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>> WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL  
TO ASCERTAIN THE PRESENCE OF A  
QUORUM.

>> COUNSELOR BAKER.

>> HERE, COUNSELOR EDWARDS.

COUNSEL ESSAIBI GEORGE.

COUNTER FLAHERTY.

COUNSELOR FLYNN.

COURAGE JANEY.

COURAGE O'MALLEY.

COURAGE PRESSLEY COUNSELOR WITH  
YOU.

AND COUNSELOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU, I'VE BEEN INFORMED  
BY THE CLERK THAT A QUORUM IS  
PRESENT.

AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE ALL OF MY  
COLLEAGUES, ALL MEMBERS AND  
GUESTS TO PLEASE RISE.

COUNSELOR WU WILL INTRODUCE OUR  
CLERGY TODAY, WHO WILL GIVE OUR  
INVOCATION.

AND AFTER THAT WE WILL DO THE  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

I'M VERY EXCITED AND HONORED  
TODAY TO INTRODUCE PASTOR DANIEL  
LAMB, SENIOR PASTOR AT  
VIETNAMESE ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN  
BOSTON IN THE FIELDS CORNER.  
HE GRADUATED LOCALLY FROM UMASS  
BOSTON WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE  
IN BIOLOGY.

AND WHILE WORKING AT THE LAB, HE  
RECEIVED A CALL TO LEAD THE  
CHURCH HE HAD BEEN ATTENDING  
SINCE HIGH SCHOOL.

HE IS BI-VOCATIONAL-- MEANS  
BESIDES PASTORING AT THE CHURCH,  
HE WORKS AT THE BYRD INSTITUTE.  
HE IS THE MEDIA CHAIR FOR THE  
VIETNAMESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF  
MASSACHUSETTS AND DIRECTOR OF  
VINA MEDIA PRODUCTIONS.

AND HE TELLS ME HE VERY HAPPILY  
LIVES IN FIELDS CORNER WITH HIS  
ADOPTED SON.

WELCOME.

>> THANK YOU FOR THE  
INTRODUCTION.

AND IT'S AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE  
HERE.

FIRST, I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU  
A PASSAGE FROM THE BIBLE.

THE FIRST TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2  
FIRST ONE TO TWO.

FIRST OF ALL, THEN I URGE THAT  
SUPPLICATION, PRAYER,  
INTERCESSION, AND THANKSGIVING  
BE MET FOR ALL PEOPLE.

FOR KINGS AND ALL WHO ARE IN,  
THAT WE MIGHT LEAD A PEACEFUL  
AND QUIET LIFE, DIGNIFIED IN  
EVERY WAY.

BOSTON IS A GREAT CITY, AND I  
HAVE BEEN LIVING HERE FOR 20  
YEARS, SINCE I FIRST CAME TO  
AMERICA AS AN IMMIGRANT.

I VISIT A LOT OF CITIES, BUT  
BOSTON IS MY HOME.

AND AT CHURCH, EVERY PRAYER  
MEETING, WE PRAY FOR THE CITY OF  
BOSTON.

WE PRAY FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
LEADERS, AND BECAUSE WE KNOW  
THAT IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO  
PRAY.

SO WE CAN HAVE A PEACEFUL LIFE.  
AND WE LOVE IT HERE.

AND TODAY, AGAIN, IT'S SUCH AN  
HONOR FOR ME TO STAND HERE AT  
THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL AND PRAY  
FOR YOU.

THAT IS SUCH A PRIVILEGE.

AND SO, LETS PRAY.

OH, DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER AND OUR  
LORD JESUS, WE WANT TO THANK YOU  
FOR THE GRACE THAT YOU GIVE US  
THROUGH YOUR SON JESUS.

WE ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO GIVE  
YOUR GRACE, YOUR LOVE, AND YOUR  
PROTECTION TO THE CITY OF BO  
BOSTON.

OH, GOD, WE ASK YOU TO BREAK THE  
BARRIER OF RACISM, TO BREAK THE  
BARRIER OF DRUGS, OF VIOLENCE,  
AND BRING UNITY TO THE CITY OF  
BOSTON, OH, GOD.

AND I PRAY THAT YOU WILL PROTECT  
EVERY STREET AND CORNER OF  
BOSTON, PROTECT THE LAW

ENFORCEMENT WHEN THEY DO THEIR  
WORK, AND PROTECT THE YOUNG MEN  
AND WOMEN OUT THERE FROM MAKING  
WRONG DECISIONS, OH, GOD.  
BUT EVERYTHING STARTS HERE.  
YOU GIVE THE CITY COUNCILORS THE  
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE, TO MAKE  
CHANGES.

I PRAY THAT YOU WILL GIVE THEM  
GUIDANCE SO THEY CAN CREATE,  
THEY CAN PASS OR AMEND THE LOCAL  
LAWS, OR MAKE ANY APPROVE ON THE  
CITY BUDGET WITH WISDOM, WITH  
INTEGRITY, AND WITH LOVE AND  
HEART.

BLESS THEM, OH, GOD, BLESS THE  
FAMILY, BLESS THE CHILDREN, AND  
CHILDREN OF THEIR CHILDREN, OH,  
GOD.

AND I OFFER THIS MEETING INTO  
YOUR HAND, IN JESUS I PRAY.

AMEN.

THANK YOU.

( PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE )

>> THANK YOU, AGAIN, REVEREND  
LAMB FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE  
COMMUNITY AND ALSO FOR YOUR  
PRAYER TODAY.

THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO  
INVITE UP COUNSELOR PRESSLEY FOR  
A SPECIAL PRESENTATION.

AND WHILE SHE'S COMING UP, I DO  
WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME IN THE  
ROOM, INCLUDING SOME FORMER  
COUNSELOR COLLEAGUES.

COUNSELORIANCE YANCY IS PRESENT  
WITH US.

FORMER COUNSELOR TITO JACKSON IS  
PRESENT WITH US.

\( APPLAUSE )

FORMER STATE SENATOR DIANNE  
WILKERSON IS PRESENT WITH US.

\( APPLAUSE )

CURRENT STATE REP, ROGER  
CERVALIS IS PRESENT WITH US.  
AND RUSSELL HOMES IS PRESENT  
WITH US.

I'M NOT SURE WHERE HE IS.

BUT THANK YOU GUYS FOR BEING  
HERE TODAY.

COUNSELOR PRESSLEY.

>> MR. COOPER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
JOIN US.

WE HAVE A FULL HOUSE, AND MANY DIGNITARIES, AND COLLEAGUES IN SERVICE IN THE ROOM.

AND MANY PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY THIS EXTRAORDINARY HUMAN BEING.

IN ADDITION TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT WERE RECOGNIZED, I DID WANT TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE SOMEONE WHO WORKED AS HARD AS ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MARY TUITT, A FORMER AIDE TO REPRESENTATIVE GLORIA FOX.

AND I ALSO WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHO WAS AT THE PRE-RECEPTION, CAME RIGHT FROM THE AIRPORT AND, YOU KNOW, HUSTLED HIS WAY OVER HERE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THIS EXTRAORDINARY MAN THAT GOVERNOR DEVAL PATRICK WAS HERE EARLIER TODAY.

SO IF WE CAN JUST THANK THE GOVERNOR.

\ ( APPLAUSE )

AND I THINK REVEREND LAMB'S WORDS, AND THE SCRIPTURE THAT HE CHOSE WAS SO APROPOS AS HE SPOKE OF A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING IN TIMOTHY.

I DO CONSIDER THIS MOMENT IN TIME WHERE WE ARE CELEBRATING, AFFIRMING, AND UPLIFTING THE MANY CIVIC CONTRIBUTION OF OF CLARENCE COOPER TO THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BE OUR OWN PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR HIS CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS, FOR HIS SWEAT EQUITY, FOR HIS LABORING IN LOVE, FOR THE UPLIFTMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OF COMMUNITY, AND, ALSO, THE PRESERVATION OF DEMOCRACY.

ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN OUR DEMOCRACY IS BEING DISMANTLED ALL AROUND US.

CLARENCE COOPER, AN IMMIGRANT, LET US ALSO AFFIRM THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANTS TO THIS COUNTRY, HAS PLAYED SUCH A CRITICAL ROLE ON THE CAMPAIGNS AND IN THE ELECTIONS OF SO MANY. AND, ALSO, AS A CARPENTER, I

THINK YOU WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO WALK INTO ANY BUILDING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON THAT DOES NOT QUITE LITERALLY HAVE HIS SWEAT EQUITY AND D.N.A. BAKED INTO IT. AND I DOUBT THAT THERE ARE MANY POLITICAL OFFICES THAT YOU CAN VENTURE INTO THAT THEY DO NOT OWE THEIR ABILITY TO SIT IN THAT CHAIR AND AT THAT OFFICE TO CLARENCE COOPER.

AS GRATEFUL AS I AM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS, AS INSPIRED AS I AM BY HIS PROFESSIONAL HALLMARKS THAT HAVE BEEN TRAILBLAZING IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, WHICH I'LL SPEAK TO A LITTLE BIT MORE WHEN I READ THE RESOLUTION, I HAVE TO SAY WHAT I ADMIRE MOST ABOUT HIM IS THE TYPE OF MAN THAT HE IS. SO I JUST-- HIS CHARACTER, THE TYPE OF HUSBAND, HE SETS AN EXAMPLE OF BEING, AND FATHER AND GRANDFATHER.

SO AS MUCH AS WE ARE UPLIFTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE, WHAT WE ARE REALLY DOING TODAY IS HONORING THE MAN.  
\( APPLAUSE )

AND, AGAIN, VERY APROPOS THAT REVEREND LAMB WAS HERE TODAY AND HIS PRAYER.

HE PRAYED THAT AS COUNCILORS WE WOULD MAKE OUR DECISIONS AND OPERATE FROM A PLACE OF WISDOM AND INTEGRITY, SOUND JUDGMENT, AND PURE HEART.

THAT CERTAINLY SOUNDS LIKE THE EMBODIMENT AND THE LIFE EXAMPLE OF CLARENCE COOPER.

I DO WANT TO THANK EYE WON'T SAY HIS PARTNER THIS CRIME.

I'LL SAY HIS PARTNER IN GOOD, SHIRLEY.

THE FOUNDER OF THE CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL AND THE TWO OF THEM HAVE BEEN PARTNERS IN GOOD FOR SO LONG WITH THE CARIBBEAN AMERICAN POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE.

AND SO I DO WANT TO OFFER HER AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS, IF SHE WOULD LIKE.

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

AND SO, WE ALL WORK FOR HER, IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT WAS WHAT SHE WANTED.

SHE INITIATED THIS RECEPTION AND THIS MOMENT TO HONOR MR. COOPER.

SO I DO WANT TO AFFORD HER THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

AND THEN WE WILL READ FORMALLY THE RESOLUTION, HAVE A QUICK PRESENTATION, AND INVITE COUNCILORS UP FOR A PHOTO.

AND MR. COOPER, YOU CAN ALSO SAY FEW WORDS IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

OKAY, ALL RIGHT.

WE'LL ANNIVERSARY MRS. SHILLING COME.

\ ( APPLAUSE )

>> GOOD MORNING TO MY ELECTED OFFICIALS, I CALL THEM, AND TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO EVERYONE WHO IS HERE WHO TOOK THE TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULE TO BE HERE, ALTHOUGH I WOULD NOT LET YOU OFF THE HOOK.

\ ( LAUGHTER )

YOU KNOW, BECAUSE THAT'S JUST ME.

BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL JOURNEY FOR ME TO WORK WITH MR. COOPER.

WE HAVE WORKED ON MANY, MANY FRONTS.

AND HE WORKED THE FIRST TIME WITH HUBERT HUMPHREY IN 1968.

AND ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR POLITICAL JOURNEY WAS WHEN JOHN KERRY WAS RUNNING IF ARE ELECTION, AND HE WAS LOSING, AND MR. COOPER ORCHESTRATED THIS TRIP.

WE HIRED A BUS, NO EXPENSE TO THE CAMPAIGN.

WE TRAVELED TO PHILADELPHIA.

WE HIT ALL THE CHURCHES THAT MORNING.

AND THEN HIT THE SUBWAY AND THE STREETS AND CAMPAIGNED SO THAT OUR SENATOR WOULD NOT LOSE THAT SEAT.

AND LET ME JUST TELL YOU, HE WON IT 60%.

SO THAT WAS VERY GOOD.

\ ( APPLAUSE )

THE OTHER THING WAS WHEN DIANNE WILKERSON, OUR SENATOR, INTRODUCED DEVAL PATRICK TO US. WE WERE THE FIRST ETHNIC GROUP TO ENDORSE HIM, AND WE HAVE SUPPORTED HIM HIS ENTIRE EIGHT YEARS.

NO WONDER HE MADE THE EFFORT TO COME HERE THIS MORNING.

\ ( APPLAUSE )

I WANT TO SAY THAT IF WE GIVE THE WORLD OUR BEST, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY THAT IT COMES BACK TO YOU.

MR. COOPER HAS LIVED A LIFE OF VALUE AND PAVED THE PATHWAY FOR ALL OF US TO FOLLOW.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE A PATHWAY THAT IS EASY, AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN IT'S EASY, IT'S HARD.

BUT HE HAS MADE IT SO THAT OUR PATHWAY IS VERY, VERY SMOOTH. HE HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT MENTOR TO THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY. HE HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT PARTNER TO ME.

I SERVE AS HIS VICE CHAIR FOR CPAC.

AND WE WORK ON CAMPAIGNS FOR ALL THESE YEARS.

I THANK HIM FOR ALL HIS EFFORTS. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY COUNCILORS HERE THAT CAN ATTEST TO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR YOU AND CONTINUE TO WORK TIRELESSLY FOR YOU, BUT YOU KNOW WE WILL SPEAK UP WHEN THINGS AREN'T GOING RIGHT. AND THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS DO.

WE CAN TALK TO YOU LIKE YOU'RE TALKING IN A MIRROR, AND YOU CAN PRAISE YOU WHEN YOU EARNED IT.

SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANKS TO MY DAUGHTER, YOU KNOW, FOR STRENGTHENING ME ALONG THE WAY.

AND, ALSO, THANK THE COOPER FAMILY FOR LOANING US

MR. COOPER.

\ ( APPLAUSE )

AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW IT, MR. COOPER HAS BEEN-- MR. COOPER HAS BEEN THE CHAIRMAN FOR COUNCILOR CHARLES YANCEY, FOR

HIS ENTIRE POLITICAL CAREER.  
SO WE HAVE A HISTORY HERE.  
SO, AGAIN, BEFORE I TURN THE  
MIC OVER, I JUST WANT TO SAY  
THANKS TO THE COOPER FAMILY FOR  
ALLOWING US TO UTILIZE  
MR. COOPER AS MUCH AS WE DID.  
I KNOW SOMETIMES SHE DOESN'T  
EVEN WANT TO HEAR ME CALLING ALL  
THESE HOURS IN THE NIGHT.  
BUT THANK YOU ANYWAY FOR  
ALLOWING THIS.  
AND THANKS TO OUR CITY COUNCILOR  
FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE.  
I AM ENTIRELY GRATEFUL TO ALL OF  
YOU.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, WE GO WAY  
BACK.

THANK YOU.

\( APPLAUSE )

>> ALTHOUGH WE DON'T-- I MEAN  
THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY WORDS  
ALREADY SPOKEN, AND WE DON'T  
USUALLY READ EVERY "WHEREAS."  
MR. COOPER HAS EARNED EVERY  
SINGLE ONE, SO IF YOU WILL  
INDULGE ME, I WILL READ THE  
"WHEREASES "OF THIS RESOLUTION  
OFFERED ON BEHALF THE ENTIRE  
CITY COUNCIL TO CLARENCE COOPER,  
AND FOLLOWING THE READING OF THE  
RESOLUTION, MR. COOPER WILL SAY  
SAY FEW WORDS.  
AND THEN WE'LL INVITE EVERYONE  
UP FOR A PHOTO.

"WHEREAS, MR. COOPERRER WAS BORN  
IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN JULY  
OF 1944 TO A FAMILY OF SEVEN  
SIBLINGS.

HE MIGRATED TO ST. CROIX IN 1965  
AND CAME TO BOSTON IN 1967.  
HE HAS BEEN MARRIED TO JENNA  
COOPER SINCE 1978.

ARE YOU ALL READY FOR THIS?

HE IS THE FATHER OF SIX, A  
GRANDFATHER OF SIX, AND A  
GREAT-GRANDFATHER OF TWO, WITH  
ANOTHER EXPECTED IN FEBRUARY.  
MR. COOPER BEGAN HIS DEDICATION  
TO PUBLIC SERVICE IN BOSTON ON  
HUBERT HUMPHREY'S DEMOCRATIC  
CAMPAIGN IN 1968 AND HAS  
REMAINED AN IMPASSIONED PUBLIC



SERVANT EVER SINCE.

THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, HE HAS WORKED ON THE CAMPAIGNES OF DEVAL PATRICK, PRESIDENT OBAMA, HILLARY CLINTON, ELIZABETH WARREN, CHARLES YANCEY, AND FANY OTHERS.

ELDER COOPER JOINED THE UNION IN 1970 AND WAS PROMOTED TO FOREMAN GENERAL CARPENTER AND SAFETY SUPERINTENDENT, AND HE SERVED BOTH POSITIONS DUTIFULLY UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 2006.

HE WAS ELECTED TO THE CARPENTER'S DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BOSTON AND MADE HISTORY AS THE FIRST BLACK PERSON TO BE ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CARPENTERS LOCAL 67.

THE FIRST AND ONLY BLACK PERSON ELECTED TO THE BOSTON DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS, AND ONE OF THE FIRST BLACK DELEGATES TO NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS.

ELDER COOPER IS ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE UNIT SPORT AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT FOR 20 YEARS.

AT THIS ORGANIZATION, HE HAS HELD'S SENIOR LUNCHEON FOR 35 YEARS, THE SENIOR BALL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH B-3, NUMEROUS PARTIES FOR CHILDREN AND OVER 25 YEARS OF CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS. UNITY HAS BEEN A SAFE HAVEN FOR OVER 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY EVENTS.

ELDER COOPER HAS BEEN THE CHAIR OF OF KPAC FOR 25 YEARS FOR WHICH HE WORKED AND OH, STRAIGHT NUMEROUS CAMPAIGNS AND FORUMS AND IS THE FOUNDER OF THE CRICKET LEAGUE, WHICH NOW HAS 40 TEAMS THROUGHOUT NEW ENGLAND. HE IS THE COFOUNDER OF THE BOSTON CARNIVAL, WHICH BEGAN IN 1973.

WHEREAS, ELDER COOPER IS A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT AND AN ONGOING CONTRIBUTOR TO THE EVER-IMPROVING CITY OF BOSTON. WE CAN NEVER SEEK TO DUPLICATE

THIS MAN'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND  
COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AND  
TO POLITICS.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT  
THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
ASSEMBLED WISHES TO CONGRATULATE  
ELDER COOPER, AND THAT THIS  
RESOLUTION BE DUAL SIGNED BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL,  
ANDREA CAMPBELL, ATTESTED TO AND  
A COPY TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK  
OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MAUREEN  
FEENEY.

CONGRATULATIONS.

\( APPLAUSE )

>> ALL RIGHT, AND I'M SORRY WE  
DO HAVE ONE LATE ADDITION TO THE  
PRESENTATION, AND ONE OF THE  
MOTHERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, SO I  
DO NOT WANT TO UPSET HER BY NOT  
ACKNOWLEDGING THIS.

THE CARIBBEAN FOUNDATION OF OF  
BOSTON SPONSOR THE URBAN  
COMMUNITY HOMEMAKERS HOME HEALTH  
AIDE AND CHORE SERVICES PRESENTS  
THIS CERTIFICATE TO CLARENCE  
COOPER IN RECOGNITION OF MANY  
YEARS OF COMMITMENT AND LOYALTY  
TO THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY, WE  
THANK YOU AND WISH YOU ALL THE  
BEST, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
AND THERE'S ALSO A TOKEN OF  
THANKS INCLUDED.

\( APPLAUSE )

>> I'VE NEVER BEEN A MAN WHO HAS  
HAD A LOSS FOR WORDS.

THIS MORNING, I HAVE TO SEARCH  
FOR THEM.

MADAM PRESIDENT OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL, MRS. CAMPBELL, ALL THE  
MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON CITY  
COUNCIL, "ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS  
PAST AND PRESENT, I WANT TO SAY  
A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ONE PAST  
ELECTED OFFICIAL IN PARTICULAR,  
MY FRIEND, COUNSELOR YANCEY, AND  
MY FRIEND, SENATOR DIANNE  
WILKERSON.

\( APPLAUSE )

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ALL  
WONDERFUL MEN AND WOMEN IN BLUE.  
I SEE SOME OF MY GOOD FRIENDS  
FROM MATTAPAN AND OTHER PARTS OF  
THE CITY WHO ARE HERE THIS

MORNING.

YOU CAME TO RECOGNIZE ME, RIGHT?

\( LAUGHTER )

WHO ARE HERE THIS MORNING.

AND LEAST I FORGET, EVEN THOUGH  
I MIGHT BE REPETITIOUS, ALL THE  
MEN AND WOMEN OF BOSTON UNITY  
SPORTS CLUB, THE CARNIVAL  
COMMITTEE, THE TRADE UNIONS IN  
BOSTON.

WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR  
COMING.

THIS EVENING I FEEL SO HUMBLE  
BUT HONORED THAT SUCH A  
PRESTIGIOUS ORGANIZATION DUAL  
ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE  
CITY OF BOSTON HAVE SEEN IT FIT  
TO HONOR ME HERE THIS EVENING.  
WHEN I LEFT TOBAGO 51 YEARS AGO,  
I NEVER THOUGHT THIS WOULD  
OCCUR.

I THOUGHT I WOULD COME HERE, GET  
TWO JOBS-- I GOT THE TWO JOBS--

\( LAUGHTER )

MAKE PLENTY OF MONEY, I RUN BACK  
TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

BUT, MY FRIENDS, I HAVE TO GOT  
TO TELL YOU, BOSTON HAS A WAY  
AND MEANS OF CAPTIVATING THE  
HEART OF ANYONE WHO COMES HERE  
TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

SO AFTER I CAME HERE AND I WAS  
HERE FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS, I  
PROMISED MY MOM I'D BE BACK.

I SAID, "MOM, YOU HAVE TO WAIT  
10 MORE."

\( LAUGHTER )

AND I KEEP FALLING IN LOVE WITH  
THIS LOVELY CITY OF BOSTON OVER  
AND OVER, AND, MY FRIENDS, I AM  
HERE NOW 51 YEARS.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD THE CENTURY  
WHEN WE COME AND CELEBRATE  
CLARENCE COOPER AS A CENTURRIAN  
IN BOSTON.

\( APPLAUSE )

TO THOSE OF YOU WHO LIVE IN  
BOSTON AND DON'T KNOW, LIVE  
SOMEWHERE ANOTHER SIX MONTHS AND  
COME BACK TO BOSTON AND YOU WILL  
SEE WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN MISSING,  
PROBABLY ALL YOUR LIFE.

IT CANNOT ESCAPE YOU, ALL THE  
THINGS BOSTON HAS TO OFFER,

ACADEMICALLY, INTELLECTUALLY,  
AND, OF COURSE, OUR WONDERFUL  
PLACES OF MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS.  
YOU MUST COME BACK TO BOSTON.  
BUT WHAT HAS IMPRESSED ME MOST  
IN BOSTON IS THAT BOSTON HAS  
CREATED AND CONTINUES TO CREATE  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME  
WHO CAN COME HERE, MAKE ENDS  
MEET, PROGRESS, AND ALSO TO LEND  
ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN THE  
COMMUNITY WHO NEED IT.

I CAME HERE AND THE OPPORTUNITY  
WAS PRESENTED TO ME TO CHOOSE  
WHATEVER LIFE THAT YOU WANTED TO  
MAKE, OR CHOOSE WHATEVER LINE OF  
BUSINESS YOU WANTED TO GET IN.  
AND I CHOOSE TO BE A CARPENTER,  
A PROUD MEMBER OF THAT FROM THE  
GREATER LOCAL OF CARPENTERS 67.

\( APPLAUSE )

WHEN I JOINED THE CARPENTERS  
LOCAL 67 IN 1970 AND I WALKED  
INTO THE HALL, THERE WERE SIX  
OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR.

I DIDN'T LET THAT DETER ME.  
I THOUGHT I WAS JOINING AN  
INSTITUTION THAT WAS EQUAL TO  
ALL ITS MEMBERS, AND, THEREFORE,  
I WORKED WITHIN MANAGEMENT TO  
ENSURE THAT PEOPLE OF COLOR GOT  
THEIR JUST DUE AND RIGHT PLACE  
IN THE CARPENTERS LOCAL.

I WAS SO CLOSELY KNITTED TO THE  
MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE OF  
LOCAL 67, AND WHEN I WALKED IN  
THEY WOULD CALL ME, "CLARENCE  
COOPER, THE BLACK IRISHMAN."

\( LAUGHTER )

AND THAT IS A DESIGNATION I TOOK  
WITH PRIDE BECAUSE I HAVE ONE OR  
TWO IRISH SONGS I LEARNED BUT I  
WILL LEAVE THAT FOR ANOTHER DAY.  
I WORKED MY WAY UP FROM  
CARPENTER WHO DIDN'T KNOW THE  
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A 2 X 4 AND A  
NAIL AND IN SIX MONTHS' TIME I  
WAS MADE A FOREMAN.

I WAS THEN PROMOTED TO FOREMAN  
AND GENERAL CARPENTER AND  
FOREMAN.

SOME OF THE NICEST BUILDINGS AND  
TALLEST BUILDINGS YOU WILL SEE  
IN BOSTON HAVE THE HALLMARK OF

CLARENCE COOPER.

WHEN I HIT MY FINGERS TOO OFTEN.  
SO BOSTON PERMITTED AND GAVE ME  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE  
MYSELF AND, THEREBY, MAKE ABE  
GOOD LIVING FOR MY LIFE AND MY  
CHILDREN.

AS THE COUNCILOR SAID BEFORE,  
THE THING THAT MAKES ME PROUDEST  
IS I WAS ABLE, WITH 14 OTHER  
MEMBERS-- I SEE ONE OF THE  
FOUNDING MEMBERS HERE,

DR. PATRICIA.

STAND UP, DOC.

\( APPLAUSE )

THE UNITY SPORTS AND CULTURAL  
ASSOCIATION AS SOME SAY THE ONLY  
PARTY THERE.

WE HAVE TO PROVIDE IN OUR PLACES  
OF BUSINESS A POLICE THAT YOUNG  
PEOPLE OF COLOR AND GO AND PARTY  
FREELY WITHOUT BEING HARASSED.  
AND I KNEW IN THE 70s, BECAUSE  
WE DIDN'T HAVE A UNITY AND PLACE  
OF BUSINESS SO PEOPLE OF COLOR  
COULD GO AND PARTY AS THEIR OWN  
PEOPLE KEEPING PARTIES IN THE  
BASEMENT, AND THE POLICEMEN  
RUNNING BEHIND THEM.

TODAY, THAT IS NO LONGER A  
PROBLEM, AND IT HAS BEEN CURED  
BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO  
SECURE BUILDINGS AND BEEN ABLE  
TO PROMOTE THIS FUNCTION FOR  
YOUNG BLACK PEOPLE IN THE CITY.  
AND WE NEED TO DO MORE AND MORE  
BUSINESSES LIKE THAT ON BEHALF  
OF THESE PEOPLE.

FOLKS, THERE ARE TWO MORE THINGS  
I JUST WANT TO TOUCH ON A LITTLE  
BIT BECAUSE I KNOW TIME IS OF  
THE ESSENCE.

THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE, FOUNDING  
MEMBER OF THE CARNIVAL  
COMMITTEE, AN INSTITUTION THAT  
HAS CREATED A FESTIVAL WHERE  
OVER 700,000 PEOPLE COME  
ANNUALLY, SPENDING THOUSANDS AND  
MILLIONS AND TENS OF THOUSANDS  
OF DOLLARS TO BE HERE.

I WANTED TO SAY ONE MORE THING  
ON UNITY SPORTS CLUB.

WE PLAY A GAME THAT WAS STARTED  
OVER 100 YEARS AGO.

IT'S A CARD GAME.  
AND BECAUSE WE WERE ABLE TO  
BRING SOMETHING NEW INTO GAME,  
THIS GAME HAS TAKEN OFF FROM  
16th IN BOSTON, AND EVERY  
YEAR WE HAVE OVER 32 TEAMS AND  
DOZENS MORE TRYING TO GET INTO  
THE BOSTON COMPETITION.  
BUT WHAT IS EVEN BETTER THAN  
THAT IS NOW WE TRAVEL TO  
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, THE BIRTH  
PLACE, WHERE THEY NO LONGER HAVE  
10 AND 12 TEAMS PLAYING IN A  
TOURNAMENT, BUT BECAUSE OF THE  
INGENUITY OF UNITY FROM BOSTON,  
THEY NOW HAVE HUNDREDS OF TEAMS  
AND CONTINUES AND TENS OF  
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THESE  
TOURNAMENTS.  
AND THE NICE THING ABOUT IT IS  
WHEN WE GO TO THESE TOURNAMENTS,  
WE GET TO PROMOTE OUR BOSTON.  
THE CITY TEAM FROM BOSTON.  
THE BOSTON TEAM AND THE NAME OF  
BOSTON IS WELL KNOWN--  
WASHINGTON, TORONTO, MONTREAL,  
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, FLORIDA.  
AND ALL OF THESE WE HAVE DONE AS  
MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON COMMUNITY  
BECAUSE WE LOVE OUR BOSTON  
DEARLY.  
FOLKS, LET ME CLOSE, I CAN SAY  
AN AWFUL LOT, BUT MY MOTHER IS  
WATCHING DOWN FROM UP ABOVE, AND  
SHE'S SAYING, "TAKE IT EASY.  
DON'T TAKE TOO MUCH."  
\( LAUGHTER )  
THAT IS WHAT MY MOTHER WOULD  
PROBABLY SAY.  
BUT IF MY MOTHER WERE HERE  
TODAY-- NO, LET ME SUM UP MY  
LIFE TO YOU.  
I HAVE HAD THE MOST WONDERFUL  
LIFE IN THE WHOLE WORLD.  
AND IT'S BECAUSE OF THE CITY OF  
BOSTON.  
MY FRIENDS, I WAS BORN AND GREW  
UP IN IN TRINIDAD.  
I CAME HERE, AND I WAS BECOME A  
SOL-- VOLUNTARILY BECAME AN  
AMERICAN CITIZEN.  
AND I EMPHASIZE "VOLUNTARY."  
I DID THAT MYSELF.  
I HAD CHOICE.

I PICKED AMERICA FOR MYSELF SO I  
COULD BECOME A CITIZEN.  
BUT WHAT MAKES ME FEEL BEST IS  
TODAY, IN THE PRESENCE OF SO  
MANY BOSTONIANS IN AN  
INSTITUTION OF BOSTON, YOU ARE  
RECOGNIZING ME AS A BOSTONIAN.  
AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT.

\( APPLAUSE )

LET ME CLOSE WITH THESE WORDS.  
ME MOM, SHE'S PUSHING ME IN THE  
BACK, "DON'T FORGET TO SAY  
THIS."

LET ME CLOSE BY THANKING EACH  
AND EVERY ONE OF YOU HERE.  
AND BEST WAY MY MOM TAUGHT ME TO  
SAY THANK YOU IS THIS WAY.

WE THANK YOU.

WE THANK YOU.

WE THANK YOU.

WE LOAF YOU.

WE LOVE YOU.

WE LOVE YOU.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

MAY GOD BLESS.

YOU MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

STAND UP, UNITY.

THANK YOU.

\( APPLAUSE )

>> ALL RIGHT.

SO, SO MANY PEOPLE LOVE  
MR. COOPER, SO WE'RE GOING TO  
INVITE UNITY, I WANT TO INVITE  
COUNCILOR YANCEY, SENATOR  
WILKERSON, IF YOU WOULD COME UP,  
AND ALL THE COUNCILORES, AND ALL  
OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT  
ARE IN THE HOUSE.

COME FORWARD.

WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO FIT  
EVERYBODY IN HERE, OKAY.

>> WHO IS GOING TO COUNT US DOWN  
HERE?

ONE, TWO, THREE.

>> JUST ONE MORE THING.

I WANT TO REMIND THESE ARE HERE  
AND NOT SERVING ON THIS  
GOVERNING BODY, BECAUSE WE HAVE  
A MEETING TO GET TO, THERE IS A  
RECEPTION IN THE CURLEY ROOM, SO  
IF YOU WOULD MAKE YOUR WAY  
THERE.

PEOPLE PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT AND  
PLANNING INTO THAT.

AND THEN, COUNCILORS, I SUSPECT YOU MIGHT NEED SOME LIBATION AND SUSTENANCE AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN THE MEETING.

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR WAY, THERE, TOO.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, AND THANK YOU MCOOPER. I AM NOW GOING TO INVITE UP COUNCILOR EDWARDS FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TODAY TO ALSO HONOR ONE OF OUR FINEST HERE IN BOSTON. I'M HONORED TO RECOGNIZE BOSTON POLICE CAPTAIN KELLY McCORMACK, WHO WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND IN HIS ROLE-- I'LL WAIT. I'LL WAIT.

>> WE WANT TO HEAR THIS. CAPTAIN KELLY McCORMACK, WHO WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND IN HIS ROLE AS A PUBLIC SERVANT TO ASSIST A FAMILY IN NEED TRAVELING THROUGH BOSTON. ON ONE OF THE COLDEST NIGHTS IN JANUARY, CAPTAIN McCORMACK RECEIVED A CALL THAT A FAMILY WAS TRAVELING THROUGH BOSTON AFTER THEIR DAUGHTER WAS RECOVERING FROM-- UNDERGOING BRAIN SURGERY IN NEW YORK. UNFORTUNATELY, THE FAMILY MUSSED THE TRAIN TRAIN HOME TO PORTLAND, MANE, AND WAS SETTLING IN TO FIND A WARM PLACE TO STAY THE NIGHT IN NORTH STATION. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, CAPTAIN McCORMACK ARRIVED AND ALERTED THEM HE WOULD DRIVE THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO ANOTHER STOP ON THE NORTH SHORE TO GRAB THE NEXT TRAIN.

THE FAMILY SOON REALIZED IN THE CREWS THEY'RE CAPTAIN McCORMACK'S INTENTION WASN'T TO SIMPLY DROP THEM OFF AT ANOTHER TRAIN STATION BUT WAS WELL ON HIS WAY TO DRIVING THEM THE FULL THREE HOURS HOME. THEIR DAUGHTER, CORY, WAS TOUCHED SO MUCH BY CAPTAIN



McCORMACK'S ACTIONS THAT SHE WENT TO SOCIAL MEDIA IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE SURE HIS ACTIONS DID NOT GO UNRECOGNIZED. HER POST RECEIVED SO MANY INDIVIDUALS-- SO MUCH SUPPORT THAT IT WAS SHARED OVER 11,000 TIMES.

AND WAS PICKED UP BY LOCAL AND NATIONAL MEDIA OUTLETS. CAPTAIN KELLY McCORMACK IS WELL KNOWN IN THE EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY AS A SELFLESS, DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT WHO IN A QUIET BUT VALIANT MANNER WISHES TO EVADE THE LIMELIGHT OR RECEIVE ACCOLADES.

WE ARE SO HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE TODAY TO GIVE YOU THE RECOGNITION YOU DESERVE, CAPTAIN.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, POLICE CAPTAIN KELLY McCORMACK, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY, CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY OF BOSTON, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEADFAST DEDICATION, COMMITMENT, AND SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

CONGRATULATIONS.

\( APPLAUSE )

>> THANK YOU.

MADAM PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS HONOR.

THE FIRST PERSON I OBVIOUSLY THANK IS MY WIFE, KIM.

MY FAMILY.

\( APPLAUSE )

THERE'S A SIGN IN MY OFFICE THAT SAYS, "MAKE A SMALL DIFFERENCE TODAY." THE ONLY WAY I CAN GO MAKE A SMALL DIFFERENCE AND MY 2100 OFFICERS THAT SERVE FOR US IS WITH YOUR SUPPORT.

AND IT'S THE SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER, AND THIS COUNCIL AND WHAT YOU DO EVERY DAY EMPOWERS US TO MAKE A SMALL DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY EVERY DAY.

AND THAT'S ALL WE ASK TO DO. SO I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK ALL FOR ALL OF YOUR

SUPPORT TOW US.  
WHEN YOU SUPPORT US LIKE THIS,  
WE CAN DO THIS JOB FOR YOU EVERY  
DAY.  
AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
\( APPLAUSE )  
>> ALSO OUR BOSTON FINEST TO  
COME UP AND TAKE A PICTURE.  
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS  
AND THANK YOU, CAPTAIN, FOR YOUR  
DEDICATION TO THE CITY AND YOUR  
HEROIC EFFORTS.  
WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU.  
NOW ON TO BUSINESS.  
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.  
IF THERE ARE NO CORRECTIONS TO  
BE MADE, THE MINUTES OF THE LAST  
MEETING WILL STAND APPROVED.  
SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECTION,  
THE MINUTES ARE SO APPROVED.  
MADAM CLERK, COMMUNICATIONS FROM  
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.  
IF YOU COULD READ DOCKET 0230  
THROUGH DOCTOR 0232.  
>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT  
DOCKET NUMBER 023 SAUTHORIZATION  
THE SUFFOLK TO COMMIT TO  
MASSACHUSETTS BUILDING AUTHORITY  
M.S.B.A. STATEMENTS OF INTEREST  
FOR THEIR ACCELERATED REPAIR  
PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING  
SCHOOLS: THE RAFAEL HERNANDEZ  
SCHOOL.  
PATRICK LYNDON SCHOOL.  
DONALD McKAY K-8.  
JAMES OTIS.  
JOSIAH QUINCY, ES.  
SNOWDEN INTERNATIONAL AT COPLEY.  
AND THE JOHN D. O'BRYANT SCHOOL SCHOOL  
OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE.  
THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST  
DESCRIBES AND EXPLAINS THE  
DEFICIENCIES IN PRIORITY  
CATEGORY FOR WHICH THE CITY OF  
BOSTON MAY BE INVITED TO APPLY  
TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL  
BUILDING AUTHORITY IN THE  
FUTURE.  
DOCKET NUMBER 0231, IN ORDER TO  
REDUCE THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
RESERVE FOR THE COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING, BY \$134,957, TO  
PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE BOSTON

PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE FY-18 COSTS CONTAINED IN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT 20 BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE BOSTON SCHOOL POLICE PATROLMEN'S ASSOCIATION. DOCKET NUMBER 0232, MESSAGE AND ORDER APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF 134,1957 TO COVER THE FY-18 COST ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE BOSTON SCHOOL PATROLMEN'S ASSOCIATION. THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ARE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2017. AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2017, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020. THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT INCLUDE BASE WAGE INCREASES OF 2% IN OCTOBER OF EACH FISCAL YEAR. THE AGREEMENT ALSO CONTAINS OTHER BENEFITS, INCLUDING EIGHT NEW STEPS, FILED IN THE'S CLERK OFFICE. DOCKET 0230 THROUGH DOCKET 0232, COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS. DOCKET NUMBER 0233, MESSAGE AND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 IN THE FORM OF A GRANT FOR THE ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE PROGRAM AWARDED BY THE U.S.-- UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE GRANT WILL FUND SURVENUS INVESTIGATION FOR THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FUGITIVE UNIT. DOCKET 0233, THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE. SUPPORT THE PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS. MADAM PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ FROM 0234 TO 0237. >> THANK YOU, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. >> DOCKET NUMBER 0234, FROM THE

MAYOR, HIS ABSENCE FROM THE CITY  
ONED WITH JANUARY 24, 2018,  
UNTIL 1:30 P.M. OFRIDAY JANUARY  
26, 2018.

DOCKET 0235, RECEIVED FROM THE  
MAYOR MICHAEL PARKER AS A MEMBER  
OF THE BOSTON CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION COMMISSION FOR A TERM  
EXPIRING NOVEMBER 21, 2019.

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM  
TIMOTHY J. SMITH, ESQUIRE,  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS  
V.J. JACKSON TO THE BOSTON  
RETIREMENT PORD FOR A TERM  
EXPIRING JANUARY 152021.

AND DOCKET NUMBER 0237,  
COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM  
RONALD W. RACK OW, ASSESSING  
COMMISSIONER OF THE APPOINTMENT  
OF WILLIAM DODULA, AS THE  
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR.

>> DOCKET 0234-DOCKET 0237 WILL  
BE PLACED ON FILE.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET 0238, COUNCILORS  
O'MALLEY AND PRESSLEY OFFER THE  
FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING  
IMPLEMENTING A CURBSIDE  
COMPOSTING PROGRAM IN BOSTON.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YOU HAVE  
THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I AM EXTRAORDINARILY PROUD OF  
THE EFFORTS THAT THIS BODY HAS  
TAKEN IN REGARDS TO SOME REALLY  
SOUND AND EFFECTIVE  
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY.

AND THE POINT I MAKE EVERY TIME  
WE INTRODUCE AND TALK ABOUT  
SOMETHING NEW IS THAT NOT ONLY  
IS OFTENTIMES GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL  
POLICY BETTER FOR THE EARTH,  
BETTER FOR OUR PLANET, BETTER  
FOR ADJUSTING THE REAL EFFECTS  
OF MANMADE CLIMATE CHANGE, BUT  
MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, IT'S ALSO  
GOOD FOR THE TAXPAYER, IT'S GOOD  
FOR THE RATEPAIR.

WE DID A PRETTY AGGRESSIVE GAS  
LEAKS BILL THAT WILL SAVE \$90  
MILLION THAT RATEPAYERS ARE  
PAYING EVERY YEAR FOR ESCAPED  
GAS.

WE DID COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY  
AND TALKED ABOUT INCREASING OUR  
RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO.

THE PLASTIC BAG ENFORCEMENT WILL  
SAVE MONEY FROM THE TONS OF BAGS  
THAT GO INTO OUR SINGLE-STREAM  
RECYCLING EVERY YEAR.

THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP, WHICH  
OTHER CITIES HAVE DONE TO GREAT  
SUCCESS, IS TO HAVE CURBSIDE  
COMPOSTING IN THE CITY OF  
BOSTON.

COUNCILOR PRESSLEY AND I ARE  
ONCE AGAIN REINTRUCING THIS  
HEARING ORDER.

I THINK THIS IS OUR FOURTH OR  
FIFTH TIME DOING IT, AND I AM  
OPTIMISTIC THAT THE FOURTH OR  
FIFTH TIME WILL BE THE CHARM.  
THE CITY HAS DONE SOME GOOD  
WORKS BUT THERE'S A LOT MORE  
THAT WE CAN DO.

BECAUSE IN THE UNITED STATES,  
ONE-THIRD-- MORE THAN ONE-THIRD,  
ABOUT 36%, 37%, OF OUR FOOD  
ISN'T CONSPUMED IT'S THROWN  
AWAY.

AND IT OFTEN ENDS UP IN OUR  
WASTE STREAM.

ALSO, IN THE UNITED STATES,  
ABOUT A QUARTER OF OUR WASTE  
STREAM IS FOOD AND YARD WASTE,  
AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT ENDS  
UP IN THE LANDFILL.

THAT IS SOMETHING WE ARE PAYING  
MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS OF  
DOLLARS JUST IN BOSTON EVERY  
MONTH, EVERY YEAR, TO REMOVE,  
WHERE IT CAN BE USED IN COMPOST  
AND DONE WELL, REMOVING IT FROM  
OUR WASTE STREAM, AND IT'S GOING  
TO BE REUSED.

IT RELIES LESS ON PESTICIDES  
WITH CHEMICALS.

IT'S ALL NATURAL.

WE CAN USE THIS WITH OUR PARKS.

WE CAN USE THIS WITH OUR  
PLAYGROUNDS.

FARMERS CAN USE IT.

THIS HAS BEEN DONE TO GREAT  
SUCCESS.

SAN FRANCISCO HAS SEEN A  
DIVERSION OF I THINK 60% OR 70%  
OF THEIR FOOD WASTE BY OFFERING

CURBSIDE COMPOSTING.  
RIGHT ACROSS THE RIVER IN  
CAMBRIDGE, WE SAW A PILOTED  
PROGRAM IN ONE WARD IN CAMBRIDGE  
THAT HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN  
CITYWIDE.

THIS IS SOMETHING CITIES ARE  
DOING.

AGAIN, THERE IS AN UTTER LACK OF  
LEADERSHIP, A PAUCITY OF  
LEADERSHIP IN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
WHEN IT COMES TO COMBATING  
CLIMATE CHANGE AND PUTTING FORTH  
EFFECTIVE POLICY.

IT IS UP TO CITIES AND TOWNS TO  
LEAD ON THIS.

THIS IS A WAY WE CAN DO THIS.  
I FORESEE A PILOTED PROGRAM IN  
SOME NEIGHBORHOOD IN BOSTON.  
I CAN THINK OF ONE THAT WOULD BE  
AN EARLY ADON'T, BUT I'M SURE  
OTHER DISTRICT COUNCILORS MIGHT  
ARGUE.

I DON'T CARE WHERE IT IS BUT  
LET'S DO THIS LET'S START A  
PILOT PROGRAM THIS YEAR.  
LET'S NOT HAVE ONLY THE RECYCLE  
BINS OUT BUT A NEW, SMALLER  
COMPOSTING BIN THAT CAN BE  
PICKED UP.

THERE ARE NO SHORTAGE OF VENDS  
THAT WOULD JUMP AT THE CHANCE  
FOR PENNYS ON THE DOLLAR TO WORK  
WITH THE TO IMPLEMENT THIS.

AGAIN TWILL DIVERT PASS.  
IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING  
TO ZERO WASTE, WE HAVE TO  
EMBRACE COMPOSTING AND WE HAVE  
TO GET STARTED SOON.  
VERY GRATEFUL FOR MY PARTNERSHIP  
WITH COLLEAGUE AND GOOD FRIEND  
COUNCILOR AT LARGE AYANNA  
PRESSLEY.

I WANT TO SEE A HEARING IN SHORT  
ORDER, AND REALLY NOW IS THE  
TIME FOR COMPOSTING.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR  
O'MALLEY.

COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, YOU HAVE THE  
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, TO MY GOOD FRIEND,  
MATT O'MALLEY, A PARTNERSHIP ON  
THIS INITIATIVE AND FOR YOUR

STEADFAST LEADERSHIP ON ALL  
ISSUES RELATIVE TO THE  
ENVIRONMENT.

AND I DO BELIEVE THAT BOSTON IS  
WELL POSITIONED TO MAKE THIS  
TYPE OF NATURAL NEXT STEP AND  
OUR COMMITMENT TO REDUCE WASTE  
AND OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT.

WE'RE SPEAKING ABOUT PROJECT  
OSCAR OVER THE SUMMER.

WE ALSO SOUGHT SUFFOLK PUT  
COMPOSTING BINS ON CITY HALL  
PLAZA.

WE ARE MAKING ENCREPTAL STEPS  
BUT WE NEED TO MOVE WITH GREATER  
URGE ESPY BECAUSE THE VERY LIFE  
OF OUR PLANET IS AT STAKE HERE.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THIS  
INITIATIVE IS WE FIRST BROUGHT  
TO THE FLOOR I GUESS SEVERAL  
YEARS AGO NOW, BUT IT'S ANOTHER  
EXAMPLE OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A  
COMMUNITY RAISES ITS VOICE.  
THIS IDEA CAME OUT OF A STATE OF  
J.P. MEETING.

AND SO I DO THINK THAT THAT SORT  
OF SYMBIOTIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN  
GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY IS  
THOSE EFFORTS THAT ARE COMMUNITY  
LED AND GOVERNMENT ENDORSED.  
AND THIS IS ANOTHER SUCH EXAMPLE  
OF THAT.

AND IN CLOSE AGO AND I KNOW IT'S  
VERY ASPIRATIONAL, BUT MANY OF  
YOU HAVE BEEN A PART OF AND  
SUPPORTED MY WORK TO IMPROVE THE  
QUALITY OF OF YOU  
HAVE BEEN A PART OF AND  
SUPPORTED MY WORK TO IMPROVE THE  
QUALITY OF SCHOOL FOOD IN BOSTON  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

AFTER WORKING THREE YEARS, WE  
HAVE A HEALTHIER VENDOR ON  
BOARD.

THE MEALS ARE STILL PREPACKAGED,  
EVEN EVEN THEY'RE FRESH AND AND  
BETTER QUALITY.

CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR AN  
UPGRADED FACILITIES AND FOR  
EVERY SCHOOL TO HAVE A KITCHEN.  
THE GOAL IS TO GET TO FARM TO  
SCHOOL.

SO AS WE TRANSITION TO A PLACE  
WHERE MORE OF OUR MEALS WILL BE

DECONSTRUCTED AND FRESH AND  
HEALTHY FOR OUR STUDENTS, I DO  
HOPE THAT OUR SCHOOLS WILL ALSO  
BE COMPOSTING ON SITE.

SO THAT'S SORT OF AN  
ASPIRATIONAL GOAL TO PUT OUT  
THERE.

THANKS TO COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.  
THE RESIDENTS OF J.P. FOR  
RAISING THIS ISSUE.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO A HEARING.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR  
PRESSLEY.

COUNCILLOR BAKER?

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.  
I WANTED TO THANK THE SPONSOR  
AND THE CO-SPONSOR HERE.

I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE A HARVARD  
MAN OR SOUND ONE ONE BUT I DID  
GO THE HARVARD FOR A CLASS.  
ONE OF THE PEOPLE IT MET THERE  
RAN NEW YORK CITY'S COMPOST  
PROGRAM.

I WAS -- I KNOW TO GET TO THEIR  
PLACE, WE HAVE THE GET TO  
COMPOSTING.

BUT I'M A HANDS-ON TYPE OF  
PERSON.

WHAT DOES A BARREL LOOK LIKE,  
WHAT DOES THE SMELL LOOK LIKE,  
ALL OF THOSE THINGS.

WE CAN GET TO A POINT WHERE  
PEOPLE ARE COMFORTABLE WITH  
THIS.

IF EVERYBODY REMEMBERS IN THEIR  
BACK YARD, THEIR FRIEND'S BACK  
YARDS WHEN YOU WERE A KID, THE  
COMPOSTING, THE RUBBISH BINS IN  
THE GROUND.

WE DID THIS.

WE CAN'T GET TO -- LIKE  
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, WE CAN'T  
GET THERE UNTIL WE TALK ABOUT  
IT, THINKING ABOUT IT.

MY FRIEND THAT I MET IN  
HARVARD -- DID I MENTION I WENT  
TO HARVARD?

I'D LOVE SOME PEOPLE TO MEET  
HIM, GO LOOK AT THE OPERATION.  
HE'S WAITING FOR US.

THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS AND I  
LOOK FORWARD TO THE HEARING.  
SIGN ME ON.



>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR BAKER.  
PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR BAKER.  
PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR CIOMMO,  
COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY, COUNCILLOR  
FLYNN, COUNCILLOR  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, COUNCILLOR JANE  
MY, COUNCILLOR MCCARTHY,  
COUNCILLOR WU, AND COUNCILLOR  
EDWARDS, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.  
>> I WANTED TO THANK THE CO  
SPONSORS FOR THIS ORDINANCE.  
THIS IS NOT ONLY ABOUT ECONOMIC  
OPPORTUNITY IN BOSTON.  
I'VE BEEN ONE OF THE FOLKS  
HELPING WITH A COMPOSTING  
COOPERATIVE THROUGHOUT BOSTON  
AND RECYCLES FOOD FOR COMPOSTING  
FOR OUR PARKS AND OUR FUTURE.  
SO I JUST AM SO EXCITED TO SEE  
THE CITY LEAD ON THIS.  
I HOPE THAT THIS WILL ONLY HELP  
TO BRING ABOUT OTHER FORMS OF  
THE GREEN ECONOMY, TO HELP ALSO  
COMPOST AND ALSO PARTNER WITH US  
TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE  
PROVIDING GOOD JOBS WITH A  
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.  
THANK YOU.  
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR  
EDWARDS.  
WANT TO ADD YOUR NAME?  
MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD  
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.  
>> DOCKET 0238 WILL BE ASSIGNED  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT,  
SUSTAINABILITY AND PARKS.  
DOCKET 0239.  
MADAM CLERK?  
>> DOCKET 0239, COUNCILLOR SAAB  
GEORGE OFFERED THE FOLLOWING  
ORDER.  
FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE  
ANNUAL HOMELESS CENSUS.  
>> COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE,  
YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.  
>> I WILL VOLUNTEER FOR THE 38th  
HOMELESS CENSUS.  
IT'S A POINT IN TIME SURVEY THAT  
HELPS THE CITY COLLECT  
INFORMATION ON FAMILIES AND  
INDIVIDUALS HOMELESS IN THE CITY  
OF BOSTON.  
THE LAST FEW YEARS, I'VE JOINED  
HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS TOGETHER

AND WE HAVE WALKED THROUGH MAIN  
STREETS, ALLEYWAYS AND PARKS  
HOPING TO CONNECT WITH  
INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES  
SLEEPING OUTSIDE.

I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE  
PREVIOUS VOLUNTEERS, HUNDREDS  
AND HUNDREDS FOR 38 YEARS AND  
TONIGHT'S VOLUNTEERS IN ADVANCE  
FOR THEIR WORK AND THEIR HELP  
TONIGHT.

I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN END  
HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF  
BOSTON.

WE HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES WHEN  
IT COMES TO CHRONIC INDIVIDUAL  
HOMELESSNESS BUT WE CAN'T  
CONTINUE THIS WORK ALONE.

WE KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS HAS A  
SOLUTION.

THE SOLUTION IS PERMANENT  
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

WE NEED TO INCREASE UPSTREAM  
PREVENTION TO KEEP PEOPLE IN  
THEIR HOMES, NEED TO INCREASE  
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND WE  
NEED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR MORE  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

WHILE WE WORK ON THAT, WE NEED  
TO CONTINUE PARTLY THROUGH THE  
CENSUS TO COLLECT THE  
INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO HELP  
US DO BETTER.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS HEARING  
AND THE INFORMATION FROM THE NEW  
CENSUS AND COMPARING THE TRENDS  
OVER THE YEARS.

THANK YOU AGAIN AND I HOPE ALL  
OF YOU WILL CONSIDER  
PARTICIPATING WHETHER IT'S  
TONIGHT OR NEXT YEAR OR THE YEAR  
AFTER THAT.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SPEAK ON  
THIS MATTER OR ADD YOUR NAME?  
PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR BAKER,  
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, COUNCILLOR  
FLAHERTY, COUNCILLOR FLYNN,  
COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY, COUNCILLOR  
WU, COUNCILLOR ZAKIM AS WELL AS  
THE CHAIR.

DOCKET 0239 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO  
THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS,  
MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0240.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL OFFERED THE  
FOLLOWING ORDER FOR A HEARING TO  
EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF  
ALLOWING NON-U.S. CITIZENS TO  
VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND  
TO EXAMINE OTHER INCLUSIVE  
PRACTICES.

>> CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR  
PRESIDENT ANDREA CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

SO THIS IS FOR A NEW HEARING  
RULE.

YOU SHOULD HAVE NEW LANGUAGE ON  
YOUR DESK.

IT'S CHANGING SOME OF THE  
LANGUAGE IN THE HEARING ORDER.  
A MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE THE NEW  
HEARING ORDER FOR THE OLD ONE  
THAT WAS IN THE AGENDA.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

PROCEED.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

WHEN I THINK OF IMMIGRANTS, I  
THINK OF HARD WORKING, I THINK  
OF SACRIFICE, I THINK OF LEGACY,  
I THINK OF FIRST GENERATION, I  
THINK OF SECOND GENERATION.

I THINK OF MY AUNT MARIE FROM  
EL SALVADOR THAT BIRTHED NINE  
CHILDREN ALL OF WHOM BECAME  
SUCCESSFUL AND WORKED HARD EVERY  
DAY TO ENSURE HER CHILDREN HAD  
MORE THAN SHE DID.

I THINK OF MY PATERNAL  
GRANDFATHER THAT CAME FROM  
JAMAICA AND SOUGHT A BETTER LIFE  
FOR HIS CHILDREN.

I THINK OF THE HISTORY OF THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.

INCLUDING THE IRISH, THE  
ITALIANS, THE JEWS WHO SETTLED  
HERE ESCAPING WAR, POVERTY,  
OPPRESSIVE REGIMES AND  
CORRUPTION.

WHO SOUGHT AS WE ALL DO MORE FOR  
THEIR CHILDREN AND THEMSELVES.

IMMIGRANTS THAT COME TO THE CITY  
OF BOSTON AND WHO HAVE COME IN

THE LAST FEW DECADES AND ARE  
NEWCOMERS FACE MANY OF THE SAME  
CHALLENGES AS THE IRISH, THE  
ITALIANS AND JEWS WHO CAME  
BEFORE THEM.

BUT THEY ALSO FACED ADDITIONAL  
BARRIERS.

ADDITIONAL BARRIERS WHEN IT  
COMES TO IMMIGRATION AND  
PATHWAYS TO CITIZENSHIP.

THESE BARRIERS ARE HATE AND  
RACISM.

THESE PEOPLE WANT TO BECOME  
CITIZENS.

THE PATHWAYS THAT EXISTED  
DECADES AGO ARE NO LONGER AN  
OPTION.

WE'RE AT A CROSSROADS.

AS WE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE  
NEWS AND POLICY COMING OUT OF  
WASHINGTON THAT SEEKS TO UPROOT  
THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES BY  
ABRUPTLY ENDING THEIR  
LONGSTANDING IMMIGRATION  
POLICIES AND SEEKS TO PULL EVEN  
ON OUR LOCAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING  
OUR SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS TO BE A  
PART OF THIS MALICIOUS PLAN, WE  
HAVE TO ASK OURSELVES, WHAT ARE  
WE GOING TO DO AT THE LOCAL  
LEVEL?

OVER THE PAST YEAR, THIS COUNCIL  
HAS DECLARED BOSTON A SANCTUARY  
CITY.

WE HAVE BEEN VOCAL DEFENDERS OF  
OUR FRIENDS THE MUSLIM  
COMMUNITY, THE HAITIAN  
COMMUNITY, OF OUR NEIGHBORS.

WE HAVE COME OUT AND STOOD UP  
FOR THEIR RIGHTS.

WE HAVE ABDICATED THEIR  
TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE STATUS NOT  
BE ENDED AND WE HAVE IT IS A  
THAT WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH  
THESE STATUSES BEING THREATENED.

I RECOGNIZE THAT WE'RE NOT THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THAT WE  
DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO  
DETERMINE WHETHER THESE  
COMMUNITIES GET TO STAY HERE  
LEGALLY OR BE GRANTED A PATHWAY  
TO CITIZENSHIP.

BUT I DO THINK WE HAVE A  
RESPONSIBILITY AS MUNICIPAL

LEADERS OF THIS CITY TO EXPLORE CONCRETE WAYS WE CAN INCLUDE AND SUPPORT THESE RESIDENTS IN THE CITY THEIR CALL HOME.

WE CAN CONTINUE TO GO TO RALLIES AND MARCHES AND WRITE LETTERS AND PASS RESOLUTIONS, BUT THE QUESTION REMAINS, WHAT EFFECT DO THEY ACTUALLY HAVE AND WHAT MORE FRANKLY CAN WE DO AS A CITY TO NOT ONLY PROTECT THIS IMMIGRANT POPULATION, BUT TO EMPOWER THEM, TO STRENGTHEN THEIR COMMUNITY. THIS HEARING ORDER IS JUST ABOUT THAT.

IT'S ABOUT EXPLORING WHAT ELSE AND WHAT MORE WE CAN DO.

I'M CALLING FOR A HEARING, A CONVERSATION TO EXPLORE THE LOCAL LEVEL ALL THE POSSIBILITIES FOR GREATER CIVIC, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION FOR OUR IMMIGRANT POPULATION, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF ALLOWING BOSTON RESIDENTS WITH LEGAL STATUS WHO ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP TO VOTE IN OUR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

THEY INCLUDE LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS, VITA HOLDERS, DACA RECIPIENTS AND HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR LOCAL AND STATE ECONOMIES. THAT PAY TAXES AND SERVE IN OUR MILITARY.

ACCORDING TO OUR CENSUS REPORT, THERE'S OVER 190,000 FOREIGN BORN RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

30% OF THE POPULATION.

106,000, 50% OF THAT FOREIGN BORN POPULATION, INCLUDES LEGAL RESIDENTS THAT ARE HERE SEEKING A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP.

ACCORDING TO THE BOSTON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS 2015 REPORT, THESE RESIDENTS GENERATE OVER \$3.4 BILLION TOWARDS OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, \$2.3 BILLION TO THE REGION'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND PAID OVER \$115 IN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES.

WHEN OUR NATION WAS FOUNDED AND  
OUR CONSTITUTION FIRST WRITTEN,  
ONE DID NOT HAVE TO BE A CITIZEN  
TO VOTE.

THE LAW SAID THAT IF YOU LIVED  
AND PAID TAXES IN A MUNICIPALITY  
FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD OF TIME  
AND AT THAT TIME YOU WERE A  
WHITE ADULT MALE, YOU COULD  
VOTE.

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU  
WERE A CITIZEN.

WHAT THEY LOOKED AT IS WHETHER  
OR NOT THE RESIDENTS THAT LIVED  
IN THOSE COMMUNITIES, WHO LIVED  
IN THOSE MUNICIPALITIES SHARED  
INTEREST WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS  
AND THE POLICIES SHAPING THEIR  
COMMUNITIES.

THEY LOOKED AT WHETHER OR NOT  
THEY WERE PARTICIPANTS.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT  
KEEPING OUR STREETS CLEAN,  
PLOWING, MAINTAINING OUR PARKS  
AND COMMUNITY SPACES, PROVIDING  
THE BEST EDUCATION FOR OUR KIDS.  
THIS I THINK DIRECTLY AFFECTS  
ALL OF US WHO LIVE HERE.

IF WE SAY WE'RE A CITY AND A  
NATION OF IMMIGRANTS, THEN LET'S  
FIND A WAY TO RECOGNIZE AND  
AMPLIFY THE VALUE OF THEIR  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR  
COMMUNITIES.

LET'S AT LEAST AT A MINIMUM HAVE  
A CONVERSATION.

THIS ISN'T AN ORDINANCE.

THIS IS A HEARING ORDER TO HAVE  
THAT, A CONVERSATION.

TO EXPLORE ADOPTING POLICIES  
THAT PROVIDE THESE HARD WORKING  
RESIDENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY  
AND JUST THAT, AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
PARTICIPATE AND BE INCLUDED IN  
THE GOVERNANCE OF THEIR  
COMMUNITY.

OTHER MUNICIPALITIES HAVE BEGUN  
EXPLORING THIS IDEA AND SOME  
MUNICIPALITIES HAVE ACTUALLY  
ADOPTED THIS AND CURRENTLY ALLOW  
IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS WITH LEGAL  
STATUS SEEKING CITIZENSHIP TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THEIR LOCAL  
ELECTIONS.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT STATE AND  
FEDERAL ELECTIONS.  
THIS IS ABOUT LOCAL ELECTIONS.  
THIS IS A WAY TO EXPLORE WAYS TO  
WHICH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES HAVE  
INCREASED ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT  
AND ITS PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANT  
POPULATIONS.  
THAT MAY BE VOTING, OR IT MAY  
NOT BE.

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF WHAT  
I'M SURE IS A LONG AND  
COMPLICATED CONVERSATION, AND  
I'VE ALREADY HEARD FROM SOME  
FOLKS AND THANKS FOR YOUR  
FEEDBACK.

I WELCOME ALL PERSPECTIVES AND  
IDEAS AS TO HOW WE CAN BUILD  
MORE INCLUSIVE PRACTICES FOR  
THESE POPULATIONS OF FOLKS THAT  
LIVE IN OUR CITY.

ACCORDING TO THE HAAS INSTITUTE,  
I WANT TO DEFINE INCLUSIVITY.  
INCLUSIVITY IS REALIZED WHEN  
MARGINALIZED GROUPS FEEL VALUED,  
WHEN THEIR DIFFERENCES ARE  
RESPECTED AND WHEN BASIC AND  
FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS AND RIGHTS  
RELATIVE TO THOSE SOCIETY'S  
DOMINANT GROUPS ARE MET AND  
RECOGNIZED.

THESE INCLUSIVE PRACTICES AND  
POLLTIES COULD INCLUDE VOTING.  
THEY COULD INCLUDE IMMIGRANT  
WEALTH AND ASSET BUILDING  
STRATEGIES, ENTREPRENEURIAL  
SUPPORT, ENSURING OUR STUDENTS  
ARE PROTECTED FROM ICE AND  
INTENTIONAL EFFORTS TO BRING  
NEWCOMERS AND LONG-TIME  
RESIDENTS TOGETHER, REWARDING  
COMPANIES THAT CREATE WELCOME  
ENVIRONMENTS.

THEY CAN INCLUDE MULTILINGUAL  
CAMPAIGNS, TELL THEM THAT WE  
VALUE THEM AND THEIR  
CONTRIBUTIONS.

THERE'S MANY FOLD.  
THIS HEARING IS AN OPPORTUNITY  
FOR US TO HAVE TO CONVERSATION.  
I THINK WE HAVE A UNIQUE  
OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE BOLD ACTIONS  
THIS TERM.

I THINK WE HAVE TO BE PROACTIVE

AND NOT MERELY REACTIVE TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN WASHINGTON D.C. I THINK WE NEED TO TEST OUT IDEAS AND INITIATIVES. AND MY HOPE IS THAT HEARING IS A BEGINNING OF A CONVERSATION THAT EACH OF YOU WILL JOIN, THE ADMINISTRATION, THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, THE ACTIVISTS IN THE COMMUNITY WILL SUPPORT AND THAT IT WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD TO PRODUCTIVE IDEAS AND ORDINANCES. SINCE INTRODUCING THIS IDEA, I'VE LISTENED TO MEADE BACK FROM MANY SIDES AND ADJUSTED THE LANGUAGE IN THE HEARING ORDER TO BE MORE CLEAR, TO CALL OUT WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT. I'M TALKING ABOUT LONG-TIME RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND HAVE FOR TEN, 20, 30 YEARS THAT CURRENTLY HAVE A LEGAL STATUS AND LOOKING TO BECOME CITIZENS. BUT FRANKLY THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, THE INACTION IN WASHINGTON IS KEEPING THEM FROM REALIZING THAT. SO THEY'RE HERE. WE HAVE TO DEAL ON THE SPACE OF REALITY. SO WHAT ARE YES GOING TO DO TO SUPPORT THEM AND EMPOWER THEM? LASTLY I'LL SAY, OUR MAYOR HAS BEEN AN OUTSPOKEN SUPPORTER OF THE IMMIGRANT POPULATION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS THUS FAR AS WELL AS HIS ADMINISTRATION AND THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT ADVANCEMENT. I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP. I LOOK FORWARD TO HIM AND HIS ADMINISTRATION. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK AND I WANT TO THANK MY TEAM AND MY RESIDENTS OF MY DISTRICT THAT FIGHT THE FIGHT EVERY DAY ON THE GROUND. CONSIDERING ME A PARTNER IN THIS WORK. LET'S GET TO WORK AND THANK YOU



NOR INDULGING ME TO GO A LITTLE LONGER.

>> THANK YOU.

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU.

MR. CHAIR, I ASK THAT MY NAME BE ADDED.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CIVIC PROCESS, ESPECIALLY FOLKS LIVING HERE, LONG-TERM RESIDENTS AND MANY CASES HAVE CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND HAVE A -- I CAN'T THINK OF A MORE VESTED INTEREST. I KNOW THAT SOMETHING THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE EXAMINED THIS, HAVE LOOKED AT, MAKING SURE IT'S PART OF THE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROCESS AND ENGAGE PEOPLE THAT WAY.

ALWAYS EXCITED TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WAYS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, FOR BRINGING THERE FORWARD.

I WANT TO LOOK AT FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN HERE AND HAVE LEGAL STATUS OF SOME OF THE ENUMERATED KINDS THAT YOU LISTED IN THE HEARING ORDER AND TO BE MORE IN OUR LOCAL DEMOCRACY.

SO LOOK FORWARD TO A HEARING AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM OUR COLLEAGUES, THE COMMUNITY, ADVOCACY GROUPS.

LET'S GET TO WORK.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT FOR PUTTING FORWARD.

I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP. IT'S TIMELY, IT IS NECESSARY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND IMPASSIONED WOSHDZ.

AND ALSO FOR PROVIDING A HISTORICAL CONTEXT.

FINALLY, WHAT YOU PUT FORWARD TODAY AND OUR HAVING HONORED

CLARENCE COOPER EARLIER TODAY IS  
IN STARK CONTRAST TO LAST  
NIGHT'S STATE OF THE UNION.  
AS YOU SAID, MANY OF US IN  
SOLIDARITY HAVE ATTENDED AND  
PARTICIPATED IN RALLIES AND PUT  
OUT VERY STRONG STATEMENTS.  
BUT AT THIS TIME, WE NEED TO BE

LEADING.

OUR BELOVED IMMIGRANTS MAKING  
CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE ECONOMY ARE  
LOOKING TO US TO LEAD.

SO THANK YOU FOR INITIATING THIS  
CONVERSATION AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
HAVE MY NAME ADDED.

FINALLY TO YOUR POINT, RELATIVE  
TO INCLUSIVE PRACTICES, I DO  
HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE ON  
PATH AND THE ADOPTION OF THE  
MUNICIPAL I.D., WHICH IS ALSO  
INCLUSIVE PRACTICE TO SUPPORT  
OUR IMMIGRANTS AND MORE  
EFFECTIVELY NAVIGATING THE CITY.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR  
PRESSLEY.

COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. VICE CHAIR AND  
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS  
FORWARD.

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON  
HAS NEVER BEEN A QUESTION IN IN  
CHANGER AND I HOPE IT NEVER  
CHANGES.

VOTING IS A U.S. CITIZEN  
PRIVILEGE.

OUR ULTIMATE PRIVILEGE.

I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO MAKE  
SURE IT REMAINS THAT WAY.

I'LL BE AT THE HEARINGS.

I DO NOT WISH TO SIGN ON.

I APPRECIATE THE CHANGE IN  
LANGUAGE CERTAINLY.

AND I'M ALL ABOUT CONVERSATION.  
SOME PEOPLE SAY I CONVERSE TOO  
MUCH.

AGAIN, I GO BACK TO MY ORIGINAL  
STATEMENT.

IT'S AN ULTIMATE PRIVILEGE FOR A  
UNITED STATES CITIZEN THE VOTE.

I INTEND TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO  
KEEP IT THAT WAY.

>> THANK YOU.

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> AGAIN, I WANT TO APPRECIATE OUR PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE.

IT IMPACTS SO MANY PEOPLE IN MY DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN EAST BOSTON.

WHILE AGREE THERE'S AN ULTIMATE HONOR IN BEING A U.S. CITIZEN AND HAVING ACCESS TO THE RIGHT TO VOTE, I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR THERE'S SO MANY LAWS THAT IMPACT THAT RIGHT, THAT MANY CASES IT'S WORTH THE ROBUST CONVERSATION.

WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE THAT CAN'T VOTE BECAUSE IN PRISON, MANY PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN PRISON THAT CAN'T VOTE.

ALL I'M SAYING, THE CONVERSATION THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO HAVE IS NECESSARY AND I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU'RE PUTTING IT OUT THERE.

I ALSO WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT THERE'S BEEN EXPANSION BEYOND VOTING STATUS RIGHT NOW IN CAMBRIDGE.

WE HAVE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING. WE HAVE THAT FOR KIDS HERE WHEN THEY VOTED ON BUDGET ITEMS. WE DID NOT LOOK AT U.S. STATUS. WE DIDN'T LOOK AT AGE AT THAT POINT.

WE LET PEOPLE HAVE A VOICE. IF THAT'S THE GOAL, THANKS FOR THAT CONVERSATION.

IF U.S. CITIZENSHIP IS THE KEY TO THE VOTE AND WE HAVE AN ADMINISTRATION AND LACK OF LEADERSHIP ON BOTH SIDES THAT IS DENYING U.S. CITIZEN TO PEOPLE, IT'S OUR JOB AS LOCAL LEADERS TO FIGURE OUT HOW PEOPLE HAVE A VOICE.

THAT'S WHAT THIS ORDINANCE IS DOING.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP IS BEING DENIED TO FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN HERE FOR YEAR.

THEY'RE JUST AS AMERICAN AS THE REST OF US.

THIS CONVERSATION, I'M VERY EXCITED TO HAVE IT.

I WILL SAY ALSO IN CERTAIN

POINTS, I THINK I DISAGREE WITH  
SOME POINTS OF HOW THIS WILL BE  
IMPLEMENTED.  
BUT CONVERSATION IS WHAT WE'RE  
HERE FOR.  
LEADERSHIP IS WHAT YOU'RE  
DEMONSTRATING.  
THANKS SO MUCH.  
>> THANK YOU.  
>> YES, I WANT TO SIGN ON.  
>> PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR EDWARDS  
NAME, COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE,  
COUNCILLOR FLYNN, COUNCILLOR  
JANEY, COUNCILLOR WU.  
DOCKET 0240 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO  
THE COMMIT THINK ON GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS.  
MADAM CLERK, PERSONNEL ORDERS?  
>> DOCKET NUMBER 0241.  
COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL FOR  
COUNCILLOR JANY.  
>> MOVES FOR SUSPENSION OF THE  
RULES AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET  
NUMBER 0241.  
ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.  
ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.  
THE AYES HAVE IT.  
DOCKET NUMBER 0241 HAS BEEN  
PASSED.  
I'M INFORMED BY THE CLERK  
THERE'S ZERO LATE-FILE MATTERS  
TO ADD TO THE AGENDA.  
I'M GOING TO MOVE TO THE GREEN  
SHEETS.  
ANYBODY WISHING TO REMOVE A  
MATTER FROM THE GREEN SHEETS MAY  
DO SO AT THIS TIME.  
I'M INFORMED THERE'S TWO  
LATE-FILED MATTERS THAT WILL BE  
ADDED TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.  
SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECT  
SUNS, THE TWO LATE-FILED MATTERS  
ARE ADDED TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.  
THE CHAIR MOVES AT THIS TIME FOR  
ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.  
ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY NEY.  
THE AYES HAVE IT.  
THE CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN  
ADOPTED.  
AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE ALL GUESTS  
AND COLLEAGUES AN COUNCILLORS TO  
PLEASE RISE.  
WE BEGIN TO ADJOURN TODAY'S

MEETING IN MEMORY OF THE  
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS.  
FOR COUNCILLOR BAKER, JOHN  
POTIVELLUS JR.  
FOR COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, ANN MARIE  
SIMMONS.  
FOR COUNCILLOR JANEY, ELOISE  
BELL.  
RON BELL'S MOTHER AND FORMER  
COUNCILLOR JACKSON'S AUNT.  
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, CARROLL  
RYAN.  
COUNCILLORS FLAHERTY AND FLYNN,  
DON IN AGRICOLA, RYAN O'SHEA.  
A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.  
THANK YOU.  
THE CHAIR MOVES THAT WHEN THE  
COUNCIL ADJOURNS, IT DOES SO IN  
THOSE AFOREMENTIONED  
INDIVIDUALS.  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.  
OPPOSED SAY NEY.  
THE AYES HAVE IT.  
THE COUNCIL IS ADJOURNED.