSATIONS FROM THE HEARING,
OF COURSE, AND WITH THE CHAIR OF
THE COMMITTEE HAVE DECIDED TO
LEAVE THAT IN COMMITTEE AND TO
RE-VISIT THAT IF IN FACT BEFORE
YOUR TERM CHANGE GOES THROUGH.
WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
WORK ON THAT.

I APPRECIATE THE QUICK TURN
AROUND.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON
THESE DOCKETS AND TO TO SO AT
THE SAME TIME AND THEN TAKE
ACTION ON THEM SEPARATELY?
COUNCILLOR, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> I'LL BE BRIEF.

I'LL START WITH THE ONE THAT WE
DID NOT CALL FORWARD TODAY.

I DID WANT TO EXPRESS THAT
THE -- WHAT I THOUGHT WHAT WAS
LACKING CURRENTLY IN OUR SYSTEM,
THE FACT THAT IT WOULD GO TO A
DEFAULT IN THIS POSITION, IT'S

ALMOST LIKE WE'RE TRYING TO GET
A VOTE WITHOUT CHOICE VOTING.
AS WE COME BACK TO DEAL WITH
THIS ISSUE IS WHETHER WE SHOULD
GO TO RAIN CHOICE VOTING OR THE
AT LARGE OR ALL OF OUR ELECTIONS
WHERE PEOPLE CAN RANK THE FOLKS.
SO ONE A PERSON LEAVES, THAT
PERSON IS 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5 ARE
SLOWED DOWN TO THE OTHER FOLKS
THAT ALREADY RAN AND WE CAN HAVE
A COMBINATION OF WHO IS THE
FIFTH PLACE POSITION.

SO I ACTUALLY THINK WE NEED TO
REFORM THAT.

WE NEED TO GO TEACHER AND LOOK
AT HOW RANKED CHOICE VOTING CAN
SOLVE THIS WITH ONE ELECTION AND
NOT CAUSE ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

I WANTED TO SAY THAT.

WHEN YOU BRING THAT BACK UP
AGAIN.

WITH REGARDS TO THE TERMS.

I FULLY SUPPORT THAT.

I WANTED TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS
THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VOICING IN
THE MEADIAN IN GENERAL WITH THE
CONCENTRATION OF POWER.

THE FACT THAT IT WOULD
DISCOURAGE FOLKS FOR RUNNING.

IF ANYTHING, IF IT WAS ENACTED
IN 2021 IN THAT ELECTION, I CAN
IMAGINE FOLKS LOOKING AT A
FOUR-YEAR TERM WILL COME OUT OF
THE WOOD WORK TO TRY TO RUN FOR
A CITY COUNCIL, WHICH IS A GOOD
THING.

I ALSO THINK THAT IF THE CONCERN
IS ABOUT CONCENTRATION OF POWER
OVER TIME, IT'S NOT
NECESSARILY -- I DON'T THINK WE
SHOULD MAKE US LESS POWERFUL OR
MAINTAINING OUR CURRENT TWO-YEAR
TERMS.

IF IT'S A MATTER OF TURNOVER,
PEOPLE RUNNING, THEN I THINK WE
CAN LOOK AT OUR FOUR-YEAR TERM
POSITION, WHICH IS THE MAYOR.

IF IT'S A REAL CONCERN, I DON'T
KNOW WHY PEOPLE ARE MAKING THAT
PUSH FOR TWO YEARS.

MY POINT IS, IF YOU CONCERNED
ABOUT THE TURNOVER OF PEOPLE
RUNNING, THERE'S A WAY TO MAKE

SURE THAT THAT HAPPENS, REDUCING THE FOUR YEARS TO TWO YEARS.

I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS REALLY GOING TO STOP -- A FOUR-YEAR TERM WILL PREVENT FOLKS BEING HERE FROM 30 YEARS AND NOT PREVENT FOLKS FROM CHALLENGING PEOPLE FROM COMING FORWARD AND SAYING IT'S NOT ONLY MY TURN BUT IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.

WE'VE SEEN THAT IN ELECTIONS AS WELL.

I THINK THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED ARE POLITICIZED AND THEY SHOULD BE CONSISTENT.

YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT CONCENTRATION OF POWER IN FOUR YEARS, CALL FOR THAT CHANGE AS WELL.

FINALLY, I THINK -- WELL, I'M ALL SET.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

COUNCILLOR BAKER, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

I MORE WANT TO TALK ON 0313.

I ORIGINALLY FILED THIS THINKING ABOUT IT THE LAST COUPLE WEEKS AND WE TALKED ABOUT THE MONEY THAT WE SAVE WITH THE FOUR-YEAR TERM WE CAN LOSE IN ONE ELECTION HERE AT THE AT LARGE.

WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, I THOUGHT OF MY COLLEAGUE.

I THINK A VOTE FOR THIS IS A VOTE AGAINST MY COLLEAGUE, COUNCILLOR GARRISON.

I WASN'T PREPARED TO TAKE THAT VOTE.

I WAS PLANNING TO VOTE NO.

I THINK IT'S A GOOD MOVE.

I SPOKE ABOUT IT IN COMMITTEE.

JUST TO BRIEFLY TOUCH ON THE MAYOR'S TERM BACK TO TWO YEARS.

THE MAYOR'S JOB IS SO COMPLEX AND SO MUCH WITH IT AND

INVOLVED, I THINK THAT MAJOR, COULD BE SOMEBODY IN THIS BODY

IN A COUPLE YEARS, NEVER KNOW, BUT THE MAYOR NEEDS FOUR YEARS.

I COMMEND YOU ON YOUR TWO YEARS, I WOULD NOT BE IN FAVOR OF THAT.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR BAKER.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PREVIOUS WORK
ON THIS.

COUNCILLOR WU, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE
AND REITERATE HOW MUCH I SUPPORT
YOUR PORTION AND THE COUNCIL'S
PUSH TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION
AND KEEP BRINGING PEOPLE IN TO
TALK ABOUT WHAT THE BIG
STRUCTURAL DISCUSSIONS ARE THAT
EMPOWER CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND
BRING PEOPLE IN.

WE'VE TALKED ON THE OTHER TWO.
I WANTED TO WEIGH-IN ON THE
DOCKET ABOUT TWO-YEAR TERM
VERSUS FOUR-YEAR TERM.

THAT I HAVE THREE CATEGORIES OF
CONCERNS.

ONE IS AROUND CAMPAIGN FINANCE
AND ABSENT CHANGES AROUND HOW
OUR CYCLES WORK.

IF FOR EXAMPLE WHEN YOU RAISE
MONEY FOR CONGRESS, PEOPLE CAN
DONATE ONCE UP UNTIL THE PRIMARY
AND THEN DONATE ONCE AGAIN FOR
THE FINAL ELECTION RATHER THAN
YEAH BY YEAR.

THAT WOULD CREATE A NEW BARRIER
FOR PEOPLE AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME
THAT PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO USE THAT
YEARLY CYCLE.

I ALSO -- I WAS CONSULTING THE
MUNICIPAL HISTORIAN HERE BEFORE
THE MEETING ABOUT WHETHER THERE
WAS A TIME IN A MAYORAL ELECTION
YEAR WHERE AN INCUMBENT
COUNCILLOR LOST HIS OR HER SEAT.

MANY OF THE SUCCESSFUL
CHALLENGES COME IN THOSE
NONMAYORAL YEARS.

IT KIND OF FEELS COUNTER
INTUITIVE BECAUSE MORE PEOPLE
ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO THE
RACES.

MY SENSE IS THERE'S THE EFFECT
OF PEOPLE PAYING ATTENTION TO
THAT AND MAYBE HAVE LESS TIME OR
FOCUS ON THE COUNCIL RACES.

SO THE MAKEUP OF THE COUNCIL
TODAY IS BECAUSE OF THE
OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE AND

BRING NEW PEOPLE IN.
MANY EXAMPLES THAT WE CAN POINT
TO WHERE SOMEONE STOOD UP TO
CHALLENGE A SITTING COUNCILLOR,
THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THE
NONMAYORAL YEARS BECAUSE OF THE
EXTRA FOCUS.
SO WE WOULD BE CUTTING IN HALF
THE NUMBER OF CHANCES THAT
PEOPLE COULD CHALLENGE.
FINALLY, ALL OF THAT ASIDE,
MAYBE A PERSONAL PREFERENCE, BUT
IT IMPOSES ACCOUNTABILITY.
THERE'S ISSUES THAT GO LONGER
THAN TWO YEARS AND FOUR YEARS
PARTICULARLY AROUND DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS, ET CETERA.
BUT WE SHOULD BE ACTING AS FAST
AS POSSIBLE AND IDEALLY THAT WE
CAN TURN AROUND LEGISLATION AND
INITIATIVES EVERY YEAR AND
CERTAINLY EVERY TWO YEARS.
JUST WANTED TO GET THAT ON
RECORD.
I SUPPORT YOUR PUSH.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WU.
>> COUNCILLOR ZAKIM?
>> THANK YOU AND THE CHAIR FOR
THEIR GOOD COMMENTS ON THIS.
I RISE TO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT
DOCKET NUMBER 0311.
TALKING ABOUT EXTENDING FROM TWO
TO FOUR-YEAR TERMS.
I INTEND TO VOTE NO ON THIS
DOCKET.
OUR GOOD COLLEAGUE AT COUNCILLOR
WU JUST SHARED.
WE NEED TO BROADEN THIS
DISCUSSION.
I THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS
FORWARD.
IT'S NOT AN EASY PROPOSAL TO
FILE OR TALK ABOUT.
BUT IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
EXPANDING TURNOUT, EXPANDING
OPPORTUNITY, WE SHOULD ALSO BE
TALKING ABOUT AS COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS SAID, RIGHT CHOICE
VOTING.
TALKING ABOUT MOVING IT TO EVEN
YEARS IF HIGHER TURNOUT IS THE
GOAL.
THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SEE
DRAMATICALLY.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SAVING MONEY, IT'S IMPORTANT.

I KNOW COUNCILLOR CIOMMO HAD COMMENTS ON OUR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY HERE.

WE ALL TAKE THAT RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY.

NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE US.

SO WHEN THEY THINK THEY HAVE BETTER IDEAS OR THINK THERE'S A TIME FOR CHANGE HERE IN THIS BODY.

SO I DO APPRECIATE THE DISCUSSION.

I RESPECT WHERE YOU STAND, MADAM PRESIDENT ON THIS AND WHERE OUR COLLEAGUES DO.

I WILL VOTE NO.

THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A LONGER DISCUSSION AROUND THINGS LIKE RANK CHOICE VOICING, TERM LIMITS.

THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

>> THANKS.

COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I RISE IN SUPPORT IN ALL THREE DOCKETS.

I UNDERSTAND WE'RE NOT MOVING WITH DOCKET 0313, WHICH IS AN ACT CONCERNING A VACANCY IN THE CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE.

ANY TIME WE CAN OFFER THE POPULOUS MORE CHOICE AND ELECTION TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FOLKS THAT WANT TO BE CIVICALLY ENGAGED AND RUNNING FOR OFFICE, I WANT TO DO THAT.

IF A DISTRICT COUNCILLOR LEAVES MID-TERM, WE HAVE THE SYSTEM NOW.

I DON'T IT'S THE APARTMENT MALL WAY TO GO.

I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS.

DISAPPOINTED THAT I CAN'T VOTE ON IT.

MAKES A LOT OF SENSE.

IN TERMS OF THE OTHER TWO ISSUES, THEY'RE COMMON SENSE REFORM AND HELP THE BODY AND GET

MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED.
AFTER TALKING WITH MY COLLEAGUE
AND FRIEND FROM ROSENDALE, I DID
A BACK OF THE ENVELOPE.
IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, I JUST
WENT BACK TO 93, THERE'S BEEN
SIX SCENARIOS OF INCUMBENTS
LOSING THEIR SEATS.
I'M SURE THE CLERK WOULD KNOW
THIS.
THREE OCCURRED IN OFF YEAR
ELECTIONS.
THREE OCCURRED IN MAYORAL
ELECTIONS.
THE TWO AT-LARGE COUNCILLORS,
THAT OCCURRED IN OFF-YEAR
ELECTIONS.
THE THREE OF THE FOUR DISTRICT
COUNCILLORS LOST IN MAYORAL
ELECTIONS.
THE POINT IS A FOUR-YEAR TERM IS
NOT -- DOES NOT SET THE BAR AND
MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT.
IN FACT, I WOULD ARGUE IT DOES
THE OPPOSITE AND GETS MORE
INVOLVED AND HIGHER TURNOUT AND
MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED, WHICH IS
SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD
CELEBRATE.
SIMILARLY, I THINK DOCKET 0312,
WHICH I BELIEVE IS RULED THAT A
PERSON CANNOT RUN FOR MORE
OFFICE AT ONCE, I WOULD
ASSUME -- ALL OF US THAT 99.9%
OF THE PEOPLE TEND TO WIN.
THAT'S A COMMON SENSE RULE THAT
YOU'RE MOVING THE FACT AND
SOMEONE COULD RUN FOR MORE THAN
ONE SEAT AT THE SAME TIME, THEY
WOULD HOPE TO WIN BOTH SEATS AND
SET UP A SPECIAL ELECTION.
THESE ARE THREE INITIATIVES THAT
MAKE SENSE.
THEY STRENGTHEN THE BODY AND
PROUD TO SUPPORT ALL OF THEM.
THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU.
ANYBODY ELSE LOOK TO SPEAK?
AT THIS TIME, MADAM CLERK, IF WE
COULD TAKE EACH DOCKET
SEPARATELY STARTING WITH DOCKET
0311.
TAKE A STEP BACK.
JUST WANTED TO HAVE -- HAS

EVERYBODY SEEN THE COMMITTEE RECORDS?
COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY, THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF DOCKET 0311 IN A NEW DRAFT.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD CALL THE ROLL FOR 0311.

>> COUNCILLOR BAKER?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR CIOMMO?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR EDWARDS?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR GARRISON.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR JANEY?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR WU.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.

>> NO.

>> MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET NUMBER 0311 PASSES WITH 11 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

TWO IN THE NEGATIVE.

>> THANK YOU.

0311 HAS BEEN PASSED.

DOCKET NUMBER 0312.

COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY, THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS RECOMMENDS THAT WE ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND PASS 0312 IN A NEW DRAFT.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.

DOCKET NUMBER 0312 HAS BEEN PASSED.

MOVING ON TO DOCKET NUMBER --

>> CAN WE VOTE ON THAT?

AM I TO LATE?

>> NO.

RECONSIDERATION TO COUNT THE
VOTE ON THAT.

ANY OPPOSITION TO THAT?

OKAY.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD CALL
THE ROLL FOR DOCKET NUMBER 0312.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0312

BAKER?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL?

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR CIOMMO.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> HERE.

>> COUNCILLOR GARRISON.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR JANEY.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR WU.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.

>> YES.

>> MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET
NUMBER 0312 WAS PASSED WITH 12
VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND ONE
IN THE NEGATIVE.

>> THANK YOU.

0312 HAS BEEN PASSED.

WITH RESPECT TO DOCKET NUMBER OH
313, COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY
RECOMMENDS THAT THAT DOCKET
REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

0313 WILL REMAIN IN THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS.

MOVING ON TO MOTIONS, ORDERS AND
RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0345.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN OFFERED THE
FOLLOWING.

ORDER FOR HEARING TO DISCUSS

AFTER-HOUR CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

>> COUNCILLOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. MADAM PRESIDENT, I CALLED FOR THIS HEARING BECAUSE I HAD A LOT OF CALLS AND QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS ACROSS THE DISTRICT ON THE SOUTH END, IN SOUTH BOSTON AND CHINA TOWN.

RESIDENTS ASKING ME OR INFORMING ME ABOUT CONTRACTORS OR DEVELOPERS THAT ARE WORKING OUTSIDE OF TRADITIONAL HOURS OF OPERATION ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE.

I'M CALLING THIS HEARING TO GET FURTHER CLARIFICATION OR EXACTLY WHAT THE PROCESS IS TO REQUEST WORK TO BE DONE OUTSIDE OF TRADITIONAL HOURS.

CERTAINLY WE SUPPORT IT. DURING EMERGENCIES.

THAT IS CRITICAL.

BUT IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION PEOPLE ARE WORKING ON WEEKENDS.

I HAD AN INCIDENT IN SOUTH BOSTON.

SOMEONE WAS WORKING ON VETERANS DAY.

I WAS COMING HOME FROM A COMMUNITY FORUM ALSO IN SOUTH BOSTON.

SOMEONE WAS AT A CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

WORKING AT 8:30 P.M.

I'VE HEARD FROM THE SOUTH END FORUM ABOUT SIMILAR INCIDENTS ACROSS THE SOUTH END AND IN CHINA TOWN.

I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GREAT WORK OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS ISSUE AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AS WELL ALONG WITH ISD COMMISSIONER BUDDY CHRISTOPHER.

I JUST WANT TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION ON EXACTLY WHAT YOU CAN DO AND WHAT YOU CAN'T DO DURING NONTRADITIONAL WORKING HOURS.

IF YOU'RE CAUGHT WORKING ON THE

WEEKENDS OR AFTER HOURS, IT'S A \$300 FINE.

THAT'S SOMETHING THAT MAY NOT BE A DETERRENT FOR DEVELOPERS OR CONTRACTORS THAT CONTINUE TO WORK OUTSIDE OF THESE HOURS.

SO I WANT TO DO MORE RESEARCH, CALL A HEARING AND LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS AND LEARN EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING ACROSS OUR CITY.

ON A FINAL NOTE, MAYBE IT'S UNDERRATED, AS WE LOOK AT THE AIR B&B ISSUE, YOU KNOW, WHAT IS THE ROLE OF ISD IN TERMS OF SUPERVISING THIS PROJECT DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS.

WE MAY HAVE TO CONSIDER INCREASING THEIR BUDGET OR ADVOCATING FOR INCREASING THEIR BUDGET IF THEY'RE TAKING ON A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS IS IMPORTANT.

THAT'S WHY I'M CALLING THIS HEARING.

I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS HAVE A VOICE IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

I THINK LEARNING FROM EXPERTS AND LEARNING FROM OUR CITY GOVERNMENT ON HOW WE CAN STREAMLINE THE PROCESS BUT ALSO MAKE SURE THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL RESIDENTS ARE ALSO RESPECTED.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR FLYNN.
COUNCILLOR JANEY?

>> I RISE TO APPLAUD THE MAKER AND HAVING THIS HEARING ORDER, THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. I'M SURE IT'S ONE THAT IMPACTS ALL OF US AS WE SEE THIS DEVELOPMENT HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

CERTAINLY IS AFFECTING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MANY RESIDENTS THAT WE REPRESENT CERTAINLY PLEASE ADD MY NAME. THIS IS QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE.

IT'S AN ISSUE AROUND NOISE,
PARKING, ET CETERA.

ADD MY NAME.

LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING TO
CONVERSATION.

THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILLOR JANEY.

ADD COUNCILLOR JANEY, BAKER,
CIOMMO, EDWARDS, GARRISON,
McCARTHY, O'MALLEY, WU AS WELL
AS COUNCILLOR ZAKIM AND THE
CHAIR.

DOCKET NUMBER 0345 WILL BE
ASSIGNED TO PLANNING,
DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION.

JUST QUICKLY, ALWAYS WANT TO BE
IN THE HABIT OF THANKING CENTRAL
STAFF WITH THE PREVIOUS DOCKETS.

I WANT TO THANK CHRISTINE AND
MICHELLE FROM CENTRAL STAFF THAT
WORKED HARD ON THIS.

IT WAS A QUICK TURN AROUND.

I NEGLECTED TO DO THAT.

MADAM CLERK, IF WE CAN GO ON TO
DOCKET NUMBER 0346.

THANK YOU.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0346.

COUNCILLOR ZAKIM AND WU OFFER
THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING
TO DISCUSS PROVIDING VOTER
REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO ALL
NEW TENANTS IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE SUSPEND
RULE 12 AND ADD COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS.

>> ANY OBJECTION?

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS TO DOCKET
NUMBER 0346.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

THIS IS FAIRLY SELF-EXPLAIN
TORRE.

MODELED ON SOME ORDINANCES THAT
HAVE PASSED IN OUR PEER CITIES
ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

REQUIRES LANDLORDS AS PART OF
THOSE THAT RENT APARTMENTS IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON OR
COMMONWEALTH THAT YOU GET FAIRLY
SIGNIFICANT PACKET OF
DISCLOSURES.

OUR CITY DEPARTMENTS AND IFD DO

A GOOD JOB OF PROVIDING THE INFORMATION.

WE WANT INFORMATION AND FORMS TO MAKE SURE FOLKS PARTICULARLY IN SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO COULD SPEAK TO THIS.

TURNOVER ON SEPTEMBER 1.

WE WANT TO MAKE THIS EASIER FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THAT.

ACQUIRING INFORMATION.

SIMPLY TO INCLUDE INFORMATION FOR YOU GET REGISTERED, WORKING WITH THE CITY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT.

WE'D LIKE TO HAVE A HEARING TO DISCUSS THAT.

IT APPEARS TO WORK IN OTHER CITIES.

IF IT DOES, WE SHOULD IMPLEMENT IT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR ZAKIM. COUNCILLOR WU, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> JUST WANTED TO RISE TO THANK COUNCILLOR ZAKIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON ALL THINGS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND PROUD TO PARTNER ON THIS.

WE'VE SEEN SOME IMPROVEMENTS AND CHANGES RECENTLY AS PEOPLE HAVE MADE -- HAD EASIER ACCESS TO REGISTER.

DO IT ONLINE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND THIS IS JUST ABOUT TAKING THAT DOWN THAT BARRIER OF INFORMATION AND HOW TO DO THAT AND HOW TO GET PLUGGED IN AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WU. COUNCILLOR EDWARDS. COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. I RISE TO COMMEND AND THANK MY DEAR COLLEAGUES, MY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FROM EAST BOSTON, THIS IS A GREAT IDEA.

I CAN REMEMBER VIVIDLY MY FIRST APARTMENT AS A COLLEGE STUDENT IN WASHINGTON D.C. GETTING A VOTER REGISTRATION FORCE WITH THE LEASE.

I DID NOT FILL IT OUT BECAUSE I
WAS NOT READY TO GIVE UP MY
BOSTON REGISTRATION.
GLAD I DIDN'T.
IT WAS GREAT AS A REMINDER.
I LOOK FOR WAR TO THE HEARING.
AT A SIMILAR HEARING, I
SUGGESTED THAT THE DELTA BETWEEN
THE POPULATION OF BOSTON AND
ELIGIBLE VOTERS IS NOT THAT
GREAT.
IT'S PROBABLY 125,000 OR SO.
WE OUGHT TO TAKE THIS FURTHER
AND MAIL A VOTER REGISTRATION
FORM TO EVERY VOTENER BOSTON.
WE COULD DO IT FOR TENS OF
THOUSANDS AND THE IMPACT WILL BE
IMMEDIATE.
LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNER ON THIS
GREAT WORK.
THANK YOU.
>> PLEASE ADD MY NAME.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
O'MALLEY.
COUNCILLOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
PLEASE ADD MY NAME AS WELL AND
THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR ZAKIM
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP.
ON A SIDE NOTE, I HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY THIS SUMMER TO WORK
WITH THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT.
THEY WERE DOING A VOTER
REGISTRATION DRIVE FOR HOMELESS
VETERANS ON CITY HALL PLAZA.
I JUST WANTED TO COMMEND THE
ELECTION DEPARTMENT FOR HELPING
OUR HOMELESS VETERANS, YOU KNOW,
GET REGISTER AND GET THEM
INVOLVED IN THE ELECTORAL
PROCESS.
THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE COULD
CONSIDER AND DISCUSS AS WE
DISCUSS THE IMPORTANT PROPOSAL
MADE BY COUNCILLOR BAKER AS
WELL.
>> THANK YOU.
IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILLOR
O'MALLEY, BAKER, FLYNN,
GARRISON, JANEY, McCARATHY AS
WELL AS THE CHAIR.
AND DOCKET NUMBER 0346 WILL BE
ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON

CIVIL RIGHTS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0347.

COUNCILLOR WU OFFERED THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING REGARDING THE MBTA'S BETTER BUS PROJECT.

>> COUNCILLOR WU.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. FOLLOWING THE STATE'S FUTURE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REPORT OUTLINING THAT WE NEED TO GET AS MANY MORE PEOPLE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AS POSSIBLE, THE MBTA RELEASED A SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW TO IMPROVE BUS SERVICE.

THESE ARE THINGS ABOUT CHANGING ROUTES, MOVING BUS STOPS BASED ON DATA AND ANALYSIS IN OUR DISTRICT ON HOW TO SPEED THINGS UP FOR BUS RIDERS.

IF YOU LOOK AT RIDERSHIP ACROSS THE DIFFERENT MODES, THERE'S 121,000 TRIPS ON COMMUTER RAIL, ON YOUR AVERAGE WEEK DAY. EVEN IF YOU DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE RIDING ON ALL THE DIFFERENT COMMUTER RAIL LINES, IT WOULD STILL BE WAY LESS THAN THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE RIDING BUSES.

THAT'S 355,000 TRIPS PER WEEK DAY.

IT'S A HUGE EQUITY ISSUE.

WE KNOW THE NUMBERS REFLECT THAT.

LOW INCOME RESIDENTS, RESIDENTS OF COLOR SPEND WAY LONGER ON BUSES THAT ARE STUCK IN TRAFFIC. YOUR AVERAGE AFRICAN AMERICAN RIDER SPENDS MORE TIME THAN A WHITE COMMUTER ON A BUS.

SO WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO HELP THEM SPEED THIS ALONG BETTER. FINALLY, I WAS JUST HOPING THAT WE COULD MAYBE BUNDLE THIS HEARING ORDER WITH THE ONE THAT ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON AND HOW WE CAN WORK TO KEEP IMPROVING BUS SERVICE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WU. COUNCILLOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I WANT TO COMMEND THE MAKER FOR THIS IMPORTANT HEARING ORDER. AS SHE NOTED, BLACK RIDERS SPEND MUCH MORE TIME ON OUR BUSES THAN OTHER GROUPS.

THAT HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON HOW MUCH TIME A MOM OR DAD ARE ABLE TO SPEND WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

IT IMPACTS THEIR ABILITY TO WORK, HOW THEY GET THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.

THIS IS A HUGE ISSUE THAT AFFECTS SO MANY PARTS OF A FAMILY'S LIFE.

WE NEED TO DO MORE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR T IS RIDEABLE.

WE SAW IN THE PAPER YESTERDAY, THE DAY BEFORE, THAT WE FINALLY BEAT L.A. NOT ONLY IN FOOTBALL BUT IN TRAFFIC AROUND RUSH HOUR. THAT'S BECAUSE WE HAVE TOO MANY CARS ON THE ROAD.

QUITE SIMPLE.

THE MORE THAT WE DO TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR BUSES ARE WORKING BETTER FOR WORKING FAMILIES, THE BETTER OFF WE WILL BE.

PLEASE ADD MY NAME.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR JANEY. COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE?

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. THANK YOU TO THE MAKER.

I WOULD ASK THAT WE INCLUDE THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SO MANY STUDENTS ARE RIDING THE BUSES EVERY DAY AND THE CONNECTIONS FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOODS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOLS ESPECIALLY.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THAT ALL WORKS AS WELL.

SO I WOULD ADD THAT.

AND AN INVITATION FOR THE GUEST LIST.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR, YOU WANT TO ADD YOUR NAME?

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILLOR JANEY,

ESSAIBI-GEORGE, BAKER, CIOMMO, EDWARDS, FLAHERTY, FLYNN, GARRISON, McCARTHY, O'MALLEY, ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

DOCKET NUMBER 0347 WILL BE

ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND
TRANSPORTATION.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0348.

COUNCILLOR WU OFFERED THE
FOLLOWING ORDER FOR A HEARING
REGARDING EQUITY IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON'S PROCUREMENT AND
PURCHASING.

>> COUNCILLOR WU.

>> COULD I MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE
THE VERSION ON JUST NOW TO
INCLUDE COUNCILLOR JANEY AS A
ORIGINAL?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> ANY OBJECTIONS TO CHANGING
THE ORIGINAL CO-SPONSOR TO ADD
COUNCILLOR JANEY?

THAT WOULD CHANGE THE LANGUAGE
SLIGHTLY.

>> NO.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

THIS IS FOLLOWING UP ON A PUSH
THAT COUNCILLOR BAKER HAD
PREPARE ADD HEARING FOR SEVERAL
YEARS AGO NOW AND COUNCILLOR
PRESSLEY AND I HAD WORKED ON
LEGISLATION FOR THE COUNSEL TO
PASS IN 2017.

LOOKING AT CITY SPEND AND EQUITY
IN CONTRACT DOLLARS MADE
AVAILABLE BY THE CITY OF BOSTON.
BOTH ON THE PROCUREMENT SIDE IN
TERMS OF SERVICES AND CONTRACTS
AND ON THE PURCHASING SIDE FOR
GOODS THAT WE USE IN MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS.

THE FIRST REPORT CAME BACK IN
NOVEMBER OF 2018 FOLLOWING THE
ORDINANCE THE COUNCIL PASSED.
WE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO HAVE A
HEARING ON IT.

BUT A COUPLE OF SPEAKERS THAT
CAME OUT OF THAT RECORD.

IN FY 2018, THE CITY OF BOSTON
SPENT \$664 MILLION ON GOODS AND
SERVICES.

OUT OF THAT DOLLAR VALUE, THE, A
-- THE AMOUNT THAT WENT TO
BUSINESSES OWNED BY WOMEN
CERTIFIED BUSINESS OWNERS, .75%.
SO WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO,
EVEN IF YOU LOOK AT THE DOLLAR

VALUE THAT WENT TO BOSTON
RESIDENTS.

IT'S WAY LOWER THAN WHERE REALLY
COULD BE IF WE TRIED TO SQUEEZE
EVERY BIT OUT OF PUBLIC DOLLARS.

I'M EXCITED TO PARTNER WITH
COUNCILLOR JANEY AND CONTINUING
TO WORK WITH THE CITY.

THE STAFF'S EFFORTS TO KEEP
EXPANDING THAT INVESTMENT.

PARTICULARLY BUILDING WEALTH IN
OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR CITY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR ONE.
COUNCILLOR JANEY?

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
I APPLAUD THE MAKER OF THIS
IMPORTANT HEARING ORDER TO
FOLLOW UP THAT VERY IMPORTANT
ORDINANCE THAT WAS PASSED
DECEMBER OF 2017.

BEFORE I JOINED THIS BODY.

I CAN'T REMEMBER IF IT WAS 17 OR
16 THAT I CAME TO A HEARING AND
WAS JUST BLOWN AWAY AROUND THE
AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE CITY
SPENDS.

I GUESS THAT IS NOT SURPRISING.
BUT HOW LITTLE OF THAT MONEY
ENDS UP WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS
WITH WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR.
SO NOW THAT THE ORDINANCE HAS
BEEN PASSED, VERY IMPORTANT THAT
WE FOLLOW THIS ISSUE CLOSELY.
I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
TO PARTNERSHIP.

I CARE DEEPLY ABOUT EQUITY AND
MAKING SURE WE ARE DOING ALL WE
CAN TO MAKE SURE OUR LOSE CALL
RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR
HAVE A SHOT AT GETTING THESE
CONTRACTS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR JANEY.
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS?

>> THANK YOU.

VERY BRIEFLY WANTED TO COMMEND
THE MAKERS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
IN THIS.

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE AGAIN WHERE
THE CITY NEEDS TO LEAD AND SET
AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO
BE EQUITABLE AND CONTRASTING.
IT'S HARD TO HOLD PRIVATE ACTORS

ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR LACK OF DIVERSITY IN BOARD ROOMS, LACK OF DIVERSITY IN MANAGEMENT POSITIONS.

THE CITY OF BOSTON IS GOING TO SAME WITH THIS MONEY AS ITS OWN CONTRACTS, THIS IS A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE WHERE WE CAN LEAD AS A CITY, SHOW WHAT IT MEANS TO PUT THE MONEY WITH THE MOUTH IS AND INVEST IN EQUITY FOR OUR OWN FUTURE AND OUR OWN BENEFIT. THANKS TO THE MAKERS.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, BICYCLER, CIOMMO, SAAB GEORGE, FLAHERTY, FLYNN, GARRISON, McCARTHY, ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

DOCKET NUMBER 0348 WILL BE PLACED IN THE COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0349.

COUNCILLOR WU OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE REGARDING CORPORATE TAX BREAK TRANSPARENCY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

>> COUNCILLOR WU.

>> THANK YOU.

THIS, AGAIN, IS FOLLOW UP FROM WORK THAT WAS STARTED LAST YEAR.

AT OUR HEARING IN I BELIEVE NOVEMBER OF 2018 ON THE IDEA OF CORPORATE TAX TRANSPARENCY. THIS GENERATED THAT WE RECEIVED INTO SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE.

CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO OFFER INCENTIVES AND TAX BREAKS AND PARTICULARLY WITH AMAZON AND HP2 BUZZING AROUND IN THE NEWS.

WE SHOULD LOOK AT BOSTON AND EVALUATE WHETHER THE TAX BREAKS WE HAVE GIVEN OUT OVER THE PAST ENDED UP FULFILLING THE GOALS THAT WERE SET OUT.

SO RIGHT NOW THERE'S VERY LITTLE TRANSPARENCY AT THE STATE LEVEL AND THEN SIMILARLY AT THE CITY LEVEL ABOUT ONCE THOSE AGREEMENTS HAVE THE CORPORATIONS

OR DEVELOPERS OR PARTIES THAT MADE THOSE GUARANTEES, DID THEY FOLLOW-THROUGH, WERE THE PAYMENTS MADE ON TIME AND AT THE LEVEL REQUIRED.

WE'RE WORKING WITH SOME ORGANIZATIONS NATIONALLY AND THIS WOULD BE AN AREA THAT WOULD HELP CODIFY SOME OF WHAT THE CITY IS ALREADY DOING AND MOSTLY TO PROVIDE THAT TRANSPARENCY, WHICH WE NEED FOR ANY FOUNDATION OF GOOD POLICY MAKING.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WU. COUNCILLOR EDWARDS?

>> AGAIN, I WANTED TO COMMEND THE MAKER ON YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THIS VERY IMPORTANT CONVERSATION.

ALSO CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW FOR TRANSPARENCY AND RETIREMENT IS INVESTED.

THIS YEAR WE NEED TO BE TRANSPARENT WHERE OUR MONEY IS GOING.

WE NEED TO KNOW -- TO REALLY HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE FOR VOTING ON SOME THINGS THAT MIGHT BE COUNTER INTUITIVE.

IT'S VOTING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND HAVE RETIREMENT OF FOSSIL FUELS.

WE'RE ASKING A LOT OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE GOTTEN BENEFITS FROM THE CITY OF BOSTON BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

WE'VE SEEN WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CONSTITUTIONAL MEMORY IS FADED AND PEOPLE FORGET ABOUT THE PROMISES MADE.

CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CHILD CARE SERVICES ON SITE AND NOT ENFORCED THIS.

ALONG WITHHOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE, WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN MAKE UP FOR TIME LOST AS WELL.

PROMISES ARE MADE.

THE BENEFITS ARE GIVEN.

HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT INTEREST IS APPLIED, THERE'S

CASH BENEFITS SUPPOSED TO BE

PAID.
DON'T THINK \$5,000 IS THE SAME
IN 2025.
HOW DO WE APPLY INTEREST AND
PENALTIES.
SILENCE SHOULDN'T BE GOLDEN FOR
THESE COMPANIES.
IF WE DO NOT COME FORWARD, IT
SHOULD BE ON THEM TO PAY DOUBLE,
TRIPLE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY.
I DON'T SEE WHY FORGETTING
SOMETHING SHOULD BENEFIT THESE
COMPANIES.
THEY'VE GOT TEN A LOT OF TAX
BREAKS FROM US.
IT'S CONSISTENT AS WE MOVE AND
LOOK AT OUR TAX BASE BONDING FOR
HOUSING, LOOKING AT THIS, ALL OF
THE DIFFERENT WAYS IN WHICH
WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE OUR MONEY
TO HELP INVEST AND BENEFIT
DEVELOPERS.
WE'RE LOOKING AT THE LONG-TERM
PROJECTS, LOOKING AT WAYS IN
WHICH THEY'RE COMING FORWARD AND
SAYING BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITIES.
WE NEED TO HOLD THEM NOT ONLY
ACCOUNTABLE, BUT I WOULD LOOK AT
POSSIBILITY BUILDING INTO SOME
OF THESE CONTRACTS, DEFENSE
FUNDS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS AND
MAKING SURE THERE'S A
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATE IN THERE
SO WHILE WE MAY NOT BE IN OFFICE
FOR YEARS, WHILE THE
ADMINISTRATION MAY CHANGE, A LOT
OF INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY GOES
AWAY, WE SHOULD FIGHT FOR THE
NEIGHBORHOOD REGARDLESS OF WHO
IS AT THE ELM OF THIS
ADMINISTRATION.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS.
MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS AS WELL AS
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, CIOMMO, BAKER,
FLAHERTY, FLYNN, GARRISON,
JANEY, McCARTHY, O'MALLEY, ZAKIM
AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.
DOCKET NUMBER 0349 WILL BE
PLACED -- ASSIGNED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS.
I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE

COUNCILLOR THERE'S FIVE
LATE-FILE MATTERS WHICH IN THE
ABSENCE OF OBJECTION WILL BE
ADDED TO TODAY'S AGENDA.
HEARING AND SEEING NO OBJECTION,
THE FIVE LATE-FILE MATTERS WILL
BE ADDED.

FOUR OF THEM ARE PERSONNEL
ORDERS AND ONE IS A COMMITTEE
REPORT.

MADAM CLERK, IF WE COULD READ
THE FIRST LATE-FILE MATTER.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

THE CITY OF BOSTON AND CITY
COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 13, 2019.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL, COUNCILLOR
McCARTHY.

COUNCILLOR McCARTHY SEEMED
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.

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THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE FIRST LATE FILE MATTER HAS
BEEN PASSED.

>> THE CITY OF BOSTON AND STILL
COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 13, 2019.

MATTER.

(VOTING)

THE AYES HAVE IT.

>> PASSAGE OF THE THIRTY LATE
FILE MATTER.

(VOTING)

THE THIRD LATE FILE MATTER HAS
BEEN PASSED.

>> COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL FOR
COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> COUNCILLOR FLYNN SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF THE FOURTH LATE FILE
MATTER.

(VOTING)

THE FOURTH LATE FILE MATTER HAS
BEEN PASSED.

THOSE ARE ALL PERSONNEL ORDERS.

THE LAST ONE, THIS IS THE FIFTH,
MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD READ A
PORTION OF IT?

>> OFFERED BY COUNCILLORS JOSH
ZAKIM AND KIM JANEY, CITY OF
BOSTON, HOME RULE PETITION FOR
EARLY VOTING FOR MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS THE ABILITY FOR ALL

CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS IS A FUNDAMENTAL CIVIL RIGHT AND ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLE OF OUR DEMOCRACY, WHERE THEY CAN MAKE THEIR VOTES HEARD, WHEREAS EXTENDED THE AVAILABLE DAYS AND TIMES FOR PEOPLE TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR BOSTONIANS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT A PETITION OF THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ACCOMPANIED BY A BILL FOR SPECIAL OR RELATED TO THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BE FILED WITH A COPY OF THIS ORDER TO BE AND HEREBY IS APPROVED UNDER CAUSE FORM SECTION 8 OF ARTICLE 2 AS AMENDED.

THE AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO THE END THAT LEGISLATION BE ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS EXCEPT AS TO EDITORIAL CHANGES OF FORM ONLY.

>> COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. THAT'S CONSIDERED A LATE FILE AS WE MENTIONED AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING TO MAKE SURE WHEN WE VOTED ON THIS MATTER WE WANTED TO PUT IT IN WITH ALL THE OTHER ELECTION-RELATED MATTERS TOGETHER TO BE SUBMITTED AND GET IT TO APPROVAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. WE HEARD TESTIMONY FROM JOHN IRISH FROM THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS FOLKS FROM MASS VOTE AND PROGRESSIVE MASSACHUSETTS, TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTION PROCESS, MENTIONED EARLY VOTING IN THE RECENT ELECTIONS AS WELL AS THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING THE EARLY VOTING AT A CITY LEVEL OF CITY ELECTIONS. COMMISSIONER IRISH AND REGISTRAR DEMONTY OFFERED TESTIMONY ESTIMATING THE COST WOULD BE ABOUT \$380,000 FOR EARLY VOTING.

THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT NOTED THEY WOULD LIKE AT LEAST A SIX-MONTHS ADVANCED TIMELINE TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT EARLY VOTING IN BOSTON IF IT SHOULD PASS ON BEACON HILL. BASED ON PASSING, THE DOCTOR WILL BE PROPERLY IMPLEMENT. THE PROPOSAL REFLECTS THESE AMENDMENTS THE SUMMARY OF WHICH FOLLOWS, IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF ONE, THE PHRASE, BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2019, IS STRICKEN AND THE WORD "REGULAR" IS ADDED. THE THIRD PARAGRAPH IS AMENDED BY ADDING LANGUAGE THAT GIVES THE BOARD OF ELECTION SIX MONTHS TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS CONCERNING EARLY VOTING IMPLEMENTED AT THE NEXT BOSTON ELECTION. I RECOMMEND DOCKET 0130 OUGHT TO PASS AND A NEW DRAFT AT THIS TIME TURN OVER TO THE CHAIR FOR THE LEAD SPONSORS COUNCILLOR ZAKIM, COUNCILLOR JANEY AND HERSELF MADAM PRESIDENT IF YOU WISH TO ADD FURTHER COMMENT. >> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY COUNCILLOR ZAKIM. >> I WILL BE BRIEF. I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIRMAN FOR HIS QUICK WORK AND BRINGING THIS FORWARD TO A VOTE. COUNCILLOR JANEY AND YOURSELF AS ORIGINAL CO-SPONSORS AND OUR COLLEAGUES AND MAYOR WALSH AND HIS ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT FOR WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS. YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT. THEY ARE MINOR AND REALLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE OUR ELECTION DEPARTMENT HAS TIME TO PUT THESE REGULATIONS IN PLACE BEFORE AN ELECTION. I BEING AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST EXPECT THAT ONCE WE PASS THIS TODAY, THE MAYOR WILL SIGN IT, IT WILL BE UP TO BEACON HILL AND WE'LL HAVE THIS IN PLACE FOR THE 2019 ELECTIONS. BUT JUST TO BE SURE, JUST TO MAKE, YOU KNOW, IN CASE OF A

WORST CASE SCENARIO, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT COMMISSIONER IRISH AND TEAM HAVE SIX MONTHS TO PUT THE REGULATIONS IN PLACE. OTHER THAN THAT, THIS DIRECTLY ADDRESSES SO MANY OF THE ISSUES WE TALK ABOUT EXPANDING ACTS TO MAKE IT EASIER TO PARTICIPATE PARTICULARLY IN OUR ELECTION. SO I AM EXCITED TO HAVE THIS UP FOR VOTE AND LOOK FORWARD TO IT PASSING AND RESPECTFULLY ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR SUPPORT.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR JANEY.

>> QUICK THANK YOU.

CERTAINLY THANK YOU TO THE CHAIR FOR MOVING QUICKLY.

THIS IS PART OF THE LARGER PACKAGE YOU PUT FORTH.

GRATEFUL TO HAVE YOUR PARTNERSHIP, MADAM PRESIDENT, AS WELL AS THE CHAIR OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.

AND CERTAINLY THE ADMINISTRATION.

AS I SAID, IN MAYBE WHEN WE PRESENT IT TO THIS BODY, I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS IN A HEARING, BUT EARLY IT IS EASY.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DO ALL WE CAN TO ENSURE THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THIS CITY HAVE ACCESS TO VOTING AND THAT THEY -- THAT IT CAN BE CONVENIENT FOR THEM.

I THINK THE CHANGES ARE IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF GIVING THE ADMINISTRATION THE TIME THAT THEY NEED TO IMPLEMENT, YOU KNOW, AND I THINK THAT'S ALSO IMPORTANT BECAUSE I WANT TO BE CAREFUL, AS WE PUT THESE PACKAGES TOGETHER AROUND OUR ELECTIONS, THAT THIS BODY ISN'T NECESSARILY VOTING ON SOMETHING THAT WOULD IMPACT THEIR ELECTION CYCLE.

IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE, SO I THINK HAVING THE TIME TO

REALLY IMPLEMENT THIS IS
IMPORTANT.

I DON'T KNOW THAT I'M AS
OPTIMISTIC AS COUNCILLOR ZAKIM
IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET THIS
DONE RIGHT AWAY, BUT I THINK IT
IS VERY IMPORTANT AND CERTAINLY
HOPE TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL
MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS.

SO THANK YOU.

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

>> AT THIS TIME, COUNCILLOR
FLAHERTY, WHO IS THE CHAIR OF
THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS, RECOMMENDS
ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE
REPORT AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET
0130 IN A NEW DRAFT.

(VOTING)

THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 0130
HAS BEEN PASSED.

MOVING TO THE GREEN SHEETS,
ANYBODY LOOKING TO REMOVE A
MATTER FROM THE GREEN SHEETS?
MOVING ALONG.

THE CONVENT AGENDA, THERE ARE
ZERO LATE FILE MATTERS TO BE
ADDED.

THE CHAIR MOVES FOR ADOPTION TO
HAVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

(VOTING)

THE AYES HAVE IT, THE CONVENT
AGENDA HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO MEMORIALS,
ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS?

>> MADAM PRESIDENT, I JUST RISE
TO GIVE FOLKS AN UPDATE ON A
SCHEDULING MATTER.

AS CHAIR OF GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS, I JUST WANT TO LET
MY COLLEAGUES KNOW THAT I INTEND
TO PULL DOCKET 0138 IN TWO WEEKS
AT OUR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING ON
FEBRUARY 27.

THAT IS THE MATTER THAT'S THE
RIGHTS TO FREE PETITION
SPONSORED BY OUR COLLEAGUE
COUNCILLOR WU.

THE COMMITTEE HAS HELD TWO
HEARINGS, ONE IN 2017, ONE IN
2018.

ALSO WE'VE HAD THE WORKING

SESSION IN LATE 2018 ON THE
MATTER.

SO I LOOK FORWARD TO BRINGING IT
TO THE FLOOR.

>> GREAT, WE'LL DO THAT AND HAVE
THE LENGTHY DISCUSSION.

SO THANKS FOR THE HEADS UP.

>> WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
EVERYONE.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YOU
HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
I RISE TO MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT
REGARDING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PARKLAND SHOOTING WHICH IS
TOMORROW.

>> TOMORROW FEBRUARY 14 MARKS
THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PARKLAND SCHOOL SHOOTING.
ONE YEAR SINCE TOO MANY STUDENTS
LOST THEIR LIVES.

AS A FORMER TEACHER AND A
MOTHER, I CANNOT BEGIN TO
IMAGINE THE PAIN AND FEAR THE
STUDENTS, FACULTY, PARENTS AND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE HIGH
SCHOOL FELT IN THE AFTERMATH OF
THIS TRAGEDY.

WHAT HAPPENED IN PARKLAND WAS
DEVASTATING AND, AS WE CLOSE
THIS MEETING TODAY, I DO ASK
THAT WE REMEMBER THE FAMILIES
AND THE INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED,
BUT ALSO REMEMBER IN OUR MOMENT
OF SILENCE THE MANY PRECIOUS
LIVES THAT HAVE BEEN LOST IN
VIOLENT ACTS, ESPECIALLY IN OUR
SCHOOLS, SINCE THAT TIME.

PARKLAND IS OFTEN, WHEN WE TALK
ABOUT SCHOOL SAFETY, WE TALK
ABOUT SCHOOL SECURITY, PARKLAND
IS OFTEN THE EVENTS THAT WE
REMEMBER BECAUSE IT'S MOST
RECENT, BECAUSE IT WAS SO LARGE.
BUT SINCE LAST FEBRUARY 14,
WE'VE HAD ALMOST 100 INCIDENTS
IN SCHOOLS ACROSS THIS UNITED
STATES.

SO AS YOU REMEMBER, PARKLAND,
THE COMMUNITY, THE SCHOOL, THE
GREATER COMMUNITY AT LARGE, ALL,
WE NEED TO THINK TO HAVE THE
SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN IN OUR

SCHOOLS.

HOPE WE REMEMBER THEM TODAY,
TOMORROW, EVERY DAY, BUT ALSO
STUDENT SAFETY ACROSS THE CITY
AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

AND HAPPY VALENTINES TO ALL.
THE LADY IN RED WASN'T QUITE
COORDINATED BUT IT'S WORKED OUT
SOMEWHAT.

SO HAPPY VALENTINES TO EVERYONE.
I ASK EVERYONE PLEASE RISE
INCLUDING OUR GUESTS, STAFF AND
COLLEAGUES AS WE ADJOURN TODAY'S
MEETING IN MEMORY OF THE
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS -- FOR
COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, CAROL WALSH,
VIRGINIA MURRAY, FOR COUNCILLOR
FLAHERTY BARBARA DUNNOVAN,
BARBARA HOLT, DANIEL PINK, JOHN
CROWLEY, FOR COUNCILLOR JANEY
KATHLEEN PHILLIPS, FOR
COUNCILLOR McCARTHY NEIL
CARDARELLI.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.

(SILENCE)

THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME, THE CHAIR MOVES
THAT WHEN THE COUNCIL ADJOURNS
TODAY IT DOES SO IN MEMORY TO
HAVE THE AFOREMENTIONED
INDIVIDUALS.

WE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN
IN THIS CHAIRMAN WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 27 AT NOON, IN THIS
CHAMBER AT BOSTON CITY HALL, ALL
THOSE IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNMENT
SAY AYE.

OPPOSED NAY.

THE AYES HAVE IT, THE COUNCIL IS
ADJOURNED.